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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES AND TOURISM

Friday, 6 August 2021 (14:00)
Virtual Meeting via MS Teams

ATTENDANCE

Members:

Democratic Alliance

Baartman, D (Chairperson)
Maseko, M
Van der Westhuizen, A

Absent

Nkondlo, N (ANC)
Makamba-Botya, N (EFF)

The following persons were in attendance:

Western Cape Provincial Parliament:

Ms Z Adams, Procedural Officer
Ms L Cloete, Senior Procedural Officer
Ms M Motsapi, Committee Assistant

1. Welcome and attendance

The Chairperson welcomed the Members, and noted that she had not received any apologies.

The Chairperson noted the Rules of Engagement for virtual meetings and proceeded with the agenda items below.

2. Deliberations on the Way Forward for the Temporary Employer/Employee Relief Scheme Public Participation Process

The Chairperson indicated that the Committee had not received any requests for oral submissions, and therefore the Committee had to decide on the way forward for the public participation process.

The Chairperson informed Members that the Unemployment Insurance Fund had been invited to update the Committee on 11 August 2021, on the claims that were submitted during the public participation period.

Members requested that the Procedural Officer provide the Committee with a summary of the issues raised in the submissions as well as a breakdown of which districts the comments were submitted from.

The Chairperson indicated that the Committee could proceed with the discussion on the way forward for the public participation process once the briefing on 11 August 2021 was completed.

3. Consideration and Adoption of the Draft Committee Report on the Oversight Visit to Transnet's Port of Cape Town.

The Committee considered and adopted the draft Committee Report on the Oversight Visit to Transnet's Port of Cape Town.

4. Other Committee Matters

The Chairperson informed the Committee that the matter of the nomination of candidates to fill the vacancy on the Western Cape Gambling and Racing Board had been referred to the Committee and that the dates for this matter would be added to the Parliamentary Programme and communicated to Members thereafter.

The Chairperson informed the Committee that there was an NCOP Visit Week taking place from 17 to 20 August 2021, which she was invited to join along with two other Chairpersons. Since this was an in-person meeting, in order to be COVID-compliant, only three Chairpersons were invited.

The Chairperson indicated the Committee's programme would include briefings from Provincial Treasury on procurement matters, and the oversight visit to PetroSA in Mossel Bay as well as briefings on Independent Power Producers. Additionally, the Committee will request a briefing from the various mobile payment systems, particularly in rural areas, and the assistance to small businesses. This briefing would be coupled with the briefing on the Cape Town Tourism Recovery plan.

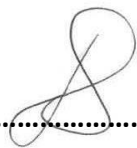
For the upcoming Cluster Visit Week, the focus will be on infrastructure. The Committee's projects would be the Corridor Booster Project as well as the Work and Skills Programme project, Floraland, both in Bredasdorp.

5. Resolutions/Actions

5.1 The Committee RESOLVED the following:

- 5.1.1 To request that the World Bank brief the Committee on its “Container Port Performance Index, 2020” report, released in May 2021, the indicators used for the rankings in the report, the reasons for the indicators and rankings assigned in the report to the Cape Town Container Port Terminal, and the recommendations for the Cape Town Container Port Terminal and Multi Purpose Terminal, in order to improve its rankings;
 - 5.1.2 To request that Transnet and the Department of Public Enterprises brief the Committee on the recent cyber security attacks on the ports, the nature and reason for the cyber-attack, the impact it had on the Cape Town Port Terminals, what is being done to address the delays that affected the container terminals in the Western Cape, and the steps to ensure that cyber-attacks do not reoccur;
 - 5.1.3 To request that Transnet Freight Rail brief the Committee on the possibility of using the Belcon Station to transport the containers to the Cape Town Container Terminal via train, to eradicate a possible backlog;
 - 5.1.4 To request that the Department of Economic Development and Tourism and Wesgro brief the Committee on Delta Airlines, who are unable to fly to Cape Town, as well as on film permits in the Western Cape, and attracting the film industry to the Western Cape. Additionally, Wesgro, the Department of Economic Development and Tourism and other relevant departments would be requested to brief the Committee on Remote Working Visas, electronic visas and the issuing of visas; and
 - 5.1.5 To hold a visit week this year for tourism and small business projects and another visit week next year (early 2022) that would focus on skills programmes.
- 5.2 The Committee NOTED that the Port of Cape Town was a very important asset for the Western Cape; however, the maintenance and management of the Port left much to be desired. The amount of derelict and depreciated equipment at the Port, which should have been written off and removed, was concerning. The Committee would like to see the Port of Cape Town used as a passenger terminal, as it was in the past. The Committee REQUESTED a feasibility report on whether the Cape Town Multi-Purpose Terminal could be used for passenger lines in the future, and if so, what would be required for this to happen.

The meeting adjourned at 14h50.



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ADV. D BAARTMAN, MPP

CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES AND TOURISM

DATE: 8 September 2021