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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Tuesday, 14 June 2022 (13:00), Virtual Meeting via MS Teams

(Briefing by the Western Cape Education Department (WCED) on the curriculum for the foundation phase, especially Early Childhood Development (ECD))

**PRESENT**

**Members:**

**Democratic Alliance**

Baartman, DM (Chairperson)

**African National Congress**

Sayed, MK

**African Christians Democratic Party**

Christians, FC

**Additional Members**

Brinkhuis, G (Al Jama-Ah)

Kama, M (ANC)

Plato, D (DA)

Maseko, M (DA)

**Apology**

Kaizer-Philander, W (DA)

(See attached list of departmental officials and members of the public who were in attendance.)

**1. Welcome**

The Chairperson welcomed all.

- 2. Briefing by the Western Cape Education Department (WCED) on the curriculum for the foundation phase, especially Early Childhood Development (ECD)**

Ms. R Leukes, Director: Early Childhood Development, WCED, led the presentation.

The Committee deliberated on the presentation

### **3. Information requested**

The Committee REQUESTED that the WCED:

- 3.1. Provides the documents, links, and dashboards on ECD centres. The documents should be hard copies.
- 3.2. Provides a list of ECD centres registered and non-registered centres.

### **4. Resolution**

The Committee RESOLVED that:

- 4.1. Conduct oversight visits to various ECD centres.
- 4.2. Individuals who would like to contact the WCED for the registration of ECDs and curriculum development and funding should contact the following officials: Ruth.Leukes@westerncape.gov.za and Singamoney.Naicker@westerncape.gov.za

### **5. Public input**

Ms. C Daniels, a member of the public and ECD community workers, was allowed to make an oral submission on the presentation of the WCED. She remarked that it was good to hear what the WCED was doing. There had been fears about the migration of the ECD centres from the Department of Social Development to the WCED. Without ECD centres, people would find it difficult to access work. It was encouraging to hear of the interventions to get unregistered sites registered. To start a site, you needed plus minus R80 000. It was not that people in informal settlements did not want to register. The problem was the red tape. The migration to the WCED was welcomed and it was on the right track. Currently, the gap was widening between those who had and those who had nothing. She stated that there were not enough classes for Grade 1 learners, and if Grade R classes were opened, then there would be a need to talk about quality education. Children learned through playing. She wanted to know if there would be 30 or 60 Grade R learners in one class.

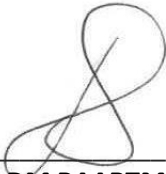
Mr. S Naicker and Ms. Leukers from the WCED duly responded to the issues raised by Ms. Daniels.

### **6. Consideration and adoption of the Draft minutes of the Standing Committee on Education**

- 6.1. The Chairperson tabled the Draft Minutes of 25 January 2022 which were considered and adopted.
- 6.2. The Chairperson tabled the Draft Minutes of 22 February 2022 which were considered and adopted.
- 6.3. The Chairperson tabled the Draft Minutes of 01 March 2022 which were considered and adopted.

Having concluded the business of the day, the Chairperson thanked the Members of the Committee and the WCED officials for their contribution.

The Committee adjourned at 15h30.



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**ADV DM BAARTMAN, MPP**  
**CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**  
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