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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT

Wednesday, 3 February 2016, Old Recruitment Room

Meeting at the Castle of Goodhope

Members

Democratic Alliance

Mackenzie, RD (Chairperson)

Kivedo, BD

Wenger, MM

African National Congress

Makeleni, P

Apology

Olivier, RT (ANC)

1. Introduction

The Chairperson welcomed the Committee to the first meeting of the year and explained that the Committee will conduct a tour of the Cape of Goodhope Castle following the meeting.

2. Key points emanating from the meeting

The Committee reviewed and amended its draft Committee Programme. The Committee discussed the possible time-slot changes to the Cluster A meeting sessions. The Committee is expected to alternate meeting sessions with the Standing Committee on Premier. This proposal has as yet not been formalised and there might be changes to this arrangement. The Committee will not have a meeting on 24 February 2016 as its slot has been given to the Standing Committee on Community Safety.

3. Guided tour of the facilities

The Committee visited the Castle of Good Hope in Cape Town. The Castle is reportedly the oldest surviving colonial building dating back to 1666 when it was first constructed. The Castle is one of several tourist attractions in Cape Town's Central Business District and houses both original and replica artefacts of especially the Dutch colonisation of the Cape during the 17th century.

The Committee were taken on a guided tour of the facilities. Due to extensive renovations and reconstructions of the Castle, the Committee visited limited sites of the premises. As part of the tour, the Committee witnessed the Key Ceremony which replicates the ceremonial unlocking of the Castle of yesteryear. The Committee also participated in the firing of the signal cannon. In addition, the

Committee visited the exhibitions displaying artefacts such as original and replica furniture, cutlery, crockery, paintings and rooms. The Committee also visited a room located under the Katzenellenbogen Bastion that historically housed gunpowder supplies.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R.D. Mackenzie', written in a cursive style.

MR RD MACKENZIE, MPP

CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT