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STANDING COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Friday, 4 November 2022 (at 08:00), Chamber, 6th floor, 7 Wale Street, Cape Town

PRESENT

Members

Democratic Alliance

America, D (Chairperson)
Maseko, LM
Murray, C

African National Congress

Dugmore, C
Marran, P (Additional)

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 Paule, 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
MR P Solomons, Acting Chief Financial Officer
Mr A Dlwengu, Director: Policy and Strategic Support
Mr S Carstens, Director: Disaster Risk Reduction
Mr K Makan: Director Municipal Governance
Dr P Sabela, Acting Director: Disaster Operations
Mr N Rylands, Director: District and Local Performance Monitoring
Dr S Greyling, Director: Municipal Support and Capacity Building
Adv G Birch, Director: Specialised Support
Mr M Brand, Director: Municipal Infrastructure
Mr H Magerman: Director: Community Development Worker Programme
Ms A Bellars, Assistant Director

Mr K Adams, Assistant Director
Ms B Molale, Deputy Director
Mr G Cook, Acting Deputy Director
Mr S Joti, Deputy Director
Mr I Meyer, Acting Deputy Director
Mr C Mitchell, Director
Mr R van Vuuren, Deputy Director
Ms A Robinson, Deputy Director
Ms N Mbadlaiyana, Deputy Director
Ms N du Plessis, Deputy Director

Office of the Auditor-General

Ms U Mnqanqeni, Senior Manager
Ms M Kotze, Manager

Department of the Premier

Ms L Barron
Mr W Wilson

Western Cape Provincial Parliament

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 2021/22 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 2021/22 financial year. The Department received an unqualified audit opinion with no findings for the ninth 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 provides the Committee with:

- 3.1 The date of the Thusong week, the services to be rendered, role-players involved and a report per Thusong centre on the transport of communities to the Thusong centres;
- 3.2 A report on how the Department assisted municipalities to identify water resources and whether there was a collaboration with the Department of Agriculture in doing so;
- 3.3 The proposed framework for coalitions at municipalities in the Western Cape;
- 3.4 The legal opinion on the deduction of arear amounts when purchasing prepaid electricity and water;
- 3.5 The following information on the two additional Mayco Members that were appointed at the Matzikama Municipality:
 - 3.5.1 How much was each Mayco Member paid?;
 - 3.5.2 Was the money paid back and who paid it back?;
 - 3.5.3 Was disciplinary steps taken against anybody in this regard?;
 - 3.5.4 A copy of the repayment agreement with the relevant councillors;
- 3.6 The number of councillors trained by the Department from 1 November 2021 to date and the type of training that was provided;
- 3.7 A copy of the Investment Prospectus developed in 2020/21 for the Garden Route District;
- 3.8 A list of all the female staff that terminated their service with the Department during the period under review, reasons for termination and whether an exit interview was conducted;
- 3.9 A report per municipality on the Community Development Workers Operational Support Grant indicating whether the money was spent by the end of June deadline;
- 3.10 A list of the areas where the Department envisaged to do further upgrades of ablution facilities;
- 3.11 A copy of the Human Settlements Emergency Grant policy for victims of fire disasters;
- 3.12 A copy of the advertisement calling for Khoi-San communities to submit applications to be recognised as a Khoi-San community;
- 3.13 Detail of the proposed Central Karoo Economic Summit; and
- 3.14 A copy of the discussion document on the small village development initiative to attract people to the rural areas.

4. Resolutions

The Committee RESOLVED that it would invite the Department to brief it in future on:

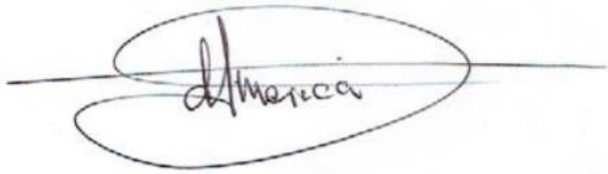
- 4.1 The proposed framework for coalitions at municipalities in the Western Cape;
- 4.2 The research done to design a financial and operational sustainability model for municipalities in the Western Cape; and

4.3 The Joint District and Metro Approach in all the districts in the province including the City of Cape Town.

5. Acknowledgement

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 12:52.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. America', is enclosed within a large, hand-drawn oval. A horizontal line passes through the center of the oval, intersecting the signature.

MR D AMERICA, MPP

CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT