



Wes-Kaapse Provinsiale Parlement
Western Cape Provincial Parliament
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES AND TOURISM

Friday, 1 September 2023 (09:00), Virtual via MS Teams

ATTENDANCE

Members:

Democratic Alliance

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

African National Congress

Nkondlo, N

AI JAMA-AH

Brinkhuis, K

The following persons were in attendance:

Members of the Public

*Attendance register attached

Western Cape Provincial Parliament

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

1. Welcome and attendance

The Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed the Minister, Departmental officials, Members of Provincial Parliament, and members of the public that were present. The Chairperson explained the rules of engagement in virtual meetings and noted that there were no apologies.

2. Briefing on the Western Cape Nineteenth Gambling and Racing Amendment Act Repeal Bill [B 3 - 2023]

The Minister and officials from the Provincial Treasury briefed the Committee on the Western Cape Nineteenth Gambling and Racing Amendment Act Repeal Bill [B 3 – 2023].

The Committee discussed the Bill and made resolutions in respect of the Bill and the public participation process.

3. Deliberations on the Final Mandate for the Copyright Amendment Bill [B 13F – 2017]

The Chairperson indicated that the Members were encouraged to express their thoughts on the Copyright Amendment Bill. The Chairperson also reminded Members that the NCOP minutes discussed the responses to the provinces' negotiating mandates and proposed further amendments.

Once the Committee concluded their deliberations on the Bill, the Chairperson indicated that Members may express their views on the Bill.

The Chairperson and Members Van der Westhuizen and Sileku indicated that they conferred on the NCOP delegation to not support the Bill, while Member Nkondlo indicated the ANC's minority view to support the Bill.

4. Deliberations on the negotiating mandate for the Performers' Protection Amendment Bill [B 24F – 2016]

The Chairperson indicated that the Members were encouraged to express their thoughts on the Performers' Protection Amendment Bill. Once the Committee concluded their deliberations on the Bill, the Chairperson indicated that Members may express their views on the Bill.

Members Murray, Van der Westhuizen and Sileku indicated that they conferred on the NCOP delegation to not support the Bill, while Members Nkondlo indicated the ANC's minority view to support the Bill.

5. Consideration and Adoption of the Final Mandates on the Copyright and Performers' Protection Amendment Bills

The Chairperson tabled the Final Mandate on the Copyright Amendment Bill [B 13F – 2017] and requested that Members indicate if they were in support of the adoption of the report or not. The Final Mandate was then adopted.

The Chairperson tabled the Final Mandate on the Performers' Protection Amendment Bill [B 24F – 2016] and requested that Members indicate if they were in support of the adoption of the report or not. The Final Mandate was then adopted.

6. Resolutions/Actions

6.1 The Committee REQUESTED the following:

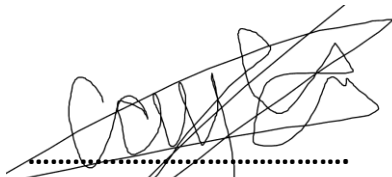
- 6.1.1 A breakdown of the money that the Provincial Treasury spent on the processing of the Western Cape Nineteenth Gambling and Racing Amendment Act, and the overall cost of the processing of the Act;
- 6.1.2 A breakdown of costs and the total spent by Provincial Treasury on the processing of the Western Cape Nineteenth Gambling and Racing Amendment Act Repeal Bill so far, and any estimated costs for the further processing of the Repeal Bill;
- 6.1.3 A breakdown of the money spent by the Western Cape Provincial Parliament on the processing of the Western Cape Nineteenth Gambling and Racing Amendment Act, and the overall cost of that process;
- 6.1.4 A legal opinion from Provincial Treasury on the constitutionality of the Western Cape Nineteenth Gambling and Racing Amendment Act, if such an opinion was drafted when the case was brought against the Act/Provincial Treasury from Sun International; and
- 6.1.5 A report from Provincial Treasury on total fees raised, plus transfers received by the Western Cape Gambling and Racing Board over the last five financial years, a summary of the assets and liabilities as at the end of each financial year, as well as the amounts of cash and other liquid assets on hand;
- 6.1.6 A report from Provincial Treasury setting out the various fees and tax regimes for the gambling industry in the Western Cape; and
- 6.1.7 A research report from the WCPP's research unit on the funding practices of other provinces gambling boards as well as their financial situations.

6.2 The Committee RESOLVED the following:

- 6.2.1 To call for another meeting with Provincial Treasury on the information requested above, if the need arises;
- 6.2.2 To procure online advertising as well as mainstream (newspaper) advertising to advertise the public participation process for the Western Cape Nineteenth Gambling and Racing Amendment Act Repeal Bill;
- 6.2.3 To advertise the Western Cape Nineteenth Gambling and Racing Amendment Act Repeal Bill on WCPP's social media page as well as via paid social media;
- 6.2.4 The public participation process for the Western Cape Nineteenth Gambling and Racing Amendment Act Repeal Bill would be advertised in the three official languages of the Western Cape;

- 6.2.5 To invite stakeholders from the gambling industry, unions, business chambers, municipalities, and other interested stakeholders to attend the public hearing, and to provide transport for stakeholders who require transport to attend the public hearing;
- 6.2.6 To hold a public hearing on the Western Cape Nineteenth Gambling and Racing Amendment Act Repeal Bill, in the Chamber in Cape Town at the end of October 2023. If there is a need for more public hearings based on public interest and demand, then the Committee may decide to hold more public hearings;
- 6.2.7 To request the assistance from the WCPP's Public Education and Outreach and Communications sections to assist with the public participation process for the Western Cape Nineteenth Gambling and Racing Amendment Act Repeal Bill; and
- 6.2.8 To hold a discussion, at a future date, on the economic viability of the Western Cape Gambling and Racing Board, and where it is located within the Western Cape Government.

The meeting adjourned at 11h22.



MS CAT MURRAY, MPP

CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES AND TOURISM

Date: 4 November 2023



WESTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT
**Standing Committee on Finance, Economic
 Opportunities and Tourism**

ATTENDANCE REGISTER

Date: Friday, 1 September 2023
Time: 09h00 – 12h00
Venue: Virtual via MS Teams

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organisation/ Department</u>
P Saxby	Policy Watch
S Robinson	CD: Public Policy Services - PT
M Wenger	Minister – Finance and Economic Opportunities
D Savage	HOD - PT
M Booysen	D: Fiscal Policy - PT
A Muller	Legal Adviser - DOTP
N Palmer	DD: Fiscal Policy - PT
S Smit	Technical Specialist
G Maree	Minister's office
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