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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Tuesday, 16 November 2021 (at 14:00), Virtual meeting via MS Teams

PRESENT

Members

Democratic Alliance

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

African National Congress

Smith, D

Economic Freedom Fighters

Makamba-Botya, N

The following persons were in attendance:

Department of Local Government

Mr A Bredell, Minister for Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning
Mr G Pause, Head of Department
Ms N Zamxaka, Chief Director: Integrated Service Delivery
Ms E Barnard, Chief Director: Municipal Performance Monitoring and Support
Mr C Deiner, Chief Director: Disaster Management and Fire Services
Ms B Sewlall-Singh, Chief Financial Officer
Mr A Dlwengu, Director: Policy and Strategic Support
Ms A Jacobs, Deputy Director: Management Accounting

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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 Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning, Head of Department and the Departmental officials.

2. Deliberation on the Annual Report of the Department of Local Government for the 2020/21 financial year

The Minister and Head of Department provided a brief overview of the Annual Report of the Department, focussing on the highlights and challenges during the 2020/21 financial year. The Department received an unqualified audit opinion with no findings for the eighth consecutive 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 Report.

The Committee deliberated.

3. Information requested

The Committee REQUESTED that the Department provide the Committee with:

- 3.1 The reports on the functionality of the Thusong Centres for the year under review;
- 3.2 A status report on the establishment of the Municipal Forensic Unit and its organisational design to conduct investigations in municipalities; and
- 3.3 A status report on the establishment of Municipal Councils and the appointment of senior officials at municipalities.

4. Resolutions

The Committee RESOLVED to, in the future visit identified Thusong Centres to view the services and operations of these centres and their accessibility to the communities.

5. Acknowledgement

The Committee congratulated the Department on their eight 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 12:34.



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CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT**