

# PARLIAMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF THE WESTERN CAPE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, TABLINGS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

FRIDAY, 20 MARCH 2015

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Report of the Standing Committee on Premier on Vote 1: Premier, in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill*, [B 2–2015], dated 13 March 2015, 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 2–2015], referred to the Committee in terms of Standing Rule 187, reports that it has concluded its deliberations on the Vote.

#### 1. Findings and concerns

The Committee noted with concern that the Department does not have a high level provincial strategy in place that focuses specifically on Gang and Substance abuse.

#### 2. Papers, Reports and Briefings requested by the Committee

The Committee resolved that the Department provide the Committee with the following:

- 2.1 A copy of the provincial transversal strategies;
- 2.2 The departmental policies and practices followed when briefing counsel or attorneys;
- 2.3 A report on the effectiveness of the training provided to Departments on legislation, as mentioned on page 14 of the Budget Estimates of Provincial Revenue and Expenditure, 2015, to ensure that the officials of the respective departments are able to implement the new legislation;
- 2.4 A copy of the job descriptions of the Special Advisors in the Office of the Premier and a list of the priority projects of each Special Advisor;
- 2.5 A detailed report on the roll out of the Behavioural Economics model and the Cape Higher Education Consortium (CHEC) model in Programme 2: Provincial Strategic Management;

- 2.6 A breakdown of the projected expenditure for the amount of R 5 643 000 under the sub programme Strategic Communication, as indicated on page 28, table 6.2 of the Budget Estimates of Provincial Revenue and Expenditure, 2015;
- 2.7 A list of the roles and responsibilities of the persons appointed to the additional posts in the establishment, as indicated on page 28 of the 2015/16 Annual Performance Plan of the Department;
- 2.8 A copy of the framework and model of the Human Settlement Strategy; and
- 2.9 The list of areas where Operations Ceasefire took place.

The Committee further resolved that:

- 2.10 The Standing Committee on Education request the Department of Education to provide feedback on the Khanya Computer Laboratories that are not utilised at present; and
  - 2.11 A legal opinion be requested from the Legal Advisors of Western Cape Provincial Parliament on:
    - 2.11.1 The mandate of the Committee to invite the National Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs to clarify his reported expectation of the Premier, on a provincial level, to terminate employment of municipal officials in underperforming municipalities; and
    - 2.11.2 Whether the Constitution of the Western Cape, 1997 provides for the Premier to terminate employment of underperforming municipal officials, as mentioned in the Premier's overview during the discussions on the Budget Estimates of Provincial Revenue and Expenditure, 2015.
2. Report of the Rules Committee on Vote 2 – Provincial Parliament in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 2–2015], dated 13 March 2015.

The Rules Committee begs to report that it has concluded its deliberations on Vote 2 – Provincial Parliament in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 2–2015], and, further begs to report as follows:

### **1. Findings and concerns**

The Committee expressed concern on the following matter:

The underfunding of the budget for Vote 2.

### **2. Papers, reports, and information requested by the Committee**

- 2.1 A status report on all contract posts within the institution;
- 2.2 A report on the legal fees incurred in the 2014/15 financial year and what it was spent on;
- 2.3 A report on the Public Participation Strategy, when it will be reviewed and future plans for the Public Education and Outreach Section;
- 2.4 A report from Public Education and Outreach section on where, when and at which institutions workshops were held;
- 2.5 A report from Public Education and Outreach section on the youth workshop that was held and a cost breakdown;

- 2.6 A full report on the functioning of the Petitions Committee and unit;
- 2.7 A detailed report on how the overtime baseline was supplemented and reasons why the overtime budget was increased;
- 2.8 A needs analysis for the future use of the Auditorium and a progress report on the current renovations;
- 2.9 Reasons for the fire evacuation drill not taking place on 10 March 2015 as scheduled;
- 2.10 A report on the use of Government Motor Vehicle Transport (GMT) vehicles, the cost and the viability of continuing with this;
- 2.11 A full report on the exposure to blue asbestos found in the SABC office on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor and what steps have been taken to assess anyone who was exposed to it;
- 2.12 A status report and an implementation plan on *Financial Management of Parliament and Provincial Legislatures Act, 2009, as amended*;
- 2.13 An updated report on the Sector Oversight Model and the implementation thereof;
- 2.14 The implementation plan for the Enterprise Resource Planning system;
- 2.15 A report on the security plan and the implementation thereof;
- 2.16 A full report on the study visit undertaken by the Speaker in December 2014 and the cost thereof; and
- 2.17 Details on the R2 million savings/funds rolled over including from which programme did the saving come and how will it impact on service delivery.

### **3. Recommendations**

That the Administration –

- 3.1 Ensures that the Speaker's Rulings be distributed to Members;
  - 3.2 Ensures that finance and performance reports are submitted on a quarterly basis to the Committee; and
  - 3.3 Provides a legal opinion on the legality of the use of private security by political parties in the precincts of the Provincial Parliament and how does it impact on protocol since the precincts are a National Key Point.
3. Report of the Standing Committee on Finance on Vote 3: Provincial Treasury in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 2–2015], dated 13 March 2015, 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 2–2015], referred to the Committee in terms of Standing Rule 187, reports that it has concluded its deliberations on the Vote.

#### **1. Papers, Reports and Briefings requested by the Committee**

##### **1.1 Written Reports**

The Committee RESOLVED that the Department provide the Committee with written reports on:

- 1.1.1 The quarterly budget projections per Subprogramme for the 2015/2016 year.
- 1.1.2 A breakdown of the various contract worker categories together with the motivation for having contract workers in each category, the contract duration and job description for each category and reasons as to why the positions cannot be placed on the organogram.
- 1.1.3 The type of training opportunities projected for officials within the Department, including:
  - 1.1.3.1 The application criteria for each category;
  - 1.1.3.2 The staff level, by gender, of the projected recipients of the categories of training opportunities; and
  - 1.1.3.3 A description of training opportunities that constitute “other” training opportunities; and
- 1.1.4 The National Consequence Management Policy once the drafting process has been concluded.

## **2. Recommendations**

The Committee RECOMMENDED that the Department consult with the Corporate Service Centre within the Department of the Premier in order to assess the impact that the Basic Conditions of Employment Amendment Act, (Act 60 of 2014) might have on the employment of contract workers within the Department.

- 4. Report of the Standing Committee on Community Safety on Vote 4: Community Safety, in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 2–2015], dated 12 March 2015, 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 2–2015], referred to the Committee in terms of Standing Rule 187, reports that it has concluded its deliberations on the Vote and that it supports the Vote.

### **1. Findings and concerns**

- 1.1 The Khayelitsha Commission of Inquiry (KCI) recommended that the Department and the South African Police Service Western Cape (SAPS WC) enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). This MOU has not yet been signed. The Department sent a draft MOU to SAPS WC in October 2014 but this has been forwarded to the National Minister and there has been no response. In this regard, the Committee raised concern that there has been no action by the SAPS and the National Police Minister regarding the draft MOU forwarded by the Department.

- 1.2 The Department and SAPS WC are working on implementing certain aspects of the KCI recommendations, however, these are not formal actions in terms of the KCI. There is no written directive from National SAPS giving effect to the implementation of these recommendations.
- 1.3 The Chrysalis Academy and the Wolwekloof facilities were damaged, in part, by the fires in early March 2015. The Department indicated that the cost of repairs and reinforcements at both facilities will need to be covered by the Department's budget.
- 1.4 The Department informed the Committee that there is currently an independent study of the impact of the Expanded Partnership Programme (EPP).
- 1.5 Branding for the Office of the Provincial Police Ombudsman has been approved for marketing and advertising purposes. There is a publicity campaign underway to educate the public on the functions of the Ombudsman as well as the process the public needs to follow in order to submit a complaint. The communication plan includes a roadshow to interact with citizens, Community Police Forums and Departments as well as radio interviews. The campaign will be reviewed after six months.
- 1.6 The Office of the Provincial Police Ombudsman is operational, with staff and equipment. However, certain regulations of the *Western Cape Community Safety Act* (Act 3 of 2013) are not yet in effect, for the Office to be 100% functional.
- 1.7 The Department's *Watching Briefs* programme has been commended and encouraged by Magistrates who now also contact the Department to observe particular court cases. The partnership with the University of the Western Cape for the *Watching Briefs* has formally ended, however the Department is currently liaising with universities in the Province for similar partnerships.
- 1.8 The *Reward-a-Cop Report-a-Cop* programme has seen an increase in feedback from the community, which largely consists of complaints.
- 1.9 The Department is confident that the cost of facilitating and monitoring the KCI recommendations will be covered by its current budget. The Department will dedicate the R1.4 million it is set to receive from SAPS in respect of reclaiming legal costs.
- 1.10 With regards to the two Director positions in the Department, recommendations have been forwarded to Cabinet.
- 1.11 Contract workers in the Department are registered on the PERSAL system and are largely concentrated in Programme 3, due to the writing up of regulations of the *Western Cape Community Safety Act* (Act 3 of 2013).
- 1.12 Kromme Rhee is owned by the Western Cape Provincial Government and utilised for training of employees. Kromme Rhee contracts accredited external facilitators to train employees. Experienced Provincial Government employees also facilitate courses. The list of courses offered is transversal, thus covering a broad spectrum of modules.

