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## Committee Report

Report of the Standing Committee on Education on Vote 5: Education in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 3–2018], dated 16 March 2018, 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 3–2018], referred to the Committee in accordance with Standing Rule 187, reports that it has concluded its deliberations on the Vote.

The report discusses committee findings, resolutions and requested information as indicated below:

### 1. Findings

- 1.1 The vision of the Western Cape Education Department (hereafter the WCED) is to ensure that there is improvement in education outcomes and opportunities for youth development in the province. This is encapsulated in Provincial Strategic Goal 2.
- 1.2 The WCED informed the Committee that the Early Childhood Development Programme has been identified as the area where language proficiency and mathematics in the province must improve.
- 1.3 The WCED reported that the budget that has been allocated is neither adequate for the growth in learner numbers nor does it take into account the pressures arising from immigration. The WCED is faced with having to manage growing numbers of learners in classes and increasing teacher: learner ratios.
- 1.4 The drought, which has been declared a disaster in the Western Cape, has resulted in the prioritisation of ensuring that schools in the metropolitan area have a water supply.
- 1.5 Programme 6: Infrastructure development projects, which include the replacement of schools and the building of new schools, may need to be delayed in order to manage the emergency measures to ensure that schools are supplied with an adequate water supply for drinking and ablution facilities. These measures include reconditioning existing boreholes and determining sites for drilling new boreholes.
- 1.6 The WCED reported that over R77 million had been allocated for water resource infrastructure projects at schools. The WCED had to amend its budget by reprioritising and delaying certain capital projects to make provision for the total of R300 million that will be put towards measures for alleviating the effect of the drought crisis during the 2018/19 financial year.
- 1.7 The WCED will continue to ensure that schools have their own water resources as this will release schools from having to use their “Norms and Standards” money to pay their municipal accounts in future.
- 1.8 The WCED reported that the E-learning Programme has made considerable progress, with most schools having free wireless access through broadband or other means of connectivity. The Smart Classrooms Project, as part of the E-learning Programme, continues to grow; an additional 1 005 classes will be included in the programme during the 2018/19 financial year.

- 1.9 The WCED has allocated over R116 million for the Mass Opportunity and Development Programmes (MOD Programmes) across various programmes as part of the After-school Game Changer for the 2018/19 financial year.

## **2. Public comments**

- 2.1 Mr M Mbiko of the Nyanga Tourism Platform and Mr D Tshambula of the school governing body of the Linge Primary School in Nyanga were afforded the opportunity to make oral submissions on the Budget Vote. The Head of the Department duly responded to the input made by the members of the public.

## **3. Resolutions**

The Committee RESOLVED that:

- 3.1 An oversight visit to the Linge Primary School in Nyanga be included in the committee programme.  
3.2 The WCED and the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport briefs the Committee on the After-school Game Changer.

## **4. Recommendation**

- 4.1 The Committee recommends that the WCED engages with the Provincial Treasury to secure a greater allocation from the equitable share to ensure an improvement in the teacher: learner ratio in the Province.

## **5. Information requested**

The Committee REQUESTED the WCED to provide the following information by 30 April 2018:

- 5.1 A list of the 31 schools that underperformed by 30%. The list should include the School Improvement Plans.  
5.2 A copy of the Baseline Audit of the security mechanisms that are in place to improve access-control measures at schools.  
5.3 A detailed breakdown of the expenditure plans for the amount of R77 million as well as the additional budget, which makes this a total of R300 million for water-related infrastructure in reprioritising the supply of water to schools.  
5.4 A detailed breakdown of the R8, 394 million allocated under Programme 1 for human resource training. The breakdown should include the content of the training programme and state whether it will be in-house or conducted by an external consultant.



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