

# PARLIAMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF THE WESTERN CAPE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, TABLINGS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

MONDAY, 9 MAY 2022

### COMMITTEE REPORT

Annual Committee Report of the Budget Committee for the 2021/22 financial year, as follows:

The Committee comprises the following members:

Baartman, DM (DA) Chairperson  
Brinkhuis, G (AL JAMA-AH)  
Mackenzie, RD (DA)  
Mvimbi, LL (ANC)  
Kaizer-Philander, WF (DA) (until 22 February 2022)

#### Alternate members

Allen, RI (DA)  
America, D (DA)  
Bosman, G (DA) (from 22 February 2022)  
Botha, LJ (DA)  
Maseko, LM (DA)  
Mitchell, DG (DA) (until 31 October 2021)  
Nkondlo, ND (ANC)  
Plato, D (DA) (from 22 February 2022)  
Smith, D (ANC)  
Van der Westhuizen, AP (DA)  
Wenger, MM (DA)

### 1. Introduction

1.1 The mandate of the Committee is to:

1.1.1 Consider and make recommendations to the House on budget allocations in the annual Medium Term Budget Policy Statement (MTBPS), the main budget, the Budget

Review and the relevant Bills with a view to improve spending effectiveness and efficiency;

- 1.1.2 Review and assess overall provincial expenditure and non-financial reports on a quarterly basis for spending efficiency and effectiveness;
- 1.1.3 Engage the provincial government on spending patterns;
- 1.1.4 Perform such other tasks assigned to it by resolution of the House; and
- 1.1.5 Ensure public involvement in all budgetary processes.

## 1.2 In fulfilment of its mandate the Committee -

- 1.2.1 facilitated public participation and involvement in the legislative and other processes of the Committee;
- 1.2.2 conducted its business in a fair, open and transparent manner;
- 1.2.3 promoted co-operative governance; and
- 1.2.4 reported regularly to the House.

## 2. Reporting department

### 2.1 Provincial Treasury

## 3. Overview of Committee's activities

Number of Committee Meetings	20 (this includes public hearings)
Number of Public Hearings	4
Number of Oversight Visits	0
Number of Provincial Bills considered	3
Number of NCOP Bills considered	2

## 4. Oversight activities

In May 2021, the Budget Committee considered and adopted the negotiating and final mandate on the Division of Revenue Bill [B 3–2021] (NCOP).

The Provincial Treasury briefed the Committee on the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Departmental Performance (Financial and Non-Financial) to provide better insight into the situation of each Department reporting to the respective standing committees. During the aforementioned meeting that took place in July 2021, the Committee received a briefing from the Financial and Fiscal Commission (FFC) on the 2022/23 submissions for the Division of Revenue Bill.

From 20 to 22 July 2022, the Committee held its second Budget Committee workshop on the procedures to draft legislation to amend money bills, where the Western Cape Minister of Finance, Western Cape Provincial Parliament (WCPP) Legal Unit, the FFC, National and Provincial Treasury, the Parliamentary Budget Office, Department of the Premier, the Auditor-General of South Africa and the WCPP Research unit provided briefings to assist and guide the Committee on the procedure to draft legislation to amend money bills. At this workshop, the Committee resolved to hold a follow up in-person workshop. The third workshop took place at the Stellenbosch Protea Hotel from 17 to 21 January 2022. The Premier of the Western Cape, Mr Alan Winde, provided introductory remarks on the values and principles of drafting money bills. Statistics South Africa (Stats SA), the Western Cape Department of Health (WCDOH), the Western Cape Education Department (WCED), the FFC, the National and Provincial Treasury, the South African Revenue Services (SARS), the WCPP's Legal Unit, the WCPP's Research Unit, National Parliament and the International Monetary Fund provided input at this workshop. The Committee invited two guest lecturers, Professor Geo Quinot to

address the Committee on Public Procurement and Professor Sope Williams-Elegbe on the Digital Economy and Public Procurement.

The Committee held the following recurring annual briefings:

- The Provincial Economic Review and Outlook (PERO) in September 2021;
- The Annual reporting process by the National and Provincial Treasury;
- The Audit Outcomes of the Public Finance Management Act (Act No 1 of 1999) for the Western Cape Provincial Departments and Entities by the Auditor-General in November 2021; and
- The Municipal Economic Review and Outlook (MERO) in December 2021.

## **5. Legislation**

In the 2021/22 financial year, the Committee dealt with the following legislation:

1. The Division of Revenue Bill [B 3–2021] (NCOP) in May 2021;
2. The Division of Revenue Amendment Bill [B 19–2021] (NCOP);
3. The Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill [B 6–2021] in December 2021;
4. The Western Cape Additional Adjustment Appropriation Bill (2021/22 financial year) [B 1–2022] in March 2022; and
5. The Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 2–2022] in March 2022.

## **6. Facilitation of Public Involvement and Participation**

In line with its mandate to facilitate public participation as part of the legislative process, the Committee held four public hearings. To give effect to this, the Committee advertised the annual budget activities, informing and inviting stakeholders to participate in public hearings.

## **7. Financial particulars**

The Committee's actual expenditure for the 2021/22 financial year was R 221 032.00 against an adjusted budget allocation of R99 4700.00 resulting in an over expenditure of -R 121 562.00.