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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT**

**Tuesday, 8 March 2016**

**Chamber, 14:00 to 18:00**

**PRESENT**

**Members**

**Democratic Alliance**

Mackenzie, RD (Chairperson)  
Mitchell, DG (Alternate)  
Wenger, MM

**African National Congress**

Makeleni, P  
Olivier, RT

**Additional Member**

Dugmore, CM (ANC)

**Apology**

An apology was rendered on behalf of Member BD Kivedo.

**Persons in attendance**

Kindly see the attached attendance register.

**1. Introduction and Welcome**

The Chairperson welcomed the Members, the Minister and her staff, the Head of Department and his staff, as well as members of the public. The Chairperson allowed brief introductions by all Members and Officials.

**2. Minister's overview**

The Minister provided a brief overview in respect of the budget allocation to the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport, as well as the challenges and constraints that the Department expect to face.

### **3. Key findings emanating from the page-by-page discussion**

- 3.1 The Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport indicated that it had frozen 107 vacant positions due to the impact of the constraints placed on the Cost of Employees (CoE). The resultant expected workload pressures on the current staffing compliment might affect the quality of the output of services. However, the Department indicated that its output targets are expected to be met.
- 3.2 The Department adopted a strategy to secure its current staff compliment, across various levels, for the 2016/2017 financial year. This means that permanent staff have been reassured of retaining their posts, whereas contract staff, graduate staff, pay interns and Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) workers have been afforded job security, in so far as the Department is able to accommodate the costs for retaining these non-permanent staff, within the allocated Department's budget. The Department therefore has retained its current staff compliment for the 2016/2017 financial year.
- 3.3 In order to address the added pressure placed on staff due to the expected increase of workload, the Department informed the Committee of the Independent Counselling and Advisory Services (ICAS) employment wellness programme available to all staff. The Department regularly informs its staff of the available services.
- 3.4 There were no incidents of racism reported at any of the Department's programmes and/or events.
- 3.5 The Cape Town Museum, currently under renovation and construction, will have as one of its objectives, to promote a more holistic reflection of the diverse histories and voices of the Cape and the province at large.
- 3.6 There is no indication currently of renewed funding by General Budget Support (GBS) for the Mass participation, Opportunity and access, Development and growth (MOD) Programme, after the 2016/2017 financial year. Negotiations in respect of extended GBS funding are ongoing.
- 3.7 The Department does not have the resource capacity to extend the roll out of the MOD Programme significantly beyond the current 181 MOD centres. Instead, the focus is to introduce more content, such as an academic component, rather than expanding the number of MOD centres. The Neighbouring Schools Programme is used as a means to support the MOD Programme through the sharing of resources as well as minimising transport costs as learners are able to walk to nearby schools for recreational activities.
- 3.8 The Department assists relevant municipalities in order to facilitate the Golden Games.
- 3.9 In terms of the Municipal Replacement Finding (MRF) for Library Services, the staff are employed by the local municipalities and not by the Department.
- 3.10 The Department, in collaboration with the Western Cape Provincial Geographical Names Committee, are designing a communication strategy to promote the geographical names of Khoi and San origin. One strategy is to promote a sense of shared common heritage.
- 3.11 The Department must allocate 4% of the conditional grant to the Western Cape Provincial Sport Confederation who redirects that funding to the various provincial sports councils.
- 3.12 Recently there has not been much progress on the policy developments on the South African Library and Information Services Bill other than each province being required to submit a set of norms and standards.
- 3.13 The Department reported that the Western Cape Cultural Commission, the Western Cape Language Committee and Heritage Western Cape members have been duly inducted.
- 3.14 The 72.13% increase of advertising in the revised estimate refers largely to promotional material, including sports gear, tracksuits and other clothing whereon the Department's logo is printed.
- 3.15 The 15.18% increase of consultancy services in the revised estimate is linked to the companies consulted for the Enterprise Content Management (ECM) roll out. Datacentrix and Business Connection are the two consulting companies.

3.16 The 27.76% increase of catering in the revised estimate refers to catering for participating members of the community at events that the Department funds. These events include the Golden Games and the Indigenous Games. This is linked to the 63.19% increase of the transport provided in the revised estimate as the public are transported to and from these events.

#### **4. Key concern emanating from the page-by-page discussion**

4.1 The Committee at the oversight visit to the Western Cape Library Services on 10 February 2016 was informed of the low number of isiXhosa writers and subsequently the low number of isiXhosa books published and used in libraries. To this effect the Committee raised its concern.

#### **5.1 Commendations**

5.1 The Committee welcomed the Department's progressive approach towards securing its staff compliment across various levels for the 2015/2016 financial year.

The Chairperson thanked the Minister, the Head of Department and his staff, as well as members of the public and excused them from the meeting.

#### **6 Information requested**

The Committee REQUESTED that the Department provide the following information by 29 April 2016:

- 6.1 A list reflecting the programmes wherein the 107 frozen vacancies are located.
- 6.2 A breakdown of the funding allocated per department, to the MOD Programme.
- 6.3 A breakdown of the exact allocation of the equitable share decrease.
- 6.4 A breakdown of the R13.767 million allocation of the After School Game Changer.
- 6.5 A breakdown of the R390 000 allocation of the Alcohol Harms Reduction Game Changer.
- 6.6 A list of MOD centres in Worcester.
- 6.7 Details of the unfunded mandate.
- 6.8 A list of the closed MOD centres in the 2015/2016 financial year and the new MOD centres established in 2015/2016 financial year.

Meeting adjourned at 16:15



**MR RD MACKENZIE, MPP**

**CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT**



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