

# PARLIAMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF THE WESTERN CAPE

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS, TABLINGS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

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WEDNESDAY, 20 MARCH 2019

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1. Report of the Standing Committee on the Premier and Constitutional Matters on Vote 1: Premier, in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 1-2019], dated 14 March 2019, as follows:**

The Standing Committee on the Premier and Constitutional Matters, having deliberated on the subject of Vote 1: Premier in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 1-2019], referred to the Committee in accordance with Standing Rule 187, reports that it supports the Vote.

In terms of Standing Rule 86, the African National Congress expressed its minority view to not support the Vote.

#### **1. Key findings**

- 1.1 The Department of the Premier (the Department) reported that the main budget for the 2019/20 is R 1 571 114 000; the aggregate budget allocation indicates a baseline increase of 5% from the 2018/19 financial year. It was reported that despite the increase in the overall budget, the Department made provision for the increase in conditions of service of 8.3%, resulting in the “Goods and Services” budget of the Department being under pressure due to this increase.
- 1.2 The key budget risks going forward are the forecast of the impact of higher inflation on the wage agreement and the Rand/Dollar exchange rate on licencing and capital expenditure in the Centre for e-Innovation.
- 1.3 The Branch: Strategic Programmes, is leading the development and institutionalisation of the Province-Wide Data Governance programme in the Western Cape Government. This is a Data Competency Centre consisting of Data and IT champions that have been established to drive the value of data governance across departments. A Provincial Data Office has been established to ensure that

the delivery of the Province-Wide Data Governance programme is done in collaboration with all provincial departments.

- 1.4 A total of 1 875 broadband sites have been connected to the network speed of 10 megabytes per second. The Department has moved to Phase two of the Provincial Broadband programme by increasing the sites to 100 megabytes per second to carry multiple users that can connect simultaneously. 50% of these sites will be upgraded by June 2019.
- 1.5 Audits are being conducted at all schools to identify the weaknesses in the broadband networks.
- 1.6 The Branch: Centre of e-Innovation, is in the process of creating broadband connectivity that will benefit the public. The roll-out of Wi-Fi connectivity of 3 GB data per public user per month, will be accessible free of charge at 1 600 public Wi-Fi hotspots over the next three years. These Wi-Fi hotspots include schools. Signage of these Wi-Fi points (open area locations) will be erected informing the public of this service. The Wi-Fi signal would be up to a 100m range from the point of installation
- 1.7 The Premier's Advancement of Youth (PAY) project applications are sent to all departments within the Western Cape Government for a selection process. All successful applicants commence duty at the beginning of each financial year.
- 1.8 The Branch: People Management, is developing a People Management Maturity model that is aimed at ensuring objective measurable levels of people management maturity in the provincial government. As part of this development, a pilot is being run to test the model before the institutionalisation thereof. The Branch has identified trends that are taking place in the world within organisations, government, leadership and employees. In response to the challenges and opportunities, presented by the fast and disruptive change inside and outside the workplace, the Branch has embarked on a process of developing a Future Fit Guide that will address these specific initiatives identified and guide the Branch in transforming the Branch and its people professionals to become future-fit, in this way enabling and making people management of the Western Cape Government future-fit.
- 1.9 Funding for the item "Compensation of employees" under Programme 1: Office of the Director-General, was reduced due to the contract term of the Delivery Support Unit ending.
- 1.10 The R295 230 million that has been allocated for the Broadband project comprises of payments for SITA services, including services rendered by Liquid Telecom (formerly known as Neotel). This project commenced on 1 October 2014 and will run until September 2024.

## **2. Information requested**

The Committee REQUESTED that the Department of the Premier provides the Committee with the following information by 12 April 2019:

- 2.1 The names of the current service providers and the educational programme software that were procured for the YearBeyond project during the 2018/19 financial year;
- 2.2 A detailed report, outlining from the inception of the Premier's Advancement of Youth (PAY) project; stating how many interns have been employed within the Western Cape Government, how many have left to study further and the lessons learnt from this project. The report should include the geographical areas of the

- applicants, total number of applicants, how many were shortlisted and the criteria used for the selection of these applicants for the 2018/19 financial year;
- 2.3 A summary on the key findings relating to the research done on Citizen Media Behaviour;
  - 2.4 A detailed expenditure breakdown of the costs incurred for the “Better Together” magazine; and
  - 2.5 A detailed breakdown of the expenditure to date, for the Broadband project.

**2. Report of the Parliamentary Oversight Committee on Vote 2: Western Cape Provincial Parliament (WCPP), in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 1–2019], dated 15 March 2019, as follows:**

The Parliamentary Oversight Committee having deliberated on the subject of Vote 2: Western Cape Provincial Parliament, in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 1–2019], referred to the Committee in terms of Standing Rule 187, reports that it supports the Vote.

**Minority View:**

In terms of Standing Rule 86, the African National Congress expressed its minority view not to support the Vote.

**1. Findings**

- 1.1. There is a budget allocation of R2.125 million for establishing the 6<sup>th</sup> Parliament following the 2019 National Elections. This amount will be spent on items such as office furniture, laptops for Members of Provincial Parliament and the initial State of the Province Address.
- 1.2. The WCPP reported that the acquisition of laptops is at the procurement phase and will be procured before the commencement of the 6<sup>th</sup> Parliament. However, the Committee noted that WCPP’s survey to be sent to Members about tools of trade and general parliamentary facilities, will be too late to influence the purchase of laptops given that the specifications have already been decided.
- 1.3. Functional Enhancement (FE) will be implemented on 1 April 2019, as appointees for the new positions will take effect on this date. There will be no back dating of salaries of current employees who have been appointed in the new positions, as their respective revised duties also take effect on the date as the commencement of the FE implementation.
- 1.4. The WCPP reported an expected underspend for the 2018/19 financial year, and that funds will be rolled over into the 2019/20 financial year. The roll over from the 2017/18 financial year has also been allocated to the 2019/20 financial year budget. This funding is for the additional posts, and the regrading of identified posts affected by FE.
- 1.5. The WCPP, despite a commitment to have it completed by January 2019, has not conducted a baseline study of public participation. The 2018/19 financial year allocation for this study was R400 000.
- 1.6. The WCPP has a study assistance policy to assist staff members with certain approved courses, the percentage of which is based on the level of the academic courses undertaken.

- 1.7. The WCPP will receive R750 000 in transfer funds.
- 1.8. The Committee noted with concern the errors reflected in the Vote 2 annexures. This will be corrected in an errata which is to be tabled and submitted to the Committee.
- 1.9. The Committee questioned the exact nature of the funding split for Political Parties support allowances, more specifically between Constituency allowances and the allowances for political party secretarial support.
- 1.10. The Committee sought clarity on the reasons for Language Services being moved to a different directorate. The main reason for the shift of this unit from the procedural strand is because it is seen as servicing the whole institution.
- 1.11. The Committee noted concerns about the WCPP's current methodology for catering services. The Committee identified several risks and product quality concerns involved with the current haphazard catering service arrangements. The current system means that there are different service providers procured for Parliamentary Programme activities thus increasing the need for security vetting and quality control.

## **2. Requests for information.**

The Committee requested that the WCPP provide it with:

- 2.1 A list of the number of public hearings held and number of attendees at these hearings during the 2018/19 financial year.
- 2.2 A financial breakdown of the R750 000 for transfers received for the 2019/20 financial year.
- 2.3 A copy of the Governance Framework.
- 2.4 Any submission errata identified during the discussion such as the discrepancy between the 2019/20 amounts allocated to the Committee Support sub-programme.
- 2.5 Clarification on the ownership and access authorisation for the Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) cameras installed at the Legislature Building.
- 2.6 A spreadsheet detailing the figures pertaining to Programme 4: Members Support, specifically the allocation for Political Parties Support. The breakdown should reflect the percentage allocations for constituency allowances vis-à-vis allowances for secretarial support.
- 2.7 A breakdown reflecting the WCPP's 118 funded personnel posts that have been signed off, the number of posts filled for the 2019/20 financial year, including the number of posts allocated beyond the expected 118 personnel establishment.
- 2.8 A list of the grade levels of the bursary beneficiaries, as well as the areas of study. The list should not indicate the names of the personnel.

## **3. Recommendation**

- 3.1 The Committee recommended that the WCPP review its current catering mechanisms to mitigate the security and quality control risks. A hospitality manager should be identified to ensure that WCPP's image is not impaired by poor services rendered.

**3. Report of the Standing Committee on Finance on Vote: 3, Provincial Treasury, in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 1–2019], dated 7 March 2019, as follows:**

The Standing Committee on Finance, having deliberated on the subject of Vote: 3, Provincial Treasury, in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 1–2019], referred to the Committee in accordance with Standing Rule 187, reports that it supports the Vote.

In accordance with Standing Rule 86, the African National Congress expressed a minority view that it does not support the Vote.

Provincial Treasury briefed the Committee on the budget Vote indicating that the Vote increased by R53.022 million from R304. 331 million in 2018/19 (revised estimate) to R357. 353 million 2019/20. This equates to an increase of 17.4 percent.

They indicated that R30 million (R10 million per year over the next three years) have been allocated to develop and implement the financial good governance grant at municipalities to reward/incentivise local government institutions for increased governance performance.

**4. The Standing Committee on Community Safety, having deliberated on Vote 4: Community Safety in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B1-2019], dated 14 March 2019, reports as follows:**

The Standing Committee on Community Safety, having deliberated on the subject of Vote 4: Community Safety in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B1-2019] referred to the Committee in terms of Standing Rule 187, reports that it supports the Vote.

In terms of Standing Rule 86 the African National Congress expressed its minority view to not support the Vote.

**1. The Committee listed salient points and requested information as indicated below:**

- 1.1 The Department of Community Safety allocated 40% of its Youth Safety and Religion Programme (YSRP) budget for rural areas and 60% for those areas in the metropole.
- 1.2 The diverse options that the YSRP enables means that youth are exposed to skills such as robotics, art, as well as activities such as outdoor camping.
- 1.3 The Department of Community Safety reported that the Chrysalis Academy has received its official Sector Education and Training Authority (SETA) accreditation.
- 1.4 There are Chrysalis Academy graduates who have been allocated to assist Community Police Forums (CPFs) in the province.
- 1.5 The Department of Community Safety has an allocation of R5 million for capacitating Police Reservists in the province. The Department reported that it is waiting on a response from the National Police Minister so that the funds can be accessed by the South African Police Service for the purpose of Police Reservist structures.

- 1.6 The volunteer nature of the Neighbourhood Watch system means that membership numbers regularly fluctuate.

## **2. Request for information**

The Committee requested that the Minister of Community Safety, Mr A Winde, submits a report on the correspondence with the Minister of Police on matters related to the R5million Police Reservists allocation and a list detailing the Community Police Forums to which Chrysalis Academy graduates have been allocated.

## **5. Report of the Standing Committee on Education on Vote 5: Education in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 1–2019], dated 08 March 2019, as follows:**

The Standing Committee on Education, having deliberated on the subject of Vote 5: Education in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 1–2019], referred to the Committee in accordance with Standing Rule 187, reports that it supports the Vote.

In terms of Standing Rule 86, the African National Congress expressed its minority view to not support the Vote.

The report discusses committee findings, resolutions and requested information as indicated below:

### **1. Findings**

- 1.1. The Western Cape Education Department (hereafter the WCED) reported that the expenditure on education in the province has grown on average by 7,10% per annum in nominal terms since 2014/15. The WCED received the second largest portion of the provincial budget.
- 1.2. The WCED reported that the number of full-time candidates who wrote the 2018 National Senior Certificate (hereafter the NSC) examinations increased from 48 867 in 2017 to 50 754 in 2018. In 2018 the WCED achieved a pass rate of 81,5% compared with the pass rate of 82,8% of 2017. Although the pass rate decreased by 1,3% from 2017 to 2018, the number of candidates passing the NSC increased from 40 440 in 2017 to 41 350 in 2018. Furthermore, the number of candidates achieving access to bachelor's degree studies increased from 19 101 (39,1%) in 2017 to 21 492 (42,3%) in 2018.
- 1.3. The WCED informed the Committee that there would be three more collaboration schools added to the project during the 2019/20 financial year.
- 1.4. The WCED indicated that 554 additional teacher posts had been added.
- 1.5. The WCED's capital expenditure has decreased from 6,36% in 2015/16 to 4,48% of the estimated expenditure for 2019/20. This mainly includes provision for infrastructure projects, as well as for computers and educational equipment. The reason for the decrease is due to the reduction in the funding provided for the accelerated capital infrastructure delivery programme in the Education Infrastructure Grant. The budget was cut by R250 million from R298 million, which has left the WCED with R48 million for Education Infrastructure Grant.
- 1.6. The WCED reported that it will deliver four new schools and nine replacement schools in the Western Cape.

- 1.7. The number of learners enrolled at public schools continued to increase with migration into the province, an improved learner retention rate and the throughput of a learner bulge in primary schools entering the high-school phase. This has put strain on the provision of classrooms, Learning and Teaching Support Material (LTSM), equipment, teaching staff and general support. From 2013 to 2018 an average of 25 616 learners migrated to the province annually, both from other provinces and other countries.
- 1.8. The WCED indicated that it has continuously placed great emphasis on ensuring that it retains as many learners in schools. The Western Cape retained 63% of learners in the system from Grade 10 to Grade 12.
- 1.9. The WCED has allocated R36 million towards the Safer Schools Programme.
- 1.10. The WCED further reported that it received a clean audit for the 2018/19 financial year, this being the fourth consecutive year.

