

# PARLIAMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF THE WESTERN CAPE

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS, TABLINGS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

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THURSDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER 2023

### COMMITTEE REPORT

#### **Report of the Ad-hoc Committee on the appointment of a Public Service Commissioner for the Western Cape.**

The Ad-hoc Committee, having considered the applications for the position of a Public Service Commissioner for the Western Cape, and in accordance with the Public Service Commission Act, 1997 (Act 46 of 1997), reports as follows:

1. Section 196(7)(b) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996, states that one commissioner for each province must be nominated by the Premier of the province.
2. The term of the current Public Service Commissioner for the Western Cape comes to an end on 30 September 2023.
3. Subsequently, the Western Cape Provincial Parliament established an Ad-hoc Committee to consider applications and recommend to the House a candidate for nomination by the Premier for appointment to serve on the Public Service Commission.
4. The post was advertised in all three official languages of the province in the *Weekend Argus*, *Die Burger* and *City Vision* between 14 and 17 June 2023, with a closing date of 7 July 2023.
5. The post was also advertised on social media platforms.
6. On 12 July 2023 the Committee shortlisted four candidates to be interviewed for the position. The Committee also resolved that the four candidates undergo a security vetting process to be conducted by the State Security Agency and facilitated by the office of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

7. The Ad-hoc Committee proceeded to interview four candidates on 4 September 2023.
8. After having interviewed the four candidates, and in accordance with Standing Rule 225(a), the Ad-hoc Committee resolved to recommend to the House that **Mr Ashley Richard Searle** be approved by the House as the Premier's nominee for appointment as Public Service Commissioner for the Western Cape.

Report to be considered.