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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 10 March 2016 (14h00), Committee Room 2, 4th Floor, 7 Wale Street, Cape Town

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES, TOURISM AND AGRICULTURE

(Economic Development and Tourism; Agriculture)

ATTENDANCE

Members:

Democratic Alliance

Lentit, RB Maseko, LM Schäfer, BA (Chairperson)

African National Congress

Davids, S Tyatyam, S

ABSENT

Joseph, B (EFF)

APOLOGY:

Tyatyam, S (ANC)

The following persons were in attendance:

Mr A Winde, Minister of Economic Opportunities

Department of Economic Development and Tourism

Mr S Fourie, Head of Department
Mr M Abrahams, Chief Financial Officer
Ms L Schuurman, Chief Director: Tourism, Arts and Entertainment
Mr Le Breton, Deputy Director
Ms J Johnston, Acting Deputy Director-General
Mr N Joseph, Programme Manager: Economic Planning
Mr R Windvogel, Director
Ms CJ Julies, Office Manager

Mr A Jacobs, Acting Assistant Director, Budgets
Ms M Carstens, Acting Deputy Director
Ms F Dharsey, Director: Regional and Local Economic Development
Ms N Ntenetya, Director
Mr G Dingaan, Director
Mr A Phillips, Acting Deputy Director-General

WESGRO

Mr T Harris, Chief Executive Officer
Ms G Nel, Manager: Monitoring and Evaluation
Mr J Blackie, Chief Financial Officer
Ms J Lain, Chief Marketing Officer

Saldanha Bay Industrial Development Zone Licencing Company

Mr D Southgate, Chief Executive Officer Mr H Boneschans, Chief Financial Officer Ms B Mahlangu, Head of Ease of Doing Business

Western Cape Provincial Parliament

Ms Z Adams, Committee Co-ordinator

1. Welcome and attendance

The Chairperson welcomed the Committee Members, the Minister and the officials from the Department of Economic Development and Tourism, and its entities, WESGRO and Saldanha Bay Industrial Development Zone.

2. Consideration of Vote 12: Economic Development and Tourism in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill, [B 2-2016]

The Minister gave a brief overview of the appropriation of funds for the Department of Economic Development and Tourism as outlined in the Budget Estimates of Provincial Revenue and Expenditure 2016 book.

The Minister and the Head of Department, Mr Fourie continued to provide a breakdown of the current challenges in the economy.

Mr Harris provided a brief overview of WESGRO's activities. Mr Boneschans followed with a brief overview of the activities at the Saldanha Bay IDZ Licencing Company.

The Committee proceeded with a page by page discussion on the Budget Estimates of Provincial Revenue and Expenditure, 2016 for the Department of Economic Development and Tourism.

The Committee deliberated and engaged the Department on its presentation.

The Chairperson thanked the Department for its preparation and responses to the questions raised by the Committee members.

The Chairperson opened the meeting for submissions from the public, no comments or submissions were received.

The Committee made recommendations which are contained in the committee report.

The meeting adjourned at 15h40.

MS BA SCHÄFER, MPP

CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES TOURISM AND AGRICULTURE

Date: 14 March 2016

