

# PARLIAMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF THE WESTERN CAPE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, TABLINGS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

FRIDAY, 19 AUGUST 2022

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **Report of the Standing Committee on Human Settlements on its oversight visit to the Conradie Better Living Model Housing Projects, as follows:**

#### **Delegation**

The delegation consisted of the following members:

Lili, A  
Maseko, LM (DA) (Chairperson)  
Van Der Westhuizen, AP

The following staff attended the oversight visit:

Barends, A; Driver  
Mshumpela, N; Committee Assistant  
Jones, S; Procedural officer

#### **1. Introduction**

The Standing Committee on Human Settlements, as part of its oversight mandate, conducted an oversight visit to the Conradie “Better Living Model” Housing project in Pinelands. The visit took place on Friday, 4 March 2022 at 9:00am.

#### **2. Overview**

The Committee was received by MS P Mayisela, the Acting Head of Department: Human Settlements; Mr N Adriaanse, Director: Communication and Stakeholder Relations; Mr G Wiseman, Director: Affordable Housing; Mr N Joseph, Project Officer: Transport and Public Works; Mr J Pillay, Chief Director: Public Private Partnerships - Transport and Public Works; and Mr M Schonrock, Managing Agent for Concord.

This report highlights the findings, key issues discussed and recommendations stemming from the oversight visit. After the meeting with the representatives of the Department of Human Settlements, the Department of Transport and Public Works and the Managing Agent from Concord the Committee proceeded on a guided tour of the Conradie “Better Living Model” Housing project.

### **3. Conradie “Better Living Model” Housing project**

#### **3.1 Background**

The Conradie “Better Living Model” is a new approach to inclusive affordable urban living to improve on the lives of citizens in the province. The 22 hectare former Conradie Hospital site will be developed into an integrated, sustainable, and affordable residentially-led, mixed-use neighbourhood. The R3 billion Project will be developed through a partnership between the Western Cape Government, the City of Cape Town, and the private sector.

The first phase of the social housing blocks comprises of 432 units which were tenanted from December 2021. The second phase comprising 659 units is earmarked to commence construction from approximately March 2022. Ultimately the development will consist of 3 600 residential units, including social and affordable market units with schools, a retail centre and retail shops on the ground-floor of several of the social housing blocks. The Project aims to provide 3000 homes for mixed income groups. It will provide a public park along the Elsieskraal canal, safe recreational areas, new schools, sports fields, as well as commercial and retail business opportunities.

#### **3.2 Traffic and non-motorised transport upgrades**

All external roads, intersections, cycling & pedestrian routes were significantly upgraded during 2020 as part of the initial infrastructure upgrades of Conradie Park. The following upgrades have been complete and are fully operational:

- 3.2.1 Six signalised intersections;
- 3.2.2 The widening of Forest Drive Extension from a 2 lane road to a 5 lane road;
- 3.2.3 A new dedicated 5m wide non-motorized transport (NMT) route for pedestrians & cyclists;
- 3.2.4 Two new NMT bridges over the railway and roadway at Old Mutual, which connects the site directly to Mutual Station and links to the PRASA Central and Northern lines;
- 3.2.5 Lights and security monitored NMT link from the Conradie Park site;
- 3.2.6 In addition, a new elegant NMT bridge was constructed over the Elsieskraal Canal connecting the site to the important industrial area of Epping, a big job provider for the area;
- 3.2.7 As part of the phase 2 traffic upgrades, the main Forest Drive Extension road passing Conradie Park will be further upgraded; and
- 3.2.8 Additional road widening and the construction of a large new elevated-T bridge over the railway, through the Maitland cemetery which connects directly onto Voortrekker Road.

The new roadway and Elevated-T Bridge will improve Conradie Park’s connectivity to the surrounding areas and has the capacity to accommodate an additional 2,000 cars per hour. The new road upgrade connects onto Voortrekker Road in front of the current Wingfield site. Negotiations are still under way with regard to the City of Cape Town transport masterplan to continue the road upgrade through Wingfield which connects to N1 by Century City, thereby improving the overall connectivity and travel time to and from Conradie Park.

