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Western Cape Provincial Parliament
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES AND TOURISM

Wednesday, 26 May 2021 (09h00)
Virtual Meeting via MS Teams

ATTENDANCE

Members:

Democratic Alliance

Baartman, D (Chairperson)
Van der Westhuizen, A
Maseko, M (Alternate)

African National Congress

Nkondlo, N

Apology

Makamba-Botya, N (EFF)

Additional Member

Bosman, G (DA)

The following persons were in attendance:

Western Cape Provincial Parliament:

Ms Z Adams, Procedural Officer
Ms L Cloete, Senior Procedural Officer
Ms M Motsapi, Committee Assistant

Department of Economic Development and Tourism

Mr R Toefy, Acting Head of Department
Ms I van Schalkwyk, Chief Director: Tourism
Mr J Stoltz, Director: Tourism
Ms C Le Bron, Office of the HOD

Wesgro

Mr T Harris, Chief Executive Officer
Ms M Luel, Chief Marketing Officer
Ms J Botha, Acting Chief Research Officer
Ms L Curran, Acting Head: Leisure Tourism
Mr C Koch, Head: Convention Bureau

Member of the Public

Mr T Lepule, Report: Weekend Argus

1. Welcome and attendance

The Chairperson welcomed the Members, the officials from the Department of Economic Development and Tourism and Wesgro and the members of the public to the meeting. The Chairperson noted the apologies from the Minister and Mr S Fourie (Head of Department) who could not attend the meeting, as well as Member N Nkondlo (ANC), who entered the meeting later on.

During the meeting, the Chairperson noted the apology from Member N Makamba-Botya (EFF), who had technical difficulties when trying to access the virtual meeting.

The Chairperson congratulated former Member of the Standing Committee, Mr D Mitchell, on becoming the Minister of Transport and Public Works, and wished him well on behalf of the Committee.

The Chairperson noted the Rules of Engagement for virtual meetings and proceeded with the agenda items below.

2. Briefing by the Department of Economic Development and Tourism and Wesgro on the 2020/21 seasonal tourism statistics, the process for renewal of tour guide permits, and the assistance provided to tour guides in respect of those permits

The Department and Wesgro officials briefed the Committee on the above agenda items.

The Committee asked questions based on the presentation and information received.

The Committee proceeded to the discussion on the UIF's COVID-19 Temporary Employer/Employee Relief Scheme (COVID-19 TERS) public participation process.

3. Discussion on the COVID-19 TERS Questions for the Public Participation Process

The Chairperson reminded Members that the deadline for submitting any amendments for the COVID-19 TERS questions was at 12h00.

The Members held a brief discussion on the questions for the COVID-19 TERS questionnaire as well as the affected advert. Members proposed amendments to certain questions.

The Chairperson indicated that the final questionnaire and advert would be circulated to Members via email and that approval should be indicated to the Procedural Officer by 12h00 on Saturday, 29 May 2021.

4. Resolutions/Actions

4.1 The Committee REQUESTED that the Department of Economic Development and Tourism and Wesgro provide it with the following information:

- 4.1.1 The Remote Working Visa Submission sent to the Minister of Home Affairs;
- 4.1.2 A list of Airbnb accommodation in townships of the city and small rural areas, as well as a list of Airbnb accommodations that closed during the lockdown and did not recover;
- 4.1.3 A list of SETA accredited training providers that have been active and have provided tour guide training, including other related tourism training in the Western Cape;
- 4.1.4 A list of Twinning Agreements in the Western Cape, with partnerships in terms of tourism promotion and marketing;
- 4.1.5 A list of contact details that local municipalities can use to request assistance from the Department and Wesgro in respect of tourism matters; and
- 4.1.6 A list of Culture, Art, Tourism, Hospitality and Sport Sector Education and Training Authority (CATTHSETA) accredited training providers in the Western Cape.

4.2 The Committee RESOLVED the following:

- 4.2.1 The Department of Economic Development and Tourism should update the Committee on its meeting with the CATHSSETA and the National Department of Tourism at the next Committee meeting (9 June 2021);
- 4.2.2 To invite the Department of Higher Education and Training and all Sector Education and Training Authorities to brief the Committee at separate meetings;
- 4.2.3 To reschedule the Committee's oversight visit to PetroSA in Mossel Bay; and
- 4.2.4 To invite the Department, Wesgro and mobile payment solutions such as Yoco, Snapscan and Zapper to brief the Committee on services offered to Small, Medium and Micro Enterprises (SMMEs), and the successes and challenges experienced by these service providers in the Western Cape.

4.3 The Committee RECOMMENDED that the Department and all its Entities create a pamphlet that provides people with all relevant information, links and contact details pertaining to their various funding and training programmes.

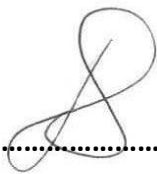
4.4 The Committee FURTHER RECOMMENDED that the Department and Wesgro invite the Committee to the webinars that they have been hosting.

5. Closing Remarks

The Chairperson wished Mr Harris, the Chief Executive Officer of Wesgro, all of the best with his new position in the private sector, and noted the contributions he has made to the economy under his leadership at Wesgro.

Mr Harris thanked the Committee for their continued support and said that he felt privileged to have played a part in the contributions made by Wesgro to the Province.

The meeting adjourned at 11h57.



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ADV. D BAARTMAN, MPP

**CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES
AND TOURISM**

DATE: 9 June 2021



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