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COMMITTEE REPORT

Report of the Standing Committee on Human Settlements on its recommendations for the appointment of candidates to the Western Cape Rental Housing Tribunal, dated 7 August 2019.

1. The Western Cape Rental Housing Tribunal currently has four vacancies. The position of Chairperson became vacant following the resignation of the incumbent on 6 May 2019. The ordinary member position became available following the resignation of the incumbent in October 2018 and the term of two alternate members expired on 31 March 2019.

Section 9(1) of the Rental Housing Act (Act 50 of 1999) stipulates: "The Tribunal consists of not less than three and not more than five members, who are fit and proper persons appointed by the MEC, and must comprise of a chairperson, who is suitably qualified and has the necessary expertise and exposure to rental housing matters. There should not be less than two and not more than four members of whom at least one and not more than two shall be persons with expertise in property management or housing development matters. There should be at least one and not more than two persons with expertise in consumer matters pertaining to rental housing or housing development matters."

2. Advertisements calling for nominations for the positions of a Chairperson, an ordinary member and two (2) alternate members were published in the following publications:

Die Argus:

15 May 2019

Die Burger:

15 May 2019

Vukani:

16 May 2019

- 3. Upon conclusion of the advertisement process the Department of Human Settlement provided the Committee with a short-list of candidates for the four vacancies. The Committee, having considered these nominations, resolved to recommend that a Chairperson and a member be appointed to serve on the Western Cape Rental Housing Tribunal and to further recommend as follows in this regard:
- 3.1 That Mr Lionel Esterhuizen be considered as the first preference for the Chairperson's position and Ms Sibongile Morara as the second preference; and
- 3.2 That Ms Marion Wannenberg be considered as an ordinary member.
- 4. The Committee deliberated on the appointment of the alternate members and concluded that the Department advertise to appoint two alternate members who have expertise in consumer matters pertaining to rental housing. This was decided on the premise that none of the can mate members and concluded that

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