



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

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

### PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 28 June 2017 (14h00), Chamber

#### **PRESENT**

##### **African Christian Democratic Party**

Christians, F C (Chairperson)

##### **African National Congress**

Beerwinkel, C F (Alternate)

Tyatyam, S G

##### **Democratic Alliance**

Joseph, D

Maseko, L M

Mitchell, D G

#### **APOLOGIES**

Mr D Grant, Minister

Prof N Mbombo, Minister

#### **The following persons were in attendance:**

##### **Auditor-General of South Africa**

Mr E Marais, Audit Manager

Ms S Adams, Business Executive

Mr G v/d Hoven, Senior Liaison Manager

Ms L Klue, Audit Manager

Mr A Allie, Audit Manager

Mr I Fourie, Audit Manager

## **Department of Health**

Dr B Engelbrecht, Head of Department

Mr J Jooste, Chief Director

## **Department of Transport and Public Works**

Ms J Gooch, Head of Department

Adv. C Smith, Chief Financial Officer

Ms P v/d Merwe, Director

### **1. Welcome and attendance**

The Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed all in attendance.

### **2. Request of the Auditor-General of South Africa to brief the Committee in-camera**

The Committee considered the request of the Auditor-General of South Africa to hold its presentation in-camera. The reason provided was that if the contents of its presentation were to be discussed in public, then there would be a risk that its operational relationships with the departments could be negatively affected.

The Committee unanimously agreed to the request of the Auditor-General of South Africa to hold its presentation in-camera, based on the motivation that was provided.

### **3. Briefing by the Auditor- General of South Africa on a performance audit of the use of consultants at selected departments of the Western Cape Provincial Government (January 2014).**

Mr E Marias and Ms S Adams presented to the Committee on the aforementioned subject matter.

The Committee deliberated on the contents of the presentation.

### **4. Briefing by the Department of Transport and Public Works on the Report of the Auditor- General of South Africa on a performance audit of the use of consultants at selected departments of the Western Cape Provincial Government (January 2014).**

Ms J Gooch and Adv C Smith presented to the Committee on the aforementioned subject matter.

The Committee deliberated on the contents of the presentation.

## **5. Briefing by the Department of Health on the Report of the Auditor- General of South Africa on a performance audit of the use of consultants at selected departments of the Western Cape Provincial Government (January 2014).**

Dr B Engelbrecht and Mr J Jooste presented to the Committee on the aforementioned subject matter.

The Committee deliberated on the contents of the presentation.

## **6. Resolutions/Actions**

On matter of the presentation by the Department of Transport and Public Works, Mr Joseph proposed that: Mr Fransman be invited to the Public Accounts Committee to account for his failure to exercise his oversight role as the previous Minister for Transport and Public Works for the time period when the contracts were awarded, as indicated in the Report of the Auditor- General of South Africa on a performance audit of the use of consultants at selected departments of the Western Cape Provincial Government (January 2014).

Member Tyatyam introduced a counter-proposal that: Mr Fransman not be called in to account as the then-Minister for Transport and Public Works due to the fact that the Committee engaged the Department of Transport and Public Works, and that the Department satisfactorily answered all the queries of the Committee on the Report of the Auditor- General of South Africa on a performance audit of the use of consultants at selected departments of the Western Cape Provincial Government (January 2014).

Motion of Mr Joseph put, and the Committee divided.

AYES- 3: Joseph, D; Maseko, LM; Mitchell, DG.

NOES-1: Tyatyam, SG.

Proposal of Mr Joseph agreed to and counter- proposal of Mr Tyatyam dropped (with dissent from Mr Tyatyam and Ms Beerwinkel).

The Chairperson, Mr Christians, abstained on the proposal and counter- proposal that were put by members Joseph and Tyatyam.

On the matter of the presentation by the Department of Health, Mr Joseph indicated that the Democratic Alliance will consider other options to hold Member Pierre Uys accountable for his failure to exercise his oversight role as the previous Minister for Health for the time period when the contracts were awarded, as indicated in the Report of the Auditor- General of South Africa on a performance audit of the use of consultants at selected departments of the Western Cape Provincial Government (January 2014). Member Uys showed contempt of the House when he failed to answer questions before the Public Accounts Committee of the 4<sup>th</sup> Parliament during one of its meetings during 2014.

### **6.1 The Committee RECOMMENDED that:**

- 6.1.1 The Department of Transport and Public Works furnish it with a report which indicates when the tenders expired, as indicated on slides 4 and 5 of its

presentation on the Report of the Auditor- General of South Africa on a performance audit of the use of consultants at selected departments of the Western Cape Provincial Government (January 2014) .

- 6.1.2 The Department of Transport and Public Works furnish it with a report which indicates the projects that each consultant undertook, as indicated on slides 4 and 5 of its presentation on the Report of the Auditor- General of South Africa on a performance audit of the use of consultants at selected departments of the Western Cape Provincial Government (January 2014).
- 6.1.3 The Department of Health provides it with a report which indicates the names of the nursing agencies that were contracted, as well as the services that were rendered by these nursing agencies, as per its presentation to the Committee on the Report of the Auditor- General of South Africa on a performance audit of the use of consultants at selected departments of the Western Cape Provincial Government (January 2014).

## **7. Consideration and adoption of the Draft Committee minutes of 14 June and 21 June 2017**

The Chairperson submitted the Draft Committee Minutes of the meetings that were held on 14 June and 21 June 2017, which were considered and adopted.

## **8. Consideration and adoption of the Draft Committee programme as at 26 June 2017**

The Chairperson submitted the Draft Committee programme as at 26 June 2017, which was considered and adopted as an ongoing concern.

Having concluded its business for the day, the meeting adjourned at 19h10.

  
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MREFO CHRISTIANS, MPP

**CHAIRPERSON: PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE**

**Date:**