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Western Cape Provincial Parliament
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES AND TOURISM

Wednesday, 9 November 2022
Virtual via MS Teams

ATTENDANCE

Members:

Democratic Alliance

Murray, C (Chairperson)
Mackenzie, R
Van der Westhuizen, A

African National Congress

Nkondlo, N

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Brinkhuis, G

The following persons were in attendance:

Department of Economic Development and Tourism

Ms I van Schalkwyk, Chief Director
Mr J Stoltz, Director
Ms R Meyer, Deputy Director

Wesgro

Ms W Stander, Chief Executive Officer
Mr C Koch, Head: Convention Bureau
Ms J Twynam, Chief Assurance Officer
Ms J Scheltema, Chief Marketing and Communication Officer
Ms J Louw, Head of Leisure Tourism

Ms M Luel, Chief Destination Marketing Officer

Department of Home Affairs

Mr L Makhode, Director-General

Mr Y Simons, Acting Deputy Director-General: Immigration Services

Mr P Mbhele, Acting Chief Director: Permits

Airports Company South Africa

Mr M Maclean, Regional General Manager: Cape Town International Airport

Ms L Less, Group Executive: Corporate Services

Mr T Delomoney, Group Executive Operations Management

Department of Transport

Mr Z Thwala, Deputy Director-General: Civil Aviation

Ms P Kganyago, Acting Director: Airports and Airspace

Mr M Mokonyama, Deputy Director-General: Public Transport

Ms T Mpondo, Parliamentary Liaison Officer

Mr M Sikhudo, Director

Western Cape Provincial Parliament:

Ms Z Adams, Procedural Officer

Ms L Cloete, Senior Procedural Officer

Ms M Mrubata, Committee Assistant

1. Welcome, Attendance and other

The Chairperson welcomed the officials from the national and provincial departments and entities, the Members and members of the public to the meeting.

The Chairperson relayed the apologies to the Committee, which included an apology from the Commissioner of the South African Revenue Service, who indicated that he was abroad and could not brief the Committee on this date, however; he indicated that he would welcome another invitation from the Committee.

The Chairperson noted the Rules of Engagement for virtual meetings and proceeded with the agenda items below.

2. Briefing by the Department of Economic Development and Tourism and Wesgro

Ms van Schalwyk, Ms Scheltema, Ms Luel and Ms Stander briefed the Committee on the State of readiness for the 2022/23 tourism season in the Western Cape and the expectations for the season.

The Committee discussed the information presented by the Department of Economic Development and Tourism and Wesgro. Once the discussion concluded, the Committee moved on to the next presentation.

3. Briefing by the Airports Company South Africa

Mr Maclean briefed the Committee on the readiness of the Cape Town International Airport for the 2022/23 tourism season, the steps taken to address and mitigate against jet fuel shortage during the tourism season, and the on-boarding of biometric scanners at the Cape Town International Airport.

The Committee discussed the information presented by ACSA. Once the discussion concluded, the Committee moved on to the next presentation.

4. Briefing by the Department of Home Affairs

Mr Makhode and Mr Simons briefed the Committee on the processing of skills visas, remote working visas, and tourism visas in preparation for the 2022/23 tourism season in the Western Cape.

The Committee discussed the information presented, and then moved on to the next presentation.

5. Briefing by the Department of Transport

Mr Sikhudo briefed the Committee on the measures taken to address the backlog in tourism operating licenses in the Western Cape, the inter-provincial tourism licenses, and the Section 26 agreement between the National Public Transport Regulator and the Western Cape Provincial Regulatory Entity in respect of the regulation of Tourist Transport Services.

The Committee discussed the information presented.

Once all of the presentations and discussions had concluded, the Chairperson thanked all the departments and entities for availing themselves for the meeting and for sharing the information with the Members.

6. Resolutions/Actions

- 6.1 The Committee RECOMMENDED that the Departments and Entities should be commended for the hard work they have put in to marketing the Western Cape as a tourism destination, and to prepare the Province for a robust tourism season. The Committee wished to express its gratitude for the efforts made in respect of the preparation for the current tourism season; however, Members were aware that a successful tourism season required that all the relevant departments and entities had to work together.

6.2 The Committee RESOLVED the following to invite the South African Revenue Service to brief it on the online traveller declaration system, and the successes and challenges experienced since its launch.

6.3 The Committee REQUESTED the following information:

6.3.1 The Department of Transport's safety action plan that was developed with SAPS in the Eastern Cape for bus operators and passengers (in respect of the Intercape case);

6.3.2 The Department of Transport's Arrive Alive/Safety plan for all tourists travelling between provinces;

6.3.3 A brief report on the information that the Department of Transport received from Intercape that would allow the national Minister to intervene in the Eastern Cape in accordance with the relevant laws (this report does not have to include names of individuals);

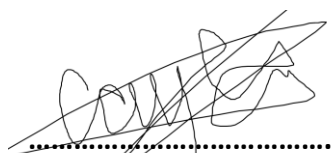
6.3.4 The contact details for the Department of Transport/National Public Transport Regulator that members of the public may use to enquire about the status of their tourism operating license applications (especially renewals);

6.3.5 The Department of Home Affairs' Tourism Season Plan;

6.3.6 A detailed report from the Department of Home Affairs on the information presented to the Presidency on remote working visas and whether legislation was required for this issue (in respect of Operation Vulindlela); and

6.3.7 A report from the Department of Economic Development and Tourism and Wesgro on the role they play with conferencing and event establishments (such as the CTICC) in creating tourism packages for persons attending conferences so that they may tour other parts of the Province; how they ensure that areas outside of the Metro benefit from tourism, and how they ensure that small businesses benefit from tourism.

The meeting adjourned at 12:23.



MS C MURRAY, MPP

CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES AND TOURISM

DATE: 29 November 2022