

# PARLIAMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF THE WESTERN CAPE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, TABLINGS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

MONDAY, 21 AUGUST 2023

### COMMITTEE REPORT

**Annual Committee Report of the Budget Committee for the 2022/23 financial year, as follows:**

The Committee comprised the following Members:

#### Permanent Members

America, D (DA) (from 24 February 2022)  
Baartman, DM (DA) Chairperson  
Brinkhuis, G (Al Jama-ah)  
Mackenzie, RD (DA) (became Minister on 28 February 2023)  
Murray, C (DA)  
Mvimbi, LL (ANC)  
Philander, WF (DA) (became Chief Whip on 13 January 2023)

#### Alternate Members

Allen, RI (DA) (became Minister on 26 April 2022)  
America, D (DA)  
Bosman, G (DA) (from 22 February 2022)  
Botha, LJ (DA) (until 31 August 2022)  
Maseko, LM (DA)  
Nkondlo, ND (ANC)  
Plato, D (DA) (from 22 February 2022)  
Smith, D (ANC)  
Van der Westhuizen, AP (DA)  
Wenger, MM (DA) (became Minister on 16 May 2022)

## 1. Introduction

1.1 The mandate of the Committee was to:

- 1.1.1 consider and make recommendations to the House on budget allocations in the annual Medium-term Budget Policy Statement (MTBPS), the main budget, the budget review and the relevant bills with a view to improve spending effectiveness and efficiency;
- 1.1.2 review and assess overall provincial expenditure and non-financial reports on a quarterly basis for spending efficiency and effectiveness;
- 1.1.3 engage the provincial government on spending patterns;
- 1.1.4 perform such other tasks assigned to it by resolution of the House; and
- 1.1.5 ensure public involvement in all budgetary processes.

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 co-operative governance; and
- 1.2.4 reported regularly to the House.

With reference to the 2023/24 strategic objectives of the WCPP linked to the Speaker's priorities to the end of the sixth term, the outcome of this report is linked to:

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

## 2. Reporting department

Provincial Treasury

## 3. Overview of Committee's activities

Number of committee meetings	17 (this includes public hearings)
Number of public hearings	4
Number of oversight visits	0
Number of provincial bills considered	2
Number of NCOP bills considered	2

## 4. Oversight activities

In April and May 2022, the Budget Committee considered and adopted the negotiating and final mandates on the Division of Revenue Bill [B 6–2022] (NCOP).

The Western Cape Provincial Parliament (WCPP) briefed the Committee on the way forward for a Draft Money Bills Amendment Procedure Bill in June 2022. The briefing included an outline of the general approach to drafting a bill; a project plan including project sub-components; deadlines and anticipated consultation that will take place with stakeholders.

The Provincial Treasury briefed the Committee on the fourth quarter departmental performance (financial and non-financial) to provide better insight into the situation of each department reporting to the respective standing committees. During the meeting that took place in July 2022,

the Committee received a briefing from the National Treasury on the projected public wages for the next three Medium-term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) periods.

The Committee also appreciated the annual recurring briefings namely:

1. The Medium-term Budget Policy Statement;
2. The Provincial Economic Review and Outlook (PERO);
3. The Municipal Economic Review and Outlook (MERO);
4. The Financial and Fiscal Commission (FFC) on the 2023/24 Submissions for the Division of Revenue;
5. The overall provincial expenditure including non-financial reports on a quarterly basis, which provided chairpersons and committee members with better insight to the respective standing committees;
6. The Auditor-General of South Africa (AGSA) on the 2021/22 Audit Outcomes of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act 1 of 1999), for the Western Cape provincial departments and entities; and
7. The 2021/22 annual report process pertaining to departments and entities of the provincial government of the Western Cape.

## **5. Legislation**

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

1. Division of Revenue Bill [B 6–2022] (NCOP);
2. Division of Revenue Amendment Bill [B 2–2023] (NCOP);
3. Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill [B 1–2023]; and
4. Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 2–2023].

The Budget Committee held a workshop on 10 March 2023 where it was briefed on the First Draft of Amendments to the Standing Rules and the Draft Western Cape Money Bills Amendment Procedure Bill. The stakeholders that were invited to the workshop were the WCPP's legal and research units. The National Treasury, the Provincial Treasury and the Financial and Fiscal Commission were invited to provide feedback on the first draft of the bill.

The Committee resolved at this meeting that the WCPP's Legal Unit, the Provincial Treasury and the Department of the Premier's Legal Unit establish a Technical Team to incorporate all the technical proposals made to the draft bill.

## **6. Facilitation of public involvement and participation**

In line with its mandate to facilitate public participation as part of the legislative process, the Committee held four public hearings. To give effect to this, the Committee advertised the annual budget activities and division of revenue bills to inform and to invite stakeholders to participate in public hearings.

## **7. Financial particulars**

The Committee's original budget was R63 176. The actual expenditure for the 2022/23 financial year was R52 390 against an adjusted budget allocation of R96 675, resulting in an under expenditure of R44 285.