

PARLIAMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF THE WESTERN CAPE

ANNOUNCEMENTS, TABLINGS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

THURSDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER 2023

COMMITTEE REPORT

Annual Report of the Standing Committee on Local Government for the 2022/23 financial year, as follows:

Members

The Committee comprised of the following members:

Chairperson: Mr I Sileku (from 27 February 2023)
Chairperson: Mr D America (from 13 June 2022 until 27 February 2023)
Chairperson: Ms L Botha (until 12 June 2022)

Members: Ms LM Maseko
Ms C Murray (from 5 August 2022)
Mr RD Mackenzie (from 9 June 2022 until 5 August 2022)
Mr G Bosman (until 8 June 2022)
Mr CM Dugmore
Ms N Makamba-Botya (until 29 January 2023)
Mr T Klaas (from 27 February 2023)

Alternate members: Mr D America (from 27 February 2023);
Mr AP van der Westhuizen (from 1 March 2021);
Adv DM Baartman (until 9 June 2022);
Mr P Marran;
Mr M Xego (until 29 January 2023)
Ms A Cassiem (from 27 February 2023)

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The mandate of the Committee was to:
 - 1.1.1 Maintain oversight over the executive member and his Department, 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 Local Government.

3. Overview of Committee's activities

3.1	Number of committee meetings	12
3.2	Number of Cluster oversight visits	2
3.3	Number of oversight visits	1
3.4	Number of provincial bills considered	3
3.5	Number of NCOP bills considered	0
3.6	Number of public hearings	3

4. Oversight activities

- 4.1 The Committee started the first term with a briefing by Mr A le Roux, Senior Legal Adviser, on the monitoring of local government by provincial standing committees, which was followed by a briefing by the Department on the status of induction and training of new Councillors at municipalities and the roles and responsibilities of MAYCO Members and portfolio Chairpersons. During the meeting the Committee was introduced to the new Chairperson of SALGA and was briefed on the Induction Programme for new Councillors. The Committee also conducted an oversight visit to the Western Cape Disaster Management Centre during which they were briefed on the operations of the Centre, report on fire related disasters during the past year and the readiness for possible floods with a view to the approaching winter season. The Committee was reconstituted and Mr D America was elected again as Chairperson of the Committee.
- 4.2 The Committee was briefed by the Auditor-General on the Consolidated General Report on Local Government Audit outcomes (MFMA 2020/21) with specific reference to the Audit Outcomes of the municipalities in the Western Cape and in particular the underperforming municipalities. The Committee received two further briefings by the Department of Local Government and Provincial Treasury on the Audit Outcomes of the municipalities in the Western Cape for the 2020/21 financial year with specific reference to the underperforming municipalities and the corrective measures and support envisage to these municipalities. The 2nd quarter ended with a Cluster Oversight visit to the Overberg region during which the Heavenly Promise safe house in Bredasdorp was visited.
- 4.3 The Committee met with the Department and deliberated on the Annual Report of the Department of Local Government for the 2021/22 financial year. The Committee concluded the year with the Deliberation on Vote 14: Local Government in the Schedule to the Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill [B 3–2022] and the

consideration and adoption of the Committee Report on Vote 14: Local Government in the Schedule to the Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill [B 3–2022].

- 4.4 With the reconstitution of the Committee started the year with the election of Mr I Sileku as the new Chairperson of the Committee. The Committee was briefed by the Department on their 3rd quarterly performance and expenditure reports (October 2022 – December 2022) and on 16 March 2023 the Department briefed the Committee on Vote 14: Local Government, in the Schedules to the Western Cape Additional Adjustments Appropriation Bill [B 1–2023] (2022/23 financial year) and the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 2–2023].

5. Legislation

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

5.1 Provincial bills

- 5.1.1 Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill [B 3–2022]: Vote 14
5.1.2 Western Cape Additional Adjustments Appropriation Bill (2022/23 financial year) [B 1–2023]: Vote 14
5.1.2 Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 2–2023]: Vote 14

5.2 NCOP bills

- 5.2.1 No NCOP bills were considered.

6. Financial particulars

The Committee's actual expenditure for the 2022/23 financial year as at 31 March 2023 was R104 055 against an adjusted budget of R147 176.