### **3.3 Educational opportunities**

The Better Living Model makes provision for a range of educational hubs which include, three crèches, two schools which includes Grade R and tertiary education institutions. The main school precinct is located in the center of Conradie Park and borders by a pedestrian friendly streetscape and lush landscaping. The school precinct is easily accessible via a network of urban roads designed to allow ease of access to drop off points while simultaneously providing for pedestrian access for students.

### **3.4 Conradie park sports and recreational centre**

The Conradie Park Sports and Recreational Centre will provide pupils with access to a high end sports facility which will be able to host a combination of both indoor and outdoor activities.

### **3.5 Conradie park commercial hub**

The Conradie Park Commercial hub offers a wide range of options which can be constructed according to specification. The hub offers over 60 000m<sup>2</sup> commercial space, a 7000m<sup>2</sup> hotel facility and 10 000m<sup>2</sup> of retail space. Provision is made for a supermarket, a gym, a doctor's practice, and numerous businesses ranging from startups to well established brands. Pocket retail outlets will be located at the base of most residential developments for extra convenience.

### **3.6 Public open spaces**

A 22 000m<sup>2</sup> liner park designed to be an environmentally friendly recreational area will be created. The park will be constructed to include numerous relaxation areas, picnics areas, and family sit down areas. Foot paths and two bridges will be constructed to enhance the experience of park life. Approximately 1 500 trees will be planted transforming the appearance of the park into a mini forest. A 5km track will be included into the planning to allow for short distance park run events. Provision is also made for three pocket parks designed for individuals and smaller groups.

### **3.7 Safety and security**

State of the art visual and thermal imagery cameras will be mounted on the perimeters of the park giving live feedback to the manned control room while also allowing the user your private space. Facial recognition cameras were mounted on access points. To ensure compliance with the Protection of Personal Information Act, (Act 4 of 2013) residents were requested to sign contracts allowing this inclusion for security purposes.

### **3.8 Subsidy programme**

This Conradie Better Living Model mixed income, mixed-use project, comprises affordable subsidy rental and mortgage housing units. It makes provision for 530 Financed Linked Individual Subsidy Programme (FLISP) funded units. A subsidy for first time homeowners that is administered by the Western Cape Department of Human Settlements, working with the banking sector. This Project contains South Africa's first high rise FLISP development.

#### **4. Resolutions**

The Committee REQUESTED that the Department of Human Settlements keep it abreast with updates on the Project developments.

#### **5. Acknowledgements**

The Chairperson expressed her appreciation to the managing agents and their contributions to the success of the visit. Members acknowledged the workmanship and the quality of the materials and fittings which were utilised and installed in the units. The Western Cape Government, the City of Cape Town, and the private sector were praised for the innovation and service excellence that the Conradie Better Living Model provides.

## **2. Report of the Standing Committee on Human Settlements on its oversight visit to Strydom and Simon Street in Montagu and Robertson, as follows:**

### **Delegation**

The delegation consisted of the following members:

America, D  
Botha, LJ  
Lili, A  
Maseko, LM (Chairperson)  
Van Der Westhuizen, AP

The following staff attended the oversight visit:

Barends, A; Driver  
Jones, S, Procedural officer  
Mshumpela, N, Committee Assistant

### **1. Introduction**

The Standing Committee on Human Settlements as part of its oversight mandate conducted an oversight visit to Strydom and Simon Street in Montagu and to Robertson on 8 April 2022.

### **2. Overview**

The Committee was received by Mr N Adriaanse, Director: Communication and Stakeholder Relations, Department of Human Settlements; Mr F De Wet, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Human Settlements; Mr P Klassen, Regional Manager, Department of Human Settlements, Ald. S van Eeden, Mayor Langeberg Municipality, Mr Mgajo, Director: Community Services, Langeberg Municipality; Ms Brown, Manager Housing, Langeberg Municipality; Ms C Matthys, Director Strategy and Social Development, Langeberg Municipality; and Mr R de Jong, Personal Assistant: Mayor's Office Langeberg Municipality and Cllr. C Henn, Portfolio MAYCO member from the Langeberg Municipality.

The oversight visit commenced with a site visit to Strydom and Simon Street, after which the meeting took place with the Langeberg Municipality. This report highlights the findings, key issues discussed and recommendations stemming from the oversight visit.

## **5. Strydom and Simon Street Housing project**

### **3.3 Background**

Construction of the houses in Strydom Street commenced in 1936. The houses consist of one roomed apartments. The detached houses consist of two blocks of three units and two blocks of four units. Outside toilets were constructed whereby four houses are serviced by one toilet.

Due to the dilapidated condition of the houses in Strydom Street, proposals were made to move residents of the affected houses and to accommodate them in Breaking New Ground (BNG) housing projects. Engagements were held with affected parties to demolish the dilapidated houses and to replace it with elevations and sections of various typologies that will be considered. The 14 residents of Strydom Street were offered alternative accommodation but only seven residents have taken ownership of their current housing units under the Enhanced Discount Benefits Scheme (EDBS). These residents were each furnished with a title deed. The houses, beneficiaries in Strydom Street reside in, were sold to them under the R7 500 capital discount scheme for an amount of R2 876, 05 per house.

A recommendation was made that the seven occupants revert ownership of the houses to the Municipality to have the houses demolished and rebuilt. The other seven houses are still owned by the Municipality. The aim of the project is to consolidate and subdivide the erven equally. One resident however has renovated his unit and indicated that he does not want his unit to be demolished.

Under the Project Implementation Readiness Report the Municipality will have to provide the Department with a certificate from the Conveyancer indicating land ownership, the layout and subdivision plan with house placements, and a certificate from the Municipal Engineer that sufficient civil services are in place. Further hereto, the Municipality must submit approved structural engineering designs amongst others. However, additional costs will be incurred in addition to the housing subsidy amount. These additional costs will include the demolition of existing houses, the cost for additional geotechnical services and temporary relocation costs of residence during the construction process.

The Regional Manager was tasked with assisting the Municipality with its business plans to ensure that the Municipality's projects are implementation ready. The Committee recommended that the Department of Human Settlements conduct Road Shows with the municipalities to look at projects that are in the pipeline and to find ways of overcoming the challenges faced by municipalities.

### **3.4 Findings**

During the walk-about of Strydom and Simon Street the Committee was able to observe the following:

- 3.4.1 The majority of the houses in Strydom and Simon Street are in a dilapidated condition due to the type of building material that was used initially.
- 3.4.2 That the Municipality was not providing the service that residents in Simon and Strydom Street desperately required in terms of their living conditions.

- 3.4.3 Some housing units' floors were in complete disrepair and in some cases there were no guttering to channel rain water.
- 3.2.3 The households make use of outside toilet facilities which only have a toilet basin attached. No bathroom facilities were made available.
- 3.2.4 The toilets were mostly in a state of disrepair. Water was running in the yard from the basins as the drainage systems appeared to be blocked.
- 3.2.5 Langeberg Municipality only has one implementing agent for the five approved projects. The implementing agent requested financial guarantees to include the Strydom Street housing project. Strydom Street does not form part of the approved list of projects. The residents of Strydom Street requested that they be provided with standalone houses. The Committee requested that the Department of Human Settlements provide it with feedback on the Strydom Street project by the end of June 2022.
- 3.2.6 ASLA canceled its services with the Langeberg Municipality due to a lack of funding to pay the service provider. The Department of Human Settlements was requested to engage with ASLA to assist with the Langeberg Housing Project continuation. The Department indicated that funding will be made available to ASLA to ensure the continuation of the housing project. Once the Department of Human Settlements have engaged with ASLA it will provide the Committee with a feedback report on the progress of the project.

