



Wes-Kaapse Provinsiale Parlement
Western Cape Provincial Parliament
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 11 February 2015 (14h00), Chamber

Public Accounts Committee

ATTENDANCE

Members:

African Christian Democratic Party

Christians, FC (Chairperson)

African National Congress

Tyatyam, S

Democratic Alliance

Botha, LJ

Joseph, D

MacKenzie, RD

Alternate Members

Paulsen, NM (EFF)

Apologies:

Dugmore, CM (ANC)

Fransman, M (ANC)

The following persons were in attendance:

Department of the Premier

Mr A Joemat, Superintendent-General

Mr M Hendrickse, Deputy Director General: People Management

Ms H Robson, Deputy Director General: Corporate Assurance
Mr L Grootboom, Deputy Director General
Mr L Williams, Deputy Director General
Mr J Radebe, Chief Audit Executive
Mr DG Basson, Chief Financial Officer
Ms Z Ismail, Chief Director
Mr T Marinus, Deputy Director
Mr BJ Dixon, Deputy Director
Ms N Maholwana, Parliamentary Liaison Officer
Ms C Lekay, Assistant Director
Ms C Knott, Chief of Staff
Ms M Korsten, Public Policy Analyst

Auditor- General of South Africa

Mr G v/d Hoven, Liaison Manager
Mr D Van Huyssteen, Senior Manager

Western Cape Provincial Parliament: Staff

Mr D Davids, Committee Co-ordinator
Ms W Achmat, Committee Co-ordinator
Ms L Delcarme, Researcher
Ms Motsapi, Committee Assistant
Ms L Cloete, Senior Committee Co-ordinator
Mr R Baboo, Senior Researcher

1. Welcome and attendance

The Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed the Committee Members and the departmental officials.

Apologies were received from Premier Zille and Advocate B Gerber, the Director-General in the Department of the Premier.

2. Briefings by the Department of the Premier

2.1 The content, usability and value achieved in the implementation of the Executive Projects Dashboard, and how it synchronises with the Pre-Determined Objectives as reported in the 2012/2013 Annual Performance Plan and the 2012/2013 Annual Report

The officials from the Department briefed the Committee on the usability, value achieved and implementation of the Executive Projects Dashboard.

The Committee raised queries around the mechanism which was acquired to replace the Executive Projects Dashboard, the BizProjects.

2.2 Recommendations/Actions

The Committee resolved that the Department should conduct a live streaming of the BizProjects to the Standing Committee on Premier on its content, usability and value achieved in the implementation thereof.

2.3 The value achieved (impact of outputs) through the completion of its performance targets

The officials from the Department briefed the Committee on the value achieved (impact of outputs) through the completion of its performance targets as reported in the 2012/2013 Annual Performance Plan and the 2012/2013 Annual Report.

The Committee raised queries around and deliberated on value achieved (impact of outputs) through the completion of its performance targets as reported in the 2012/2013 Annual Performance Plan and the 2012/2013 Annual Report.

Member Tyatyam raised a concern that the Department must include, in all future briefings, the concerns raised by the Auditor-General of South Africa during the 2013/14 Annual Report period. In addition, the Department should indicate the mechanisms in place or planned to address the concerns raised by the Auditor-General of South Africa.

2.4 Recommendations/Actions

The Committee recommended that the Department:

- 2.4.1 Provide the Committee with a report on the mechanisms implemented to address the concerns raised by the Auditor-General of South Africa.
- 2.4.2 Develop a mechanism which records the days on which announced and unannounced load shedding occur and the loss of productivity specifically for the Western Cape Provincial Government Departments associated therewith.
- 2.4.3 Monitors the impact of the announced and unannounced load shedding events on the financial environment and service delivery outputs in the Western Cape. In addition, the Department should provide the Committee with a report on the aforementioned matter.
- 2.4.4 Provide the Committee with a report on the reasons the Department did not achieve the completion of its strategic projects 2.6.1, 2.6.2 and 2.6.3 as contained in Programme 2 of the briefing document.

2.4.5 Develop and implements a mechanism that will address and mitigate the non-achievement of strategic targets due to the announced and unannounced load shedding events.

2.5 The Combined Assurance Model, and the three year Audit Plans for all Departments

The officials from the Department briefed the Committee on the combined Assurance Model, and the three year Audit Plans for all Departments.

The Committee engaged the Department on the contents of the Department's presentation, to which the Department responded.

Member Tyatyam raised a concern with regard to the service delivery impact that the unfilled, unfunded posts might have on the Western Cape. In response the Department undertook to address the concern of the Member from a risk perspective and within that environment as well.

3. Discussion on the amended agenda of the Public Accounts Committee of 11 February 2015

The Chairperson informed the Committee that Western Cape Provincial Parliament (WCPP) was invited to brief the Committee on resolutions that were passed during the 2012/2013 Annual Report discussions with the Public Accounts Committee of the 4th Parliamentary term.

The Chairperson further informed the Committee that the Speaker replied to the briefing request by informing the Committee that the security matters of WCPP were to be addressed by a sub-committee of the Rules Committee.

The Chairperson expressed his view that the Public Accounts Committee should request the minutes of the sub-committee meeting and whether it addresses the concerns raised by the Public Accounts Committee, to evaluate the extent of the remedial actions to be implemented by WCPP on security matters. If the matters are adequately remedied, then the status of the resolution should be closed on the resolution tracking document of the Public Accounts Committee.

Member Tyatyam stated that WCPP should be called to account for the remedial actions which have been implemented to address the resolutions of the Public Accounts Committee of the 4th Parliamentary term.

3.1 Recommendations/Actions

The Committee resolved that the sub-committee of the Rules Committee convene a meeting to discuss the resolutions of the Public Accounts Committee of the 4th Parliamentary term. Thereafter, the office of the Speaker should provide the Public Accounts Committee with a report to indicate the extent to which the resolutions will be addressed by WCPP.

4. Fransman Vs the Speaker and Another

The Chairperson informed the Committee that the matter of Fransman Vs the Speaker and Another was at the respective legal teams for further deliberations.

The Chairperson indicated that he will keep the Public Accounts Committee informed of all developments, as and when, these are communicated by the legal teams.

Having concluded its business for the day, the meeting adjourned at 17h10.



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MR FC CHRISTIANS, MPP

CHAIRPERSON: PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

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