

## Wes-Kaapse Provinsiale Parlement Western Cape Provincial Parliament IPalamente yePhondo leNtshona Koloni

### **MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

## STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES AND TOURISM

## Friday, 17 March 2023 (08h00), Virtual Meeting via MS Teams

#### **ATTENDANCE**

#### **Members:**

## **Democratic Alliance**

Murray, C (Chairperson) Sileku, I Van der Westhuizen, A

## **African National Congress**

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## The following persons were in attendance:

\*The attendance list is copied below

#### **Western Cape Provincial Parliament**

Ms Z Adams, Procedural Officer
Ms L Cloete, Senior Procedural Officer
Ms M Mrubata, Committee Assistant

#### 1. Welcome and attendance

The Chairperson opened the meeting welcomed the Minister, Members, Provincial Treasury, and members of the public to the meeting to deliberate on Vote 3: Provincial Treasury in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 2-2023]. The Chairperson explained the rules of engagement for virtual meetings. Thereafter, the Chairperson allowed brief introductions by the Minister and the Head of Department.

## 2. Consideration of Vote 3: Provincial Treasury in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 2–2023]

The Minister and Mr D Savage (Head of Department) gave brief introductory remarks on the budget for Vote 3: Provincial Treasury.

The Committee proceeded to a discussion on Vote 3.

The Committee deliberated and engaged the Department on Vote 3. The Chairperson thanked the Department for its hard work in the sector, and its preparation and responses to the questions raised by the Committee members.

The Chairperson noted that there were no questions or comments from the public.

Thereafter, on conclusion of the deliberations on the Vote, the Chairperson noted that the Committee supported Vote 3: Provincial Treasury, in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill, and that the ANC expressed its minority view, in accordance with Standing Rule 90, to not support the Vote.

## 3. Consideration and Adoption of the Draft Committee Report on Vote 3: Provincial Treasury in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 2–2023]

The Chairperson submitted the draft Committee Report, which was considered and adopted.

### 4. Resolutions/Actions

- 4.1 The Committee acknowledged the quality of work done by the Provincial Treasury and RECOMMENDED that they be thanked for their commendable work and their service in assisting other departments towards good governance and good financial practice.
- 4.2 The Committee REQUESTED the following:
- 4.2.1 A report on (i) what a municipality must do to be assisted by the Provincial Treasury, financially, (ii) how the Provincial Treasury decides, and the variables that are considered, when allocating funding to municipalities, and (iii) how the Provincial Treasury determines the extent of the support given to municipalities;
- 4.2.2 A report detailing the (i) strategy that the Western Cape Government is driving around the management of Cost of Employment, (ii) what the "productivity" aspect of this strategy entailed (following the conclusion of the head-counting phase), and (iii) the staff morale for provincial departments, especially ones with large staff contingents such as the Departments of Education, Social Development and Health. This report should also speak to the studies on the growth in population and demands resulting therefrom;
- 4.2.3 A report from the Department of the Premier, Provincial Treasury and the Department of Local Government detailing the challenges identified in attracting

- skilled staff to work in struggling municipalities, and the solutions they would put forward to fill those vacancies;
- 4.2.4 A report detailing the results of the Provincial Treasury's research and analysis on the Provincial and Local Government Fiscal Policy matters, and which aspects of the study will be implemented; and
- 4.2.5 A report providing more clarity on the Combined Assurance Framework, such as what it entails and where it has been tested.

The meeting adjourned at 10h35.

MS CAT MURRAY, MPP

CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES AND

**TOURISM** 



## **WESTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT**

# Standing Committee on Finance, Economic Opportunities and Tourism

## **PUBLIC ATTENDANCE REGISTER**

Friday, 17 March 2023 Venue: Virtual (MS TEAMS) Time: 08h00 – 12h00

TITLE	INITIALS	SURNAME	DESIGNATION POSITION	DEPARTMENT INSTITUTION	CONTACT NUMBER
Ms Ms Mr Mr	A A A	Aboo Pick Mazomba Savage		Provincial Treasury Provincial Treasury Provincial Treasury Provincial Treasury	
Mr Ms	l J	Smith Gantana		Provincial Treasury Provincial Treasury Provincial Treasury	
Mr Ms	M M	Booysen Van Niekerk		Provincial Treasury Provincial Treasury	
Ms Ms Ms	M M N	Wenger Nicholas Ismail	MEC	Provincial Treasury Provincial Treasury Provincial Treasury	
Ms Ms	N N	Ebrahim Cullis		Provincial Treasury Provincial Treasury	
Mr Ms	P S	Pienaar Robinson		Provincial Treasury Provincial Treasury	
Mr Mr Ms	T A	Kenyon Van de Rheede Smith		Provincial Treasury Provincial Treasury Provincial Treasury	