- 1.13 The Committee engaged the Department on the legal standing of Neighbourhood Watches. The Department informed the Committee that it had sought a legal opinion on this matter.

## **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 The Committee resolved that a letter be written to the National Police Minister requesting a status update on the draft Memorandum of Understanding sent by the Department of Community Safety in October 2014, to the Office of the Western Cape's Provincial Commissioner of the South African Police Service, as part of a recommendation based on the findings of the Khayelitsha Commission of Inquiry.
- 2.2 The Committee recommended that youth at the Chrysalis Academy and Wolwekloof facilities be trained as fire-fighting volunteers. In addition, the fire systems at these institutions should be reviewed and improved in light of the dangers posed by potential fire outbreaks in the areas where these institutions are located.

## **3. Papers, reports and information requested by the Committee**

The Committee requested that the Department provide it with the following information by 31 March 2015:

- 3.1 A copy of the legal opinion on Neighbourhood Watches that the Department has sourced.
- 3.2 Information on the model for outsourced security providers for Provincial Government Departments as set out on page 125 of the Budget Estimates of Provincial Revenue and Expenditure Booklet of 2015.
- 3.3 A list of courses from Kromme Rhee that employees of the Department have attended during the 2014/15 financial year.
- 3.4 The criteria for selection and application to Chrysalis and Wolwekloof.
- 3.5 Information on whether Chrysalis and Wolwekloof target learners from rural areas for participation.

Report to be considered.

5. Report of the Standing Committee on Education on Vote 5: Education, in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 2–2015], dated 12 March 2015, 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 2–2015], referred to the Committee in terms of Standing Rule 187, reports that it has concluded its deliberations on the Vote and that it supports the Vote.

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

## **1. Findings and concerns**

- 1.1 The Department indicated that it would develop and implement a five year teacher development plan and improve administrative and other support to schools.
- 1.2 The Department indicated further that it would:
  - 1.2.1 Develop and implement provincial curriculum management and support strategies;
  - 1.2.2 Ensure improved school management; and
  - 1.2.3 Ensure optimal education provision for all with a special focus on the poorer communities and provide social support and the platform for youth development.
- 1.3 As part of its five year plan the Department indicated that it would ensure that support is provided to independent schools and maximise successful academic and social participation of all learners in the culture and curriculum of educational institutions and minimizes barriers to learning.
- 1.4 The Department indicated that it would provide specific public ordinary schools and identified independent sites with resources required for Grade R and provide conditions that encourage more schools to establish Grade R classes in existing available classrooms or new Grade R classrooms.
- 1.5 The Department informed the committee that it would ensure prioritised, cost-effective and efficient infrastructure maintenance and that schools are built to match priority demographic trends.
- 1.6 The Department also indicated that it would provide access to all external examinations, ensure the credibility of the examination and assessment processes and that all schools manage examinations and school-based assessment.
- 1.7 The Committee expressed its concern that not enough funds were allocated for the Safer School Programme.

## **2. Submissions by members of the public**

- 2.1 The Committee received an oral submission from Mr Mbiko:

Mr Mbiko raised concerns around the safety of teachers and learners in the Nyanga area, as many are victims to robbery, harassment and abuse from gangsters in the area.

- 2.2 The Committee received a written submission from Ms R Cloete: Ms Cloete raised concern that the Khoekhoegowab language is not part of the 11 official languages in South Africa.

## **3. Recommendations**

The Committee recommended that:

- 3.1 The Department and Provincial Treasury investigate whether additional resources could be allocated to assist the Safer Schools Programme.
- 3.2 The Department do a presentation on the plans of the Safer School Programme for 2015/2016. The Committee to invite the official responsible for liaising with the Safer School Programmes across the Western Cape for a briefing.

#### 4. Papers and reports requested by the Committee

The Committee resolved that the Department provide the Committee with the following by 31 March 2015:

- 4.1 A list of the nine mobile school units which the Department had set up at various schools;
- 4.2 A list of the names of the members of the Western Cape Education Council;
- 4.3 A status report on Wynberg Secondary School's intent to be relocated;
- 4.4 A status report on the fight which took place between two Matric Students at Voorbrug Secondary School in Delft;
- 4.5 A status report on the vandalism and fire which took place at Euercon Primary School in Elsies River;
- 4.6 A list of the 216 rural schools;
- 4.7 A detailed report on the eight new schools (the precise dates of completion, names and areas); and
- 4.8 A breakdown on how the Department's allocated funds of R24 million is spent within the Safer School Programme.

Report to be considered.

6. Report of the Standing Committee on Community Development on Vote 6: Health, in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 2–2015], dated 12 March 2015, 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 2–2015], referred to the Committee in terms of Standing Rule 187, reports that it has concluded its deliberations on the Vote.

##### 1. Findings

- 1.1. The burden of disease continues to escalate especially the burden of chronic diseases and that there is no evidence of significant improvement in the trends of risk factors such as inadequate physical activity and obesity.
- 1.2. Improving the quality of care is the core of Healthcare 2030 this will involve both improving the clinical and health outcomes as well as improving the patient experience.
- 1.3. The Department indicated that it will intensify its efforts to reduce the waiting times as well as improve the experience of waiting within health facilities.
- 1.4. The new Strand Nomzamo and Mfuleni Community Day Centres, hybrid theatre and new Linear Accelerator Suite at Groote Schuur Hospital, and the last phase of the Worcester Hospital revitalisation will be completed in 2015/16.
- 1.5. The change management project will be expanded from the 38 facilities to 80 facilities in 2015/16.
- 1.6. The Department mentioned that because of the economic climate, the greatest challenge is to reprioritize resources internally and create opportunities within a budget that decreases in real terms over the next three years to give effect to the vision and strategic priorities of Healthcare 2030.



## 2. Papers and reports requested by the Committee

The Committee resolved to request that the Department provide it with detailed information on the life expectancy of children born with HIV & AIDS in the Metro sub-districts in comparison to children born with HIV & AIDS in rural areas.

Report to be considered.

7. Report of the Standing Committee on Community Development on Vote 7: Social Development, in the schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 2–2015], dated 12 March 2015, 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 2–2015], referred to the Committee in terms of Standing Rule 187, reports that it has concluded its deliberations on the Vote.

### 1. Findings

- 1.1. The Department has increased the unit cost funding for Early Childhood Development (ECD) from R12.00 to R15.00 to improve compliance with legislative norms and standards and to remunerate the ECD practitioners.
- 1.2. The educational aspects of Early Childhood Development will be strengthened in conjunction with the Western Cape Department of Education.
- 1.3. Social Welfare Services to victims of crime and violence have been improved by increasing the unit cost funding for shelters.
- 1.4. The Department has experienced a major increase in demand for secure care placements in child and youth care centres.
- 1.5. The Older Persons programme is facing increased demand for services due to the growth in the older person's population as well as projections regarding population ageing in the Province.
- 1.6. Drug treatment and intervention services have increased from seven to 24 sites around the Province.
- 1.7. There are 73 residential facilities for older persons in the Province, registered in compliance with the *Older Persons Act* (Act 13 of 2006).
- 1.8. The Department has provided meals to 101 of the 181 schools participating in the MOD Centre programme.
- 1.9. The Department has developed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with municipalities based on the Integrated Development Planning (IDP) programme.
- 1.10. The Department will facilitate access to skills development and economic opportunities for youth who have completed their schooling through Youth Cafes.
- 1.11. The Department will continue to support and strengthen family and community intervention by providing integrated and targeted interventions in vulnerable communities.
- 1.12. The Committee commended the Department on the establishment of the Disability Desk in the Province.
- 1.13. The Department was not clear on how the funding for Youth Development will be allocated.

## **2. Briefings, Papers and reports requested by the Committee**

### **2.1. Briefings**

The Committee resolved that the Department briefs the Committee on the:

- 2.1.1. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Department and Municipalities.
- 2.1.2. Public Private Partnership (PPP) projects;
- 2.1.3. Functioning of the Disability Desk in the Province; and
- 2.1.4. Disability programmes to ensure compliance with the court order.

### **2.2. Written reports**

The Committee resolved that the Department provide the Committee with the following documents by Tuesday 31 March 2015:

- 2.2.1 A list of facilities that will receive the increased funding for Compensation of Employees (CoE) as indicated on page 299 of the Budget Estimates of the Provincial Revenue and Expenditure 2015;
- 2.2.2 A plan on how the budget for Youth Development will be utilized;
- 2.2.3 A detailed report on the Number of Social Workers and Auxiliary Workers that will receive the 40% increased posts funding;
- 2.2.4 A report on the drug treatment and intervention services around the Province as mentioned on page 300 of the Budget Estimates of the Provincial Revenue and Expenditure 2015;
- 2.2.5 A report on the Crime Prevention Programmes in Lavender Hill and Mitchells Plain.
- 2.2.6 Detailed information on how many Memorandums of Understanding the Department has signed and is still going to sign with Municipalities and Private Companies;
- 2.2.7 A detailed report on the budget allocation for Cape Town Metro sub- districts;
- 2.2.8 A list of infrastructure rehabilitation, renovations and refurbishments; and
- 2.2.9 A detailed report on the Department's Public Private Partnership (PPP) projects.

Report to be considered.

- 8. Report of the Standing Committee on Human Settlements on Vote: 8, Human Settlements, in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 2–2015], dated 13 March 2015.

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 2–2015], referred to the Committee in terms of Standing Rule 187, reports that it has concluded its deliberations.

### **1. Findings and concerns**

The Committee raised the following concerns:

- 1.1 The integration of integrated housing development be fast tracked and prioritised.

- 1.2 The Department put innovative measures in place to reduce the backlog on the housing database.

## **2. Papers, Reports and Information requested by the Committee**

The Committee RESOLVED that the Department provide the Committee with:

- 2.1 The Best Practice Contract Document (NEC 3 contract), which is currently utilised by the Department when employing contractors for the construction of departmental housing projects together with the Infrastructure Development Management System (IDMS) that regulates contracts.
- 2.2 The Informal Settlements Database Response Plans report provided to Municipalities, that lists the names of the informal settlements, its geographical location and the growth categories.

## **3. Resolutions /Actions**

The Committee RESOLVED that the Department brief the Committee on the 81 hectares of available vacant land in the Western Cape, which has been earmarked for Human Settlements.

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 2–2015], dated 12 March 2015, 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 2–2015], referred to the Committee in terms of Standing Rule 187, reports that it has concluded its deliberations on the Vote.

### **1. Papers, Reports and Briefings requested by the Committee**

#### **1.1 Written Reports and Papers**

The Committee RESOLVED to request that the Department:

- 1.1.1 Provide the Committee with a document that reflects the Department's revised targets that includes a breakdown of each annual target per quarter in the absence of quarterly targets in the Annual Performance Plan.
- 1.1.2 Submit a report outlining the effect of the Labour Relations Amendment Act (Act 6 of 2014) on contract workers in the employ of the Department, specifying their job level.

#### **1.2. Briefings**

The Committee RESOLVED that the Department provide the Committee with briefings on:

1.2.1 The Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) and the role this programme plays in sustainable job creation.

1.2.2 The Violence Prevention through Urban Upgrading (VPUU) programme.

The Committee further RESOLVED to:

1.2.3 Procure laminated cards containing an overview of the Department's and CapeNature's five year Strategic Plan.

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 2–2015], dated 13 March 2015, as follows:

The Standing Committee on Transport and Public Works having deliberated on the subject of Vote 10: Transport and Public Works, in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 2–2015], referred to the Committee in terms of Standing Rule 187, reports that it has concluded its deliberations on the Vote.

## **1. Findings and concerns**

The Committee expressed its grave concern that the Department's current Annual Performance Plan and Strategic Plan have no reference to set targets with regard to Broad Based Black Economic Empowerment (BBBEE). In addition, reference to the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act, (Act 46 of 2013) (hereinafter "the Act"), was not recorded in the Estimates of Provincial Revenue and Expenditure 2015, the Annual Performance Plan and Strategic Plan. The failure to list the Act in the above-mentioned documents was acknowledged by the Department. In light of this, the Committee has requested a briefing by the Department as listed in 2.3.2 below.

## **2. Papers, Reports and Briefings requested by the Committee**

### **2.1 Papers**

The Committee RESOLVED that the Department provide the Committee with:

2.1.1 The national guideline that assists the Department in the identification of beneficiaries for community based Expanded Public Works Programmes; and

2.1.2 The Maintenance Programme for schools.

### **2.2 Witten Reports**

The Committee RESOLVED that the Department provide the Committee with written reports on:

2.2.1 The provision made in the budget estimate for the transfer of funds to the Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa, other departmental agencies and other public corporations;

2.2.2 The policy development work undertaken or concluded, outlining the policies that are in the process of being drafted and the policies that have been concluded as well as the date of conclusion; and

2.2.3 The Railway Project currently underway in the Eden district.

### **2.3 Briefings**

The Committee RESOLVED that the Department provide the Committee with briefings on:

2.3.1 The Asset Preservation Report with reference to the manner in which key construction and maintenance projects are prioritised; and

2.3.2 The BBBEE contractors associated to the Department by providing tangible evidence that the promotion of Broad Based Black Economic Empowerment is supported by the Department in light of the absence of set targets.

The Committee further RESOLVED to:

2.3.3 Invite the Stellenbosch Local Municipality to brief it on the traffic situation in the town and the Municipality's plan to alleviate the traffic congestion; and

2.3.4 Express its satisfaction to the Department on its statement that the Eden District Municipality, on completion of the road construction in Geelhoutboom and Swartvlei, would then consider the commencement of construction of the Slangrivier and Port Beaufort Roads.

### **3. Oversight Visit**

The Committee RESOLVED to undertake an oversight visit to the Gene Louw Traffic College.

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 2–2015], dated 12 March 2015, 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 2–2015], referred to the Committee in terms of Standing Rule 187, reports that it has concluded its deliberations on the Vote and that it supports the Vote.

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

#### **1. Papers, Reports and Briefings requested by the Committee**

The Committee resolved that the Department provide the Committee with the following:

- 1.1 A copy of the Market Access Programme booklet;
- 1.2 The list of skills required for the alignment of Agri-processing;

- 1.3 The process followed at the advisory desk to assist farmers, including the contact numbers of the advisory desk; and
- 1.4 The Committee resolved that invite the Department brief the Committee at a future date, on the interface between local government and the Department, known as the Joint Planning Initiative (JPI), as mentioned on page 534 of the Budget Estimates of Provincial Revenue and Expenditure, 2015.

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 2–2015], dated 12 March 2015, 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 2–2015], referred to the Committee in terms of Standing Rule 187, reports that it has concluded its deliberations on the Vote and that it supports the Vote.

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

### **1. Papers, Reports and Briefings requested by the Committee**

The Committee resolved to request the Department to provide the Committee with the following:

- 1.1 The status and the number of job opportunities created through the Doringbaai Aqua Culture Development project;
- 1.2 A list of local partnerships established during the Halaal Park Project;
- 1.3 The Committee resolved to invite the Department to brief the Committee on the waste-to-energy project known as the Whisp Project; and
- 1.4 The Committee recommended that the Department of Economic Development and Tourism briefs the Budget Committee on Project Khulisa.

13. Report of the Standing Committee on Cultural Affairs and Sport on Vote 13: Cultural Affairs and Sport, in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 2–2015], dated 13 March 2015, 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 2–2015], referred to the Committee in terms of Standing Rule 187, reports that it has concluded its deliberations on the Vote and that it supports the Vote.

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

### **1. Findings and concerns**

- 1.1 The Department has 120 performance indicators for the 2015/2016 financial year.

