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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

*Wednesday, 11 March 2015 (at 14:00) in the Chamber*

**PRESENT:**

**Democratic Alliance**

Hinana, N  
Maseko, LM (Chairperson)  
Schäfer, BA

**African National Congress**

Magaxa, K

**Economic Freedom Fighters**

Paulsen, MN

**Additional Member**

Dijana, T (ANC)

**The following officials were present:**

(See attached list of departmental officials and members of the public who were in attendance.)

**1. Welcome and Introduction**

The Chairperson welcomed all who were present.

**2. Consideration of Vote: 8, Human Settlements, in the Schedule to *the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B2 - 2015]***

The Committee proceeded to the deliberation on Vote: 8, Human Settlements.

The Minister gave a brief overview on Vote: 8, Human Settlements.

The Committee concluded its deliberations on Vote 8.

The Chairperson submitted a draft Report, which was considered.

### **3. Inputs received from members of the public**

- 3.1 Mr M Mbiko, of the Nyanga Development Forum, addressed the Committee on the allocation of housing for backyard dwellers. He enquired whether the Department's current projected budget provides funding for the construction of houses for backyard dwellers.
- 3.2 Mr A Cakwebe, a Community Leader in the Landsdown, Thabo Mbeki informal settlements, Landsdown to addressed the Committee on the status of the living conditions in the area. He informed the Committee that the informal settlements experienced flooding every winter and that the areas are prone to fires in summer. He requested that the Department avail a serviced site where the informal settlements may be relocated to.
- 3.3 Ms N Paulsen, of the Griqua Royal House, addressed the Committee on the discrepancies in terms of the RDP housing allocations for backyard dwellers. She informed the Committee that there were young un-married people who fall within the 30-40 age category, who have been allocated houses in the Delft South and the Lyden area. She indicated that many married backyard dwellers, aged 40 years and older, have been on the waiting list for a longer period than the aforementioned but have not been assigned a house.
- 3.4 Ms R Cloete, of the Griqua Royal House, addressed the Committee on the fitting of asbestos roof sheets to houses in the Uitsig and Lyden area. She indicated that the area is plagued by Tuberculosis and that the newly fitted asbestos roofs would be viewed as a contaminant that contributes to the growing number of infected people.
- 3.5 Mr P Dichabe, the Chairperson of Intshukumo - Back Yard Dwellers PHP Initiative, addressed the Committee on the Intshukumo Yabahlali and Intshukumo – BYD PHP Initiative. He informed the Committee that two thousand backyard dwellers registered under the Intshukumo Back Yard Dwellers – PHP Initiative, to discuss alternative means of acquiring serviced sites, RDP houses and GAP houses with the three spheres of government, in an attempt to find a solution to their housing needs.

### **4. Findings/concerns**

The Committee raised the following concerns:

- 4.1 That the integrated housing development be fast tracked and prioritised.
- 4.2 The Department has to put innovative measures in place to decrease the current backlog on the housing database.

### **5. Papers, Reports and Information requested by the Committee**

The Committee RESOLVED to request that the Department provide the Committee with:

- 5.1 The Best Practice Contract Document (NEC 3 contract), which is currently utilised by the Department when employing contractors for the construction of Departmental housing projects together with the Infrastructure Development Management system (IDMS) that regulates contracts.
- 5.2 The Informal Settlements Database Response Plans report provided to Municipalities, that lists the names of the informal settlements, its geographical location and the growth categories.

**6. Resolutions /Actions**

The Committee RESOLVED:

- 6.1 To invite the Department to brief the Committee on the 81 hectares of available vacant land in the Western Cape, which has been earmarked for Human Settlements.

**7. Consideration of Committee Documents**

**7.1 Consideration of draft Committee Oversight Report on Nyanga, Mpetha Square dated 10 February 2015**

The chairperson submitted the draft Committee Oversight Report which was considered and adopted.

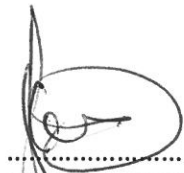
**7.2 Consideration and adoption of draft Committee Minutes dated 10 February 2015**

The Chairperson submitted the draft Committee Minutes which was considered and adopted.

**7.3 Consideration and adoption of draft Committee Minutes dated 3 March 2015**

The Chairperson submitted the draft Minutes which was considered and adopted.

The Committee adjourned at 16:43.



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**MS LM MASEKO (MPP)**

**CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS**

DATE: 13/03/2015