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Western Cape Provincial Parliament
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

**Department of Social Development
Department of Transport and Public Works**

**Friday, 4 June 2021
(09h00)
MS Teams (Virtual)**

ATTENDANCE

African National Congress

Mvimbi, LL (Chairperson)

Democratic Alliance

Baartman, DM

Maseko, LM

Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF)

Xego, M (EFF)

Alternate members

Bosman, G (DA)

Wenger, MM (DA)

Apology

America, D

1. Welcome and attendance

The Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed all the members present. Apologies were noted from Member D America, including the Minister of Social Development, Ms S Fernandez.

2. Briefing by the Department of Social Development on:

- 2.1. the mechanism which is in place to monitor and manage the contingent liabilities recorded for the 2019/20 financial year, and**
- 2.2. the societal impact of the disbursement of the food parcels and value for money that was achieved from the distribution.**

Messers Smith and Hewu briefed the Committee on the aforementioned subject matters.

Member Bosman queried why the agenda item 2.2 (the societal impact of the disbursement of the food parcels and value for money that was achieved from the distribution) was on the agenda of the Public Accounts Committee. Member Bosman opinionated that the agenda item should have been placed on the agenda of the Standing Committee on Social Development. More importantly, Member Bosman queried the rules governing and powers of the Public Accounts Committee in conducting oversight over the departments and entities of the Provincial Department of the Western Cape. Member Bosman further proposed that the Committee invite the South African Social Security Agency (SASSA) to brief the Committee on the societal impact of the disbursement of the food parcels and value for money that was achieved from the distribution.

The Chairperson replied to Member Bosman by stating that the agenda item emanated when the Public Accounts Committee engaged the Department of Social Development on Section E (Financial Information) of its Annual Report for the 2019/20 financial year. The Chairperson requested the Procedural Officer to provide procedural advice on the queries of Member Bosman. Procedural Advice were provided in terms of Standing Rules 101 and 102 of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament.

Member Baartman indicated that she agreed with the sentiments of Member Bosman and requested that the Committee revisit its oversight function.

Member Bosman requested that the Committee write to the Speaker of the WCPP to provide guidance and a detailed interpretation of Standing Rules 101 and 102 which governs the PAC.

In addition, Member Bosman also requested that the Committee invite the South African Social Security Agency to brief it on the societal impact of the disbursement of the food parcels, including value for money that was achieved from the distribution in the Western Cape. The Chairperson acceded to the request, subject to Member Bosman writing to him (the Chairperson) to provide the motivation for such a meeting.

The Committee deliberated on the content of the briefings of the Department of Social Development.

3. Briefings by the Department of Transport and Public Works on the mechanism which is in place to monitor and manage the contingent liabilities recorded for the financial year under review, including the nature of the claims against it

Mr Rahim briefed the Committee on the aforementioned subject matters.

The Committee deliberated on the content of the briefings.

4. Consideration and adoption of the following Committee documents:

4.1. Draft minutes of 25 March 2021.

4.2. Annual Activities Report for the 2020/21 financial year.

4.3. 4th Quarterly Report for the 2020/21 financial year.

The Chairperson tabled the aforementioned documentation for the Committee's consideration and adoption. The Committee resolved to consider and adopt the documentation at another meeting of the Committee as there was not quorum to adopt the documentation and because the Procedural Officer identified an amendment to be made to the documentation.

5. Matters arising

The Chairperson indicated that the Association of Public Accounts Committees (APAC) invited all the legislatures to join it in a virtual Council of Delegates meeting on 24 to 25 June 2021. The Chairperson indicated that the WCPP delegation will only attend those sessions which are deemed important for the delegation. However, the Committee will still continue with its PAC meeting on 25 June 2021.

The Committee was also requested to provide inputs on briefings requested by APAC by the WCPP delegation by Monday, 7 June 2021.

The Committee agreed with the Chairperson.

6. Resolutions/ actions

The Committee resolved on the following matters:

6.1. That the Committee request a Report from the South African Social Security Agency (SASSA) on the societal impact of the disbursement of the food parcels and value for money that was achieved from the distribution in the Western Cape.

6.2. That the WCPP provide training to the PAC focussing on training on the oversight powers of the Committee, which includes governance, internal audit and accountability matters (the training should include a presentation from the Legal Unit of WCPP on the oversight responsibilities of the PAC. The office of the Speaker should also provide introductory remarks on the oversight responsibilities of the PAC at the beginning of the arranged training session.

Having concluded its business for the day, the Committee adjourned at 12h20.



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MR L MVIMBI, MPP

CHAIRPERSON: PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE



WESTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

Public Attendance Register

Friday, 4 June 2021, at 09h00

Virtual Meeting via MS Teams

Title	Initial	Surname	Designation/ Position	Department/ Institution	Contact Details
Mr	D	Mitchell	Minister	Transport and Public Works	
Dr	R	Macdonald	Head of Department	Social Development	
Ms	J	Gooch	Head of Department	Transport and Public Works	
Ms	A	Van Reenen	Director	Social Development	
Mr	J	Smith	Chief Financial Officer	Social Development	
Mr	D	Holley	Director: Finance	Social Development	
Mr	D	Arendse	Deputy Director: Finance	Social Development	
Mr	M	Hewu	Chief Director: Community and Partnership Development	Social Development	
Mr	L	Arnolds	Director	Social Development	
Mr	C	Sauls	Manager: Community Development	Social Development	
Mr	N	Petersen	Internal Control	Social Development	
Ms	N	Allen	Legal Advisor	Department of the Premier	
Adv	C	Smith	Deputy Director General: Finance	Transport and Public Works	
Mr	B	Rahim	Director: Financial Governance	Transport and Public Works	
Mr	J	Fabricus	Director: Financial Accounting	Transport and Public Works	
Ms	L	Atkins	Assistant Director responsible for Loss Control	Transport and Public Works	
Ms	L	Goosen	Chief Director	Social Development	