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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

### STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES AND TOURISM

Wednesday, 9 October 2019 (09:00), Chamber, 6th floor, Cape Town

#### ATTENDANCE

##### Members:

##### **Democratic Alliance**

Bartman, D (Chairperson)  
Mitchell, D  
Van der Westhuizen, A

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

Nkondlo, N

##### **Economic Freedom Fighters**

Makamba-Botya, N

##### **Apology**

Maynier, D (Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities)

##### Officials and Members of the Public

##### **Eskom**

Mr J Oberholzer, Chief Operating Officer  
Mr A Lester, General Manager: Western Cape

##### **Department of Economic Development and Tourism**

Ms J Johnston, Deputy Director-General  
Ms H Davies, Chief Director: Green Economy  
Dr H Fast, Deputy Director-General: Energy Security Game Changer

Mr A Trikam, Director: Energy  
Ms C Wicht, Deputy Director: Energy Security Game Changer

### **Members of the Public**

Ms B Mogale, PMG Monitor  
Mr L Tshunungwa, DA Researcher  
Mr M Nienaber, Netwerk24

### **Western Cape Provincial Parliament**

Ms Z Adams, Procedural Officer

#### **1. Welcome**

The Chairperson welcomed the Members and informed the Committee that apologies were received from Minister Maynier and Mr S Fourie, Head of the Department of Economic Development and Tourism.

#### **2. Briefing by the Eskom on the National System Status and Provincial Network Plan for Energy in the Western Cape**

Mr Lester briefed the Committee on matters pertaining to the Province, and Mr Oberholzer briefed the Committee on national matters.

The Committee deliberated on the information presented.

The Committee also acknowledged the open manner in which Eskom executives approached the question and answer session, and noted its appreciation for the presentation.

#### **3. Resolutions/Actions**

##### **3.1 The Committee REQUESTED that Eskom provide the following information by 18 November 2019:**

- 3.1.1 A detailed report on the cost of generating one unit for each source of electrical energy, and the distribution and transmission costs;
- 3.1.2 A detailed report on money lost to corruption and non-payments from clients/customers;
- 3.1.3 A list of municipalities in the country that are receiving money from customers for electricity, but are not paying Eskom;
- 3.1.4 Eskom's master plan for the metro region and other areas in the Western Cape in terms of maintenance;
- 3.1.5 A report on the benchmark exercise conducted by Eskom for plant technical performance;
- 3.1.6 A breakdown of Eskom's projects in the Western Cape and a breakdown of Independent Power Producers (IPPs);
- 3.1.7 A list of areas in the Western Cape that are not electrifiable;

- 3.1.8 A report on the savings and economic benefits that would occur by converting to the use of gas instead of diesel at Ankerlig and Gourikwa;
- 3.1.9 A report on the progress made in terms of sourcing gas for Ankerlig and Gourikwa, as well as the progress made on the construction of a pipeline to transport gas;
- 3.1.10 A report on the amount of money forecast to be spent on diesel for the next five years, per year; and
- 3.1.11 A report on why there have not been any connections in the Karoo, what the process is for electrification, and whether any municipalities in the Karoo have requested electrification.

**3.2 The Committee also REQUESTED the following:**

- 3.2.1 That Eskom provide the Committee with its business case to the Eskom Exco once it is completed, if possible, as well as the presentation that was made to the Exco previously addressing Eskom's management capability; and
- 3.2.2 That the Department of Economic Development and Tourism provide the Committee with any research and information that they may have on shale gas.

**3.3 The Committee further RESOLVED to undertake the following:**

- 3.3.1 To issue another invitation to the National Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy to brief the Committee on Section 34 determinations for municipalities;
- 3.3.2 To request that the National Department of Energy brief the Committee on IPPs at a date to be determined by the Committee; and
- 3.3.3 To invite the provincial Department of Economic Development, Mossel Bay Municipality, Total South Africa, PetroSA and the National Department of Energy to brief the Committee on the Brulpadda Project, at a date to be determined by the Committee.

**4. Consideration and adoption of Draft Committee Meeting Minutes**

The Committee considered and adopted the draft Committee Meeting Minutes of 2 October 2019.

The meeting adjourned at 12:12.



ADV D BAARTMAN, MPP

**CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES AND TOURISM**

DATE: 12 November 2019

