



Wes-Kaapse Provinsiale Parlement
Western Cape Provincial Parliament
IPalamente yePhondo leNtshona Koloni

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON COVID-19

Wednesday, 9 September 2020 (13h00), Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

THEME: Citizen Engagement

ATTENDANCE

Members:

Democratic Alliance

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

African National Congress

Dugmore, C
Lekker, P
Windvogel, R

GOOD

Herron, B

African Christian Democratic Party

Christians, F

Freedom Front Plus

Marais, P

Alternate Members

Botha, L (DA)
Maseko, M (DA)
Sayed, K (ANC)

Apology

Baartman, D (DA)

The following persons were in attendance:

Ilitha Labantu:

Mr S Monakali, Manager: Food Security and Training

Ms E Mangisa, Director

Detention Justice Forum:

Ms D Gaura

Ms L Edwards

Ms K Petersen

Ms S Gear

Centre for Early Childhood Development:

Prof E Atmore, Director

African Criminal Justice Forum – Dullah Omar Institute

Prof L Muntingh, Associate Professor

Freedom of Religion South Africa:

Ms D Ellerbeck, Attorney/Parliamentary Liaison Officer

COVID-19 Survivor:

Ms L Hellaby, Artist

Western Cape Provincial Parliament

Ms Z Adams, Procedural Officer

Ms L Cloete, Senior Procedural Officer

1. Welcome

The Chairperson welcomed the Members, organisations and members of the public and media and noted an apology from Member D Baartman (DA).

The Chairperson explained the rules of engagement to Members and officials in respect of virtual meetings and then proceeded to the presentations.

The Chairperson informed the Committee that they will continue its public engagement programme and be briefed by various individuals and organisations. These individuals and organisations indicated that they would want to make verbal presentations on their written submissions.

2. Oral submissions were delivered by the following organisations and persons:

2.1 Centre for Early Childhood Development in Cape Town – Prof Eric Atmore,
Director

2.2 COVID-19 survivor - Ms Leigh Ann Hellaby

- 2.3 Freedom of Religion South Africa (FOR SA) – Ms Daniela Ellerbeck
- 2.4 Detention Justice Forum - Ms Doreen Gaura
- 2.5 African Criminal Justice Reform at the Dullah Omar Institute - Prof Lukas Muntingh
- 2.6 Ilitha Labantu - Ms Ella Mangisa

The Committee deliberated and engaged with the individuals and organisations on the oral submissions.

The Chairperson thanked each participant for putting a lot of thought and effort into their submissions and giving the Committee a better idea of the impact of the pandemic on the communities.

3. Consideration and deliberations on grid of public participation and dealing with public submissions received.

The Chairperson informed the Committee that the Committee agreed on a set of questions to be posed for the public participation process. The questions were translated in the three official languages of the Western Cape, adverts were placed in various traditional media and a social media campaign was launched as well. The Committee received just under 17 000 submissions. The Committee will therefore need to agree on a way forward in dealing with the vast amounts of submissions received.

The Chairperson proposed that the Ad Hoc Committee be grouped in 5 Working Groups, consisting of 3 members in each working group. The respective Working Groups will deal with a set of submissions and report back to the full Ad hoc committee. The respective Working Groups would then meet on Thursday, 8 and Friday, 9 October 2020. A procedural officer will be assigned to each Working Group and each Working Group will submit a short report on its findings to the Ad Hoc Committee and table this with the full Ad Hoc Committee on Wednesday, 14 October 2020. The Committee agreed to the proposal.

The Working Groups as follows:

Work Group 1:

Hon M Wenger
Hon C Dugmore
Hon F Christians

Working Group 2:

Hon D Mitchell
Hon R Allen
Hon B Herron

Work Group 3:

Hon D America
Hon W Philander
Hon M Xego

Work Group 4:

Hon D Baartman
Hon R Windvogel
Hon P Lekker

Work Group 5:

Hon A Van der Westhuizen
Hon G Bosman
Hon P Marais

The alternate members of the Ad Hoc Committee may choose which Working Groups to join.

4. Consideration and adoption of Draft Committee Report on the themes/activities covered by the Committee for the month of July 2020

The Committee considered and adopted the Draft Committee Report on the themes/activities covered by the Committee for the month of July 2020.

5. Consideration and adoption of Draft Committee Minutes

The Committee considered and adopted the draft Committee Minutes of 17 and 22 July and 19 and 26 August 2020.

6. Resolutions/Actions

5.1 The Committee RESOLVED that:

- 5.1.1 The Working Groups meet on Thursday, 8 and Friday, 9 October 2020.
- 5.1.2 The Working Groups tables it report and findings to the full Ad Hoc Committee on Wednesday, 14 October 2020.
- 5.1.3 Each Working Group to receive a template report to feedback on its findings.
- 5.1.4 The Working Group sessions would not be broadcast live on YouTube since its in-committee working sessions, the Ad Hoc Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday 14 October will be broadcast live.
- 5.1.5 Send all resolutions of the meeting to the Procedural Officer by 12h00 on Monday, 14 September 2020.

The meeting adjourned at 15h26.



MS M WENGER, MPP
CHAIRPERSON: AD HOC COMMITTEE ON COVID-19
DATE: 14 October 2020