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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

Wednesday, 2 February 2022 (at 08:00) Hybrid Meeting

PRESENT:

Members

Democratic Alliance

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

African National Congress

Lili, A (ANC)
Marran, P (Alternate member)
Smith, D (Additional member)

Apology

Herron, B (GOOD)

The following officials were in attendance:

Ministry Human Settlements

Mr T Simmers, Minister: Human Settlements

Ms V Njalo, Head of Ministry

Mr M Martin, Spokesperson to Minister Simmers

Department of Human Settlements

Ms P Mayisela, Acting Head of Department

Mr F De Wet, Chief Financial Officer

Mr R Smith, Director: Grant and Municipal Performance Management

Mr B Nkosi, Director: Strategic Management Support

Mr B Denton, Director: Project Administration

Mr M Taliwe, Regional Director: Garden Route

Ms P Masiko-Kambala, Director: Policy and Research

Mr R Stewart, Acting Director: Land and Asset Management

Mr N Adriaanse, Director: Communication and Stakeholder Relations

Ms S Adams, Deputy Director: Strategic Support Ms R Tiry, Director: Regional Support, West Coast

Mr P Chandaka, Director: Planning Ms K August, Chief Director: Planning

Mr G Wiseman, Director: Affordable Housing

Mr M Stoffels, Director: Finance

Western Cape Rental Housing Tribunal

Mr L Esterhuizen, Chairperson Mr N Vaveki, Manager

Auditor General South Africa

Mr T Mohlomi, Stakeholder Liaison Officer

Department of the Premier

Mr W Wilson, Deputy Director: Provincial Analytics

Ms P Kleyn, Service Manager: Information and Communications Technology

Parliamentary Monitoring Group

Ms P Mokorotlo, Monitor/Researcher

1. Opening and welcome

The Chairperson welcomed all in attendance and allowed for brief introductions.

Minister Simmers gave a brief overview of the Department's Annual Report, focusing on the highlights and challenges in the 2020/21 financial year.

The Acting Head of Department delivered opening remarks.

2. Deliberation on the 2020/21 Annual Report of the Western Cape Rental Housing Tribunal

The Chairperson of the Western Cape Rental Housing Tribunal, gave a brief overview of the Tribunal's Annual Report.

The Committee proceeded to a section by section analysis of the Tribunal's Annual Report.

The Tribunal was engaged on Part A: General Information, Part B: Human Resource Management, and Part D: Performance.

The Committee deliberated and posed questions to the Western Cape Rental Housing Tribunal.

3. Deliberation on the 2020/21 Annual Report of the Department of Human Settlements

The Committee proceeded to an analysis of the Department's Annual Report.

The Department was engaged on Part A: General Information, Part B: Performance Information and Part D: Human Resource Management.

The Committee deliberated and posed questions to the Department.

The Chairperson allowed Minister Simmers and Ms Mayisela to provide closing remarks.

4. Closing remarks

The Chairperson allowed members and Minister Simmers and the Head of Department to provide a word of thanks, after which she 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.

Honorable member Mr Marran also indicated his condolences on the passing of Councillor Neels Lottering of Ward Two, Woolsley and Mr Claude Schroeder, Director: Community Services in the Cape Winelands.

5. Recommendations/Actions

- 5.1 The Committee having considered the input provided by the Department and REQUESTED that the Department provide it with:
- 5.1.1 A report on the number of hearings attended by the Western Cape Rental Housing Tribunal members and the remuneration they received for the past financial year;
- 5.1.2 A report on the number of houses completed for the past three financial years in comparison to the number of title deeds transferred:
- 5.1.3 A report which provides a reconciliation of beneficiaries who received a housing opportunity in relation to the current occupants who are residing in the property; and
- 5.1.4 A report on the advantages and disadvantages of alternate construction methods. The report should contain the cost associated with the alternate building methods in relation to the cost associated with conventional building methods.
- 5.2 The Committee RESOLVED to conduct a fact finding visit to the:
- 5.2.1 Plettenburg Bay Housing Project and the Transhex Housing Project to view the units that were built utilising alternate building material and to liaise with residents on their experience living in these units; and
- 5.2.2 Western Cape Rental Housing Tribunal and to attend a hearing where at least two cases is heard.

The Committee adjourned at 11:45.

MS LM MASEKO (MPP)

M. Maseko

CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

DATE: 11 March 2022