## **2. Information requested**

The Committee REQUESTED the WCED to provide the following information by 29 March 2019:

- 2.1. The implementation plan, cost, and time frames pertaining to the Draft Regulations of the Western Cape Provincial School Amendment Act, 2018 (Act 4 of 2018). It should include the Norms and Standards and the Rules and Guidelines of the said Act.
- 2.2. A list of the number of new and replacement schools, including the names and geographic locations of those schools that will be ready at the beginning of 2020/21 financial year.
- 2.3. A report on the engagement with the school leadership, WCED and other stakeholders with regard to building extra classrooms in order to cope with the increasing demand at the Milnerton High School.
- 2.4. A report on the Growth Mindset Initiative which was piloted at 20 no-fee and low-fee paying schools in the province. The pilot was a partnership between the World Bank Group, the Department of the Premier and the University of California Davis. One project of the Growth Mindset Initiative was completed and the WCED is planning to scale up the initiative in 2019.
- 2.5. A breakdown of the donor funding provided to those collaboration schools and what it amounts to. This is not reflected as a provincial receipt in the Estimates of Provincial Revenue and Expenditure Budget for 2019.

## **3. Resolution**

The Committee RESOLVED that a briefing on the Draft Regulations of the Western Cape Provincial School Amendment Act, 2018 (Act 4 of 2018), be included in the committee programme for the 2019/20 financial year.

**6. Report of the Standing Committee on Community Development on Vote 6: Health in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 1–2019], dated 7 March 2019, as follows:**

The Standing Committee on Community Development, having deliberated on the subject of Vote 6: Health in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 1–2019], referred to the Committee in accordance with Standing Rule 187, reports that it supports the Vote.

**Minority view**

In accordance with Standing Rule 86 the African National Congress expressed its minority view not to support the Vote.

The report discusses committee findings, resolutions and requested information as indicated below.

**1. Findings**

- 1.1. The Department of Health (hereafter the Department) reported that its allocation for the 2019/20 financial year is R24 757 443 000, one of the largest in the provincial budget.
- 1.2. The Department informed the Committee that it is experiencing severe service pressure. The effects of a depressed fiscal climate and a high burden of non-communicable diseases continue to be felt throughout the service platform.
- 1.3. The Department is primarily responsible for providing health services to approximately 6 million people (the population of the province), of whom 75,3 per cent are estimated to be uninsured.
- 1.4. An increase in the population, coupled with the slow economic growth and quadruple burden of disease, has resulted in the continued huge demand for health services in the Western Cape.
- 1.5. The Department continues to provide a quality, comprehensive and cost-effective package of health services to the people of the province.
- 1.6. The enactment of the Western Cape Health Facility Boards and Committees Act, 2016 (Act 4 of 2016), has increased the community representation at all levels of statutory bodies, such as the appointment of health committees, facility boards, and provincial and district health councils.
- 1.7. The Department reported that the national Department of Health has promised to fund the Western Cape Health Department for the 204 additional medical internship positions and 125 other critical positions in the current financial year. However, confirmation has not yet been received that this will be fully funded.
- 1.8. The Department will continue to pilot the Community-Oriented Primary Care (COPC) to a number of sites. There are four COPC learning sites in the metropolitan area and 16 learning sites in the rural areas.
- 1.9. The water-shortage crisis is critical and continues to hamper service-delivery efforts. A response plan was developed and has been implemented.
- 1.10. The Department informed the Committee that improving the quality of governance, both internally and externally, through the Management and Efficiency Project (MEAP) will continue during the 2019/2020 financial year.
- 1.11. The Department remains focused on achieving the provisions of the Healthcare 2030 vision, which includes universal health coverage.

