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Western Cape Provincial Parliament
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON ENERGY CRISIS

Friday, 28 April 2023 (14h00), Virtual: Microsoft Teams

ATTENDANCE

Members:

Democratic Alliance

Fry, C (Chairperson)
America, D
Bartman, D
Bosman, G (Alternate)
Maseko, M
Philander, W (Alternate)
Pretorius, G
Van der Westhuizen, A

African National Congress

Dugmore, C
Nkondlo, N

African Christian Democratic Party

Christians, F

Freedom Front Plus

Marais, P

Al Jama-ah

Brinkhuis, K

Alternate Member

Plato, D (DA)

Apologies:

Cassiem, A (EFF)

Murray, C (DA)

Sileku, I (DA)

The following persons were in attendance:

Mr A Winde, Premier of the Western Cape

Minister A Bredell, Minister: Local Government

Mr A Lester, Special Advisor to the Premier

Officials:

Dr H Malila, Department of the Premier: Provincial Director-General

Mr R Shaw, Department of the Premier: Director in the Office of the Director-General

Mr R Thaw, Department of the Premier: Media Liaison Officer

Ms E Barnard, Department of the Premier

Mr V Dube, Department of Economic Development and Tourism: Head of Department

Mr G Paulse, Department of Local Government: Head of Department

Ms T Van De Rheede, Provincial Treasury: Director

Western Cape Provincial Parliament

Ms L Cloete, Senior Procedural Officer

Ms M Mrubata, Committee Assistant

Ms A Mthimkhulu, Researcher

Ms N Visser, Researcher

1. Welcome

The Chairperson welcomed the Premier, the Members, the Provincial Director-General, the officials of the Department of the Premier, guests and members of the public. The Chairperson noted the apologies received from Members Murray, Maseko, Cassiem and Sileku. The Chairperson explained the rules of engagement to Members and officials in respect of virtual meetings and then proceeded to the presentations.

The Premier introduced his team including Minister Bredell. The Premier informed the Committee that the Department will present a high-level briefing and that it prepared responses to the questions posed to the Office of the Premier.

2. Briefing by the Premier and Special Advisor to the Premier, Mr Alwie Lester

The Premier provided the Committee with a briefing on the Western Cape's approach to the energy crisis which includes the establishment of an Energy Resilience Plan. The

intention of the Energy Resilience Plan is to reduce the impact of loadshedding on businesses and the citizens of the Western Cape including facilitating a lower level of reliance on Eskom in the Western Cape. The Province has set aside R1.1 billion towards the energy response in the Western Cape.

Mr Lester further briefed the Committee on the Provinces Energy Plan. He continued to inform the Committee of the impact of loadshedding on the local economy as well.

The Committee deliberated on the briefing presented by the Premier and Mr Lester.

3. Consideration and Adoption of Draft Committee Minutes of 4 April 2023

The Committee considered and adopted the draft Committee Minutes of 4 April 2023.

4. Committee Matters

The Chairperson informed Members that the Minister of Electricity, Dr Ramokgopa, and acting Chief Executive Officer of Eskom, Mr Cassim, are scheduled to brief the Committee on Wednesday, 24 May 2023. The Chairperson further informed the Committee that SALGA will be invited to brief the Committee, including the 30 municipalities and 13 provincial government departments at future meetings to brief the Committee on the plans to mitigate the effects of loadshedding in their respective competencies and functions.

5. Resolutions/Actions

The Committee RESOLVED the following:

- 6.1 To visit the Ankerlig Power Station in Atlantis and the Koeberg Power Station to ascertain whether the respective power stations are coping in generating electricity and the current state of the power stations including an update on the facilities maintenance and infrastructure upgrade plans.
- 6.2 To visit the Wind Farms, which forms part of the Wind Farms Project of the National Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE) including the Solar Farms in the Western Cape and in addition to be briefed on the manner in which they run their corporate responsibilities and the respective community trusts.
- 6.3 That the Department of the Premier briefs the Committee on a list of areas where service delivery was greatly hampered at service delivery sites of government due to loadshedding and the budget set aside to assist these service delivery sites as an intervention of relief.
- 6.4 That the DMRE briefs the Committee on the gas to power projects in respect of the Saldanha Bay IDZ in Saldanha Bay and the Karoo areas.
- 6.5 That the Department of the Premier updates the Committee on the distribution of the Energy Packs once the framework for the distribution plan has been concluded.

The meeting adjourned at 16:35.

MR C FRY, MPP

CHAIRPERSON: AD HOC COMMITTEE ON ENERGY CRISIS

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