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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT
PLANNING**

Tuesday 17 October 2023 (at 08:00), Chamber, 6th Floor, 7 Wale Street

PRESENT

Members

Democratic Alliance

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Murray, CA
Van Der Westhuizen, AP (Chairperson)

African National Congress

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The following persons were in attendance:

Ministry of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning

Mr A Bredell, Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning

Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning

Mr G Gerber, Head of Department
Mr J Fritz, Director - Financial Management and acting Chief Financial Officer
Mr A Mohamed, Chief Director - Environmental Governance, Policy Coordination and Enforcement
Ms K Shippey, Chief Director - Environmental Sustainability
Mr G Arendse, Chief Director - Environmental Quality
Ms F Mabusela, Chief Director - Development Planning
Mr A Gaffoor, Director - Strategic and Operational Support
Mr P Hardcastle, Director - Planning and Policy Coordination
Mr A Bassier, Director - Environmental Law Enforcement
Mr R Mukanya, Director - Sustainability
Mr G Isaacs, Director - Climate Change

Ms M Laros, Director - Biodiversity and Coastal Management
Dr J Leaner, Director Air - Quality Management
Mr S Haider, Director - Waste Management
Ms N Davis Wolmarans, Director - Pollution and Chemicals Management
Mr Z Toefy, Director - Development Management
Mr K Munro, Director - Development Management
Ms T Jordan, Director - Development Facilitation
Ms H Jacobs, Director - Development Planning, Intelligence Management and Research

CapeNature

Prof D Hendricks, Chairperson of the CapeNature Board
Dr R Omar, Chief Executive Officer
Mr M Bhayat, Chief Financial Officer
Mr S Ismail, Executive Director - Eco-Tourism and Access
Ms C Birss, Executive Director - Biodiversity Capabilities
Ms N Hayward, Executive Director - Conservation Operations
Mr Z Erasmus, Financial Manager
Mr B Barnes, General Manager - Strategy, Governance and Risk
Mr B Philander, General Manager - Human Resources
Mr S Mathye, General Manager - Finance
Ms P van Rhyn, General Manager - Communications
Ms L Pavitt, Marketing and Promotions Manager
Mr E Hardy, Team Leader - Risk and Performance

WCPP Officials

Ms S Niekerk, Procedural Officer
Ms N Mshumpela, Committee Assistant
Mr S Hassam, Information Technology Assistant
Ms C Morris, Information Technology Assistant

1. Opening and welcome

The Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed the members of the Committee, the Minister, Head of Department, Chairperson of the CapeNature Board, and the Departmental officials.

2. Discussion of the Annual Reports of the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning and CapeNature (2022/23)

The Minister and Head of Department provided a brief overview of the Annual Report of the Department, focussing on the highlights and challenges in the 2022/23 financial year.

The Chairperson of the CapeNature Board and the Chief Executive Officer provided the same for CapeNature.

The Committee proceeded to a discussion on Part A: General Information, Part B: Performance Information and Part D: Human Resource Management of the Annual Reports of the Department and its entity, CapeNature.

The Committee deliberated.

3. Resolutions/Actions

The Committee REQUESTED that the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning provides it with:

- 3.1 A written response on how the Capital Expenditure Framework will be amended in light of the looming budget cuts;
- 3.2 A summary of the 14 Regional Socio-Economic Projects with specific reference to the type of project and what it aims to achieve, who stands to benefit, and how and why these projects were selected;
- 3.3 A copy of the latest Integrated Coastal Management Plan; and
- 3.4 The status of the phased implementation approach of certain sections of the Western Cape Biodiversity Act, 2021 (Act 6 of 2021) by outlining the sections that have already been implemented and providing a draft timeline for the sections still to be implemented.

The Committee commended the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning on exceeding its target of 41 environmental capacity building activities by providing 53 capacity building events.

The Committee further noted its appreciation to both the Department and Cape Nature for presenting their Annual Report for the 2022/23 financial year, for achieving all their targets in the year under review and for obtaining an unqualified audit opinion.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15.



MR AP VAN DER WESTHUIZEN, MPP
CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

Date:21 November 2023.....