- 1.12. The Department reported that it will be developing a collaborative initiative with the Eastern Cape and KwaZulu-Natal provinces to develop learning sites to test health-system strengthening strategies and potential models to give effect to the strategic intent of universal health coverage.
- 1.13. The Department's total receipts increase by R1,637 billion from R23,120 billion in 2018/19 to the revised estimate of R24,757 billion in the 2019/20 financial year.
- 1.14. The total departmental own receipts decrease by R101,387 million in 2019/20 from the 2018/19 revised estimate, and remains the same throughout the MTEF period. The decrease in 2019/20 is primary due to the exit of the Global Fund.
- 1.15. To Programme 1 is allocated 3,41 per cent of the Vote in 2019/20 in comparison to the 3,45 per cent allocated in the revised estimate of the 2018/19 budget.
- 1.16. To Programme 3: Emergency Medical Services is allocated 4,70 per cent of the Vote in the 2019/20 financial year, in comparison with the 4,82 per cent allocated in the revised estimate of the 2018/19 budget. This amounts to a nominal increase of R47 081 million or 4,22 per cent.
- 1.17. During the financial year under review, the Western Cape College of Nursing will no longer be transferred from the Department of Health to the Department of Higher Education, therefore, the agency agreement between the Western Cape Department of Health and the Cape Peninsula University of Technology (CPUT) is no longer in effect. This will have a significant impact on the budget.
- 1.18. To Programme 8 is allocated 4,6 per cent of the budget in 2019 in comparison with the 3,99 per cent that was allocated in the revised estimate of the 2018/19 budget. This translates into an increase of R232,412 million due to an increase in maintenance and capital budgets.
- 1.19. During the 2019/20 financial year, the Department is planning to have nine central hospital infrastructure projects in planning and three in design and tender. Four projects will be in construction and handover during this period, with three main projects that consist of BMS Upgrade at the Groote Schuur Hospital, 11 kV Generator Panel Upgrades and 11 kV Main Substation Upgrade at the Tygerberg Hospital.
- 1.20. The Department received an earmarked priority allocation of R150 million for capital and maintenance to the existing Tygerberg Hospital in the 2019/20 budget.
- 1.21. The Committee acknowledged that great strides have been made by the Department in improving efficiencies within the administrative structures, functions and processes across the various levels and offices of the Department in the province.
- 1.22. The Committee raised a concern about the lack of progress in the integration of the City of Cape Town's health facilities into the structure of the provincial Department of Health.
- 1.23. A lack of community engagement by the Department on progress made with plans for replacing the GF Jooste Hospital was also raised as a concern.

## **2. Resolutions**

The Committee RESOLVED that a briefing on the comprehensive planning of the GF Jooste Hospital be included in the committee programme for the 2019/20 financial year. This briefing is to take place before the Standing Committee of the sixth parliament, for the new term of parliament.

## **3. Recommendations**

The Committee RECOMMENDED the following for the attention of the Department:

- 3.1. The Department should prioritise rural patients when they visit hospitals in the metropolitan area, especially those that are dependent on the patient transport.
- 3.2. The Department should take responsibility for the safety of students at nursing colleges in the province.
- 3.3. The Department should consider alternative pickup sites in communities for chronic medication. This will reduce long queues at various health facilities. Furthermore, the Department should identify a new pickup point in Parow as a replacement for the old-age home that terminated a contract with the Department as a pickup point of chronic medication in Parow.
- 3.4. The Department should consider ways of supporting small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and forming a partnership with them for the distribution of chronic medication. The example was set in light of Sizwe Nzima from Iyeza Health in Khayelitsha who started a distribution.

#### **4. Information requested**

The Committee REQUESTED that the Department provides the following information:

- 4.1 A detailed EMS budget breakdown allocation for the 2019/20 financial year. The information should be submitted to the Committee by Friday 22 March 2019.
- 4.2 The Department should follow up with the ward councillors of the Nyanga and Elsie's River communities about the street cameras that are not working in their respective wards. A progress report on this matter be submitted to the Committee.

#### **7. Report of the Standing Committee on Community Development on Vote 7: Social Development in the schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 1–2019], dated 8 March 2019, as follows:**

The Standing Committee on Community Development, having deliberated on the subject of Vote 7: Social Development in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B1–2019] referred to the Committee in accordance with Standing Rule 187, reports that it supports the vote.

#### **Minority view**

In accordance with Standing Rule 86 the African National Congress expressed its minority view not to support the Vote.

The report discusses committee findings, resolutions, recommendations and requested information, as indicated below.

#### **1. Findings**

- 1.1. The Department of Social Development (hereafter the Department) reported that the total allocation to the Department during the 2019/20 financial year is R2 464 379 000 billion allocations in the provincial budget.
- 1.2. The Department is operating within an increasing austere and constrained budget environment while facing increasing levels of poverty and social pathologies.
- 1.3. The Department will continue to implement service delivery related to statutory requirements, especially the provision of support and opportunities for children and youth.

