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Annual Committee Report of the Standing Committee on Premier for the 2016/2017 financial year, dated 6 June 2017, as follows:

Members

The Committee comprised of the following members:

Dugmore, CM (ANC)
MacKenzie, RD (DA) (Chairperson of the Committee until 15 December 2016)
Kivedo, BD (DA)
Mitchell, DG (DA) (Chairperson of the Committee since 15 December 2016)
Magaxa, KE (ANC) (member since 13 February 2017)
Fransman, ML (ANC) (resigned as a member on 15 September 2016)
Max, LH (DA) (member since 15 December 2016)

Alternate Members

Botha, LJ (DA)
Gopie, D (ANC)
Pretorius, PJC (DA)
Wenger, MM (DA)

1. Introduction

The mandate of the Committee is to:

- 1.1 Maintain oversight over the Executive member and the Department concerning the way in which they perform their responsibilities, including the implementation of legislation, and to hold them accountable.
- 1.2 Consider and report on legislation, other matters and the annual reports referred to it by the Speaker.

In fulfillment of its mandate the Committee must:

- 1.2.1 Facilitated public participation and involvement in the legislative and other processes of the Committee.
- 1.2.2 Conduct its business in a fair, open and transparent manner.
- 1.2.3 Promote cooperative governance.
- 1.2.4 Report regularly to the House.

2. Reporting Department

2.1 Department of the Premier

3. Overview of Committee's activities

Number of Committee Meetings	7 (excludes public hearing meetings)
Number of Public Hearings	3 (includes Bills considered)
Number of International Study Tours	0
Number of Oversight Visits	1
Number of Provincial Bills considered	2
Number of NCOP Bills considered	0
Workshops/conferences attended	0

4. Oversight activities

During the 2016/2017 financial year, the Committee resolved to invite the respective lead minister and head of department to the brief the Committee on the five game changers of the Western Cape Government namely the:

- After-school game changer;
- Alcohol Harms Reduction;
- Broadband Game Changer Strategy;
- E-learning game changer; and the
- Energy Security and Vocational Skills.

The Committee envisages overseeing the implementation of these game changers as an ongoing oversight function.

In August 2017, the National Department of Justice and Constitutional Development provided a briefing on the National Action Plan to combat Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerances.

The Committee resolved to track the Department of the Premier's draft policies as outlined in the Budget Estimates of Provincial Revenue and Expenditure, 2016. The Committee was then briefed on the Human Rights Strategy for the year under review.

The Committee undertook one oversight visit to the Provincial Training Institute to conduct a preliminary assessment of the institution. The Committee engaged with the institution to determine its activities, the effectiveness and challenges of the training institute.

The Committee also considered the Annual Report of the Department of the Premier for the 2015/2016 financial year and the Department briefed the Committee on the Schedule to the *Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill* [B 52016].

5. Legislation

In the 2016/2017 financial year, the Committee dealt with the following legislation:

5.1 Provincial Bills

5.1.1 Vote 1: Premier in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill* [B 5-2016]

5.1.2 Vote 1: Premier in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 1-2017].

5.2 NCOP Bills (Section 76)

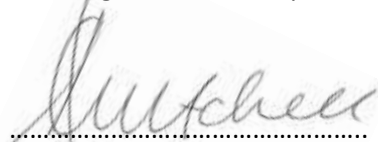
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6. Facilitation of Public Involvement and Participation

In line with its mandate to facilitate public participation as part of the legislative process, the Committee held three public hearings. To give effect to this, the Committee advertised the Annual Report briefing sessions, the *Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill* [B 5-2016] and the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 1-2017], informing and inviting stakeholders to participate in public hearings.

7. Financial particulars

The Standing Committee was allocated a budget of R110 714.00 and received an adjusted budget in November 2016 of R51 014.00. At the close of the 2016/17 financial year, expenditure attributed to the activities of the Standing Committee on Premier accumulated to an amount of R44 506.00 resulting in an under expenditure of R6508.00.



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CHAIRPERSON, STANDING COMMITTEE ON PREMIER

DATE: 6 JUNE 2017