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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

Friday, 25 October 2019 (at 08:00) Chamber

PRESENT:

Members

Democratic Alliance

Maseko, LM (Chairperson)
America, D
Van der Westhuizen, AP

African National Congress

Marran, P (Alternate member)
Smith, D (Additional member)

Good

Herron, B

Freedom Front Plus

Marais, P (Additional member)

Economic Freedom Fighters

Makamba-Botya, N (Additional member)

Apology

Lili, A (ANC)

The following persons were in attendance:

(See attached list of Departmental officials and members of the public who were in attendance.)

1. Opening and Welcome

The Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed the members of the Committee, the Minister, Head of Department, Chairperson of the Western Cape Rental Housing Tribunal, departmental officials and members of the public

2. Discussion of the Annual Reports of the Department of Human Settlements and the Western Cape Rental Housing Tribunal (2018/2019)

The Minister and Head of Department provided a brief overview of the Annual Report of the Department, focusing on the highlights and challenges in the 2018/2019 financial year.

The Deputy Chairperson of the Western Cape Rental Housing Tribunal provided the same for the Tribunal.

The Committee proceeded to a discussion on Part A: General Information, Part B: Performance Information and Part D: Human Resource Management of the Annual Reports of the Department and its Entity.

The Committee deliberated.

Oral submissions were made by Mr Neville Petersen from Albatross Housing Incorporated and Mr Andile Tumana from the Parliamentary Monitor Group.

3. Resolutions/Actions

3.1 The Committee REQUESTED that the Department, by 31 January 2020, submit:

3.1.1 The total remuneration provided to Tribunal members for a financial year and the number of hearings attended;

3.1.2 A report on the total amount spent of the Human Settlement Development Grant by the Department; and

3.1.3 The geographical location where the Small-Town Regeneration Programme will be rolled out in the seven non-Metro priority municipalities.

3.2 The Committee further REQUESTED that the Department, by 31 January 2020, submit a list of the:

3.2.1 82 informal settlements that are due for upgrading during the Medium Term Expenditure Framework;

3.2.2 Social housing rental stock, the available rental stock and the geographical location of the rental stock;

3.2.3 Woman owned enterprises and the grading of each of the enterprises;

3.2.4 Provincial housing projects that are ready for implementation;

3.2.5 Partnership agreements the Department has formulated with Farm owners and the geographical location of the donated land; and

3.2.6 Municipalities which requested that its projects be taken over by the Department.

3.3 In addition, the Committee REQUESTED that, Mr Tumana (Parliamentary Monitoring Group), submit a written submission that contains all the issues he wishes to address with the Committee.

4. Resolutions

4.1 The Committee RESOLVED to, at a future date:

- 4.1.1** Conduct an oversight visit to the Langeberg Municipality to engage on housing projects within the municipal area and to gain an understanding on the criteria for the prioritisation of certain areas; and
- 4.1.2** Invite the Department to brief it on new initiatives undertaken to improve the Housing Demand Database.

5. Recommendations

5.1 The Committee RECOMMENDED that the Department:

- 5.1.1** Engage with the Social Housing Regulatory Authority to find solutions to the complaints raised by CommuniCare tenants; and
- 5.1.2** Put strategies in place to reduce the Western Cape Rental Housing Tribunal complaints backlog.

The Committee adjourned at 13:15.



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MS M MASEKO (MPP)

CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

DATE: 20/11/2019