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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

Thursday 28 November 2024 (at 14:00), Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

PRESENT

Members

Democratic Alliance

Bosman, G (Alternate member)
Booyesen, M (Additional member)
Masipa, NP (Chairperson)
Mbombo, N
Wessels, DJ

African National Congress

Nkondlo, ND
Stoffels, BN (Additional member)

Patriotic Alliance

Constable, N

Al Jama-ah

Brinkhuis, G

Apology

Bryant, DW (Member - Democratic Alliance)

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 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 T Parle, Chief Director - Digital Economy
Mr F Abrahams, Acting Director - Cape Catalyst
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 R Loghdey, Director - Skills Incentives
Ms M Parker, Director - Provincial Skills Partnership
Ms C van Niekerk, Acting Director - Skills Programmes and Projects
Ms C Julies, Director - Strategic and Operational Support
Mr G Dingaen, Director – Agri-Processing Sector
Mr R Le Bron, Deputy Director – Management Accounting

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

Dr S Zinn, Chairperson of the Board
Mr J van Rooyen, Board Member
Ms W Stander, Chief Executive Officer
Mr S Gcwabe, Chief Financial Officer

Saldanha Bay Industrial Development Zone (SBIDZ)

Mr N Matjie, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Mr H Boneschan, Chief Financial Officer

Atlantis Special Economic Zone (ASEZ)

Mr M Cullinan, Chief Executive Officer
Ms W Saib, Chief Financial Officer
Ms S Dangor, Financial Controller

WCPP Officials

Ms S Niekerk, Procedural Officer
Ms N Mshumpela, Committee 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, Head of Department, Chairperson of the WESGRO Board, the Chief Executive Officers of WESGRO, SBIDZ and ASEZ, departmental officials, and those who were watching the live proceedings on YouTube.

2. Deliberation on Vote 12: Economic development and Tourism in the Schedule to the Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill [B 2–2024]

2.1 The Department briefed the Committee on Vote 12 in the Schedule to the Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill [B 2–2024].

The Committee deliberated after which it agreed to support the Vote. The African National Congress and Al Jama-ah did not support the Vote.

2.2 The African National Congress provided the following reasons for not supporting the Vote:

2.2.1 The Budget Adjustment failed to address the ongoing demands for the Department to prioritise the Informal Economy, where the majority of marginalised communities operate;

2.2.2 The Skills Development Programme consistently faced budget reallocations year after year, with R3,4 million being diverted to fund goods and services for other sub-programmes. Of this amount, R2 million was allocated to the Market Intelligence Report of the Western Cape Technology Sector;

2.2.3 The R4,6 million reduction in Compensation of Employees highlighted the constrained human resources, which hampered the effective delivery of the Department’s mandate, particularly the mandate of the Growth for Jobs Strategy; and

2.2.4 The allocation of R20 million to address the cash flow problems experienced by Freeport Saldanha was not supported, as this indicated a potential risk for this Entity under the management of the Department.

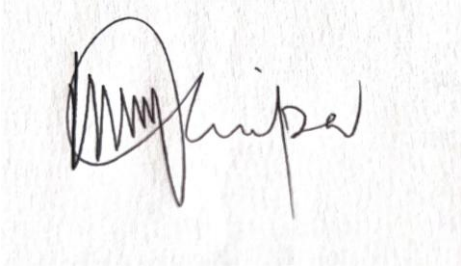
3. Consideration and adoption of Draft Committee Report on Vote 12: Economic Development and Tourism in the Schedule to the Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill [B 2–2024]

Upon conclusion of its deliberations the Chairperson submitted a Draft Report. The African National Congress and Al Jama-ah requested that their minority view be included in the Report, after which the Report was considered and adopted.

4. Closing

The Chairperson expressed his appreciation to the members, the Minister of Agriculture, Economic Development and Tourism, the Head of Department, the Chairperson of the WESGRO Board, the Chief Executive Officers of WESGRO, SBIDZ and ASEZ and departmental officials for their contribution to the success of the meeting. As this was expected to be the last meeting for the calendar year, the Chairperson extended well wishes to all for the festive period.

The meeting adjourned at 15:36.

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored, textured background. The signature is stylized and appears to read 'NP Masipa'.

MR NP MASIPA, MPP

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

Date: 4 March 2025