

PARLIAMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF THE WESTERN CAPE

ANNOUNCEMENTS, TABLINGS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

THURSDAY, 23 MARCH 2017

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Report of the Standing Committee on Premier on Vote 1: Premier, in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 1-2017], dated 22 March 2017, as follows:

The Standing Committee on Premier having deliberated on the subject of Vote 1: Premier, in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 1-2017], referred to the Committee in terms of Standing Rule 187, reports that it supports the Vote.

In terms of Standing Rule 86, the African National Congress expressed its minority view to not support the Vote.

The Committee listed findings, requested information and made a resolution as indicated below.

1. Findings

- 1.1 The Department of the Premier (the Department) indicated that the Legal Service unit considered the allegations relating to a R190 million conflict of interest sale pertaining to Mr Gary Fisher of the Tafelberg school site. The facts as presented were not in dispute and it was therefore concluded that it did not affect the validity of the decision making process. The matter is currently before the court in the state of suspension. The privilege of the legal advice is vested within the Premier of the Western Cape Province.
- 1.2 The Constitution of the Western Cape lists the functions of the Commissioner for Children, but there are no guidelines in place as to how the Commissioner should be appointed and the powers the office holds. Therefore, the Department drafted a policy in conjunction with the Children's Institute at the University of Cape Town to guide the Commissioner for Children. The draft policy to guide the Commissioner for Children will be submitted to Cabinet in March 2017.

- 1.3 Due to capacity constraints, the Department will consider the appointment of the Commissioner for the Environment upon finalisation of the process of the appointment of the Commissioner for Children.
- 1.4 The Premier Advancement Youth (PAY) Project has selected 595 interns for the 2017/18 financial year.
- 1.5 The International Relations (IR) Forum is an interdepartmental structure, which is led by the International Relations Unit in the Department. All provincial departments are represented in this forum to coordinate the individual international relations programmes available within each department.
- 1.6 There are a number of government sites which are to be provided with Broadband Infrastructure. Currently 1 768 sites have been provided with layer one connectivity, 1 570 sites have been connected with Neotel, layer two connectivity, and 1 504 sites are fully operational.
- 1.7 The Department assists events such as the Cape Town Cycle Tour, the Cape Town Carnival and the Cape Town International Jazz Festival, to contribute to the economic growth and development of the Western Cape. This forms part of the Department's Integrated Events Strategy.
- 1.8 The Department has established a Human Rights Strategy that will be forwarded to Cabinet in the 2017/2018 financial year.

2. Information requested

The Committee REQUESTED that the Department provides it with the following information by 24 April 2017:

- 2.1 Written feedback on whether a written legal opinion was requested by the Premier on the conflict of interest sale of the Tafelberg school site; if so, the Department should provide the Committee with a copy of the legal opinion once the matter has been finalised in court.
- 2.2 The list of countries and the nature of the business that the International Relations unit dealt with in the 2016/2017 financial year.
- 2.3 A copy of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of the Premier and Dreamfields.
- 2.4 A copy of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of the Premier and the Thethani Debating League.
- 2.5 A list of the 22 schools that are currently operating in the Year Beyond (YeBo) programme and the selection criteria that was used to identify these schools.
- 2.6 A copy of the Animal Welfare Policy, Internal Relations Strategy, Transversal Youth Development Strategy and the Integrated Event Strategy.
- 2.7 A copy of the draft policy to guide the Children's Commissioner, once approved by Cabinet, as mentioned on page 19 of the Budget Estimates of Provincial Revenue and Expenditure, 2017.
- 2.8 The names of the two staff members, currently employed at the Department of the Premier, who were previously in the employ of the Public Protector.
- 2.9 The reason for listing the Provincial Restaurant Ordinance 23 of 1964, as mentioned on page 8 of the Budget Estimates of Provincial Revenue and Expenditure, 2017.
- 2.10 The selection criteria that the Compensation of Employees Funding Committee uses to fill critical posts.

- 2.11 A report on the envisaged timeframe the Department plans to initiate the appointment process of the Commissioner for the Environment.

3. Resolution

The Committee RESOLVED to, at a future date, invite the Department of the Premier to update the Committee on the rollout and status on Broadband in the Province.

2. Report of the Parliamentary Oversight Committee on Vote 2: Western Cape Provincial Parliament (WCPP) in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 1–2017], dated 22 March 2017, as follows:

The Parliamentary Oversight Committee, having deliberated on the subject of Vote 2: Western Cape Provincial Parliament, in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 1–2017], referred to the Committee in terms of Standing Rule 187, reports that it supports the Vote.

In terms of Standing Rule 86, the African National Congress expressed its minority view that it noted the Vote.

The Committee listed a finding, requested information and expressed its' recommendations as indicated below.

1. Finding

Confusion is created for the reader, in table 9.1 on page 92 of the 2017 Budget Estimates of Provincial Revenue Expenditure book, by classifying both members and staff of the legislature as personnel members.

2. Information requested

The Committee REQUESTED that WCPP provides the Committee with the following information by 21 April 2017:

- 2.1 The monitoring plan to track progress regarding the implementation of the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system.
- 2.2 The proposed Functional Enhancement plan.
- 2.3 The accommodation status report.
- 2.4 Report on the utilisation of the Donor Funding.
- 2.5 The Organisational Design Report.
- 2.6 The Public Education and Outreach policy.

3. Recommendations

The Committee RECOMMENDED that WCPP should:

- 3.1 Categorise members of the legislature and staff separately when detailing personnel numbers and costs.
- 3.2 Regularly engage with the Department of Transport and Public Works to ensure that services are rendered to the Institution and its tenanted space timeously.
- 3.3 Brief the Committee on the Public Education and Outreach policy.

3. Report of the Standing Committee on Finance on Vote: 3, Provincial Treasury, in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 1–2017], dated 22 March 2017, as follows:

The Standing Committee on Finance, having deliberated on the subject of Vote: 3, Provincial Treasury, in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 1–2017], referred to the Committee in terms of Standing Rule 187, reports that it supports the Vote.

In terms of Standing Rule 86, the African National Congress expressed a minority view that it noted the Vote.

1. Information Requested

- 1.1 The Committee REQUESTED that Provincial Treasury provide it with a:
 - 1.1.1 Report that details the processes and procedures to amend Money Bills before Parliament;
 - 1.1.2 List of the municipalities that utilise the Western Cape Financial Management Capacity Building Grant to award bursaries to qualifying beneficiaries. The list should include bursary holder progress reports and details on the placement of these students and report on progress with regards to Overstrand Municipality and Swellendam Municipality not utilising the grant; and
 - 1.1.3 Report on the social responsibility commitments of the banking institution who won the bid.
- 1.2 The Committee REQUESTED that the Western Cape Gambling and Racing Board (WCGRB) provide it with a report on the challenges experienced by the horse racing sector and possible solutions.
- 1.3 The Committee REQUESTED that Provincial Treasury and the Department of Transport and Public Works provide it with a report on the status of the office accommodation of the WCGRB.
- 1.4 The Committee REQUESTED that the Minister provide it with a public entity review report.

2. Conclusion

The Committee members expressed their appreciation to the Minister and the Department for the preparation and active engagement during the budget discussion process.

4. Report of the Standing Committee on Community Safety on Vote 4: Community Safety, in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 1–2017], dated 17 March 2017, as follows:

The Standing Committee on Community Safety, having deliberated on the subject of Vote 4: Community Safety, in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill*

[B 1–2017], referred to the Committee in terms of Standing Rule 187, reports that it supports the Vote.

In terms of Standing Rule 86, the African National Congress expressed its minority view to not support the Vote.

The Committee listed findings and requested information as indicated below.

1. Findings

- 1.1 The Department of Community Safety (hereafter the Department) is aligned to the new transversal strategic goals of the Western Cape Government especially provincial Strategic Goal 3.
- 1.2 The Department was given the responsibility of leading the Alcohol Harms Reduction Game Changer by Cabinet in August 2015.
- 1.3 The Department has been given the executive responsibility to play an oversight role over the Western Cape Liquor Authority as related to the Western Cape Liquor Act (Act 4 of 2008) and its regulations made with effect from 1 April 2016.
- 1.4 The National Development Plan (NDP) (2030) Chapter 12 “building safer communities” relates to the governments vision for 2030. The NDP has five priorities, of which the Department has aligned itself to the following three: Make the police service professional; Build safety using an integrated approach; and Build community participation in community safety which are the three priorities over which the Department has a mandate.
- 1.5 As part of the Alcohol Harms Reduction Game Changer strategy, the Brief Motivational Intervention Programme was successfully launched at three hospitals. The pilot sites allows for patients presenting alcohol related injuries to be counselled regarding the harms associated with alcohol abuse. This would allow the Western Cape Government to collect valuable data which can help to inform future interventions.
- 1.6 The total Department’s own receipts decreased by R12,255 million from, R42,595 million in 2016/2017 (revised estimated) to R30,340 million in 2017/2018. The decrease relates to the donor funding in respect of the Wolwekloof Youth Diversion Programme coming to an end in 2016/17.
- 1.7 The Department aims to accredit 100 Neighbourhood Watches (NHW) and train 40 accredited NHWs. The Walking Bus will form part of the accredited NHW model.

2. Information requested

The Committee REQUESTED that the Department submit the following information by 3 April 2017:

- 2.1 A list of the 20 Neighbourhood Watches that have been accredited in the year under review in terms of section 6 of the Western Cape Community Safety Act (Act 3 of 2013).
- 2.2 A breakdown of which programmes within the Department, the interns are being placed.
- 2.3 A report on the sustainability of the Wolwekloof Academy.
- 2.4 The placement criteria for PAYE interns.
- 2.5 A progress report on the successes of the Walking Bus Programme.

3. Resolution

The Committee RESOLVED to conduct an oversight visit to observe a Walking Bus in an area to be determined. This oversight visit would only take place once the progress report on the Walking Bus Programme has been received by the Committee.

5. Report of the Standing Committee on Education on Vote 5: Education, in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 1–2017], dated 17 March 2017, as follows:

The Standing Committee on Education, having deliberated on the subject of Vote 5: Education, in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 1–2017], referred to the Committee in terms of Standing Rule 187, reports that it supports Vote.

In terms of Standing Rule 86, the African National Congress expressed its minority view to not support the Vote.

The report discusses Committee findings, resolutions, recommendations and requested information as indicated below.

1. Findings

- 1.1 The “Norms and Standards” allocation to schools are weighted so that schools in poorer communities are allocated more funds. The “per leaners” amounts to be paid to public schools in Quintiles 1, 2 and 3 have been equalised and Quintiles 2 and 3 will receive the same funding as NQ 1 schools.
- 1.2 The Department reported that a focus will be on building new schools and classrooms where there is a need for additional accommodation, replacing schools made of inappropriate material and on planned maintenance, so that more schools and learners benefit from the infrastructure budget.
- 1.3 All schools have set performance targets in their School Improvement Plans and the Western Cape Education Department (hereafter the Department) offer a comprehensive support programme to schools.
- 1.4 In-migration pressure has put a strain on the provision of classrooms, including Learning and Teaching Support Material (LTSM), equipment, teaching staff and general support. In-migration together with the increasing number of learners registered for the year under review will place a strain on the already scarce number of teachers to assist with an influx of learners.
- 1.5 Programme 2: Public ordinary school education continues to be the main focus of the Department’s funding as 73.3% of the budget for 2017/2018 has been allocated to this Programme.
- 1.6 Programme 5: Early Childhood Development (ECD) experienced considerable growth from 2013/2014 to 2017/2018, where additional resources have been provided to promote participation in Grade R as well as for the Social Sector Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) incentive Grant for Provinces to provide training for ECD practitioners.
- 1.7 New strategies for Language and Mathematics were introduced. In this regard professional development of both teachers and managers is a key focus areas of the Department.

2. Recommendations

The Committee RECOMMENDED that:

- 2.1 The Department, during the Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation, 2017 request an allocation of an additional R33 million in order to address the shortfall of teachers in the Province teachers. The Department on the 10th school day of the 2017 school year registered 1 017 590 learners, compared to the 989 925 learners registered in 2016. This number would impact the number of teachers needed in addition to the dire need the Department faces with regards to the teacher learner ratio. The Department reported that R52 million had been made available for 180 new teachers. The Department further estimated that R33 million would be required to address the shortfall of the 270 teachers.
- 2.2 The Department briefs the Committee on the e-learning programme and broadband connectivity. The briefing should include what the Department envisage for this programme and how it will be unpacked during the 2017/2018 financial year.
- 2.3 The Department of Culture Affairs and Sport together with the Department of the Premier briefs the Committee on the After School Game Changer in the first quarter of the new financial year.
- 2.4 The Department investigates the possibility of reducing the Learner Transport Scheme criteria from 5km to 2,5 km and provide cost analysis for this, taking into account geographic location and age of learners. Once the investigation has been concluded by the WCED, after engaging with the National Department of Basic Education with a proposal of reducing the Learner Transport Scheme's kilometre criteria, the WCED should give a status report to the Committee on this matter by 1 October 2017.

3. Information requested

The Committee REQUESTED that the Department submit the following information by 17 April 2017:

- 3.1 A list of school halls and sport fields to be completed for the 2017/2018 financial year.
 - 3.2 A comprehensive report on the R55 million allocated to hostel refurbishment, which should include the name of each hostel, the areas and the amount allocated to each hostel.
 - 3.3 Gerrit Du Plessis Senior Secondary school has been earmarked for a new hostel, the Department to provide a report on the capacity of the hostel.
6. Report of the Standing Committee on Community Development on Vote 6: Health, in the schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill*, [B 1–2017], dated 22 March 2017, as follows:

The Standing Committee on Community Development, having deliberated on the subject of Vote 6: Health in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 1–2017], referred to the Committee in terms of Standing Rule 187, reports that it supports the vote.

Minority View

In terms of Standing Rule 86, the African National Congress expressed its minority view to not support the Vote.

The report discusses Committee findings, resolutions and requested information as indicated below.

1. Findings

- 1.1. The Department of Health (hereafter the Department) reported that the total allocation to the Department is in real terms a small reduction, compared to the budget for the 2016/2017 financial year, while patient numbers have increased.
- 1.2. The Department is primarily responsible for providing health services to approximately 6, 4 million people (the population of the province), of which 75, 8 percent is estimated to be uninsured.
- 1.3. The prevailing economic climate has significantly curtailed the Healthcare 2030 aspirations as the budget does not keep pace with rising costs of health care provision and the increasing patient numbers.
- 1.4. The Department reported that the weighted average annual growth in patient numbers is between 1 and 2 percent.
- 1.5. During the 2017/2018 financial year, the Department will focus on the re-design of primary health care services.
- 1.6. The Department reported that a 23 percent increase in the cost of Anti-retroviral (ARVs) caused the Department to project an over-expenditure on the HIV/AIDS budget of R134 million during the 2017/2018 financial year.
- 1.7. During the 2017/2018 financial year, the Department will be implementing the Teachable Moments Project in the Paarl, Khayelitsha, and Heideveld Community Health Centres. The project is part of the Alcohol Harm Reduction Game Changer.
- 1.8. An integrated multidepartment, municipal and civil society approach, towards achieving Strategic Goal 3 outcomes, was tested in Drakenstein during the 2016/2017 financial year and will be rolled out to three further priority areas, i.e. Gunya, Khayelitsha (Town 2) and Saldanha.
- 1.9. The Department has developed an Organisational Transformation Strategy which identifies leadership development and organisational culture as key transversal priorities.
- 1.10. The Department reported that the budget for goods and services amounts to more than R6, 9 billion, of which approximately R1, 2 billion will fund the strategic sourcing initiatives.
- 1.11. Information Communication Technology (ICT) has been identified as a critical and dynamic enabler to improving efficiency, effectiveness and service delivery.
- 1.12. The Department reported that the Tygerberg Hospital will be replaced in the near future. The new hospital will be built on the same site. The feasibility study for the new Tygerberg Hospital has been completed and will be submitted to the Provincial Treasury for approval.
- 1.13. The Department informed the Committee that the Drakenstein youth is supported with outreach service for sexual reproductive health and other relevant services, at the Paarl East Thusong Centre, to improve accessibility to the Violence Prevention through Urban Upgrading (VPUU) drainage area.

- 1.14. The Department also reported that it has taken a lead in various programmes like the Western Cape on Wellness (WoW), First 1000 Days and Women of Worth.

2. Resolutions

The Committee RESOLVED that the following briefings be included in its Committee programme for the 2017/2018 financial year:

- 2.1. E-vision programmes;
- 2.2. The lessons learned on the Drakenstein Pilot Projects; and
- 2.3. The progress made in the integration of health services from the City of Cape Town to the Provincial Department of Health.

3. Recommendations

The Committee RECOMMENDED that the Department should consider putting in place a system of admission for the mental health patients when brought in by on duty police officers. Currently, the police officers spent the whole day in the queues waiting for the admission of mental health patients at various health facilities.

4. Information requested

The Committee REQUESTED that the Department provide it with the following information by 7 April 2017:

- 4.1. A detailed report on the fee structure of the parking space at Groote Schuur and Victoria hospitals. A map of the hospitals that clearly indicate the location of the free parking should be included in the report.
 - 4.2. A detailed report on the Monitoring and Evaluation of the NPOs that provide home and community- based services.
 - 4.3. An analysis of the time frames of getting the forensic pathology results, the current backlog and the legislative process followed.
 - 4.4. The number of the forensic pathologists in the province, which should include a breakdown of their allocation in urban and in rural areas.
 - 4.5. The outcomes of all the pilot projects that were conducted in the Drakenstein area during the 2016/2017 financial year, as indicated on page 226 of the Budget Estimates of Provincial Revenue and Expenditure 2017.
 - 4.6. The Minister of Health to submit a Service Level Agreement report of the Department of Health and SAPS that clearly outlines how police officers will be attended to when accompanying the mental health patients to various health facilities.
 - 4.7. The Minister to submit an oversight visit report to the Committee after her visit to Grabouw Community Day Centre (CDC)
7. Report of the Standing Committee on Community Development on Vote 7: Social Development, in the schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill*, [B 1-2017], dated 17 March 2017, as follows:

The Standing Committee on Community Development, having deliberated on the subject of Vote 7: Social Development in the Schedule to the *Western Cape*

Appropriation Bill [B 1–2017], referred to the Committee in terms of Standing Rule 187, reports that it supports the Vote.

Minority View

In terms of Standing Rule 86, the African National Congress expressed its minority view to not support the Vote.

The report discusses Committee findings, resolutions, recommendations and requested information as indicated below.

1. Findings

- 1.1. The Department of Social Development (hereafter the Department) reported that a new conditional grant has been introduced in this financial year, and this has resulted in increased funding for Older Persons and the Disability Programmes.
- 1.2. During the 2017/2018 financial year, the Department will be rolling-out the Early Childhood Development Conditional Grant for the emerging Early Childhood Development Centers (ECDs), which include a component for infrastructure support, this is a new project that the national Department is driving with provinces to ensure that ECD's are registered and funded.
- 1.3. In the new financial year, the department will focus on improving the quality of the ECD programmes in the province.
- 1.4. The Department reported that the challenges facing the ECD sector are often related to municipal rezoning as well as health and safety measures that impact on the ability of partial care facilities to register with the Department.
- 1.5. The Department has also been allocated a conditional grant to appoint 37 social worker graduates who were beneficiaries of the national bursaries.
- 1.6. In this financial year, the Department has received a significant increase in the conditional grant for the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) funding.
- 1.7. The Department reported that a total of 1 455 EPWP youth opportunities will be created in the province during the 2017/2018 financial year.
- 1.8. The Department will be implementing programmes for the prevention of and treatment for substance abuse to approximately 12 500 people.
- 1.9. The Department reported that, in response to the province's escalating youth substance abuse challenge, the drug treatment services will continue in all social development secure child and youth care centres, as well as the school-based drug treatment programmes in 10 high-risk schools in the province.
- 1.10. The key priority of the Department over the Medium Term Expenditure Framework is to ensure that all departmental youth- focused programmes are aligned with the long-term outcomes of the Provincial Youth Development Strategy and that there is a strategic focus on youth that is Not in Employment, Education or Training (NEETs).
- 1.11. A total of six Youth Cafés in Rocklands, Vangate Mall, George, Nyanga, Oudtshoorn, and Vrygrond are operational and designed to provide vibrant, positive spaces where young people are afforded the opportunity to access skills development programmes. The Department also mentioned that an additional Youth Café will be launched in Mosselbay and will be funded by PETROSA and the George Municipality is also interested in funding another Youth Café in George during the 2017/2018 financial year.

- 1.12. The Department reported that the slow roll out of Youth Cafés in other regions of the province is caused by the lack of suitable premises to run Youth Cafes in those regions.
- 1.13. The Department is planning to develop a plan for the roll out of the National Gender Based Violence Command Centres, a 24-hour helpline operated by social workers will be launched to assist victims of gender-based violence to access services.
- 1.14. The Department reported that it had contracted 24 shelters for homeless adults to rehabilitate and integrate them back into their families and communities.
- 1.15. The Department is providing bursary opportunities for a post-graduate degree in substance care with the objective of strengthening the skills and expertise in the field.
- 1.16. In this financial year under review, the Department is in the process of drafting a social development customised Disaster Management Plan in collaboration with the Western Cape Disaster Centre in order to clarify roles and responsibilities regarding disasters.
- 1.17. The Committee is concerned about the unbalanced allocation of funds and the geographical spread of specialised programmes in the province. The big chunk of the budget is allocated to NPOs that are in the Metropolitan area although there is a high demand for departmental services and programmes in the rural areas.
- 1.18. The Committee also raised a concern about NPOs in the Metropolitan area that render services in the rural areas.

2. Resolution

The Committee **RESOLVED** to conduct an oversight visit to the Agape NPO for children with disabilities in Grabouw.

3. Recommendations

The Committee **RECOMMENDED** that the Department:

- 3.1. Should review the decision of clustering small NPOs under the umbrella of big NPOs in order to reduce funds spent on administrative fees
- 3.2. Should engage the Department of Local Government when drafting its Disaster Management Plan.
- 3.3. Develop a sustainable plan for youth cafes in the province.
- 3.4. Provide more information on Women's Development Programmes in the province.
- 3.5. Should consider empowering and utilising NPOs in rural areas to provide services in their communities.

4. Information requested

The Committee **REQUESTED** the Department to provide the following documents by 7 April 2017:

- 4.1. A detailed report on the 150 ECDs that will be funded by the Department in 2017/2018 financial year. The report should include a breakdown of the geographic spread of these ECDs and the areas they are operating from.

- 4.2. A detailed report / breakdown on the annual operational cost of the Youth Cafés in the province.
 - 4.3. Provide a detailed report on the effectiveness of Youth Cafés in the province.
 - 4.4. The Quarterly Reports for the Monitoring and Evaluation of NPOs that provide services to persons with disabilities in the province.
 - 4.5. A detailed report on the breakdown of home and community-based services and programmes that are funded by the Department and the geographic areas where these services are rendered.
8. Report of the Standing Committee on Human Settlements on Vote: 8, Human Settlements, in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 1–2017], dated 14 March 2017, as follows:

The Standing Committee on Human Settlements, having deliberated on the subject of Vote: 8, Human Settlements, in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 1–2017], referred to the Committee in terms of Standing Rule 187, reports that it supports the Vote.

In terms of Standing Rule 86, the African National Congress expressed a minority view that it noted the Vote.

9. Report of the Standing Committee on Environmental Affairs and Development Planning on Vote 9: Environmental Affairs and Development Planning, in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 1–2017], dated 22 March 2017, as follows:

The Standing Committee on Environmental Affairs and Development Planning, having deliberated on the subject of Vote 9: Environmental Affairs and Development Planning, in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 1–2017], referred to the Committee in terms of Standing Rule 187, reports that it supports the Vote.

In terms of Standing Rule 86, the African National Congress expressed its minority view that it has concluded its deliberations on the Vote.

1. Information requested

- 1.1 The Committee **REQUESTED** that the Department provide it with:

- 1.1.1 A copy of the Health Risk Assessment Plan in relation to emissions when completed;
- 1.1.2 The State of Air Quality Management Report;
- 1.1.3 A List of the 30 projects that have been completed in terms of the Violence Prevention Through Urban Upgrading (VPUU) Programme; and
- 1.1.4 A List of the Tourism Reserves as well as the income generated per Reserve.

2. Resolutions

- 2.1 The Committee **RESOLVED** that it would, at a later date, invite the Department and relevant stakeholders to brief it on:

- 2.2.1 The VPUU Programme with specific reference to its impact on communities by providing the Committee with a statistical analysis of the Programme, how municipalities are selected to be part of the programme as well as the allocation of funds in terms of the R5 million Euro Grant;
- 2.2.2 The incineration of abattoir waste;
- 2.2.3 The Berg River Improvement Plan as well as developments in terms of the Breede River catchment area; and
- 2.2.4 The water laboratory.

2.2 The Committee further **RESOLVED** that the concern raised by Member Beerwinkel at the beginning of the meeting be further debated in the Budget Committee meeting where a resolution can be taken on the way forward.

- 10 Report of the Standing Committee on Transport and Public Works on Vote 10: Transport and Public Works, in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 1–2017], dated 22 March 2017, as follows:

The Standing Committee on Transport and Public, having deliberated on the subject of Vote 10: Transport and Public Works, in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 1–2017], referred to the Committee in terms of Standing Rule 187, reports that it supports the Vote.

In terms of Standing Rule 86, the African National Congress expressed its minority view that it rejects the Vote.

1. Information requested

1.1 The Committee **REQUESTED** that the Department provide it with:

- 1.1.1 The minutes of the Property Portfolio Committee meeting where the decision was taken to dispose of the Tafelberg site;
- 1.1.2 The number of units to be erected and the intention of use of the four properties that were identified to be transferred through the Department of Human Settlements to private sector developers for the construction of social housing;
- 1.1.3 A progress report on the Office Modernisation Programme;
- 1.1.4 The size of the portion of the Woodstock Hospital Site that was made available to be transferred to the City of Cape Town and clarity if the transfer agreement will contain a conditional clause stipulating that the site must be used for social housing;
- 1.1.5 The cost of the consultants that are involved with the six Central City Regeneration Projects that will be put on hold pending the availability of funding; and
- 1.1.6 An update on the road upgrade in the Baardskeerdersbos area.

2. Resolutions

- 2.1 The Committee **RESOLVED** that, based on the submission received from Ndifuna Ukwazi, it will include the Tafelberg issue on its Committee Programme.

11. Report of the Standing Committee on Economic Opportunities, Tourism and Agriculture on Vote 11: Agriculture, in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 1–2017], dated 17 March 2017, as follows:

The Standing Committee on Economic Opportunities, Tourism and Agriculture, having deliberated on the subject of Vote 11: Agriculture, in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 1–2017], referred to the Committee in terms of Standing Rule 187, reports that it supports the Vote.

In terms of Standing Rule 86 the African National Congress expressed its minority view to not support the Bill.

The Committee listed findings, requested information and made resolutions as indicated below.

4. Findings/Concerns

- 4.1 Crops are being threatened by infestations of fall armyworms, as well as red locusts. Legislative powers for addressing animal health and diseases are in place to be dealt with on provincial level, however when dealing with crop diseases this is still a competency which can only be dealt with on national level. This has resulted in a governance gap in terms of how to deal with crop diseases. Therefore, although the Department must respond to crop diseases, they cannot budget for dealing with this matter since it is not the Department's mandate to deal with crop diseases;
- 4.2 The Department's budget allocation for flood damage was reduced by R28 million. This was concerning to the Committee as floods usually follow drought conditions, which the Western Cape is currently experiencing. This in essence means that the budget allocation for a natural disaster that the province should be budgeting for adequately was drastically reduced;
- 4.3 The importance of preserving the Philippi Horticultural Area, and whether the Department has a plan of action for the area, going forward;
- 4.4 There is a critical need for discussions around water restrictions in the agricultural sector given the current water crisis in the Western Cape. The agricultural sector has given 30% of the water intended for irrigation to the City of Cape Town to be used for drinking water. This will have a long term impact on fruit trees that will have to be cut down, which could result in approximately 17 000 jobs being lost over the next few years; and
- 4.5 Casidra is involved in land reform projects, which is a risky space to be involved in as there is a high risk of failure. As a result, Casidra could be susceptible to reputational damage; and
- 4.6 There was a reduction in the Comprehensive Agricultural Support Programme (CASP) funding allocation, which could impact on the work of Casidra.

5. Information requested

2.1 Department of Agriculture

The Committee REQUESTED that the Department of Agriculture provide the following information by 21 April 2017:

- 5.1.1 An aerial map displaying the economic opportunities in De Doorns;
- 5.1.2 A book showcasing the “good stories” in the agricultural sector for the new committee member;
- 5.1.3 The results of the Agri-Worker Household Census once it is concluded;
- 5.1.4 A report on the percentage of alien vegetation that has been cleared from the Berg River;
- 5.1.5 A report on the Land Reform Evaluation once it is available; and
- 5.1.6 A feedback report on the two government farms, Amalienstein and Anhalt.

5.2 Casidra

The Committee REQUESTED that Casidra provide the Committee with a written response on the progress and way forward for the Amalienstein farm, by 21 April 2017.

6. Resolutions

3.1 Department of Agriculture

The Committee RESOLVED to:

- 6.1.1 Invite the Department to brief the Committee on the proposed plan of action for the Philippi Horticultural Area;
- 6.1.2 Invite the Department to brief the Committee on the results of the Land Audit once its concluded on 31 March 2018;
- 6.1.3 Invite the Department to brief the Committee on the concept of water economics;
- 6.1.4 Visit one of the rural nodes along the West Coast region that fall under the Comprehensive Rural Development Programme (CRDP), during the Cluster Visit week taking place in May 2017;
- 6.1.5 Undertake an oversight visit to Elsenburg Agricultural College; and
- 6.1.6 Consider the invitation by the Department to form part of their delegation to the Trade Fair in China this year.

6.2 Casidra

The Committee RESOLVED to invite Casidra to brief the Committee on the work they will be undertaking this financial year.

12. Report of the Standing Committee on Economic Opportunities, Tourism and Agriculture on Vote 12: Economic Development and Tourism, in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 1–2017], dated 17 March 2017, as follows:

The Standing Committee on Economic Opportunities, Tourism and Agriculture, having deliberated on the subject of Vote 12: Economic Development and Tourism, in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 1–2017], referred to the Committee in terms of Standing Rule 187, reports that it supports the Vote.

In terms of Standing Rule 86 the African National Congress expressed its minority view to not support the Bill.

The Committee listed findings, requested information and made resolutions as indicated below.

