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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

Monday, 20 March 2022 (at 09:00) Chamber

PRESENT:

Members

Democratic Alliance

Maseko, L (Chairperson)
Sileku, I
Murray, C

African National Congress

Marran, P
Smith, D (Alternate)

Apologies

Lili, A (ANC)
August, S (GOOD)

Persons who were in attendance

Ministry

Mr T Simmers, Minister: Infrastructure
Ms V Njalo, Head of Ministry

Transport and Public Works

Ms J Gooch, Head of Department: Transport and Public Works
Adv C Smith, Deputy Director General: Finance
Mr L Fourie, Deputy Director General: Roads
Mr G Van Schalkwyk, Deputy Director General: Strategy
Adv. A Campbell, Chief Director: General Infrastructure
Ms S Andrews, Chief Director: Financial Management
Mr S Hindley, Chief Director: Immovable Asset Management
Mr T Pillay, Chief Director: Public Private Partnership
Mr N Joseph, Project Officer

Mr R Petersen, Chief Director: Expanded Public Works Programme
Ms M K Hofmeyer, Acting Chief Director: Road Programme Management
Mr A J Nell, Chief Director: Roads Contracts
Mr A K November, Chief Engineer: Roads
Ms P van der Merwe, Chief Director: Supply Chain Management
Ms R Van der Fort, Financial Management
Mr M Solomons, Financial Management

Department of Human Settlements

Ms L Schuurman, Head of Department: Human Settlements
Mr F De Wet, Chief Director: Management Support /Chief Financial Officer
Mr B Nkosi, Director: Strategic Management Support
Mr N Adriaanse, Director: Communication and Stakeholder Relations
Ms K August, Chief Director: Human Settlements Planning
Ms s January-Manzini, Acting Director: Financial Management

Parliamentary Monitoring Group

Ms P Mokorotlo, Monitor

1. Opening and Welcome

The Chairperson welcomed all in attendance.

In his opening remarks, the Minister informed the Committee that the energy crisis necessitated a proactive, integrated, and urgent provincial response. The Department would provide project preparation support as part of the Independent Power Producer and the Municipal Energy Resilience initiatives in the 25 municipalities across the province. The renewable energy projects will allow municipalities and businesses to implement energy projects, generate and sell their own power to households and municipality's and transact directly with Independent Power Producers (IPPs) to increase energy and economic resilience.

The budget would provide additional energy-specific allocations to support and accelerate measures to respond to the energy crisis. As part of the energy-saving scheme, solar photovoltaic systems would be installed on approximately 9000 housing units. The most vulnerable would be prioritised. Diesel-powered generators were distributed to government departments as part of the energy-saving initiative.

2. Deliberation on Vote 10, Infrastructure in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 2–2023]

The Head of Department (HOD), Ms Gooch briefed the Committee on Vote: 10, Infrastructure in the schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 2–2023]. The budget for the Department of Infrastructure amounted to R9,887 billion for the 2023/24 financial year. The budget was adjusted to R9,661 billion for the 2024/25 financial year and would be adjusted to R9,524 billion in the 2025/26 financial year. The downward budgetary adjustment mainly related to the decrease in Provincial Roads Maintenance Grant (PRMG) allocation and Human Settlements Asset Finance Reserve (AFR) from 2023/24 to 2024/25 and a decrease in Roads AFR funding in 2025/26 financial year.

Discussions on the establishment of the Department of Mobility (Vote 8) and the Department of Infrastructure (Vote 10) ensued. The two new departments would replace the former Departments of Human Settlements and Transport and Public Works as of 1 April 2023.

The Programme Human Settlements would receive funding from the Human Settlements Development Grant. The Affordable Housing Programme would be one of the propriety areas. The Programme would focus on the disbursement of the Finance Linked Individual Subsidy Programme subsidies and exploring other avenues to meet the housing need.

Further discussions were held on the construction of a homeless shelter that would accommodate 116 beds, the three phased emergency relocation of the Driftsands community living on the flood plain and the Tripple Helix project the Department entered with the Stellenbosch University, the University of Cape Town, and the private sector.

The Committee deliberated on the Western Cape Appropriation Bill.

3. Consideration and adoption of the Draft Committee Reports

After concluding its deliberations, the Chairperson submitted a Draft Report on Vote: 10, in the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 2-2023], after which the report was considered and adopted.

The African National Congress expressed its minority view that it did not support the Vote.

The Chairperson thanked the Minister and the Departments for their contributions to the meeting.

Meeting Committee adjourned at 12:15.



MS LM MASEKO (MPP)

CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

DATE:

29/06/2023