### **3.3 Concerns**

The Committee raised concern regarding the following:

- 3.3.1 That the Municipality has not maintained the infrastructure to ensure the structures sustainability;
- 3.3.2 The sloping of the land where the houses will be reconstructed might be costly in the long term and problematic to maintain;

### **4. Resolutions/Actions**

- 4.1 The Committee REQUESTED that the Langeberg Municipality provide it with:
  - 4.1.1 Its Business Plan for the repair of Strydom Street dwellings by no later the 31 May 2022; and
  - 4.1.2 A clear plan which includes dates and the details of the responsible person/s who will champion different roles of the plan. This should include minutes of the meetings held regarding the plan.
- 4.2 The Committee RECOMMENDED that the Langeberg Municipality and the Department of Human Settlements nominate an official that will accept the responsibility to act as the driver of the project from the respective entity's side.
- 4.3 The Committee RECOMMENDED that the Langeberg Municipality:
  - 4.3.1 Provides residents of Strydom and Simon with acceptable ablution facilities;
  - 4.3.2 Engage with town planners to build future housing projects closer to the town in order to correct past historical practices where possible and include densification projects going forward; and
  - 4.3.4 Provide it with a report on the frequency of waste removal and illegal dumping in the municipal area.

- 4.4 The Committee RESOLVED that it would engage with the Department of Human Settlements by no later than June 2022, regarding the progress of the implementation plan of the Strydom Street Project.

## **5. Acknowledgements**

The Chairperson expressed her appreciation to the Department of Human Settlements, Members and the Langeberg Municipality for their participation in the meeting.

### **3. Report of the Standing Committee on Human Settlements on its oversight visit to Transhex Housing Project, as follows:**

#### **Delegation**

The delegation consisted of the following members:

America, D  
 August, SN  
 Lilli, A  
 Marran, P  
 Maseko, LM (DA) (Chairperson)  
 Van Der Westhuizen, AP

The following staff attended the oversight visit:

Jones, S; Procedural officer  
 Mshumpela, N; Assistant  
 Barends, A; Driver

#### **1. Introduction**

The Standing Committee on Human Settlements, as part of its oversight mandate, conducted an oversight visit to the Transhex Housing project in Worcester. The oversight visit took place on Thursday, 24 February 2022 at 7:30am.

#### **2. Overview**

The Committee was received by Ms Sheldon, Deputy Mayor; Mr Jole, Head of Office to the Mayor: Breedevallei Municipality; Mr Viljoen, Personal Assistant to the Mayor; Mr Thomas Municipal Manager; Ms Mayisela, Acting Head of Department of Human Settlements; Mr C Landsberg, Project Manager: Stellenbosch Regional Support and Mr Gubuza, Stakeholder Relations Manager.

This report highlights the findings, key issues discussed and recommendations stemming from the oversight visit. After the meeting representatives of the Department of Human Settlements, the Breedevallei Municipality and the managing agent took the delegation on a guided tour of the housing project.

### **3. Transhex Housing Project**

#### **3.1 Background**

The Transhex Housing Project was implemented by the Department of Human Settlements in March 2016 to reduce the housing backlog in Breedevallei. Currently 26 800 people require housing in Breedevallei. The Project comprises of a mixed-use development, consisting of various types of houses that would cater for the gap market, poorer households, those looking to rent and potential homeowners. Beneficiaries of the Project were derived from the Provincial Housing Demand Database in the Breedevallei Municipality. The role of the Department is to manage the Project and appoint contractors, in accordance with their legislative mandate. Construction on the next phase of the Project is projected to start after May 2022 and to be completed by May 2024.

#### **3.2 Findings**

##### **3.2.1 Beneficiary approval per age group**

The majority of the approved beneficiaries fall within the age category of 40 and 49 years. Three beneficiaries are between 90 and 99 years and 20 beneficiaries fall within the age category of 80 and 89 years. The Committee recommended that the Municipality prioritise older beneficiaries with the planned 610 houses that will be constructed.

##### **3.2.2 Categorised approved beneficiaries**

Approximately 855 Backyard dwellers were approved to receive a housing opportunity. A total of 122 beneficiaries from informal settlements and 107 farm workers have been approved to receive a housing opportunity. Provision was made for 158 beneficiaries to receive a rental unit.

The first beneficiaries were approved in 2018 but several applicants have since passed away.

