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Report of the Standing Committee on Finance, Economic Opportunities and Tourism (the Committee) on the recommendations for the appointment of candidates to the Western Cape Gambling and Racing Board, dated 11 November 2022, as follows:

- The matter of vacancies on the Western Cape Gambling and Racing Board (the Board) was referred to the Committee on 21 September 2022, by the Office of the Speaker, via ATC No. 106-2022. The Provincial Treasury informed the Committee that there was one vacancy that needed to be filled.
- 2. Section 3(1) of the Western Cape Gambling and Racing Act, 1996 (Act 4 of 1996, as amended) (the Act) stipulates: "The Board shall consist of seven members, appointed on a part-time basis, by the Executive Council in accordance with the prescribed procedure, which shall provide for public participation in the nomination of candidates for appointment; provided that the standing committee of the Provincial Legislature responsible for this Act shall evaluate all candidates as to their suitability for appointment."
- 3. On 26 October 2022, the Provincial Treasury briefed the Committee on the process leading to the shortlisting of candidates. The Committee was provided with a list of five candidates to evaluate.
- 4. However, following the briefing, the Committee noted that there was some information outstanding for certain candidates, which hindered the Committee from knowing whether these candidates qualified to be evaluated. After receiving the outstanding information from the Provincial Treasury and the Service Provider, who conducted the probity assessments, and following a legal opinion provided by the Provincial Treasury via the State Law Adviser in the Department of the Premier, the Committee resolved to evaluate three out of the five candidates. The Committee also resolved to evaluate the candidates through an interview process.
- 5. The Committee, having interviewed the candidates on 11 November 2022, recommends the following candidates, ranked (in order of highest preference) as follows:
  - 1. Ms Anita Arendse
  - 2. Mr Rowan Nicholls
  - 3. Mr Bazil Vink

6. The Committee also submitted the Members' scoresheets along with this Report. The scoresheets have been attached as an annexure. The legal opinion referred to in paragraph 4 is attached as an annexure as well.

Report to be considered.

MS C MURRAY, MPP CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES AND TOURISM

DATE: 11 November 2022