

Wes-Kaapse Provinsiale Parlement Western Cape Provincial Parliament IPalamente yePhondo leNtshona Koloni

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 13 May 2015 (14h00), Chamber

Public Accounts Committee

ATTENDANCE

Members:

African Christian Democratic Party

Christians, FC (Chairperson)

Democratic Alliance

Joseph, D

African National Congress

Tyatyam, S (ANC)

Apology

Beerwinkel, C (ANC) Botha, LJ (DA) MacKenzie, RD (DA)

Alternate Members

Pretorius, PJ (DA) Wiley, M (DA)

The following persons were in attendance:

Dr H Mbombo, Minister: Ministry of Health

Mr R van Rensburg, Chief Director: Department of the Premier Ms B Engelbrecht, Head of Department: Department of Health Mr A Van Niekerk, Chief Financial Officer: Department of Health

Ms P Vinjevold, Superintendent- General: Western Cape Education Department

Mr L Ely, Chief Financial Officer: Western Cape Education Department

Mr P Van Zyl, Head of Department: Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning

Mr A Gaffoor, Director: Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning

Mr R Van Rensberg, Chief Director: Department of the Premier

Mr A Sayed, Deputy Director: Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning

Mr C Jacobs, Assistant Director: Department of Health

Mr T Gildenhuys, Chief Financial Officer: Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning

Mr J Fritz, Director: Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning

Mr J Symington, Deputy Director: Department of Health

Ms R Hurst, Director: Department of Health

MS S du-Toit White, Director: Department of Health

Mr J Jooste, Chief Director: Department of Health

Mr J Barends, Deputy Director: Department of Health

Mr D Grant, Minister: Ministry of Transport and Public Works

Ms J Gooch, Head of Department: Department of Transport and Public Works

Mr C Ismay, Chief Director: Department of Transport and Public Works

Adv C Smith, Director: Department of Transport and Public Works

Mr W Gibbs, Acting Chief Director: Department of Transport and Public Works

Ms P Van Der Merwe, Deputy Director: Department of Transport and Public Works

Ms D Basson, Assistant Manager: Auditor-General of South Africa

1. Welcome and attendance

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

Apologies were received from Members Beerwinkel, Botha and Mackenzie.

2. Briefings by the Department of Health on a status update on the progress and outcomes of the investigations which relates to fraud and corruption, the development and implementation of a consequential management mechanism relating to irregular expenditure, the implementation of the Supply Chain Management policies and framework, including the procurement processes followed to procure the services of consultants

The officials from the Department briefed the Committee on the subject at hand.

The Committee engaged the Department on the contents of its presentation.

The Committee deliberated.

2.1 Recommendation/ Action

The Committee recommended that:

- 2.1.1 the Department furnish it with a list of all the matters that were detected by the Department's Internal Audit Committees that were not detected by the Auditor-General of South Africa.
- 2.2.2 the Department furnish it with a report which highlights the amount of cases which are under control and finalised and those that are not and the implications these have for the Department.
- the Department furnish it with a report which explains in detail the recommendations of civil and non-civil matters which have been finalised according to slide 18.
- 3. Briefing by the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning on the the implementation of a mechanism to properly account for the assets registered in its assets register, the reasons for its internal control deficiencies that resulted in findings in the Annual Performance Report, including the finding on non-compliance with legislation and the implementation of the Supply Chain Management policies and framework, including the procurement processes followed to procure the services of consultants

The officials from the Departments briefed the Committee on the above mentioned presentations.

The Committee engaged with the Department on the contents of its presentation.

The Committee deliberated.

4. Briefing by the Department of Transport and Public Works on the claims against contractors or the guarantor, after having met with the State Attorney on 24 October 2014 to discuss the way forward, the development and implementation of a mechanism that ensures that consultants who are contracted by the Department transfer scares skills to its employees and the report which contains the exact nature of each contract and the actual value paid to these consultants, as indicated on pages 178 to 189 of the Annual Report of the Department

The officials from the Department briefed the Committee on the above mentioned presentation.

The Committee engaged with the Department on the contents of its presentation.

The Committee deliberated.

4.1 Recommendation/ Action

The Committee recommended that the Department furnish it with a report which highlights the initial and overall costs that have been incurred in the potential claims against contractors and a guarantor.

5. Consideration and adoption of draft Public Accounts Committee Minutes of 6 May 2015

The Chairperson submitted the draft Committee minutes of 6 May 2015, which was considered and adopted.

Having concluded its, business for the day, the meeting adjourned at 17h50.

MREC CHRISTIANS, MPP

CHAIRPERSON: PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

Date: 20 May 2015