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Report of the Standing Committee on Human Settlements on Vote: 8, Human Settlements, in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B2 – 2016], dated 14 March 2016, as follows:

The Standing Committee on Human Settlements having deliberated on the subject of Vote: 8, Human Settlements, in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B2 – 2016], referred to the Committee in terms of Standing Rule 187, reports that it has concluded its deliberations on the Vote and supports the Vote.

The African National Congress (ANC) expressed a minority view that it has concluded its deliberations on the Vote.

The Committee listed findings, requested information and made recommendations and resolutions as indicated below.

1. Findings

- 1.1 One of the Department of Human Settlements' (hereinafter "DoHS" or "the Department") main focus areas for the 2016/2017 financial year, is to improve on the functionality of informal settlements.
- 1.2 A special task team was established under the Title Deed Restoration Project to, in conjunction with municipalities, accelerate and reduce the title deed backlog.
- 1.3 To improve the security of tenure, title deeds are transferred to all qualifying beneficiaries of housing subsidies funded by the Department.
- 1.4 The DoHS promotes economic empowerment opportunities for Small, Medium and Micro Enterprise (SMME) contractors, through the implementation of Infrastructure Delivery Management Systems (IDMS) in its new projects and New Engineering Contracts (NEC) 3.
- 1.5 Architects, Engineers and students who study Planning, who reside within the Western Cape and form part of the Bursary Programme from National Government, are employed as interns in the Department of Human Settlements.

2. Information requested

The Committee REQUESTED that the Department provide it with a report on the:

- 2.1 Human Settlement Provisional Services Database which lists the number of Historically Disadvantaged Individual (HDI) contractors empowered by the Department, the number of contracts awarded to the HDI's and the land released for HDI enterprises, by the end of April 2016;
- 2.2 Planned targets for units that will be constructed in all state owned projects, the structure of the projects, the estimated value and the total beneficiaries who will benefit from the projects

as depicted in the grid on page 345 of the Budget Estimates of the Provincial Revenue and Expenditure, 2016. (Hereinafter "the Budget Estimate");

- 2.3 The policy which addresses the most deserving beneficiaries on the Western Cape Housing Demand Database (WCHDDDB), which includes:
 - 2.3.1 Concerns pertaining to the municipal selection guidelines to promote standard procedures for all Western Cape Municipalities on how to select housing beneficiaries and to identify possible loop holes;
- 2.4 Upgrading of Informal Settlements Programme (UISP) where municipalities have upgraded informal settlements to a UISP 3 as provided for in the needs analysis profile of the Informal Settlement Support Plan for the 2016/17 financial year as contained on Page 344 in the Budget Vote; and
- 2.5 Number of private owned properties where land invasion has taken place in the City of Cape Town.

3. Recommendations

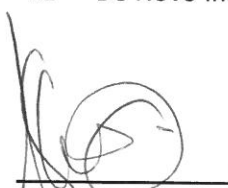
The Committee RECOMMENDED that:

- 3.1 The Department implement a policy, which aides none qualifying, low income persons with the means to build their own houses and the process that needs to be followed; and
- 3.2 Established contractors (eg. ASLA) contracted to the Department also contribute to projects. (eg. Contributions towards the building of a playground for children).

4 Resolution

The Committee RESOLVED that the Department be invited to brief the Committee on the:

- 4.1 Twelve rural mission towns that were established under the Rural Areas Act, Act 9 of 1987; and
- 4.2 De Novo initiative after which an oversight visit will be conducted to the area.



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