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Western Cape Provincial Parliament
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Tuesday, 31 August 2021 (at 09:00), Virtual: MS Teams

PRESENT

Members

Democratic Alliance

America, D (Chairperson)
Van der Westhuizen, AP
Maseko, M

Apology

Makamba-Botya, N (EFF)

Additional

Marais, P (VF Plus)

The following persons were in attendance:

Department of Local Government

Ms E Barnard, Chief Director: Municipal Performance, Monitoring and Support
Dr S Greyling, Director: Municipal Support and Capacity Building
Mr N Rylands, Director: District & Local Performance Monitoring
Mr M Brand, Deputy Director: Municipal Governance, Department of Local
Mr K Makam, Director: Municipal Governance

Office of the Auditor-General

Mr G van der Hoven, Stakeholder Liaison Manager
Ms Z Mvimbeli, Stakeholder Liaison Manager's Office
Mr T Mohlomi, Stakeholder Liaison Manager's Office

Provincial Treasury

Ms J Gantana, Deputy Director-General: Governance and Asset Management
Mr A Hardien, Chief Director: Financial Governance and Accounting

Mr I Smith, Chief Director: Asset Management
Ms M van Niekerk, Director: Financial Governance
Mr F Salie, Director: Local Government Accounting
Mr R Moolman, Director: Local Government Supply Chain Management

South African Local Government Association

Mr L Njamela, Intergovernmental Relations and Strategic Relations

Western Cape Provincial Parliament

Mr J Vermeulen, Senior Procedural Officer
Mr J Coetzee, Procedural Officer
Ms N Mshumpela, Committee Assistant
Ms S Hassam, ICT Support

1. Opening and welcome

The Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed the members and the officials.

2. Briefing by the Department on the Progress and Implementation Plan for 2019/20 MFMA Audit's and the corrective measures at underperforming municipalities

Ms Barnard briefed the Committee on the Progress and Implementation Plan of the Department for 2019/20 MFMA Audit's and the corrective measures at underperforming municipalities.

The Committee deliberated.

3. Resolutions/Actions

3.1 The Committee REQUESTED that:

3.1.1 The Department provides it with a report on the state of municipalities in the Western Cape highlighting the main areas of concern and the plans to assist the underperforming municipalities;

3.1.2 The Department provides the Committee with their written comment on the Legal Opinion regarding the Oversight Function of Provinces with regard to Local Government; and

3.1.3 The Department provides the Committee with a written explanation of what is deemed to be legal for councillors in terms of those functions they are responsible for within a municipality and what functions would be deemed beyond their legal power or authority.

3.2 The Committee expressed its concern at the number of critical positions that are vacant at Kannaland Municipality specifically the Technical Director and RESOLVED to engage the Department of Local Government on the vacancies and suspension of senior officials at municipalities.

4. Acknowledgment

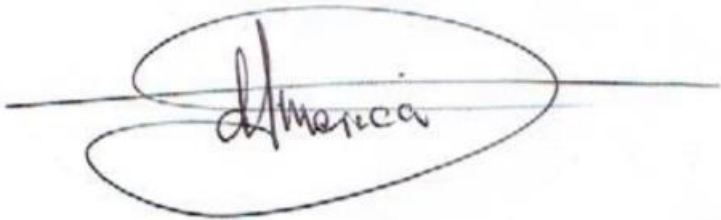
The Committee wishes to acknowledge and thank the officials from the Department of Local Government and Provincial Treasury in the manner and comprehensiveness they responded to questions of the Committee.

The Committee further would like to congratulate the Department on the quality of the 2019/20 Audit Outcomes for the Western Cape in relation to the performance of municipalities nationally.

5. Adoption of Draft Committee Minutes

The Chairperson submitted the Draft Committee Minutes of 17 August 2021, which were considered and adopted.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40.

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MR D AMERICA, MPP

CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT