

# PARLIAMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF THE WESTERN CAPE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, TABLINGS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

FRIDAY, 3 DECEMBER 2021

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **Report of the Standing Committee on Agriculture, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning on the Western Cape Biodiversity Bill [B 2–2021], dated 19 November 2021, as follows:**

The Standing Committee on Agriculture, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning, having considered the subject of the Western Cape Biodiversity Bill [B 2–2021] referred to it in accordance with Standing Rule 173, reports the Bill with amendments [B 2A–2021] and [B 2B–2021].

2. **Report of the Rules Committee on amendments to the Presiding Officers' Manual for the enabling benefits and allowances of the Speaker and Deputy Speaker of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament, as follows:**

Members of the Rules Committee were kindly requested to indicate their support or otherwise of the proposed amendments.

The amendments were approved by the Members of the Rules Committee as follows:

#### **Amendment 1**

That, on page 13 in the Presiding Officer's Manual, paragraph 6 be added:

6. Accommodation
- 6.1 The Speaker/Deputy Speaker may claim for actual expenses incurred for accommodation in respect of official WCPP business outside of Cape Town.
- 6.2 Should the Speaker/Deputy Speaker opt not to stay in commercial accommodation, but to use private accommodation, he/she may submit a claim to a maximum of the amount referred to in the Members' Guide: Facilities.

- 6.3 The Speaker/Deputy Speaker whose primary residences are further than 50 km from the seat of the WCPP, may claim for residential payments for a secondary residence nearer than 50 km from the seat of the WCPP or,
- 6.4 The Speaker/Deputy Speaker whose constituency office is further than 50 km from the seat of the WCPP, may claim for residential payments for a residence in the Speaker's/Deputy Speaker's constituency area.
- 6.5 The amount for a secondary dwelling as per 3.3 and 3.4 will be limited to a maximum of the amount referred to in the Members' Guide: Facilities.
- 6.6 The aforementioned benefits have tax implications for the Speaker/Deputy Speaker.

## **Amendment 2**

That, on page 18, paragraph 2.1 in the Presiding Officers' Manual be amended as follows:

### **2. Equipment**

- 2.1.1. All official, reasonable expenses incurred in connection with the installation of official telephone, fax and computer (including access to the internet and email) facilities at the private residences of the Speaker and/or Deputy Speaker, as well as the official monthly rental and cost of official calls, costs for access to the internet, including cost regarding cellular phones used for official purposes, in line with the institution's policies.

### **3 (Final Mandate Stage) Report of the Budget Committee on the Division of Revenue Amendment Bill [B 19–2021] (NCOP), dated 3 December 2021, as follows:**

The Budget Committee, having considered the subject of the Division of Revenue Amendment Bill [B 19–2021] (NCOP) referred to it in accordance with Standing Rule 217, recommends that the House confers on the Western Cape's delegation in the National Council of Provinces the authority not to support the Amendment Bill.

The Committee was not given adequate time to conduct proper public participation on the Amendment Bill. The Committee raised its concern relating to the truncated timelines provided by the NCOP.

### **Minority view**

In terms of Standing Rule 90, the African National Congress and Al Jama-ah expressed their minority view that they support the Amendment Bill.

Reports to be considered.