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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

Tuesday, 12 June 2018 (at 08:30), Committee Room 1, 4th Floor, 7 Wale Street, Cape Town

PRESENT

Members

Democratic Alliance

Mackenzie, RD
Schäfer, BA
Simmers, TA (Chairperson)

African National Congress

Dijana, TM

Apologies

Beerwinkel, CF (Member)

Bredell, A - Minister: Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning
Arendse, G - Chief Director: Environmental Quality

The following persons were in attendance:

Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning

Mr P van Zyl, Head of Department
Ms K Shippey, Chief Director: Environmental Sustainability
Ms M Laros, Director: Biodiversity and Coastal Management
Mr P, Hardcastle, Director: Planning and Policy Co-ordination
Ms A Rossouw, Environmental Officer

CapeNature

Dr R Omar, Chief Executive Officer
Dr E Baard, Executive Director: Biodiversity Support
Mr S Ismail, Executive Director: Marketing and Eco-Tourism
Mr B Barnes, Environmental Officer

Western Cape Provincial Parliament

Dr N Visser, Researcher

Democratic Alliance

Mr J Chigome, Researcher

1. Opening and Welcome

The Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

2. Briefing by the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning on the readiness of the Biodiversity Bill for submission to the Legislature

The Department proceeded to brief the Committee on the Biodiversity Bill by providing background information and progress to date. Key challenges as well as innovation in terms of aligning it to regulatory frameworks were highlighted. The objectives of the Bill were briefly explained, followed by a brief project plan on the way forward.

The Committee thanked the Department for a comprehensive presentation.

3. Resolutions/Actions

3.1 The Committee REQUESTED that the Department provides it with the regulatory frameworks governing game farms.

3.2 The Committee RESOLVED that it would, at a later date, invite the Department to brief it on the Provincial Biodiversity Strategy Action Plan and its alignment to national and international frameworks.

4. Consideration and adoption of Draft Committee Minutes

The Chairperson submitted the Draft Committee Minutes of 29 May 2018 which that were considered and adopted.

The meeting adjourned at 09:28.



MR TA SIMMERS, MPP

CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

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