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Annual Report of the Standing Committee on Human Settlements for the 2016/2017 financial year, dated 20 June 2017, as follows:

Members

The Committee comprises of the following members:

Hinana, N (DA)
Joseph, BD (EFF)
Lentit, RB (DA)
Magaxa, KE (ANC)
Maseko, LM (Chairperson) (DA)

Alternate Members

Dijana, T (ANC)
Lentit, R (DA)
Max, L (DA)
Mnqasela, M (DA)

1. Introduction

The mandate of the Committee is to-

- 1.1 maintain oversight over the Executive member and the Department and its Entity, of the way in which they perform their responsibilities including the implementation of legislation and to hold them accountable to the Western Cape Provincial Parliament; and
- 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 -

- 1.3 facilitated public participation and involvement in the legislative and other processes of the Committee;
- 1.4 conducted its business in a fair, open and transparent manner;
- 1.5 promoted co-operative governance; and
- 1.6 reported regularly to the House.

2. Reporting Department(s) and Entities

- 2.1 The Western Cape Rental Housing Tribunal
- 2.2 The Western Cape Housing Development Fund

3. Overview of Committees Activities

No of Committee Meetings	13
No of Public Hearings	03
No of Oversight Visits	02
No of Provincial Bills considered	02

4. Oversight activities

The 2016/2017 financial year commenced with a briefing by the Department of Human Settlements on the Wolwedans Housing Project in Grootbrakrivier, Mosselbay. Stemming from the meeting the Committee requested that the Department provide it with its implementation plan for remedial work on the housing project as well as its final assessment report on the Wolwedans Housing Project. In addition hereto the Committee requested that the Department in conjunction with the Municipality, provide alternate accommodation for the families residing on erf 4015 and erf 4090 due to the hazardous condition of the structures. The NHBRC was requested to provide the Committee with progress reports on the rehabilitation of the Wolwedans Housing Project.

The Committee conducted an oversight visit to Langeberg Municipality to observe the status and progress on the Nkqubela, Bonnievale and McGregor Housing Projects. The Langeberg Municipality embarked on a programme to upgrade the living conditions of the people living in informal settlements in Nkqubela, Robertson. The Municipality identified three projects for development, namely Muiskraalkop, Erf 136 and Nkqubela (Kenana).

The also conducted an oversight visit took place to the Langa Hostels Transformation Programme and the De Waal Drive Rental Units. The City of Cape Town embarked on a project to provide housing opportunities to people residing in Siyahlala, New Flats and Special Quarters. The City indicated that R300 million was projected for the completion of the three phases of the Langa Hostels Transformation Programme. The Project will accommodate beneficiaries in the City of Cape Town's Langa Database who reside in the broader Langa Community.

Provision was made for R7.8 million under the Maintenance Plan for the upgrading of the Department's rental properties. To date R2 163 589.38 was spent on the upgrades at the De Waal Drive Flats. The De Waal Drive Community Residential Upgrades Project initially consisted of three phases, which was later escalated to four.

As part of the Committee's mandate and oversight function a meeting on the Department's Annual Report took place as per Standing Rule 105 (1) of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament. The Committee engaged the Department and the Western Cape Rental Housing Tribunal on its Annual Reports submitted in terms of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act 1 of 1999). Stemming from the meeting the Committee resolved to invite the Department of Human Settlements to brief it on the Department's Informal Settlement Support Plan and on the Department's Prioritisation Tool.

The Department briefed the Committee on Vote 8 in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill* [B 5–2016] and the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 1–2017], referred to the Committee in terms of Standing Rule 187. The Committee considered the Bills and members were able to ask questions and request documents and papers from the Department pertaining to matters which stemmed from the discussions on the Bills. Further

The Committee deliberated on the nominees recommended by the Department for appointment to the Western Cape Rental Housing Tribunal. According to the Rental Housing Act (Act 50 of 1999) (hereinafter "the Act") Minister Madikizela must consult with the Standing Committee on Human Settlements prior to the appointment of nominees to the Tribunal. The Committee, after its deliberations on the nominees, provided a detailed report to the House and the Ministry on its recommendations.

5. Legislation

In the 2016/17 Financial Year, the Committee dealt with the following items of legislation:

5.1 Provincial Bills

- 5.1 *Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill* [B 5 – 2016], Vote: 8
- 5.2 *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 1 – 2017], Vote 8

6. Facilitation of Public Involvement and Participation

As part of the Committee's mandate to facilitate public participation as part of the legislative process, the Committee held two public hearings. To this extent the Committee advertised extensively on the Annual Report and on Bills such as the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 1–2017] and the *Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill* [B 5–2016], informing and inviting interested stakeholders to participate in public hearings.

7. Financial particulars

The Standing Committee was allocated an amount of R110 714.00. At the close of the 2016/17 Financial Year, expenditure attributed to the activities of the Standing Committee on Human Settlements amounted to a total of R48 131.00.


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MS LTM MASEKO (MPP)

CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

DATE:

28/06/2017