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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Thursday, 17 October 2019 (at 08:00), Chamber, 6th Floor, 7 Wale Street, Cape Town

PRESENT

Members

Democratic Alliance

America, D (Chairperson) Van der Westhuizen, AP

African National Congress

Smith, D

Alternate Member

Mitchell, D (DA) Xego, M (EFF)

Additional Members

Marran, P (ANC)

Apology

Maseko, LM (DA)

The following persons were in attendance:

Department of Local Government

See attached attendance register.

Western Cape Provincial Parliament

Mr J Coetzee, Procedural Officer

1. Opening and Welcome

The Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed the Members of the Committee, the Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning, Head of Department and the departmental officials.

2. Deliberation on the Annual Report of the Department of Local Government for the 2018/2019 financial year

The Minister and Head of Department provided a brief overview of the Annual Report of the Department, focussing on the highlights and challenges during the 2018/19 financial year.

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

The Committee deliberated.

3. Information requested

The Committee REQUESTED that the Department, by 31 January 2020, submits

- 3.1 A list of municipalities and councillors who attended the Hans Seidell Foundation training programme on ethical and responsible leadership;
- 3.2 A quarterly report on the extent of public participation at municipalities;
- 3.3 An updated list of transfer payments to municipalities, as well as the municipal expenditure to date of these transfer payments;
- 3.4 A list of all the fully fledged Thusong centres and satellite centres, as well as a report on the funding awarded to six municipalities for small-scale job creation and income-generating economic development projects in rural areas;
- 3.5 A copy of the Government Performance Index Research Report conducted by Good Governance Africa that was released in April 2019;
- 3.6 A list of the training courses the departmental officials attended during the period under review as well as the designation of the officials and service providers of these training courses: and
- 3.7 A copy of the Department's Workforce Plan 2016–2021.

4 Resolutions

The Committee RESOLVED to invite the Department, at a future date, to brief it on:

- 4.1 The Joint District Approach as developed by the Department and endorsed by the national government;
- 4.2 The partnership with the Hans Seidell Foundation and the training provided to councillors with regard to ethical and responsible leadership;

- 4.3 The partnership with the Dullah Omar Institute and the research done with regard to Alternative Executive Governance Models in Local Government; and
- 4.4 The public-participation process followed by the Witzenberg Municipality during their Integrated Development Plan process and whether any interventions were necessary to ensure the process was all-inclusive.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45.

MR D AMERICA, MPP

CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Date: 27/1//2019