

# PARLIAMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF THE WESTERN CAPE

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS, TABLINGS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

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THURSDAY, 31 AUGUST 2023

### COMMITTEE REPORT

**Annual Committee Report of the Standing Committee on Finance, Economic Opportunities and Tourism for the 2022/23 financial year, dated 1 April 2023, as follows:**

#### Members

The Committee comprised of the following Members:

Murray, C (DA) (Chairperson from 12 August 2022)  
Bosman, G (DA) (Chairperson until 12 August 2022)  
Brinkhuis, K (Al Jama-ah)  
Nkondlo, N (ANC)  
Sileku, I (DA)  
Van der Westhuizen, A (DA)

#### Alternate Members

America, D (DA)  
Bans, A (ANC)  
Maseko, M (DA)  
Mvimbi, L (ANC)

### 1. Introduction

The mandate of the Committee is to:

- 1.1 Maintain oversight over the executive members and the Departments concerning how they perform their responsibilities, including the implementation of legislation and hold them accountable; and

- 1.2 Consider and report on legislation, other matters and the annual reports referred to it by the Speaker.

In fulfilment of its mandate, the Committee must:

- 1.2.1 Facilitate public participation and involvement in the legislative and other processes of the Committee.
- 1.2.2 Conduct its business in a fair, open, and transparent manner.
- 1.2.3 Promote cooperative governance.
- 1.2.4 Report regularly to the House.

Concerning 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 departments and entities**

- 2.1 Provincial Treasury
- 2.2 Western Cape Gambling and Racing Board (WCGRB)
- 2.3 Department of Economic Development and Tourism
- 2.4 Western Cape Destination Marketing, Investment and Trade Promotion Agency (Wesgro)
- 2.5 Saldanha Bay Industrial Development Zone Licencing Company SOC Ltd (SBIDZ)
- 2.6 Atlantis Special Economic Zone (ASEZ)

## **3. Overview of the Committee's activities**

Number of committee meetings	10
Number of public hearings	11
Number of international study tours	0
Number of oversight visits	3
Number of provincial bills considered	0
Number of NCOP bills considered	2
Workshops or conferences attended	1

## **4. Oversight activities**

The Standing Committee on Finance, Economic Opportunities and Tourism (the Committee) conducted its oversight responsibilities and produced a high level of output, holding a total of 10 meetings, three oversight visits (two oversight visits as part of the Cluster Visit Week held in September 2022) and 11 public hearings during the 2022/23 financial year.

### **4.1 Legislation**

During the 2022/23 financial year, the Committee deliberated on Vote 3: Provincial Treasury and Vote 12: Economic Development and Tourism in the Schedule to the Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill [B 3–2022] on 28 November 2022. The Committee also deliberated on Vote 3: Provincial Treasury and Vote 12: Economic Development and

Tourism in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 2–2023] on 17 March 2023. Both votes were supported.

The Copyright Amendment Bill [B 13D–2017] and the Performers’ Protection Amendment Bill [B 24D–2016] were referred to the Committee in October 2022 and the Committee received a briefing on both bills in November 2022, where it was resolved that the public participation process would include five public hearings held across the different regions in the Western Cape. The public hearings commenced on 31 January 2023 in Oudtshoorn, and this was followed by public hearings in Stellenbosch (21 February), Darling (1 March), Hermanus (6 March) and Cape Town (7 March).

#### **4.2 Committee meetings**

The Committee focused much of its activities on matters affecting the Western Cape, including the recovery of the tourism sector and preparation for the 2022/23 tourism season. The 2022/23 financial year started with a briefing on the flight figures for the preceding tourism season, which was followed by briefings on the Air Access Strategy and the recovery of the tourism season.

The Committee, in preparation for a booster tourism season, was briefed by provincial and national departments and entities on the Province’s readiness plan for the 2022/23 tourism season, the readiness of Cape Town International Airport for an influx of tourists and plans to mitigate against jet fuel shortage, the processing of visas in preparation for the tourism season, and the measures taken to address the backlog in tourism operating licenses.

Between June and August 2022, the Committee welcomed a new Minister, a new Chairperson, a new Head of the Department of Economic Development and Tourism, and a new Chief Executive Officer of Wesgro.

In November 2022, the Committee interviewed candidates to fill a vacancy in the Western Cape Gambling and Racing Board (the Board). The Committee interviewed three candidates and considered and adopted the report to the Minister on the recommendations of candidates to fill the vacancy on the Board. Again, in March 2023, the Committee interviewed candidates to fill two vacancies on the Board. The Committee interviewed eight candidates and made its recommendations to the Minister.

The Committee also hosted a delegation from Gauteng during the financial year. The delegation was invited to tour the Western Cape’s Procurement Client Centre and to engage with beneficiaries of the Province’s SMME Booster Fund.

The Committee deliberated on the 2021/22 Annual Report of the Department of Economic Development and Tourism and its Entities: Wesgro, the Saldanha Bay Industrial Development Zone Licencing Company SOC Ltd and the Atlantis Special Economic Zone. The Committee also deliberated on the 2021/22 annual reports of the Provincial Treasury and its entity, the Western Cape Gambling and Racing Board.

#### **4.3 Oversight visits**

The Committee conducted three oversight visits during the 2022/23 financial year. The Committee visited the Cape Town International Airport, where it was briefed on the arrival and departure figures for Cape Town International Airport and an update on the expansion

plans for the Airport. The Committee also addressed land invasion challenges affecting the Airport and its expansion plans.

The Committee, as part of the Service Delivery Cluster, embarked on two Cluster Visit Weeks. The Committee visited Caledon Casino and Lesedi Square (Ou Meule Municipal Booster Project) during the Cluster Visit Week in September 2022. The Committee participated in the Cluster Visit Week in January and February 2023 and chose to hold a public hearing on the Copyright and Performers' Protection Amendment Bills during this week.

## **5. Legislation**

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

### **5.1 Provincial bills**

- 5.1.1 Vote 3: Provincial Treasury in the Schedule to the Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill [B 3–2022]
- 5.1.2 Vote 12: Economic Development and Tourism in the Schedule to the Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill [B 3–2022]
- 5.1.3 Vote 3: Provincial Treasury in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 2–2023]
- 5.1.4 Vote 12: Economic Development and Tourism in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 2–2023]

### **5.2 NCOP bills (section 76)**

- 5.2.1 Copyright Amendment Bill [B 13D–2017]
- 5.2.2 Performers' Protection Amendment Bill [B 24D–2016]

## **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 public hearings on all the bills and the annual reports. To give effect to this, the Committee advertised the Annual Report, the Western Cape appropriation bills and the Copyright Amendment Bill and the Performers' Protection Amendment Bill in mainstream and community newspapers across the Western Cape, informing and inviting stakeholders to participate in the public participation processes.

The Committee also initiated the use of paid social media advertising and an online submission form to bolster public participation for the Copyright Amendment Bill and the Performers' Protection Amendment Bill. Members of the public were also encouraged to use WhatsApp messages and voice notes to submit their comments on the bills.

Reference to steps taken to promote transparency in the public participation process for the Copyright and Performers' Protection Amendment Bills:

<https://www.dailymaverick.co.za/article/2023-03-09-wc-standing-committee-prioritises-transparency-and-accountability-in-public-participation-on-bills/>

## **7. Financial particulars**

The Committee's original budget was R63 176. The adjusted budget for the 2022/23 financial year was R141 502 and the Committee incurred actual expenditure of R408 624, resulting in an over expenditure of R267 112.