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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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

Tuesday, 8 March 2022 (at 13:00), Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

PRESENT

Members

Democratic Alliance

Bosman, G
Botha, LJ
Van Der Westhuizen, AP (Chairperson)

African National Congress

Marran, P
Smith, D (Additional Member)

Freedom Front Plus

Marais, PJ

AL JAMAH-AH

Brinkhuis, G (Additional Member)

GOOD

August, S (Additional Member)

Apology

Mr A Bredell, Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning

The following persons were in attendance:

Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning

Ms K Shippey, Acting Head of Department
Mr G Arendse, Chief Director - Environmental Quality
Mr S Haider, Director - Waste Management
Ms B Langenhoven, Deputy Director - Waste Management
Mr L McBain-Charles, Deputy Director - Waste Management
Mr A Hoon, Deputy Director - Waste Management

South African Local Government Association

Mr L Njamela, Advisor - Intergovernmental Relations and Strategic Relations

WCPP Officials

Ms S Niekerk, Procedural Officer
Ms N Mshumpela, Committee Assistant
Mr C Esau, Senior Information Technology Strategy and Architecture Officer
Ms C Morris, Information Technology Assistant

1. Opening and welcome

The Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed the members of the Committee, the Departmental officials as well as the officials from the Western Cape Provincial Department.

2. Briefing by the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning on the subject of waste management

The Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning provided the Committee with an overview of the State of Waste Report 2022 for the Western Cape by outlining the need for the effective functioning of waste governance and partnership platforms relative to integrated waste management. The Western Cape Integrated Waste Management Plan inclusive of waste generation, diversion and disposal as well as the state of municipal waste by-laws were expanded upon. The waste management facilities and compliance status as well as the status of organic waste diversion plans were highlighted and the Committee was provided with a synopsis of the challenges faced by municipalities.

The Department further expanded on the policy instruments developed to mitigate the impact of climate change and natural disasters such as the COVID-19 pandemic. The solid waste management costing model of the City of Cape Town was briefly explained as well as waste minimisation initiatives. Key elements to support the growth of the waste economy by creating viable business cases for the recovery of waste material as well as current and future waste economy initiatives were provided to the Committee. The Department also focused on fiscal support to assist municipalities and gender mainstreaming within the context of waste management.

The Committee deliberated. Numerous issues were raised, including waste separation at source, incentives, dealing with red tape, the safety of waste pickers at landfill sites, assisting municipalities that do not have by-laws and waste management plans in place, illegal dumping of waste, awareness campaigns in communities as well as multiple households on one erf being allocated only one municipal bin.

3. Resolutions/Actions

- 3.1 The Committee **REQUESTED** that the Department provides it with:
- 3.1.1 A report on the interventions in terms the challenges experienced by waste pickers with specific reference to the outcomes thereof as well as the status and successes of these interventions;
 - 3.1.2 A report on the Vissershok landfill site with specific reference to the safety of children having access to the landfill site as well as that of waste pickers on the landfill site. In addition, the Department to ascertain if there is a possibility of diverting some of the waste that is presently transported to this site such as beer bottles and food to other landfill sites;
 - 3.1.3 A report on which municipalities have domestic recycling in place and, where lacking, an indication if there are any plans for this to happen in the future. The report must also outline how this will be integrated into the waste pickers system and also give an indication if it will alleviate the limited air space available at landfill sites;
 - 3.1.4 An indication of the processes and progress regarding the establishment of regional waste sites; and
 - 3.1.5 A status report on the upgrade of the Zandvliet Waste Water Treatment Works that is discharging into the Kuils River.

The Chairperson requested that the Committee submits additional resolutions and/or requests for information to the Procedural Officer in writing before the next committee meeting.

4. Consideration and adoption of Draft Committee Minutes

The Chairperson submitted the Draft Committee Minutes of 22 February 2022 that were considered and adopted.

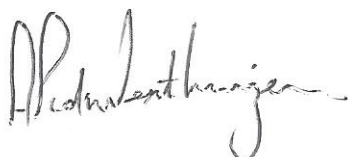
5. General

The Chairperson informed the Committee of the meetings taking place on 16 and 18 March 2022 in respect of the Western Cape Appropriation Bill, 2022 and that these meetings will take place virtually on the MS Teams platform.

6. Closing

The Chairperson expressed his appreciation to the members for their active participation and the keen interest that was shown by the numerous and probing questions that were posed to the Department. The Chairperson further expressed his appreciation to the officials for their contribution to the success of the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 15:51.



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

Date:18 March 2022.....