- 1.4. A focused prevention and early intervention strategy on child protection will be developed and implemented during the financial year under review.
- 1.5. The Department is planning to increase the number of child protection social workers and their associated administration staff in NPOs and the local child protection forums will be institutionalised.
- 1.6. The Department is planning to continue to prioritise performance monitoring of data from over 2000 contracted NPOs, 45 local service delivery offices and a range of department-run residential facilities for children and adults, to improve services.
- 1.7. The Department reported that it is a process of drafting and coordinating the implementation plan of action to reduce child murders in the province.
- 1.8. During the financial year under review, the Department is planning to develop and extend the Isibindi programme by adding two sites to a total of ten. This programme will be linked with the Eye on the Child programme and enabled the identification and provision of immediate assistance and referral of children at risk across a wider catchment area.
- 1.9. In the 2019/20 financial year, the Department is planning to implement a pilot project of the Sanitary Dignity Project. The project aims to assist young girls and young women from Grade 4 to Grade 12 who attend schools in quantiles 1 to 3 where the need for services is high.
- 1.10. The Department reported that the ECD conditional grant funds will be used for upgrades for additional facilities, and additional children will be added to the proximately 7 274 subsidised during the 2018/19 financial year. The ECD and after-school care unit costs will increase.
- 1.11. Family strengthening will continue to be the focus of the families-at-risk project through essential services will be provided to families at greater risk.
- 1.12. During the financial year under review, the Department is planning to embark on a drive to register and monitor private residential services managed by both funded and unfunded NPOs to ensure that services to older persons are rendered in accordance with the norms and standards prescribed in the Older Persons Act, No. 13 of 2006.
- 1.13. In 2019/20 financial year, the Department will continue with its redress interventions through its leadership of the PSG 3 project, the purpose of which is mainstreaming opportunities, support and promoting the rights, well-being and socio-economic empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, their families and caregivers.
- 1.14. The Department is planning to continue to implement the 2010 judgment by making provision for caregivers. The Judgment was handed down on 11 November 2010 and directed the government to provide reasonable measures for the educational needs of severely and profoundly disabled children.
- 1.15. During the new financial year, there will be a significant increase in the roll-out of Youth Cafés across the province, from eleven in the 2018/19 financial year to fourteen over the Medium-Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) period, with particular emphasis on underserved rural communities.
- 1.16. In addition, a key priority of the Department over the MTEF period is to ensure that all its youth-focused programmes are aligned with the long-term outcomes of the Provincial Youth Development Strategy and that there is a strategic focus on young people who are Not in Employment, Education or Training (NEETs).
- 1.17. The Ministerial Cape Youth at Work Programme will be implemented throughout the province during 2019/20. This programme will provide much-needed exit strategies for young people who have participated in the Ministerial Youth Outreach and the Youth Café Programmes.

- 1.18. The Department will continue to build partnerships and improve stakeholder's relations in the fight against gender-based violence.
- 1.19. During the financial year under review, the Victim Empowerment Programme (VEP) will implement a pilot programme rendering aftercare services to victims who exit shelters.
- 1.20. The Department has registered 61 substance abuse treatment centres funded and private. The Departmental substance abuse community-based treatment programme has grown considerably since its implementation in 2009. The efficacy of the programme is due for evaluation and a provincial evaluation of the substance abuse programme will be implemented in this financial year.
- 1.21. During the 2019/20 financial year, the Department will implement a number of training and development opportunities to address skills gaps within its workforce.
- 1.22. The Departmental ITC policy was reviewed and will be implemented during 2019/20 thereby ensuring that officials can access the ICT equipment and services required for efficient service delivery in an efficient manner.

## **2. Resolution**

The Committee RESOLVED to invite the Department of Social Development to brief the Committee on its implementation plan of combating child murders in the province.

## **3. Recommendation**

The Committee RECOMMENDED that the Department should strengthen the gender-based violence programme in Kraaifontein.

## **4. Information requested**

The Committee REQUESTED the Department to provide it with a detailed breakdown of the budget allocation for the youth development programme in the current financial year. The requested information should be submitted to the Committee by Friday, 22 March 2019.

## **8. Report of the Standing Committee on Human Settlements on Vote: 8, Human Settlements, in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 1–2019], dated 12 March 2019, as follows:**

The Standing Committee on Human Settlements, having deliberated on the subject of Vote: 8, Human Settlements, in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 1–2019], referred to the Committee in accordance with Standing Rule 187, reports that it supports the Vote.

In accordance with Standing Rule 86, the African National Congress expressed a minority view that it does not support the Vote.

**9. Report of the Standing Committee on Environmental Affairs and Development Planning on Vote 9: Environmental Affairs and Development Planning, in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 1–2019], dated 14 March 2019, as follows:**

The Standing Committee on Environmental Affairs and Development Planning, having deliberated on the subject of Vote 9: Environmental Affairs and Development Planning, in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 1–2019], referred to the Committee in accordance with Standing Rule 187, reports that it supports the Vote.

