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Western Cape Provincial Parliament
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Thursday, 17 March 2022 (at 14:00), Hybrid meeting - Chamber, 6th floor, 7 Wale Street, Cape Town

PRESENT

Members

Democratic Alliance

Botha, L (Chairperson)
Bosman, G
Maseko, LM

African National Congress

Dugmore, CM

Additional

Marran, P (ANC)

Apology

Makamba-Botya, N

The following persons were in attendance:

Department of Local Government

Mr A Bredell, Minister for Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning
Mr G Paule, Head of Department
Ms B Sewlall-Singh, Chief Financial Officer
Mr A Dlwengu, Director: Policy and Strategic Support
Ms A Jacobs, Deputy Director, Management Accounting
Ms N Zamxaka, Chief Director: Integrated Service Delivery
Ms E Barnard, Chief Director: Municipal Performance Monitoring and Support
Mr C Deiner, Chief Director: Disaster Management and Fire Services

South African Local Government Association

Mr L Njamela, Intergovernmental Relations and Strategic Relations

Western Cape Provincial Parliament

Mr J Coetzee, Procedural Officer
Mr J Vermeulen, Senior Procedural Officer
Mr C Morris, ICT Support
Ms N Mshumpela, Committee Assistant

1. Opening and welcome

The Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed the members of the Committee, the Minister and the officials.

2. Deliberation on Vote 14: Local Government, in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 2–2022]

The Department briefed the Committee on Vote: 14, in the schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 2–2022] highlighting its budget allocations.

The Committee deliberated.

3. Consideration and adoption of the Committee Report on Vote 14: Local Government in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 2–2022]

The Chairperson submitted a Draft Report on Vote: 14, in the schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 2–2022], after which the Committee supported the Vote in the Schedule and adopted the Report. In accordance with Standing Rule 90, the African National Congress expressed its minority view that it did not support the Vote.

4. Adoption of Draft Committee Minutes

The Chairperson submitted the Draft Committee Minutes of 1 March 2022, which were considered and adopted.

5. Resolutions/Actions

5.1 The Committee RESOLVED to invite the Department to brief it on the:

5.1.1 Implementation of the Traditional and Khoi-San Leadership Act highlighting the status, time frames and budgetary implications of the establishment of the House of Traditional Leaders in the Western Cape;

5.1.2 Successes and challenges of the Community Development Workers Programme;

5.1.3 Indigent policy at municipalities, whether there were an increase in the pay-outs of indigent grants over the past two years and the process that is followed to revise the list of beneficiaries;

- 5.2 The Committee REQUESTED that the Department provide the Committee with:
- 5.2.1 The legal opinion on the failure by municipalities to respond to questions put to them by the Minister of Local Government relating to municipalities;
 - 5.2.2 A detailed breakdown of the total debt owed by municipalities to ESKOM in the Western Cape and whether the debt was incurred by the current councils or the previous councils;
 - 5.2.3 A legal opinion on Municipal Credit Control in view of certain municipalities using a percentage of the purchase of pre-paid electricity to settle arrear municipal accounts;
 - 5.2.4 A report on the status of land audits at municipalities;
 - 5.2.5 A list of all the Municipal Public Accounts Committee's (MPACS), who the chairpersons are and which political party they represent;
 - 5.2.6 A report on the Matzikama MAYCO Members who were overpaid, whether any money were paid back and what the outstanding amounts are;
 - 5.2.7 An indication whether there are any public representatives that are in arrears on their municipal accounts within the municipal area which they reside in, whether any arrangement were made with regard to the repayment of the debt and whether they have defaulted on such arrangements;
 - 5.2.8 An update on the Financial Recovery Plan at the Beaufort West Municipality as well as any other support that was provided to the Municipality;
 - 5.2.9 A breakdown of the money that was paid over to the financial administrator during the period that he/she was administering the Kannaland Municipality, as well as how much money was paid over to Kannaland Municipality in terms of capital or operational allocations during the period the financial administrator was employed;
 - 5.2.10 A report on whether any criminal cases were opened against the Beaufort West Municipality by the Environmental Management Inspectorate (EMI) (Green Scorpions) in relation to failures in services delivery and environmental mismanagement; and
 - 5.2.11 An update on the investigation into the Mayoral candidate for Central Karoo District Municipality who was also a Director at the Melkhoutfontein Trust.

The meeting adjourned at 17:15.



MS L BOTHA, MPP

CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT