

PARLIAMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF THE WESTERN CAPE

ANNOUNCEMENTS, TABLINGS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

WEDNESDAY, 16 AUGUST 2023

COMMITTEE REPORT

Annual Activity Report of the Standing Committee on Transport and Public Works for the 2022/23 financial year.

The strategic objectives of the WCPP linked to the Speaker's priorities which have an impact on committees are as follows:

Priority 1: Building a credible WCPP; and
Priority 3: Strengthening the core business.

Members

The Committee comprised following Members:

Chairperson: Mr D America (DA) (from 23 February 2022 until 8 June 2022)
Chairperson: Mr R Mackenzie (DA) (from 8 June 2022 until 23 February 2023)
Chairperson: Mr D America (DA) (from 24 February 2023)

Members: Mr AP van der Westhuizen (DA)
Mr I Sileku (DA) (from 27 February 2023)
Mr LL Mvimbi (ANC)
Mr S August (GOOD) (from 15 March 2022)

Alternate Members: Ms M Maseko (DA) (from 27 February 2023)
Ms C Murray (DA) (from 27 February 2023)
Mr CM Dugmore (ANC)
Ms ND Nkondlo (ANC)

1. Introduction

1.1 The mandate of the Committee is to:

- 1.1.1 Maintain oversight over the executive, the Department and its entity, including the implementation of legislation, and to hold them accountable to the Western Cape Provincial Parliament; and
- 1.1.2 Consider and report on legislation, other matters and annual reports referred to it by the Speaker.

1.2 In fulfilment of its mandate the Committee:

- 1.2.1 Facilitated public participation and involvement in the legislative and other processes of the Committee;
- 1.2.2 Conducted its business in a fair, open and transparent manner;
- 1.2.3 Promoted cooperative governance; and
- 1.2.4 Reported regularly to the House.

2. Reporting department

Department of Transport and Public Works.

3. Reporting entity

Government Motor Transport.

4. Overview of the Committee's activities

4.1	Number of committee meetings	13
4.2	Number of provincial bills considered	3
4.3	Number of public hearings	5
4.4	Oversight visits	3
4.5	Cluster oversight visits	2

5. Oversight activities

- 5.1 The first quarter started with a briefing by the Department on its Fourth Quarterly Performance Report (January 2022–March 2022) and Expenditure Report for the same period which was followed by a briefing by the Department on the Western Cape 2022 Easter weekend road safety statistics and the Road Safety Plan for 2022. The Western Cape Provincial Transport Infrastructure Bill was referred to the Committee and the Committee facilitated two public hearings on the Bill. The Committee also conducted an oversight visit to the George Integrated Transport Network (Go George) and the Government Motor Transport Regional Hub in George and the Gene Louw Traffic College in Brackenfell. The Committee was again reconstituted and Mr R Mackenzie was elected as the new Chairperson of the Committee.
- 5.2 The Committee met with various stakeholders on the recent attacks on the public bus service after which the Committee had several meetings to consider the Western Cape Provincial Transport Infrastructure Bill [B 5–2021]. The committee met with Sasol and received a briefing on the fuel additives that consumers add to their fuel to achieve better fuel efficiency. The second quarter ended with a Cluster B visit week to the Overberg

region during which the Cluster visited the Villiersdorp replacement clinic which is currently under construction and the South Africa National Space Agency.

- 5.3 The Committee met with the Department and deliberated on the annual reports of the Department of Transport and Public Works and Government Motor Transport for the 2021/22 financial year. Due to some outstanding technical matters, the Committee could not finalise the Western Cape Provincial Transport Infrastructure Bill [B 5–2021]. The Committee concluded the year with the deliberation on Vote 10: Transport and Public Works in the Schedule to the Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill [B 3–2022] and the consideration and adoption of the Committee Report on Vote 10: Transport and Public Works in the Schedule to the Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill [B 3–2022].
- 5.4 The Committee also dealt with the Western Cape Provincial Transport Infrastructure Bill [B 5–2021] and concluded its deliberations on the Bill. In February 2023 the Committee was reconstituted and Member D America was elected as the new Chairperson. The Committee had to adopt a new A Bill on the Western Cape Provincial Transport Infrastructure Bill [B 5–2021] due to amendments that were detected in the Afrikaans version of the Bill. On 16 March 2023 the Department briefed the Committee on Vote 8: Mobility in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 2–2023]. The Economic Regulation of Transport Bill [B 1B–2020] (NCOP) was referred to the Committee and on 23 March 2023 the Department of Transport briefed the Committee on the Bill.

6. Legislation

In the 2022/23 financial year, the Committee dealt with the following legislation:

6.1 Provincial bills

- 6.1.1 Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill [B 3–2022]
 6.1.2 Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 2–2023]
 6.1.3 Western Cape Provincial Transport Infrastructure Bill [B 5–2021]

7. Financial particulars

The Committee's actual expenditure for the 2022/23 financial year as at 31 March 2023 was R176 486 against an adjusted budget of R189 794.