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**Report of the Standing Committee on Community Safety, Cultural Affairs and Sport on the Annual Reports of the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport, Heritage Western Cape, the Western Cape Language Committee, and the Western Cape Cultural Commission for the 2021/22 financial year**

The Standing Committee on Community Safety, Cultural Affairs and Sport having deliberated on the Annual Reports of the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport, the Heritage Western Cape, the Western Cape Language Committee, and the Western Cape Cultural Commission, for the year ended 31 March 2022, reports as follows:

### **Introduction**

The Western Cape Provincial Parliament's Annual Report programme for the 2021/22 financial year was advertised in newspapers inviting stakeholders and members of the public to attend and participate in the discussions. The Committee deliberated on the Annual Reports of the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport (the Department), Heritage Western Cape (HWC), the Western Cape Language Committee (WCLC), and the Western Cape Cultural Commission (WCCC) on 27 October 2022 as part of its oversight function. The Minister and the Head of Department were given an opportunity to make opening remarks. Likewise, the Chairpersons of the three entities were also given the opportunity make opening remarks.

The Department and its Entities were examined on:

Part A: General Information,

Part B: Departmental Performance Information; and

Part D: Human Resources Management of the Department's Annual Report.

Members of the public were also given an opportunity to pose questions and to make input during the discussions. The public input is recorded in this report.

## **1. Western Cape Language Committee**

### **Key points from the discussion**

- 1.1. The WCLC established its own task team to draft and submit its recommendations on the University of Stellenbosch Second Draft Language Policy.
- 1.2. The WCLC, together with the Department, conducted research evaluating the implementation of the Western Cape Language Policy. The Pan South African Language Board (PanSALB), as well as other stakeholders, also collaborated on this research project.
- 1.3. In addition to promoting the provincial languages, and its histories, and Sign Language, the WCLC focused on the promotion and teaching of indigenous languages. These initiatives include an isiXhosa spelling competition as well as establishing a partnership with the University of Cape Town to teach Khoekhoegowab. In order to revive the language, the method is to first promote learning the language and then move towards language use.
- 1.4. The Department reported that part of the language promotion initiatives includes having published isiXhosa versions of sports rule books. The sporting codes covered to date include chess, netball, and cricket. Translated rule books for boxing and cycling are expected to be published within the next months.

## **2. Western Cape Cultural Commission**

### **Key points from the discussion**

- 2.1. The new WCCC Board commenced its term of office in March 2022. The Board has a diverse representation with six of its members resident in rural areas of the province.

- 2.2. The WCCC funded seven registered Cultural Councils for events. The purpose of these events ranged from transferring traditions to building an identity and cultural pride amongst especially the youth.
- 2.3. Each of these seven Cultural Councils applied for funding and received R30 000.
- 2.4. Two facilities, the Koekenaap and Groot Drakenstein cultural centres, required expensive repair work. The Koekenaap centre was burgled and vandalised. The Department of Community Safety assessed the facility and recommended that the dilapidated perimeter fence be replaced. The estimated cost to repair and/or replace is R2.4 million.

### **3. Heritage Western Cape**

#### **Key points from the discussion**

- 3.1. The Department has increased the number of staff allocated to provide administrative support to the HWC. This increase of staffing capacity assists with the volume of applications that the HWC receives. The Department appointed eight additional heritage officers.
- 3.2. The HWC expects increased site inspections due to the additional staffing support.
- 3.3. The Department provided a summary of the court rulings involving the HWC.
- 3.4. The online application format has eased the submission and processing mechanisms.
- 3.5. The HWC needs a database management platform. The HWC started negotiations with the South African Heritage Resource Agency (SAHRA) to migrate to the South African Heritage Resource Information System (SAHRIS).

### **4. Public input**

The Chairperson afforded the members of public in attendance to provide oral submissions on the discussions about the entities' annual reports. Mr M Roman and Mr M Arendse both provided input regarding the recognition of struggle stalwarts from various political parties, at heritage sites. The Department duly responded to the public input.

### **5. Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport**

#### **Key points from the discussion**

- 5.1. The Department provided an update on the upgrades to the Netball World Cup 2023 facilities. At the time of reporting, 48 netball courts were earmarked for construction and/or upgraded. The cost was R8.5 million.
- 5.2. The Department seconded five officials to assist at the Local Organising Committee offices, for two and a half days per week, in preparation for the Netball World Cup 2023.
- 5.3. To encourage spectator participation and interest in the Netball World Cup 2023, fan parks will be used, with the Department funding at least one such venue per district. Municipalities will also have their own fan parks.
- 5.4. The Department received R5.7 million for transfer payments, which was allocated to support organisations actively involved with the promotion, development and preservation of arts and

culture. Funding was also disbursed to support the GIG economy which was greatly impacted by COVID-19 and the restrictions placed on public gatherings. The Department supported artists via the GIG Economy funding to the value of R1.8 million.

- 5.5. The Department reported that it provided at least 719 employment opportunities for the YearBeyond programme participants.
- 5.6. There are 43 libraries not yet strengthened with internet connectivity. These libraries are mostly based in rural areas.
- 5.7. Funding libraries in the metropolitan region is a challenge.
- 5.8. The Department allocated municipal conditional grants to repair, maintain, construct and/or upgrade municipal sports facilities.

## **6. Public input**

The Chairperson afforded the members of public in attendance to provide oral submissions on the discussions about the entities' annual reports. Mr M Arendse queried about intergovernmental synergies regarding the National Khoi and San Heritage Route as well as the Liberation Route sites. The Department duly responded to the public input.

## **7. Requests for information**

The Committee requested the Western Cape Language Committee to submit: -

- 7.1. The number of students registered in the Khoekhoegowab course at the University of Cape Town.
- 7.2. The number of participants in the isiXhosa spelling competition, per category. That is, the number of school learners, the grades and school of representation, and/or the university of representation, and/or the organisations represented.

The Committee requested the Heritage Western Cape to submit: -

- 7.3. A copy of the summary on court rulings on the HWC for 2021/22, that was presented at the annual report discussion.

The Committee requested the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport to submit: -

- 7.4. A detailed update on the Netball World Cup 2023 legacy infrastructure upgrades (netball courts and related facilities), the municipalities wherein these courts are located, the deadlines for construction and functionality. Additionally, the associated costs and appointed service providers, where applicable, should be included in this submission.
- 7.5. The number of artists supported via the GIG Economy, and where feasible, the amounts per artist, and the events at which they performed.
- 7.6. A list of the sites where YearBeyond participants have been employed, as well as a list of the 719 job opportunities created.
- 7.7. The number of job opportunities created for the 2021/22 financial year across the Department.
- 7.8. A list of the 43 libraries not equipped with Western Cape Government funded internet connectivity, as well as time frames to empower these libraries with internet connectivity.
- 7.9. Details of the municipal conditional grants for sport infrastructure according to the following criteria: (a) the municipalities that were assisted to apply for these grants, (b) the amount

received per municipality, and (c), the details of sports facilities that were upgraded for each year since the sixth administration to date.

- 7.10. A written plan to address the reconstruction and/or repair of dilapidated sport infrastructure.
- 7.11. A briefing on the Department's Western Cape Government's youth development strategy, focusing on how the Department responds to social ills like substance abuse, drugs and gangsterism as well as the number of youths reached through this programme. Linking this to the implementation of the Safety Plan.
- 7.12. A feasibility study on having a youth directorate based in the Department, with its own chief director and other components. The reason for this request is to establish the impact of having a centralised governmental youth programme, rather than via a transversal programme across the Western Cape Government.
- 7.13. A list of the safety ambassadors for whom the Department created employment opportunities.
- 7.14. Details of engagements with local government regarding the implementation of the Traditional and Khoi-San Leadership Act, 2019 (Act 3 of 2019).



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