



Wes-Kaapse Provinsiale Parlement  
Western Cape Provincial Parliament  
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Ref: WCPP 11/4/8

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

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

*Wednesday 25 October 2023 (at 09:30), Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams*

**PRESENT**

**Members**

**Democratic Alliance**

America, D  
Murray, CA  
Van der Westhuizen, AP (Chairperson)

**African National Congress**

Marran, P

**Freedom Front Plus**

Marais, PJ

**GOOD**

De Villiers, PT

**Western Cape Provincial Parliament**

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

**1. Opening and welcome**

The Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed the members of the Committee and the officials from the Western Cape Provincial Parliament.

**2. Consideration and adoption of the Draft Final Mandate Stage Report on the Agricultural Product Standards Amendment Bill [B 15B—2021] (NCOP) (s76)**

The Chairperson informed the Committee that the relevant NCOP Select Committee met on Tuesday 26 September 2023 to consider the Negotiating Mandates of provinces and provided the Committee with a summary of the outcome of the NCOP Select Committee meeting.

The Committee deliberated.

The Chairperson submitted the Draft Final Mandate Stage Report which was considered and adopted.

**3. Consideration and adoption of Draft Negotiating Mandate Report on the National Veld and Forest Fire Amendment Bill [B 24B—2021] (NCOP)**

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**4. Consideration and adoption of Draft Committee Minutes**

The Chairperson submitted the Draft Committee Minutes of 22 August 2023, which were considered and adopted.

**5. Consideration and adoption of the Draft Committee Report on the Oversight Visit to the Cederberg area on 7 September 2023**

The Chairperson submitted the Draft Committee Report, which was considered and adopted.

**6. Consideration and adoption of Draft Committee Quarterly Report (July – September 2023)**

The Chairperson submitted the Draft Committee Quarterly Report which was considered and adopted.

**7. Consideration and adoption of Draft Committee Business Plan as at 25 October 2023**

The Chairperson submitted the Draft Committee Business Plan which was considered and adopted.

**8. Consideration and adoption of Draft Committee Tracking Document as at 25 October 2023**

The Chairperson submitted the Draft Committee Tracking Document which was considered and adopted.

## 9. Resolutions/Actions

The Committee RESOLVED that it would:

- 9.1 Subject to the availability of meeting slots on the Parliamentary Programme, undertake an oversight visit to the Central Karoo, possibly at the end of January 2023, with a focus on projects associated with the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning and SANParks. In terms of the latter, the purpose of the visit would be to do a comparative study with the offering at nature reserves that are managed by national government versus those managed by CapeNature; and
- 9.2 Write to the Speaker of the Western Provincial Parliament requesting him to consider writing to the Chairperson of the NCOP and to convey the Committee's concern relating to the reluctance of the NCOP Select Committee to be open to amendments proposed by provinces in respect of the Agricultural Product Standards Amendment Bill and the National Veld and Forest Fire Amendment Bill.

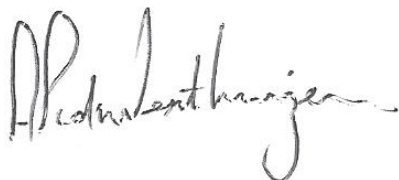
## 10. General

The Committee commended the Committee Assistant, Ms Mshumpela, on her support to the Committee and also commended the Procedural Officer, Ms Niekerk, on her support, particularly her writing, organisational, and interpersonal skills.

## 11. Closing

The Chairperson expressed his appreciation to the members for their attendance, consideration and input.

The meeting adjourned at 10:37.



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

Date: .....21 November 2023.....