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Report of the Standing Committee on Economic Opportunities, Tourism and Agriculture on Vote 12: Economic Development and Tourism, in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill*, [B2 – 2016], dated 14 March 2016, as follows:

The Standing Committee on Economic Opportunities, Tourism and Agriculture, having deliberated on the subject of Vote 12: Economic Development and Tourism, in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B2 – 2016], referred to the Committee in terms of Standing Rule 187, reports that it supports the Vote.

The Committee listed a concern, requested information and made recommendations as indicated below.

1. Findings/Concerns

The Committee expressed concern regarding the Department's increased usage of consultants for various programmes, resulting in high consultancy fees being incurred.

2. Information requested

The Committee REQUESTED that the following information be provided by 22 April 2016:

2.1. WESGRO

- 2.1.1 An analysis on the amount of business tax contributed to national government from investments they have brought into the Province of the Western Cape, compared to the amount of money the Province receives from National Government for the past financial year, 2015/16.

2.2 Department of Economic Development and Tourism

- 2.2.1 A report on the baseline of cost of red tape to the Western Cape economy, for example, the baseline cost of a project quantifying red tape in selected areas of the three Khulisa priority sectors once the project is completed;
- 2.2.2 Clarity on the "Tourism Benefits Me" citizen campaign, focusing on the reason for this sub-element being treated as a strategic intent in the Budget Estimates of Provincial Revenue and expenditure, 2016 book, and not as a sub-element of the "Journey to Excellence" programme which oversees it;
- 2.2.3 A progress report on the status of generating the 18 000 artisans needed for the

Saldanha Bay Industrial Development Zone; and
2.2.4 A report on the programmes around skills development in the informal sector including entrepreneurs and small emerging businesses, as shown in Programme 7 of the Department's Annual Performance Plan for 2016/17.

3. Resolution

The Committee RESOLVED to invite the Department to brief the Committee on the Skills Game Changer.

In terms of Standing Rule 86, the African National Congress expressed its minority view to not support the Vote.

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