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Western Cape Provincial Parliament
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT
PLANNING**

Tuesday, 7 December 2021 (at 16:30), Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

PRESENT

Members

Democratic Alliance

Baartman, DM
Maseko, LM
Van Der Westhuizen, AP (Chairperson)

African National Congress

Marran, P
Smith, D (Additional member)

Freedom Front Plus

Marais, PJ

The following persons were in attendance:

Ministry of Agriculture

Dr I Meyer, Minister of Agriculture
Ms M van Jaarsveld, Head of Ministry

Department of Agriculture

Dr M Sebopetsa, Head of Department
Mr D Jacobs, Deputy Director-General - Agricultural Development Support Services
Mr F Huysamer, Chief Financial Officer
Dr H Ngwenya, Chief Director - Agricultural Producer Support and Development
Ms R Wentzel, Chief Director - Operational Support Services
Dr I Trautmann, Chief Director - Research and Technology Development Services
Dr G Msiza, Chief Director - Veterinary Services
Ms H Rodkin, Chief Director - Structured Agricultural Education and Training
Dr D Troskie, Director - Business Planning and Strategy

Ms A Petersen, Director - Sustainable Resource Management

Ms B Matoti, Director - Agricultural Economic Services

Casidra

Mr S Symington, Chief Executive Officer

South African Local Government Association (Western Cape)

Mr L Njamela, Advisor – Intergovernmental Relations and Strategic Relations

WCPP Officials

Ms S Niekerk, Procedural Officer

Ms N Mshumpela, Committee Assistant

Mr S Hassam, Information Technology Assistant

1. Opening and welcome

The Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed the members of the Committee, the Minister, Head of Department and officials.

2. Deliberation on Vote 11: Agriculture in the Schedule to the Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill [B 6–2021]

The Department briefed the Committee on Vote 11 in the Schedule to the Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill [B 6–2021].

The Committee deliberated after which it agreed to support the Vote. The African National Congress did not support the Vote.

3. Consideration and adoption of Draft Committee Report on Vote 11: Agriculture in the Schedule to the Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill [B 6–2021]

Upon conclusion of its deliberations the Chairperson submitted a Draft Report. The African National Congress requested that their minority view be included in the Report after which the Report was considered and adopted.

4. Resolutions/Actions

The Committee RESOLVED that it would express its support for the agricultural sector being declared an essential service during the COVID-19 pandemic and that it would call on the National Government to continue this classification, despite the current new wave of COVID-19 infections.

The Chairperson expressed his appreciation to the members, the Minister of Agriculture, the Head of Department, the Departmental officials as well as the officials from the Western Cape Provincial Parliament for their contribution to the success of the meeting and for the support afforded the Committee during the year.

The meeting adjourned at 17:30.



MR AP VAN DER WESTHUIZEN, MPP
CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND
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Date:22 February 2022.....