



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 December 2023 (08h00)
Virtual via MS Teams

ATTENDANCE

Members:

Democratic Alliance

Murray, C (Chairperson)
Philander, W (Alternate)
Van der Westhuizen, A

African National Congress

Nkondlo, N

Al Jama-ah

Brinkhuis, K

Additional Members

Maseko, M (DA)(Alternate)
Mvimbi, L (ANC)(Alternate)

Apology

Sileku, I (DA)

The following persons were in attendance:

Department of Mineral Resources and Energy

Dr O Masekoa, Chief Director: Mining and Mineral Policy
Ms S Mamigale, Director: Mining Policy
Mr C Ngalo, Parliamentary Liaison officer

Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning

Mr P Hardcastle, Director: Planning and Policy Coordination
Ms A Rossouw, Policy and Planning Coordination
Ms M Louw, Policy Research and Analysis

Western Cape Provincial Parliament:

Ms Z Adams, Procedural Officer
Ms L Cloete, Senior Procedural Officer
Ms M Mrubata, Committee Assistant
Ms T Keswa, Manager: Public Education and Outreach
Adv R Maasdorp, Legal Adviser

1. Welcome and attendance

The Chairperson welcomed the Members, the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (the DMRE), the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (the DEADP), and the members of the public. The Chairperson noted the rules of engagement for virtual meetings, as well as the apologies from Member I Sileku, NCOP Delegate C Labuschagne, and officials from the Department of Economic Development and Tourism, before proceeding with the briefing on the Upstream Petroleum Resources Development Bill [B 13B - 2021](S76).

2. Briefing on the Upstream Petroleum Resources Development Bill [B 13B - 2021] and the way forward on the public participation process for the Bill

The Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (the DMRE) briefed the Committee on the Bill.

The Committee deliberated on the briefing and held a question-and-answer session with the Department.

The Committee deliberated on the way forward for the public participation process on the Bill. The Committee discussed advertising options. The Chairperson indicated that the Committee could advertise in mainstream newspapers, community newspapers, radio advertising, and social media, which would include paid social media advertising since there was a policy in place to guide that process. The WCPP's Public Education and Outreach Unit and the Communications Unit was requested to assist with this public participation process.

The Committee indicated that it would hold four public hearings on the Bill in Cape Town, Mossel Bay, Saldanha Bay and Beaufort West.

The Committee was informed, according to the NCOP's legislative programme for the Bills, that the advertising would take place in January 2024 and that the public participation process/public hearings would take place in February 2024.

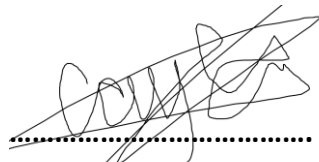
3. Resolutions/Actions

3.1 The Committee REQUESTED the following from the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy:

3.1.1 The socio-economic risk report on the Upstream Petroleum Resources Development Bill, or a summary of the findings of that assessment, if there is one; and

3.1.2 A copy of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act indicating all amendments made since 2002.

The meeting adjourned at 10h03.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cat Murray', written over a horizontal dotted line.

MS CAT MURRAY, MPP

CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES AND TOURISM