

PARLIAMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF THE WESTERN CAPE

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Report of the Conduct Committee on a possible breach of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament, dated 15 November 2022, as follows:

The following Members were in attendance, namely Members W F Kaizer-Philander, D America, D M Baartman, P Z Lekker and N Makamba-Botya.

After the Registrar had presented his report, the Committee deliberated on the matter and resolved to accept the report by the Registrar and the conclusion that there was no breach of the Code by the Honourable Member.

In brief, Honourable Member Sayed of WCPP had alerted the Registrar on 14 June 2022 of the possible breach and intimated that he had possibly received funds that could be regarded as a sponsorship during January 2022 in the amount of R39 500. This amount, although destined for the party caucus, was thought to be attributable to him.

He had failed to disclose this amount in his Declaration of Members' Interests Form for 2022, which had to be filed by 30 April 2022. In his correspondence to the Registrar, he acknowledged that he had failed to disclose the "sponsorship" in his declaration and added that it was not a deliberate error.

The Registrar proceeded with a preliminary investigation by requesting further information from the venue that had hosted the function on 23 June 2022 and for copies of all the relevant documentation.

Upon receiving the requested documentation, the Registrar made the following conclusion:

- There was no direct link to the WCPP or to the Hon Member in any of the financial documents provided. In fact, all the documentation referred only to the management of the venue;

- Although the Hon Member has acknowledged that he was the instigator of the “sponsorship”, the Registrar could not, based on the documentation, find that the Hon Member directly received any sponsorship;
- He also could not conclude that the Hon Member received hospitality in his personal and private capacity, given that 60 persons attended the function;
- He, therefore, concluded that no breach of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament had occurred.

Copy attached.