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**Report of the Standing Committee on Community Safety, Cultural Affairs and Sport on the 2019/20
Annual Reports of the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport, Heritage Western Cape, the
Western Cape Language Committee and the Western Cape Cultural Commission**

The Standing Committee on Community Safety, Cultural Affairs and Sport having deliberated on the 2019/20 Annual Reports of the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport, Heritage Western Cape, the Western Cape Language Committee, and the Western Cape Cultural Commission, for the year ended 31 March 2020 reports as follows:

Introduction

The Western Cape Provincial Parliament's Annual Report programme for the 2019/20 financial year was advertised in newspapers inviting stakeholders and members of the public to attend and participate in the discussions. The Committee deliberated on the Annual Reports of the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport (the Department), Heritage Western Cape (HWC), the Western Cape Language Committee (WCLC), and the Western Cape Cultural Commission (WCCC) on 4 December 2020 as part of its oversight function. The Minister and the Head of Department were given an opportunity to make opening remarks.

The Department and its Entities were examined on:

Part A: General Information,

Part B: Departmental Performance Information; and

Part D: Human Resources Management of the Department's Annual Report.

Members of the public were also given an opportunity to pose questions and to make input during the discussions. There were no submissions.

1. Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport

Overview

The Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport, led by Minister A Marais and departmental Head, Mr B Walters, reported that it achieved 101 of its 105 targets during the year under review. The Department achieved an 8th successive clean audit. The Department commenced its Legacy Project in preparation for the 2023 Netball World Cup set to be hosted in the Western Cape. The Department also supported 129 sport federations, 31 museums and 378 library centres. The Department provided support to 64 cultural organisations. The Department, in partnership with various agencies within the province, launched the Archaeological and Paleontological Heritage Tourism Route.

Key points from the discussion on the 2019/20 Annual Reports

- 1.1 The Western Cape Cultural Commission (WCCC) reported that concerted efforts were made to install alarm systems and implement other security features at various cultural facilities. These measures were undertaken in light of several instances of vandalism, property damage and burglary at the cultural facilities. Additionally, the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport employed 30 persons via the Expanded Public Works Programme as security personnel at the cultural facilities.
- 1.2 The Department of Cultural And Sport uses a shared business model to assist entities with staff seconded to perform executive duties for the entities. The entities are the WCCC, the Western Cape Language Committee (WCLC) and the Heritage Western Cape.
- 1.3 The Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport achieved 101 of its 105 target indicators.
- 1.4 The reasons for non-achievement of four target indicators varied from (a) researchers not requesting the projected number of archive documents largely due to the elevator being non-functional most of the 2019/20 financial year, (b) two instances of the completion certificates for libraries not being finalised within the 2019/20 final year and (c) one instance of the number of reports achieved due largely to a difference of interpretation between the Department and the Auditor General on what constitutes a report.
- 1.5 The Department reported on break-ins at various libraries; however, the items stolen and/or damaged were insured.
- 1.6 The Department reported that a multipurpose shared facility is being earmarked for the Central Karoo District Municipality. This much needed facility will considerably minimise the cost of transporting learners to and from trials and tournaments based in the Garden Route District Municipality.
- 1.7 The Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport reported on an investigation into sexual harassment that involved a current senior staff member and an intern. The intern is no longer employed at the Department as the term of the person's contract has expired.

2. Requests for information

The Committee requested the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport to provide the following information:

- 2.1 Details of any planned roadshows by the Heritage Western Cape for 2021, when such details are finalised.
- 2.2. A detailed report on the processes followed to investigate the sexual harassment case referred to in the Department's 2019/20 Annual Report. The report should include all the processes followed, the outcome of the investigative process, the complete timeline, including when the matter was reported; when the investigation commenced and when it ended.



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