In accordance with Standing Rule 86, the African National Congress expressed its minority view that it has concluded its deliberations on the Vote

**10. Report of the Standing Committee on Transport and Public Works on Vote 10: Transport and Public Works, in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 1–2019], dated 14 March 2019, as follows:**

The Standing Committee on Transport and Public Works, having deliberated on the subject of Vote 10: Transport and Public Works, in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 1–2019], referred to the Committee in accordance with Standing Rule 187, reports that it supports the Vote.

In accordance with Standing Rule 86, the African National Congress expressed its minority view that it does not support the Vote.

**11. Report of the Standing Committee on Economic Opportunities, Tourism and Agriculture on Vote 11: Agriculture, in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 1–2019], dated 15 March 2019, as follows:**

The Standing Committee on Economic Opportunities, Tourism and Agriculture, having deliberated on the subject of Vote 11: Agriculture, in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 1–2019], referred to the Committee in terms of Standing Rule 187, reports that it supports the Vote.

In accordance with Standing Rule 86, the African National Congress expressed its minority view to abstain from the Vote.

**1. Findings/Concerns**

- 1.1 The Western Cape experienced a devastating period of drought in the past year, coupled with the outbreak of Avian Influenza, which almost paralysed the poultry industry. Furthermore, the Comprehensive Agricultural Support Programme (CASP) funding from National Government has been significantly reduced by 52.83%, which means that the Western Cape's Department of Agriculture (the Department) has had to support less emerging farmers;
- 1.2 The Department's conservation agricultural practices meant that many farmers in the Western Cape were able to absorb the impact of the drought. The Department spent R38 million on mitigating the impact of the drought, and received a further R170 million from CASP funding;

- 1.3 Despite the challenges, the Western Cape experienced the lowest rural unemployment rate, and the Department's independent study on the support of land reform projects showed a 72% success rate in the Province;
- 1.4 The protection of the Philippi Horticultural Area (PHA) remains critical for the Western Cape, especially in terms of protecting the food basket for urban areas. The City of Cape Town (the City) has taken on urban farming as a key strategic focus. Furthermore, the City has also released a strategic document called "Our Shared Water Future", which speaks to the protection of the PHA's aquifer for the future of water resilience as well as for the future of farming;
- 1.5 There are areas in the Karoo and along the West Coast where the soil and plants will not recover after the drought. The Department will have to adopt a long term approach in terms of thinking about seed banks so that farmers will be able to re-seed their farms; and
- 1.6 The lack of skills in the agricultural sector remains a concern. There should be more focus on traditional agricultural skills and expediting the process of producing more skills in the sector. The Department should focus on bringing youth into the agricultural sector by focusing on technology and innovation in the sector; however, this is a challenge as mathematics is often required for careers in the agricultural and agri processing sector, but it is not always offered at school level. The Department has initiated drone training and certification aimed at attracting youth to the sector.

## **2. Requests for Information**

The Committee REQUESTED from the Department of Agriculture the following information:

- 2.1 A report on the number and types of agri processing businesses and projects assisted by the Department to date;
- 2.2 The report on indigent households under government support in the Western Cape, as discussed by the Department in the meeting;
- 2.3 The Memorandum of Agreement between the Department and its Entity, Casidra;
- 2.4 The report on agri processing as discussed by the Department in the meeting;
- 2.5 The Department's independent study on the support of land reform projects in the Western Cape; and
- 2.6 The strategic document released by the City of Cape Town called "Our Shared Water Future".

## **12. Report of the Standing Committee on Economic Opportunities, Tourism and Agriculture on Vote 12: Economic Development and Tourism, in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 1–2019], dated 15 March 2019, as follows:**

The Standing Committee on Economic Opportunities, Tourism and Agriculture, having deliberated on the subject of Vote 12: Economic Development and Tourism, in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 1–2019], referred to the Committee in terms of Standing Rule 187, reports that it supports the Vote.

In accordance with Standing Rule 86, the African National Congress expressed its minority view to abstain from the Vote.

## 1. Findings/Concerns

- 1.1 One of the biggest challenges for the Department of Economic Development and Tourism (the Department) over the past year was the impact of the drought on the tourism sector. The decline in tourism numbers in the Western Cape, as a result of the drought, has negatively impacted the sector in terms of job growth, and this in turn has continued to impact on the Province;
- 1.2 The Department is championing a demand-led economy going forward in terms of up-skilling; however, the challenge is creating demand for employment. A period of low economic growth, policy uncertainty, the Eskom crisis and drought, has resulted in businesses not employing more people. The Department's challenge has been to look at how to stimulate the business environment so that businesses will employ more youth;
- 1.3 There are far too many youth that are unemployed. The Department is focused on bringing youth in line with the types of employment needed in the new economy going forward. Overall, there are 600 000 unemployed persons in the Province, which is a concern; however, the Department is focused on stimulating the demand for goods and services that are produced in the Province, especially in the manufacturing sector, in order to stimulate job growth in the next five years;
- 1.4 A large portion of the Department's work has been to find ways to unblock unnecessary red tape that stifles opportunities for economic growth. Red tape has hampered Small Medium and Micro Enterprises (SMMEs) from thriving in this economy and growing in to big businesses;
- 1.5 Not all businesses in the "township" or informal economy want to be formalised. It is a very costly exercise to become a formalised business because of costs associated with registration fees, employing an accountant, proper book keeping for tax purposes etc. The Department is in the process of conducting a study as part of its new Five-Year Strategic Plan that will focus on assisting micro-traders with challenges that they need assistance with;
- 1.6 The Halaal market is a massive global market and it is not the easiest environment to navigate, as there are different vetting agencies for Halaal certification in South Africa and different rules to abide by when exporting to different countries. There is a concern that non-Halaal businesses will be excluded from the sector with the promotion of Halaal certification; and
- 1.7 There are fewer jobs required on the operational side of renewable energy; however, many jobs can be created on the manufacturing side. Currently, the country is not capturing all the manufacturing jobs that it could be. For example, at the moment, South Africa imports all its solar panels from China. This could change if all the solar panels were manufactured in South Africa instead. Currently, the manufacturing industry for renewable energy in South Africa is not being utilised optimally.

## 2. Resolutions

None

**13. Report of the Standing Committee on Cultural Affairs and Sport on Vote 13: Cultural Affairs and Sport in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B1-2019], dated 15 March 2019, as follows:**

The Standing Committee on Cultural Affairs and Sport, having deliberated on the subject of Vote 13: Cultural Affairs and Sport in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B1-2019] referred to the Committee in terms of Standing Rule 187, reports that it supports the Vote.

In term of Standing Rule 86 the African National Congress expressed its minority view to not support the Vote.

**1. Salient points of the Vote 13 discussion**

- 1.1 The Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport has grown partnerships with companies, organisations and individuals who are keen to assist with social development through sports, arts, cultural and language matters.
- 1.2 The Department has internal mechanisms to monitor and evaluate the Afterschool programme, however there are external audits of the programme that are considered.
- 1.3 The Department reported that despite a R10 million allocation for B3 Municipality library funding, the budget allocation for libraries in the City of Cape Town for libraries in B2 and metropole areas far exceed that of the Department's allocation.
- 1.4 Sports Academies in the Province focus on skills development for talented athletes who have been identified to compete on at least provincial and national level across the various sports codes.
- 1.5 Following the cessation of the General Budget Support funding, Provincial Treasury allocated R40 million to the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport.
- 1.6 The Department does not have a formal appeals committee to deal with appeals lodged, specifically regarding labour related matters.
- 1.7 The Department allocated funding to upgrade the security profile of its museums.
- 1.8 Following the fire devastation in Wupperthal, the Department regularly monitors and does oversight of the repair work in this heritage town. The Department continuously liaises with and advises other Western Cape Government departments prior to any repair and/or conservation work is conducted in Wupperthal.
- 1.9 The Department reported that due to decisions at national level, funding for club development has decreased.
- 1.10 The Department reported that it established an Accredited List of Catering Services. This establishment has been identified as a best practice module by Provincial Treasury.

**2. Information requested**

The Committee requested that the Department provides the Committee with the following:

- 2.1 A list of all the errata identified during the Vote 13 discussion.
- 2.2 A copy of the Bid Documents submitted for the 2023 Netball World Cup.
- 2.3 A copy of the organisational structure template of the Sports Academies in the Province.

- 2.4 A list of the locations where Expanded Public Works Programme workers were placed during the 2018/19 financial year.
- 2.5 A copy of the National Portfolio Committee on Sport and Recreation report of the oversight visit to George and Swellendam from 13 to 14 September 2018.
- 2.6 A copy of the correspondence from the National Department of Sport and Recreation to the Department explaining the reasons for the directive to decrease club development funding.
- 2.7 The 2017/18 Annual Performance Report for the Western Cape Provincial Sports Confederation, as well as its last audited financial statement.
- 2.8 A copy of a guide/policy on the funding application for federations.
- 2.9 The Department's marketing strategy to encourage new writers/authors to have their publications submitted into provincial libraries.

**14. Report of the Standing Committee on Local Government on Vote 14: Local Government, in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 1–2019], dated 15 March 2019, as follows:**

The Standing Committee on Local Government, having deliberated on the subject of Vote 14: Local Government, in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 1–2019], referred to the Committee in accordance with Standing Rule 187, reports that it supports the Vote.