



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

**PETITIONS COMMITTEE**

*Friday, 15 May 2015 (at 08h30), Committee Room 1*

**PRESENT**

**Members:**

**Democratic Alliance**

Kivedo, B (Chairperson)  
MacKenzie, RD  
Hinana, NE  
Joseph, D

**African National Congress**

Gillion, MN  
Davids, SW

**The following persons were in attendance:**

**Western Cape Provincial Parliament (WCPP):**

Ms R Begg, Deputy Secretary: Procedural Services  
Mr C Ferndale, Manager: Public Education and Outreach

**1. Briefing by the Manager: Public Education and Outreach Unit from the Western Cape Provincial Parliament (WCPP) on the following:**

- i) A status update on all petitions submitted during the 2014/2015 financial year to the Public Education and Outreach Unit of Western Cape Provincial Parliament (WCPP); and
- ii) Clarity regarding the Petition under review from Citrusdal.

Mr C Ferndale briefed the Committee on the status of petitions submitted during the financial year 2014/2015 and provided further clarity regarding the Petition under review from Citrusdal.

The Committee deliberated on the presentation.

The committee raised the following concerns:

- a) That the Petitions Committee is not meeting on regular basis.
- b) That the Public Education and Outreach Unit's budget and staffing capacity is not sufficient to assist with Petitions awareness in the Province.
- c) That the Petitions Unit no longer exists and this affects WCPP's Petitions process.

The Committee RESOLVED that:-

- a) The Petitions Committee meets at least once a month.
- b) A media/education campaign be initiated to make citizens aware of the Petitions Committee and the Petitions process.
- c) The Public Education and Outreach Unit refer the petition of Kurland Bitou to the Standing Committee on Community Safety and the Standing Committee on Premier for their consideration.
- d) The Committee engage with the Cederberg Municipality, Department of Home Affairs, members of the community and the Citrusdal Community Police Forum during the sight visit to Citrusdal on the Petition received.
- e) A Legal adviser to accompany the Committee to the oversight visit to Citrusdal.
- f) A legal opinion on the Citrusdal Petition be provided before the Committee departs to the oversight visit to Citrusdal.
- g) The committee co-ordinator communicates with the Petitioner on the status of their Petition.
- h) The Petitions Committee conducts a media/education campaign in the five Districts of the Province, starting with West Coast District where the Petition of Ms E van Rooi was received. During the media/education campaign and oversight visit the petitioner and the public of Citrusdal be updated on the status of their petition.
- i) The Chairperson, Ms Gillion and Mr Hinana meet with the Speaker to discuss the disbandment of the Petitions Unit which led to the lack of staffing capacity and budget to assist the Public Education and Outreach Unit with Petitions.

The meeting adjourned at 10h30.



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**MR B KIVEDO, MPP**  
**CHAIRPERSON: PETITIONS COMMITTEE**