- 1.2 The Department is often seen as a lesser portfolio however it has a vast geographic and demographic span. The Committee emphasised the importance of the Department's multifaceted role.
- 1.3 In the 2014/2015 financial year, some of the Department's allocated budget was transferred to the Department of the Premier for the purposes of the Enterprise Content Management programme.
- 1.4 The National Sport and Recreation Plan has set out the academy system to identify talent. Federations send talented learners to academies. Talent identification takes place via federations and the Mass Opportunity Development (MOD) programme via the Sharp Centres.
- 1.5 The Department has language programmes that include a focus on Sign Language, IsiXhosa awareness programmes and book clubs. These programmes encourage the use of mother tongue languages.
- 1.6 There was no decrease of the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) funding, however the allocation for the Social Sector EPWP Incentive Grant was decreased. This decrease however, will not affect the overall EPWP funding allocation.
- 1.7 The additional funding for the MOD Programme will assist with talent identification, Saturday leagues, transportation of youth to and from matches especially in rural areas, as well as the Department acquiring its own motor vehicles to assist with transporting.
- 1.8 The Department is working towards a partnership with the Western Cape Education Department whereby specific sporting facilities are shared across schools within a cluster to help develop talent and encourage recreation activities. In this way, facilities, such as athletic tracks, can be shared by clustered schools. This type of resource sharing also encourages social cohesion between learners of the clustered schools.
- 1.9 The Department has code developers that develop levels of curricula per sporting code for the purposes of the MOD programme.
- 1.10 The Cango Caves Museum does not report to the Department and therefore the figures of the visitors to the Museum are not reflected in the Department's reporting.
- 1.11 The Department is responsible for the naming of geographical features whereas the municipalities are responsible for naming streets and public spaces.
- 1.12 The fines and penalties listed on page 683 of the Budget Estimates of Provincial Revenue and Expenditure 2015, refer to lost and/or damaged library books.
- 1.13 The Department has decided to consolidate on the number of MOD centres, that is, to not exceed 181 MOD centres as the focus is on improving the quality of the MOD centres rather than on the growth in number of these centres.
- 1.14 MOD centres have been categorised as a sub-programme.
- 1.15 The Western Province Sports Federation informed the Committee that there is an affiliated boxing structure, there are 11 affiliated Western Cape federations and there are nine federations awaiting ratification.
- 1.16 The Committee raised concern regarding the role of the Department in terms of the funding of the Cape Minstrels.
- 1.17 The Committee also raised a concern over the measures in place to ensure the development of talented youth. Different sporting codes have academies.

## **2. Public Input**

The Chairperson allowed members of the public to pose questions, which the Department duly answered.

### **3. Papers and reports requested by the Committee**

The Committee resolved that the Department provide the Committee with the following by 31 March 2015:

- 3.1.1 The General Budget Support business plan;
- 3.1.2 The independent report on the MOD centres;
- 3.1.3 The policy for rewarding former sports legends, including those before 1994;
- 3.1.4 Regular updates in respect of the progress of the Draft National Museum Policy; and
- 3.1.5 Information on talent development processes after talented learners have been identified.

14. Report of the Standing Committee on Local Government on Vote 14: Local Government in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 2–2015], dated 6 March 2015, 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 2–2015], referred to the Committee in terms of Standing Rule 187, reports that it has concluded its deliberations on the Vote and that it supports the Vote.

In terms of Standing Rule 86, the ANC expressed a minority view to reserve its opinion on the Vote.

The Committee commended the Department, and all persons involved in support efforts to extinguish fires that have occurred across the Province during the current fire season, for their commitment and contribution to efforts to extinguish the fires.

### **1. Papers, Reports and Briefings requested by the Committee**

#### **1.1 Written Reports**

The Committee RESOLVED that the Department provide the Committee with written reports on:

- 1.1.1 The measures it has instituted to support municipalities in relation to the maintenance and rehabilitation of bulk and reticulation infrastructure.
- 1.1.2 The geographic spread of the 28.7% population increase that has occurred in the Province over the period 2001 and 2011.
- 1.1.3 The number of Neighbourhood Development Plans (NDP's) prepared and implemented for individual municipalities across the Province.
- 1.1.4 Senior management vacancy rates for individual municipalities across the Province.
- 1.1.5 Protected disclosures, with specific reference to:
  - 1.1.5.1 The number of protected disclosures that have resulted in the necessary actions being taken against respondents.



1.1.5.2 The number of municipal officials who have reported to be victimised after they have made protected disclosures.

1.1.5.3 The way in which municipalities accommodate both the provision of the Protected Disclosures Act (Act 26 of 2000) as well as the rights of respondents during investigation processes.

1.1.6 The recruitment and selection process leading up to the appointment of part-time workers.

## **1.2 Briefings**

The Committee RESOLVED that the Department brief the Committee on:

1.2.1 The terms of reference for the Joint Planning Initiative, as well as the role that the Department plays in terms of this initiative.

1.2.2 The way in which the Community Work Programme and the Jobs Fund Education Project functions within the Province.

1.2.3 The content of campaigns to promote protected disclosures among municipal officials, as well as the instruments utilised to assess the effectiveness of such campaigns.

## **2. Information to be provided to Department**

The Committee RESOLVED to provide the Department with a list of indicators which the Committee considers to have been set too low.

## **3. Recommendation**

Given the importance of the Disaster Management Directorate, the Committee RECOMMENDED that the Department pays specific attention to succession planning for Senior Management posts in this Directorate.