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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Tuesday, 22 November 2022 (13h00), Hybrid meeting in Committee Room 2

- (1. Briefing by the Department of Basic Education, the national Department of Social Development, the National Treasury, the Western Cape Education Department, the Department of Social Development and the Provincial Treasury on the National funding framework for Early Childhood Development's conditional grant criteria, what the conditional grant may be spent on by provinces and how the grant relates with the other child support grants.
- (2. Briefing by the Western Cape Education Department on the admissions process for 2023)

PRESENT

Members:

Democratic Alliance

Baartman, DM (Chairperson) Plato, D Fry, C

African National Congress

Sayed, MK

African Christians Democratic Party

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Additional Member

Kama, M (ANC)

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

1. Welcome

The Chairperson welcomed all.

The Minister of Education, Mr D Maynier and the Head of the Western Cape Education Department, Mr B Walters was present at the meeting.

2. Briefing by the Department of Basic Education, the national Department of Social Development, the National Treasury, the Western Cape Education Department, the Department of Social Development and the Provincial Treasury on the National funding framework for Early Childhood Development's conditional grant criteria, what the conditional grant may be spent on by provinces and how the grant relates with the other child support grants

Ms Janeli Kotze, Deputy Director: Research Coordination, Monitoring, and Evaluation, Department of Basic Education, began the presentation, with Ms Ruth Leukes, Director: Early Childhood Development, WCED, to present after.

The Department of Basic Education presentation detailed the ECD Conditional Grant Framework and its components, including the amendments to the Framework. The WCED presented its 2023 admissions progress and Rapid Build School Programme, highlighting progress made.

The Committee deliberated on the presentation.

3. Briefing by the Western Cape Education Department (WCED) on the admissions process for 2023

Mr David Maynier, Western Cape Minister of Education gave opening remarks on the Rapid School Build Programme and Learners Admissions for 2023.

The WCED briefed the Committee on the progress of admissions for 2023, inclusive of the fact that 89.1% of Grade 1 and Grade 8 learners that had already been placed.

They further indicated that including an ambitious infrastructure programme that included 842 classrooms to be delivered, noting that this number far exceeded the number of classrooms delivered in previous years. It also included the Rapid School Build programme which aimed to build seven new schools in six months, creating 3 200 additional places. The presentation covered the expanding of the basket of posts which included 1 143 additional posts for teachers in the Western Cape.

The Committee deliberated on the presentation.

4. Information Requested

The Committee REQUESTED that the Department of Basic Education provides:

- 4.1. The criteria used to identify wards for universal targeting of subsidies and how many wards in the province have been identified were in question.
- 4.2. The mechanisms to support Early Childhood Development Centre's access to the Grant were guestioned.
- 4.3. Clarity on the subsidy allocation of R17 per child for 264 days utilized, with 18 981 children targeted, only 9 652 children benefited from the grant. The report should focus on the R80 billion projected to fully fund the ECD.

Having concluded the business of the day, the Chairperson thanked the Members of the Committee, DG of the Department of Basic Education, officials from DBE, the Minister of Education and the WCED officials for their contribution.

The Committee adjourned at 17h30.

ADV DM BAARTMAN, MPP

CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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