



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

## MEETING MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

### STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE PREMIER AND CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS

Friday 26 May 2023 (14:00)

Virtual Meeting via MS Teams

#### PRESENT

##### Members:

##### **Democratic Alliance**

Fry, C (Chairperson)

Baartman, D

Plato, D (Alternate)

##### Apologies

Pretorius, G (DA)

Klaas, T (EFF)

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

Achmat, W (Procedural Officer)

Vermeulen, J (Senior Procedural Officer)

Motsapi, M (Committee Assistant)

#### 1. Welcome

The Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed the Committee Members and officials. The Chairperson informed the Committee that the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning would brief the Committee on climate change and the adaptation plans, and the Department of Local Government would brief the Committee on the 15-year integrated drought and water response plan. The Chairperson mentioned that these briefings may give a broader understanding to what plans are in place to protect the environment.

#### 2. Briefing by the Department of the Premier on the Constitution of the Western Cape First Amendment Bill [B 1 -2021]

The officials from the Department briefed the Members on the subject at hand.

The Committee engaged the officials on the content of the presentations.

#### 3. Briefing by the Department of the Environment Affairs and Development and Development Planning and Department of Local Government on Climate Change and the 15-year integrated drought and water response plan

The officials from the Department briefed the Members on the subject at hand.

The Committee engaged the officials on the content of the presentations.

#### **4. Consideration and adoption of the Draft Committee Meeting Minutes of 12 April 2023**

The Chairperson submitted the Draft Committee Meeting Minutes of 12 April 2023 which were considered and adopted.

#### **5. Consideration and adoption of the Draft Committee Quarterly Reports (Oct – Dec 2022) and (Jan – March 2023)**

The Chairperson submitted the Draft Committee Quarterly Reports (Oct – Dec 2022) and (Jan – March 2022), which were considered and adopted with amendments.

#### **6. Consideration and adoption of Draft Committee 2022/23 Annual Activities Report**

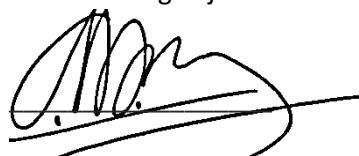
The Chairperson submitted the Draft Committee 2022/23 Annual Activities Report, which was considered and adopted with amendments.

#### **7. Resolutions/Actions**

The Committee RESOLVED:

- 7.1 To acknowledge and congratulate the Department of Local Government for placing second at the Zutari Impact Awards for creating adaptable infrastructure for their 15-year Western Cape Integrated Drought and Water Response plan, as well as wishing them well in the SAICE Engineering Awards.
- 7.2 To note an important factor that the presentation by the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning indicated that the policies and legislation currently in place sufficiently protects the environment and that the proposed role and function of the Commissioner for the Environment in the Constitution of the Western Cape creates duplication and would result in the wasting of resources, given the legislation and policies already in place.
- 7.3 To peruse the Draft Western Cape Powers Bill that was tabled by the Chairperson and to deliberate at the next meeting whether to proceed with introducing this as a Committee Bill in accordance with Standing Rule 170.

The meeting adjourned at 15h37.



**MR C FRY, MPP**

**CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE PREMIER AND CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS**

**DATE: 9 June 2023**