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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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

Friday 21 October 2022 (at 08:00), Chamber, 6th Floor, 7 Wale Street, Cape Town

PRESENT

Members

Democratic Alliance

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Murray, CA
Van der Westhuizen, AP (Chairperson)

African National Congress

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Apologies

Mr P Marais, Member (Agriculture Portfolio)
Mr G Arendse, Chief Director - Environmental Quality
Mr A Mohamed, Chief Director - Environmental Governance, Policy Coordination and Enforcement

The following persons were in attendance:

Ministry of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning

Mr Anton Bredell, Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning
Ms M Griesel, Private Secretary
Ms B Labuschagne, Personal Assistant

Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning

Mr G Gerber, Head of Department
Mr R Mosome, Chief Financial Officer
Ms K Shippey, Chief Director - Environmental Sustainability

Mr A Gaffoor, Director - Strategic and Operational Support
Mr J Fritz, Director - Financial Management
Mr P Hardcastle, Director - Planning and Policy Coordination
Mr A Bassier, Director - Environmental Law Enforcement
Adv C Maré, Director - Environmental Governance
Ms M Laros, Director - Biodiversity and Coastal Management
Mr G Isaacs, Director - Climate Change
Mr R Mukanya, Director - Sustainability
Dr J Leaner, Director - Air Quality Management
Mr Z Toefy, Director - Development Management Region 1
Mr K Munro, Director - Development Management Region 2
Mr G Benjamin, Director - Development Management Region 3
Ms C Stone, Director - Spatial Planning
Ms H Jacobs, Director - Development Planning, Intelligence Management and Research
Ms T Jordan, Director - Development Facilitation
Mr F Wúst, Director - Regional Socio-Economic Projects

CapeNature

Prof D Hendricks, Board Chairperson
Dr R Omar, Chief Executive Officer
Mr M Bhayat, Chief Financial Officer
Mr S Ismail, Executive Director - Ecotourism and Access
Ms C Birss, Executive Director - Biodiversity Capabilities
Dr E Baard, Executive Director - Conservation Operations
Mr B Barnes, General Manager - Strategy Governance & Risk
Mr B Philander, General Manager - Human Resources

WCPP Officials

Ms S Niekerk, Procedural Officer
Ms N Mshumpela, Committee Assistant
Mr S Hassam, Information Technology Assistant
Ms C Morris, Information Technology Assistant

1. Opening and welcome

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

2. Discussion of the Annual Reports of the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning and CapeNature (2021/22)

The Minister and Head of Department provided a brief overview of the Annual Report of the Department, focussing on the highlights and challenges in the 2021/22 financial year.

The Chairperson of the CapeNature Board and the Chief Executive Officer provided the same for CapeNature.

The Committee proceeded to a discussion on Part A: General Information, Part B: Performance Information and Part D: Human Resource Management of the Annual Reports of the Department and its entity, CapeNature.

The Committee deliberated.

3. Resolutions/Actions

- 3.1. The Committee **REQUESTED** that the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning and CapeNature provides it with a Report on the high staff vacancy rate that exists, with specific reference to the period that each of these posts have been vacant, the vacant posts that are funded and the vacant posts that were not funded.

The Committee further **REQUESTED** that CapeNature provides it with its Equity Plan.

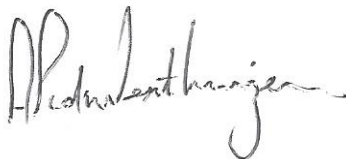
- 3.2 The Committee **RECOMMENDED** that the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning and CapeNature:

- 3.2.1 Address the issue of the high vacancy rate as this may impact on the quality of service delivery within the Department and Entity; and
- 3.2.2 Extend an invitation to the Committee to attend ceremonies and events such as the Ramsar Ceremony and the launch of the Berg River Improvement Plan so that the Committee is kept abreast of developments within the Department and Entity.

The Committee further **RECOMMENDED** that CapeNature inserts the name of the Reserve, Facility or Project and its respective location to the pictures in its Annual Report.

The Chairperson expressed appreciation for the opportunity to peruse the Annual Reports of the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning and CapeNature and recognised the challenges that these institutions had to operate under during the past year. The Chairperson further expressed appreciation for the comprehensive responses received during the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 13:24.



MR AP VAN DER WESTHUIZEN, MPP
CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

Date:22 November 2022.....