



Wes-Kaapse Provinsiale Parlement
Western Cape Provincial Parliament
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DRAFT MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON COVID-19

Friday, 3 September 2021 (14:00), Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

ATTENDANCE

Members:

Democratic Alliance

Allen, R
America, D
Baartman, D
Bosman, G
Philander, W
Van der Westhuizen, A
Wenger, M (Chairperson)

African National Congress

Lekker, P

African Christian Democratic Party

Christians, F

Freedom Front Plus

Marais, P

Apologies

Herron, B (GOOD)
Windvogel, R (ANC)

Absent

Xego, M (EFF)

The following persons were in attendance:

Department of the Premier

Mr. A Winde, Premier: Western Cape
Dr. H Malila, Director General
Ms. F Steyn, Head of Corporate Communications
Mr. R Brueton, Special Advisor to the Premier
Ms. O Cason, Acting Chief of Staff, Premier's office
Mr. R Shaw, Director: Director General Support
Mr. N Maholwana, Office of the Director General

COVID-19 Actuaries Response Group

Mr. L Rossouw, Head of Research and Analytics, Gen Re

Mr. S McDonald, Head of Demographic Assumptions & Methodology, Lloyds Banking Group

Twitter influencers

Dr. R Suliman, Senior Researcher, Council for Scientific and Industrial Research

Mr. S Naidoo, COVID-19 information influencer and High school teacher

Department of Health

Dr. K Vallabhjee, Chief Director: Strategy and Health Support

Dr. S Kariem, Acting Head of the Department of Health

Western Cape Provincial Parliament

Ms. S Jones, Procedural Officer

Ms. W Hassen Moosa, Procedural Officer

Mr. B Daza, Senior Procedural Officer

Auditor-General of South Africa

Mr. T Mohlomi, Stakeholder Liaison Officer

The Chairperson acknowledged apologies from members:

Herron, B (GOOD)

Windvogel, R (ANC)

1. Welcome

The Chairperson welcomed all persons in attendance.

The Chairperson explained the rules of engagement in respect of virtual meetings. She advised on the theme of the day, "Information and mis-information on (COVID-19) and the Western Cape Government's communication with residents.

2. Briefing by the Department of the Premier

The Department of the Premier briefed the Committee on the Western Cape Government's communication with residents on matters pertaining to general information relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, behaviours to limit the spread of COVID-19, safety of COVID-19 vaccines, vaccine registration and availability and information and mis-information on this virus.

Premier Winde also gave an input on the subject matter.

The Committee deliberated on the presentation.

The Chairperson thanked the Premier and the Department of the Premier for the presentation.

3. Briefing by the COVID-19 Actuaries Response Group

Mr. Louis Rossouw and Mr. Stuart McDonald briefed the Committee on the core business of the COVID-19 Actuaries Response Group. They also briefed on the collaboration of actuaries and how it came about, the information and education

strategies, the Group's responses to the pandemic, particularly in SA and insights on information and mis-information on the virus.

The Committee deliberated on the presentation.

The Chairperson thanked the COVID-19 Actuaries Response Group for the presentation.

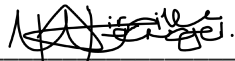
4. Briefing by the Twitter influencers Sugan Naidoo and Ridhwaan Suliman

Dr. Ridhwaan Suliman and Mr. Sugan Naidoo briefed the Committee on the drivers that led to them becoming COVID-19 information influencers. They also briefed on the motivating factors that drives them to report on COVID-19 daily and the important lessons learned over the past 18 months with regards to communicating, information and mis-information on this virus.

The Committee deliberated on the presentations.

The Chairperson thanked the Twitter influencers for the presentation.

The meeting adjourned at 13:30.



MS M WENGER, MPP
CHAIRPERSON: AD HOC COMMITTEE ON COVID-19

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