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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Friday, 12 November 2021 (at 08:00), Virtual meeting via MS Teams

PRESENT

**Members** 

#### **Democratic Alliance**

America, D MacKenzie, R (Chairperson) Van der Westhuizen, AP

#### **African National Congress**

Mvimbi, LM

Apology

Herron, B (GOOD)

## The following persons were in attendance:

## **Department of Transport and Public Works**

Mr D Mitchell, Minister for Transport and Public Works Ms J Gooch, Head of Department Ms A Campbell, Chief Director: General Infrastructure Adv C Smith, Chief Financial Officer Mr C Roos, Head of Ministry Ms D Ribbonaar, Chief Director: Transport Operations Ms G Van Schalkwyk, Chief Director: Policy and Strategy Integration Adv K Reinecke, Deputy Director-General: Transport Management Mr L Fourie, Chief Director: Road Network Management Ms M Nicholas, Director: Management Accounting Mr S Hindley, Head of Component: Immovable Asset Management Mr F Payne, Director: Traffic Law Enforcement Mr A Nell, Director: Construction and Maintenance Mr C October, Director: Road Planning Mr J Prodehl, Chief Engineer: Eden Ms M Hofmeyr, Director: Road Design Mr R Maharaj, Chief Director: Strategic Management and Operational Support Mr R Petersen, Chief Director: Expanded Public Works Programme Mr T Pillay, Chief Director: Public Private Partnership Mr Y Ahmed, Chief Director: Transport Regulation Mr R Wiggill, Director: Fleet Finance Mr A Janse Van Rensburg, Director: Fleet Services Mr J Fabricius, Director: Financial Accounting Ms P van der Merwe, Director: Governance and Demand Management Mr C Marx, Director: Operational Support

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

#### 1. Opening and welcome

The Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed the Members of the Committee, the Minister of Transport and Public Works, the Head of Department, Departmental officials and the public.

# 2. Deliberation on the Annual Reports of the Department of Transport and Public Works and Government Motor Transport (GMT) for the 2020/2021 financial year

The Minister and Head of Department provided a brief overview of the Annual Reports of the Department and GMT, focussing on the highlights and challenges during the 2020/21 financial year.

The Committee proceeded to a discussion on Part A: General Information, Part B: Performance Information and Part D: Human Resource Management of the Annual Reports.

The Committee deliberated.

#### 3. Information requested

The Committee REQUESTED that the Department submit:

- 3.1 For the past three academic years, the number of students that were supported by the Department through the Masakh'iSizwe Bursary Programme and the annual cost of the bursaries per student and collectively;
- 3.2 The number of students that graduated successfully during this period with the financial assistance of the Department and the number of these graduates that were absorbed onto the payroll of the Department and the qualifications of the bursary holders that could not be absorbed onto the payroll of the Department;
- 3.3 A status report on the Founders' Garden/Artscape Precinct;
- 3.4 A status report on the Conradie Better Living Model Exemplar Project; and

- 3.5 A status report on the Provincial Road Maintenance Grant and the interaction and communication with the National Department for more funding to address the deteriorating surface roads.
- 3.6 A report on the losses suffered by GMT, whether inspections are done on a regular basis to prevent these losses, the extent of such losses and what plans are in place to prevent such losses in the future; and
- 3.7 A status report on the role out of Phase 4A in Thembalethu of the Go George bus service.

#### 4. Resolution

The Committee RESOLVED that at a future date:

- 4.1 The Department be invited to present the Employment Equity Strategy of the Department and GMT to the Committee; and
- 4.2 The City of Cape Town be invited to brief the Committee on the status of the My City Bus Service in Mitchells Plain and Khayelitsha.

#### 5. Recommendation

The Committee RECOMMEND that the Department collaborate with the Department of Local Government to explore the possibility of graduates, which received financial assistance from the Department and that could not be employed by the Department be employed at Grade four, five and six municipalities.

#### 6. Acknowledgement

The Committee congratulated the Department and GMT on their ninth consecutive unqualified audit opinion with no findings for the 2020/21 financial year.

The Chairperson thanked the Members of the Committee, the Minister, the Head of Department and all the officials of the Department for their preparation and responses to the questions raised by the Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 11:57.

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#### MR R MACKENZIE, MPP CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS