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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM**

*Tuesday 13 August 2024 (at 09:00), Chamber, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, 7 Wale Street, Cape Town*

**PRESENT**

**Members**

**Democratic Alliance**

Bryant, DW  
Masipa, NP (Chairperson)  
Mbombo, N  
Wessels, DJ

**African National Congress**

Nkondlo, ND

**Patriotic Alliance**

Constable, N

**Al Jama-ah**

Brinkhuis, G

**Additional Member**

Stoffels, BN (African National Congress)

**The following persons were in attendance:**

**Ministry of Agriculture, Economic Development and Tourism**

Dr I Meyer, Minister of Agriculture, Economic Development and Tourism  
Mr D Johnson, Media Liaison Officer

**Department of Agriculture**

Dr M Sebopetsa, Head of Department  
Dr I Trautmann, Deputy Director-General - Agricultural Research and Regulatory Services  
Mr D Jacobs, Deputy Director-General - Agricultural Development Support Services  
Ms L Govender, Chief Financial Officer  
Dr G Msiza, Chief Director - Veterinary Services  
Mr P Rockman, Chief Director - Operational Support Services  
Ms J Pandaram, Chief Director - Rural Development  
Mr J Aries, Acting Chief Director - Agricultural Producer Support and Development

Ms A Swanepoel, Acting Chief Director - Research, Technology and Development Services  
Dr D Troskie, Director - Business Planning and Strategy  
Ms A Petersen, Director - Sustainable Resource Management  
Ms B Matoti, Director - Agricultural Economic Services

### **Casidra**

Dr K du Plessis, Chief Executive Officer  
Mr F van Zyl, Chief Financial Officer  
Mr D Nefdt, Chief Programme Officer  
Ms L Seconds, Human Capital Manager

### **Department of Economic Development and Tourism**

Ms J Johnston, Head of Department  
Mr R Toefy, Deputy Director-General Economic Operations  
Ms M Abrahams, Chief Financial Officer  
Ms I van Schalkwyk, Chief Director - Economic Sector Support  
Mr J Peters, Chief Director - Economic Enablement  
Mr N Joseph, Chief Director - Skills Development  
Mr H Jonker, Director - Industrial Coordination  
Ms O Dyers, Director – Digital Leadership  
Mr J Wolmarans, Director – Enterprise Development  
Ms M Ellis, Director – Red Tape Reduction  
Ms F Dharsey, Director – Municipal Economic Support  
Mr G Dingaen, Director – Agri-Processing  
Mr J Stiltz, Director – Tourism  
Ms R Loghdey, Director – Skills Incentives  
Ms M Parker, Director – Provincial Skills Partnership  
Ms C Julies, Director – Strategic and Operational Support  
Ms C van Niekerk, Acting Director – Skills Programmes and Projects  
Ms G Steyn, Acting Director – Sector Support  
Mr F Abrahams, Acting Director – Cape Catalyst  
Mr S Bux, Acting Director - Research  
Mr J Arnold, Deputy Director – Departmental Communications

### **Western Cape Destination Marketing, Investment and Trade Promotion Agency (WESGRO)**

Ms W Stander, Chief Executive Officer  
Mr S Gcwabe, Chief Financial Officer

### **Saldanha Bay Industrial Development Zone Licencing Company SOC Ltd (SBIDZ)**

Mr D Southgate, Acting Chief Executive Officer  
Mr H Boneschan, Chief Financial Officer  
Mr K Molemane, Executive - Infrastructure and Environment  
Mr C Joseph, Executive - Stakeholder Management

### **Atlantis Special Economic Zone (ASEZ)**

Mr M Cullinan, Chief Executive Officer  
Ms W Saib, Chief Financial Officer

## **Members of the public**

Mr I Mason  
Mr J Adams  
Mr A Jansen

## **Western Cape Provincial Parliament**

Mr J Vermeulen, Senior Procedural Officer  
Ms S Niekerk, Procedural Officer  
Ms N Mshumpela, Committee Assistant  
Ms C Morris, Information Technology Assistant  
Mr S Hassan, Information Technology Assistant

### **1. Opening and welcome**

The Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed the members of the Committee, the Minister, departmental officials, members of the media, members of the public and those who were following the proceedings online.

The Chairperson informed the Committee that its oversight work was dependent on understanding the work being done by the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Economic Development and Tourism. For this reason, both departments were requested to attend the meeting as the portfolios of the two departments were intrinsically linked.

Due to the time allocated for the meeting, the Chairperson proposed that, should the Committee not finish its agenda, that the outstanding matters be deferred to a meeting on 20 August 2024.

Agreed to.

### **2. Introductory briefing by the Department of Agriculture and Casidra**

The Minister provided the Committee with an overview of the ministerial priorities linked to the Department.

The Department provided the Committee with an overview of the agricultural sector in the Western Cape placing into context Agriculture & Agri processing's contribution to the Western Cape 's Gross Domestic Product, agriculture's rural footprint and the export of agricultural products produced in the Western Cape.

Both the Department and Casidra outlined its respective mandates and legislation governing its core functions. The organisational structures and departmental programmes were expanded upon, challenges and achievements were highlighted and legislation in the pipeline was brought to the Committee's attention.

In addition, Casidra provided the Committee with an explanation of its funding model, expenditure per programme and projected income.

The Committee deliberated.

### **3. Consideration and adoption of Draft Committee Minutes**

The Chairperson submitted the Draft Committee Minutes of 5 July 2024, which were considered and adopted.

#### **4. Resolutions/Actions**

4.1 The Committee RESOLVED that it would:

4.1.1 Consider items to be included on its Committee Programme after the briefing by the Department of Economic Development and Tourism on 20 August 2024, and that one focus area would be climate change, given the considerable impact it has on food security;

4.1.2 Invite the provincial Department of Agriculture and the national Department of Agriculture to brief it on biosecurity with specific reference to the European Union's ban on the exportation of red meat from South Africa and the effect on agricultural exports. Specific reference to also be made to the impact of the ban on job creation and interventions currently underway to mitigate the impact;

4.1.3 Invite Casidra to brief it on its mandate by expanding on the mechanisms in place for the execution of its duties; and

4.1.4 Undertake an oversight visit to Philippi/Schaapkraal agricultural area with a focus on the extent of damage to the roads.

4.2 The Committee Requested that the Department and Casidra to respond in writing to questions posed during the meeting that could not be responded to due to time constraints.

#### **5. General**

5.1 An unexpected visit by learners from the Valhalla Secondary School took place where learners observed the proceedings of the Committee, and a special word of welcome was extended to them.

5.2 The Chairperson requested Members to submit further questions to the Procedural Officer for the Department's and Casidra's attention.

#### **6. Closing**

The Chairperson expressed his appreciation to the members, Minister and departmental officials for their participation in the proceedings.

The meeting adjourned at 12:19.



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**MR NP MASIPA, MPP**

**CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM**

Date: .....20 August 2024.....