1. Findings/Concerns

- 1.1 International and domestic political events such as the ushering in of new leadership in the United States, the United Kingdom's exit from the European Union (Brexit) and allegations of state capturing, impacted negatively on the South African market, which in turn weakened the Rand, impacting more severely on the poorest South Africans;
- 1.2 All municipalities should have a strategy to maximise economic growth through the creation of an enabling environment for tourism initiatives; and
- 1.3 There are different sectors that rely on funding from the Department of Economic Development and Tourism, and many sectors do well with very little funding. However, the clothing and textile industry in the Western Cape struggles to remain competitive against large international companies. These skills will need to be stimulated in the future.

2. Information requested

The Committee REQUESTED that the Department of Economic Development and Tourism provides the Committee with the following information by 21 April 2017:

- 2.1 A copy of the Department's Private Sector Participation Framework, should such a document be available in the Department;
- 2.2 A list of companies involved in the Western Cape Industrial Symbiosis Project, as stated on page 644 of the 2017 Budget Estimates of Provincial Revenue and Expenditure;
- 2.3 A list of the eight projects that were secured through the "Investment Promotion" priority area valued at R1.9 billion, as stated on page 642 of the 2017 Budget Estimates of Provincial Revenue and Expenditure;
- 2.4 A list of the 75 occupations, made up of five sectors with 15 occupations in each sector, earmarked for the Apprenticeship Game Changer; and
- 2.5 A profile of the wholesale sector in the Western Cape.

3. Resolutions

The Committee RESOLVED to, at a future date:

- 3.1 Invite the Western Cape Economic Development Partnership to brief the Committee on its mandate; and
 - 3.2 Invite the Department to brief the Committee on the Madiba Legacy Route and Cross Cape Cycling Route projects, both of which are being rolled out in 2017.
13. Report of the Standing Committee on Cultural Affairs and Sport, Vote 13: Cultural Affairs and Sport, in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 1–2017], dated 22 March 2017, as follows:

The Standing Committee on Cultural Affairs and Sport, having deliberated on the subject of Vote 13: Cultural Affairs and Sport, in the Schedule to the *Western Cape*

Appropriation Bill [B 1–2017], referred to the Committee in terms of Standing Rule 187, reports that it supports the Vote.

In terms of Standing Rule 86, the African National Congress expressed its minority view to not support the Vote.

The Committee listed finding, requested information and made resolutions as indicated below.

1. Finding

General Budget Support (GBS) (European Union Funding) amounting to 42 million for special projects over the past three years was discontinued in the 2016/2017 financial year. The imperatives funded from this allocation have been replaced from the Equitable Share fund, which amounts to R30 million for 2017/2018 and R20 million for 2018/2019.

2. Information requested

The Committee REQUESTED that the Department submit the following information by 24 April 2017;

- 2.1 A geographical breakdown of the mini libraries established in the rural areas, as mentioned on page 699 of the Budget Estimates of Provincial Revenue and Expenditure, 2017.
- 2.2 The list of rural areas where the Mass participation; Opportunity and access; Development and growth (MOD) Programmes which includes school-going youth aware of the natural environment, as mentioned on page 700 of the Budget Estimates of Provincial Revenue and Expenditure, 2017.
- 2.3 A list of the 181 MOD Centres including the location and attendance at each centre for 2016/17 financial year.
- 2.4 A copy of the rollout plan including timeframes that relates to the audit that would be conducted with municipalities concerning the offensive or hate place names whereby the department will promote social inclusion, as mentioned on page 704 of the Budget Estimates of Provincial Revenue and Expenditure, 2017.
- 2.5 The list of workshops and seminars attended by staff, as mentioned on page 724 of the Budget Estimates of Provincial Revenue and Expenditure, 2017.
- 2.6 A list of the 28 Cultural Councils that are registered on the Western Cape Cultural Commission database.
- 2.7 A list of the Non-Profitable Organisations and a report on how these institutions report on expenditure and accountability, as mentioned on page 726 of the Budget Estimates of Provincial Revenue and Expenditure, 2017.
- 2.8 A detailed report on the R30 million earmarked for projects to support youth with after school activities and sport.
- 2.9 Feedback on whether non-learners are included in MOD Centre programmes; the Department to include the criteria used to assist learners at these centres.

3. Resolution

- 3.1 The Committee RESOLVED to, at a future date invite Heritage Western Cape and Western Cape Cultural Commission brief the Committee on its Risk Management Policy.

14. Report of the Standing Committee on Local Government on Vote 14: Local Government, in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 1–2017], dated 13 March 2017, as follows:

The Standing Committee on Local Government, having deliberated on the subject of Vote 14: Local Government, in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 1–2017], referred to the Committee in terms of Standing Rule 187, reports that it has concluded its deliberations on the Vote.