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# **MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

#### STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

Tuesday, 12 March 2019 (at 14:00) Committee Room 2

## PRESENT:

#### Members

#### **Democratic Alliance**

Maseko, LM (Chairperson) Simmers, TA Philander, W Allen, R (Alternate)

## **African National Congress**

Davids, S Dijana, TM (Alternate)

# **Apology**

Joseph, BD

## Persons who were in attendance

### **Ministry**

Mr B Madikizela, Minister: Human Settlements

## **Department of Human Settlements**

Mr T Mguli, Head of Department

Mr F De Wet, Chief Financial Officer

Ms J Samson, Chief Director Human Settlement Planning

Mr N Adriaanse, Director: Communications and Stakeholder Relations

Mr B Nkosi, Director: Strategic Management Support

Ms R Van Rensburg, Director: Planning Ms R Tiry, Director: Regional Support

Mr L Esterhuizen, Director: Land and Asset Management

Ms N Kabane, Deputy Director: Policy and Planning Ms S Adams, Deputy Director: Strategic Support

Ms B Petersen, Assistant Director: Strategic Support

## 1. Opening and Welcome

The Chairperson welcomed all in attendance.

# 2. Deliberation on Vote: 8, Human Settlements, in the Schedule to the Western Cape Additional Adjustment Appropriation Bill [B 4–2019]

The Department briefed the Committee on Vote: 8, in the schedule to the Western Cape Additional Adjustment Appropriation Bill [B 4–2019].

The Department informed the Committee that the Additional Adjusted Estimates of Provincial Revenue Expenditure, provides for an additional allocation of R83,773 million to the Department of Human Settlements for the 2018/19 financial year. The R83,773 million Provincial Emergency Housing Grant will be utilised for the provision of temporary shelter assistance to households affected by fire damage in the Khayelitsha and Philippi area. The funds will be retained by the Department and will not be transferred to local government.

The Committee deliberated.

After concluding its deliberations the Chairperson submitted a Draft Report on Vote: 8, in the schedule to the Western Cape Additional Adjustment Appropriation Bill [B 4–2019] which was considered and adopted.

The Committee supported the Vote.

# 3. Deliberation on Vote: 8, Human Settlements, in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 1–2019]

The Department of Human Settlements informed the Committee that 90% of the Department's budget is funded through the Human Settlement Development Grant (HSDG).

#### Infrastructure estimates

The Department's infrastructure budget allocation is aligned to allocations from the HSDG variations which changes on an annual basis. The total Human Settlement Infrastructure allocation decreased by R18 million, from R2,138 billion in 2018/19 (revised estimate) to R2,120 billion in 2021/22. The initial decreases are attributed to the higher allocation provided to the Title Deed Restoration Grant.

### **Housing Delivery**

During 1 April 2015 – 31 March 2019, the Department created a total of 76 719 housing opportunities against a target of 74 030. This relates to an achievement, against a target of 105%.

### Informal Settlement Support Plan

The Department appointed eight NGOs, who will serve as intermediaries in communities and support the Department and municipalities to plan and action the upgrading of informal settlements based on the specific needs of each municipality and settlement.

# **Partnership Strategy**

The Department advertised an expression of interest with the purpose of inviting potential partners, including the private sector to submit and register details of potential affordable housing

projects and initiatives. In 2018/19, the Department established a Partnership Framework, and subsequently entered into three year Partnerships Framework Agreements with 121 potential partners, which is valid until 2021. The intention is to approach potential partners registered on the Framework Agreement on a needs basis to assist in the delivery of affordable housing projects and initiatives.

## **Catalytic and Provincial Priority Projects**

A total of six catalytic and 13 provincial priority housing opportunities are in the pipeline for completion by 2022, with a yield of 136 000 opportunities. The projects are at various stages of construction, design and planning, due to the foundation laid during the current term of office. Opportunities are aimed at the poorest residents, and includes projects in the Southern Corridor, Transhex and Conradie Hospital.

# 4. Consideration and adoption of the Draft Committee Minutes dated 12 February 2019

The Chairperson submitted the Draft Committee Minutes which were considered and adopted with an amendment.

The Committee thanked the Minister and the Department for the hard work and dedication during the fifth parliament.

Minister Madikizela and Mr Mguli provided concluding remarks.

The Committee made no findings and no documents were requested.

Meeting committee adjourned at 15:25.

MS LM MASEKO (MPP)

CHAIRPERSON, STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

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