

PARLIAMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF THE WESTERN CAPE

ANNOUNCEMENTS, TABLINGS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

WEDNESDAY, 25 MARCH 2015

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Speaker:

Minister of Finance

Errata

- (a) Replacement of a page to Annual Performance Plan for 2015/16 of Provincial Treasury.
- (b) Replacement of cover page to Strategic Plan 2015/16 – 2019/20 of Provincial Treasury.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Report of the Rules Committee on the implementation of the Oversight Mechanism, as contemplated in section 4 of the Financial Management of Parliament and Provincial Legislatures Act 2009, as amended, by amending the Western Cape Standing Rules 95 and 98 and by inserting Rule 99A.

The Rules Committee, having considered the amendments to Standing Rules 95 and 98 and new Rule 99A considered by it, begs to report that it has agreed to the amendments to the Rules and the insertion of a new Rule as follows:

1. Rule 95:

That the Rule be substituted with the following:

The Rules Committee is charged with and will make recommendations to the House on:

- (a) the making of Rules concerning the business of the House and its committees;
- (b) the internal arrangements, proceedings and procedures of the House and its committees; and
- (c) any other matter referred to the Rules Committee by the Speaker or by resolution of the House.

[See section 116 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996]

2. Rule 98:

That paragraph (a) of subrule (1) be substituted with the following:

- (a) must examine—
 - (i) the financial statements of provincial departments and provincial public entities;
 - (ii) any audit reports issued on the statements referred to in subparagraph (i);
 - (iii) any reports issued by the Auditor-General on the affairs of any provincial department or provincial public entity; and
 - (iv) any other financial statements or reports referred to the Committee by the House;

That paragraph (c) of subrule (1) be substituted with the following:

- (c) may initiate any investigation in its area of competence as stated in paragraph (a); and

That subrule (2) be substituted with the following:

The Speaker must refer the financial statements and reports, referred to in subparagraphs (i), (ii) and (iii) of paragraph (a) of subrule (1), to the Committee when such financial statements and reports are submitted to the Provincial Parliament irrespective of whether such financial statements and reports are also referred to another committee.

That subrule (3) be substituted with the following:

When the Committee examines the financial statements and reports of a provincial department or provincial public entity, it must take into account the previous statements of and reports on the provincial department or provincial public entity and report on the degree to which shortcomings have been rectified.

3. Rule 99A:

That Rule 99A be inserted as follows:

- (1) An oversight mechanism, to be known as the Parliamentary Oversight Committee, is established in terms of section 4 of the Financial Management of Parliament and Provincial Legislatures Act, 2009.
- (2) The Parliamentary Oversight Committee is composed in accordance with Rule 74.

- (3) The chairperson of the Parliamentary Oversight Committee is appointed in accordance with Rule 77.
- (4) Neither the Speaker nor the Deputy-Speaker may be a member of the Parliamentary Oversight Committee.
- (5) The Parliamentary Oversight Committee has the powers and functions assigned to it in the Financial Management of Parliament and Provincial Legislatures Act, 2009.
- (6) No member of the Parliamentary Oversight Committee may attend a deliberation on a matter in which that member has a material interest.

The ANC dissenting.