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Wednesday, 3 February 2016 (08:30), 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

Hinana, N
Lentit, RB
Schäfer, BA (Chairperson)

African National Congress

Dauids, SW

The following persons were in attendance:

Department of Agriculture

Mr D Jacobs, Acting Deputy Director-General
Mr A Roux, Director

VinPro

Paiter Botha, Head of Compliance
Rico Basson, Managing Director

HORTGRO

Anton Rabe, Executive Director

Agri Western Cape

Carl Opperman, Chief Executive Officer

Western Cape Provincial Parliament

Ms Z Adams, Committee Co-ordinator

Ms L Cloete, Senior Committee Co-ordinator
Ms M Motsapi, Committee Assistant

Media

V Poonah, SABC
T Pistorius, SABC
J Felix, Die Burger
J Evans, News24

1. Welcome and attendance

The Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed everyone present.

2. Briefing by VinPro on the extent of the drought and fire damage on the wine industry in the Western Cape

Mr Basson briefed the Committee on the subject at hand.

The Committee engaged on the contents of VinPro's presentation.

2.1 Recommendation/Action

The Committee resolved to invite VinPro to brief them on the transformation strategy in the wine industry.

3. Briefing by HORTGRO on the impact of the drought on the fruit industry

Mr Rabe briefed the Committee on the subject at hand.

The Committee engaged on the contents of HORTGRO's presentation.

3.1 Recommendations/Actions

The Committee resolved to invite HORTGRO to:

- 3.1.1 brief the Committee on transformation and land reform in the fruit industry; and
- 3.1.2 brief the Committee on the medium term impact of the drought on the fruit industry.

4. Briefing by Agri Western Cape on the damage caused by drought and fires, the current state of agriculture, and how these natural disasters impact on the industry and possible job losses

Mr Opperman briefed the Committee on the subject at hand.

The Committee engaged on the contents of Agri Western Cape's presentation.

4.1 Recommendations/Actions

The Committee resolved to:

- 4.1.1 invite the water board responsible for the Western Cape to give a briefing on the stalling of water licences; and
- 4.1.2 invite Agri Western Cape to brief the Committee on cash grants for small-scale farmers.

5. Briefing by the Department of Agriculture on the extent of drought and fire damages in the Western Cape

Mr Jacobs briefed the Committee on the subject at hand.

The Committee engaged on the contents of the Department's presentation.

5.1 Recommendations/Actions

The Committee resolved to invite the Department to brief the Committee in March 2016 on the assistance provided to farmers impacted by drought and fires.

6. Consideration and adoption of the Draft Committee Minutes held on 23 November 2015

The Chairperson submitted the Draft Committee Minutes of 23 November 2015, which was considered and adopted.

7. Consideration and adoption of the Draft Committee Programme for 2016

The Chairperson submitted the Draft Committee Programme for 2016, which was considered and adopted.

Having concluded its business for the day, the meeting adjourned at 12h00.



MS BA SCHÄFER, MPP

CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES, TOURISM AND AGRICULTURE

DATE: 24 FEBRUARY 2016

