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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Tuesday, 16 July 2019, (at 09:00) Committee Room 2

PRESENT

Members:

Democratic Alliance

Bosman, G (Chairperson)

Philander, WF

African National Congress

BakuBaku-Vos, NG

Apology

Mackenzie, RD (DA)

Makamba-Botya, N, (EFF)

Alternate Member

Baartman, DM (DA)

Additional Members

Bans, AP (ANC)

Windvogel, R (ANC)

Guests in attendance

Department of Social Development

(See attendance register)

1. Opening and welcome

The Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed everyone present.

He outline the purpose of the meeting which was to familiarise the Committee with the programmes of the Department and to formally meet the department as the new Committee of the 6th Parliament. The meeting also aimed to assist the committee in formulating its programme for the current financial year which ends on 31 March 2020.

The Minister and HOD gave a brief overview on the Annual Performance Plan of the Department for the period 2019/2020 financial year.

The Minister indicated that the Department of Social Development provides social welfare services to the poor and vulnerable in partnership with stakeholders and civil society organisations. A community development service by providing sustainable developmental programmes which facilities empowerment of communities. The Department of Social Development is a complex Department with five service delivery programmes. The National Treasury issued the guidelines on budget programmes, this introduces uniform programme budget structure.

2. Briefing by the Department of Social Development on the Department's Annual Performance Plan for 2019/2020

Ms. Johnson proceeded to brief the Committee on the Department's Annual Performance Plan for 2019/2020. The five main programme of the Department has sub-programmes.

- 2.1 Programme 1: administration, captures the strategic management and support services at all levels of the Department. The focus of programme 1: administration in 2019/2020 is to implement the organisational structure of the Department and redesign process to enhance service delivery. Build the capacity of staff through targeted training interventions at both individual staff and the whole of the Department's needs, and improve management practice with the Department to maintain its clean audit. The Department has received a clean audit for the past 5 years and its strategic plan target in 2019/2020 financial year is to receive unqualified audit opinion without matters of emphasis and no material findings on financial matters and the usefulness and reliability of the reported performance information. Programme 1 budget allocation in 2019/2020 is a total of R232 067 a 4.7% increase.
- 2.2 Programme 2: Social Welfare Services provides integrated developmental social welfare services to the poor and vulnerable in partnership with stakeholders and civil society organisation. The sub-programmes of programme 2 focuses on providing quality services to older persons, services to persons with disabilities and focuses on social relief. The Department reported that the registration of residential care facilities for the frail older persons and the registration of service centres for older persons are ongoing, to maintain quality and to ensure that the facilities meet the norms and standards as prescribed in the Older Persons Act and its regulations.

Furthermore, the Department reported that a Policy Education for persons with disabilities and the White Paper on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Disability Mainstreaming Strategy is underway.

- 2.3 Programme 3: Children and families. The programme provides comprehensive child and family care and support services to communities in partnership with stakeholders and civil society organisations. This programme focuses on care and services to families, it aims to integrate and target interventions focusing on building resilient families. The child care and protection sub-programme facilitate the provision of a continuum of services that promote the well-being of children and build resilience of families and communities to care for and protect their children. The children and families sub-programme, facilitate a nurturing caring and safe environment for

children to survive, be physically, healthy, mentally alert, emotionally secure, social competent and be able to learn.

The Child and Youth Care Centres facilitate the provision of alternative care and support programme for children found to be in need of care and protection. Whereas, the Community base care service for children focuses more on the integrated Isibindi programme into community-based prevention and early intervention services in Cape Winelands, Metro East, Metro North and Metro South. It also integrate with Drop-in Centres, Diversion Programmes and the Eye on the Child programme. In this way, existing child care and protection measures are strengthened, and the Isibindi Programme is exposed. Programme 3 total budget is R753 835 in the current financial year, an increase of 8%.

- 2.4 Programme 4: Restorative Services, provide integrated developmental social crime prevention and anti-substance abuse services to the most vulnerable in partnership with stakeholders and civil society organisations. The sub-programmes of this programme are crime prevention and support that aims to reduce recidivism through an effective probation service to all vulnerable children and adults by March 2020. Victim Empowerment caters for all victims of violence with a special emphasis on women and children have access to a continuum of services. Substance abuse, prevention and rehabilitation that aims to improve the match between the demand for substance abuse services for individuals, families, and communities. The total budget allocation for Programme 4 in the current financial year is R415 238 an increase of 7%.
- 2.5 Programme 5: Development and Research that provide sustainable development programmes which facilitate the empowerment of communities, based on empirical research and demographic information. The sub-programmes of programme 5 are community mobilisation, institutional capacity building, and support for Non-Profit Organisations (NPOs), Poverty Alleviation and Sustainable Livelihoods, Community-Based Research and Planning, Youth Development, Women Development and Population Policy Promotion. The programme also provides capacity development and support services to the identified funded NPOs and indigenous civil society organisations.

The programme increased focus on the strengthening and expansion of Youth Cafes in the province. Currently, there are 11 established Youth Cafes and two are to be established and opened in the current financial year. The population policy promotion sub-programme is promotion population policy developed in collaboration with all government planners in the province in all three spheres of government. This will assist in developing and identifying community profiles and high risks profiles to be more effective in coordination services. The focus will be on socio-economic conditions in high crime areas including Nyanga, Khayelitsha, Kraaifontein, Delft and Mfuleni. The allocated budget for this programme is R60 612 an increase of 23% in the 2019/2020 financial year, this will also fund the EPW programme, Youth Cafes and Youth at work programme.

In terms of Legislations on the pipeline, the Department reported that the third amendment to the Children's Act, amendment of the Older Persons Act and the Social Services Professions Act are in process, these are national legislations. The Western Cape Laws Repeal Bill is also underway.

The Committee deliberated on the presentation.

3. Resolution

The Committee resolved to invite the Department on 30 July 2019 to attend and brief the Committee on its strategy to combat child murders in the province. The Committee also resolved that various NGOs be invited to attend and give input during the meeting.

4. Information requested by the Committee

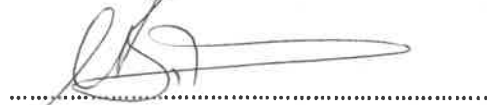
The Committee requested that the Department by Friday, 30 August 2019, provides the Committee with the following documents:

- 4.1 A detailed list and the geographic areas of the 10 identified risk schools identified for the substance abuse treatment in the province.
- 4.2 Details on the planned Youth Café and information on the possible earmarked areas.

5. Consideration and adoption of the following draft Committee documents:

- 5.1 The Chairperson tabled the Minutes of 4 June 2019 which were considered and adopted.
- 5.2 The Chairperson tabled the Draft Committee Programme for consideration during the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30.



MR G BOSMAN, MPP
CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
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