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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES AND TOURISM

Friday, 25 August 2023 (14h00), Virtual 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:

Ministry of Finance and Economic Opportunities

Ms M Wenger, Minister: Finance and Economic Opportunities

Provincial Treasury

See attendance register below.

Department of Economic Development and Tourism

See attendance register 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 and welcomed the Members, Minister, officials from Provincial Treasury and the Department of Economic Development and Tourism, and members of the public to the meeting.

The Chairperson indicated that the Committee would deliberate on the financial and non-financial performance of both departments for the Fourth Quarter of 2022/23 and the First Quarter of 2023/24.

2. Briefing by the Provincial Treasury

Mr D Savage, Head of the Provincial Treasury, briefed the Committee on their financial and non-financial performance for the Fourth Quarter of the 2022/23 financial year, and the First Quarter for the 2023/24 financial year.

The Committee noted that the Provincial Treasury's presentation lacked figures on their indicators, and focused on percentages, which made it difficult for the Committee to interrogate the information.

The Committee proceeded to a discussion on the information presented.

3. Briefing by the Department of Economic Development and Tourism

Ms M Abrahams, the Chief Financial Officer for the Department of Economic Development and Tourism, briefed the Committee on their financial and non-financial performance for the Fourth Quarter of the 2022/23 financial year, and the First Quarter for the 2023/24 financial year.

The Committee proceeded to a discussion on the information presented.

4. Resolutions/Actions

- 4.1 The Committee RESOLVED the following:
- 4.1.1 To undertake an oversight visit to RLabs in Mitchell's Plain;
- 4.1.2 To invite the Department of Economic Development and Tourism to brief on its model for job growth and hoe this is recorded, especially for the entities;4.1.3 To request that the Department of Economic Development and Tourism present the Committee with a record of the data they have for assisting businesses in the informal sector, in respect of red tape reduction;
- 4.1.4 To invite the Provincial Treasury's to brief on its cash flow projection and forecasting model; and
- 4.1.5 To undertake an oversight visit to the Port of Cape Town.

- 4.2 The Committee REQUESTED the following:
- 4.2.1 A summary of all the by-laws discussed by the Department of Economic Development and Tourism during the meeting;
- 4.2.2 A record of the data the Department of Economic Development and Tourism has for assisting businesses in the informal sector, in respect of red tape reduction (if the Department does not have this, they should start recording these numbers for the next quarterly performance briefing); and
- 4.2.3 A detailed report from the Department of Economic Development and Tourism on the green hydrogen matters that were discussed in the Committee, particularly on information around the World Bank announcement on the feasibility study.
- 4.3 The Committee NOTED the lack of information contained in Provincial Treasury's presentation. The Committee recommended that the Provincial Treasury provides the Members of the Committee and members of the public with a more detailed presentation when they brief the Committee on their quarterly performance again.
- 4.4 The Committee FURTHER NOTED the excellent work being done by the Department of Economic Development and Tourism, particularly around job growth and creation, and indicated its support for the re-opening of the Saldanha Steel Factory and the manufacturing of green steel (produced by ArcelorMittal). This was important for job growth in Saldanha and to act as a catalyst for further expansion in the Port of Saldanha Bay.

The meeting adjourned at 11h45.

MS CAT MURRAY, MPP

CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES AND

TOURISM

DATE: 4 November 2023

Title	Name	Designation	Organisation
Mr.	Velile Dube	HOD	DEDAT
Mr	Maymoena Abrahams	CFO	DEDAT
Mr.	Rashid Toefy	DDG	DEDAT
Ms.	Mereille Wenger	MEC	Ministry: Finance and Econ Opp
Mr.	Nezaam Joseph	CD	DEDAT
Mr.	John Peters	CD	DEDAT
Mr.	Fernel Abrahams	Acting Director	DEDAT
Ms.	Olivia Dyers	Director	DEDAT
Ms	Tim Parle	CD	DEDAT
Ms	Ilse van Schalkwylk	CD	DEDAT
Mr	Jacque Stoltz	Director	DEDAT
Mr	Herman Jonker	Director	DEDAT
Mr	Glen Steyn	Deputy Director	DEDAT
Title	Name	Designation	Organisation
Mr.	David Savage	HOD	Provincial Treasury
Ms	Julinda Gantana	DDG	PT
Ms.	Annalise Pick	D	PT
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