Processing of subsidies was limited to the approved Project. The allocation of subsidies and conveyancing is only limited to the current construction. In accordance with the Departmental Production Planning and Control prescripts all beneficiaries need to be identified and approved, before project approval can be granted.

##### **3.2.3 Electrification and bulk infrastructure**

The Municipality has four 66 kilo Volts (kV) substations in Worcester and two 11 kV electrical substations in De Doorns and Touws River each. The network is adequate and stable in all towns except Worcester, specifically Zwelethemba and Rolihlahla/Avian Park areas where there is limited capacity of bulk supply cables. Load shedding occurs on a regular basis due to an overload of the network, which experiences a steady increase in electricity usage in line with the area's population growth. These areas experience extensive electricity theft which places the electrical infrastructure under severe strain.

Concerns were raised regarding the delivery of future bulk capacity from Eskom to supply the newly required demand to Worcester with regard to the rapid expansion required to accommodate the Transhex housing development within the next 15 years.



The Breedevallei Municipality is in the process of exploring alternative energy sources to ensure continuity of electricity supply to Worcester, taking the economic and population growth into consideration. Small scale embedded generation is gradually being introduced into the Municipal Distribution Area as an alternative source for electrical capacity. The Municipality permits network connections of various forms of small-scale sustainable embedded generation such as photovoltaic systems and renewable energy cogeneration that comply with national legislation and municipal policy.

Developers have expressed their concern about the affordability of electricity, which might compromise the economic viability of intended development or extension of their businesses. The sale of electricity to end users makes up a significant portion of the income budget of the municipality and largely secures the financial viability of the institution. The Municipality advised that approximately R325 million is required to upgrade the current electric substation. The Municipality has also installed water saving devices. Funding was sourced through the additional grant for this project.

### **3.2.5 TSSN Carries and the new contractor**

A new contractor was identified to manage the operation of the Transhex Housing Project. The decision was made after TSSN Carriers failed to deliver on 58 housing units according to its due date. TSSN Carriers was issued with a notice of non-compliance by the Department of Human Settlements in line with its contractual stipulations. The Contractor was requested to provide a plan that outlines the remedial action that will be instituted to rectify its non-compliance to deliver on the project deadlines. After the Department interrogated the TSSN Carriers remedial plan, Tusk was appointed to take over the management of operation of the contract.

Tusk is a support services company that empowers emerging contractors. The company provides emerging contractors with information on:

- Bridging finance;
- Material credit; and
- Risk Management.

### **3.2.6 Infrastructure budget of R80 million**

The Breedevallei Municipality was informed via Government Gazette 8181 on 26 November 2019 that over R80 million for the Transhex Housing Development Project had to be transferred back to the Department of Human Settlements. The Department formally informed the Municipality that the funding allocation for this Project was revised from R182 820 000 to R103 320 00 in their mid-year adjustment budget. The Municipality advised that the Department had to account for the expenditure of the infrastructure budget within the financial year, therefore the funds had to be returned to ensure that the records reflected the funding. They advised that funds transferred from the Project had not been “lost” but that it was re-allocated in the 2020 - 2021 financial year, when the remaining top structures were to be completed in line with the revised construction plan.

Budgetary constraints have affected the Transhex Housing Project which has to conform to new directives from National Department of Human Settlements. Once the directives have been implemented the Provincial Department of Human Settlements will be able to issue a funding agreement.

### **3.3 Oral submissions**

- 3.3.1 Ms Williams, a ward councillor, informed the Committee that they were not provided with any information pertaining to the Transhex Housing Project. She requested that the Municipal Steering Committee be more forthcoming with pertinent information to all ward councillors.
- 3.3.2 Mr Magami from Ward 16, informed the Committee that there was no information being filtered down from the Municipality to the ward councillors. He questioned the validity of the beneficiary list. Further hereto, he advised that there were many informal settlements in Zwelithemba and De Doorns that required housing opportunities. Beneficiaries from Touws River and De Doorns amongst others, have requested that their details not be placed on the beneficiary list as they do not want to be uprooted from their areas. According to the Municipality this creates challenges when uploading the information onto the Demand Database. These beneficiaries from the respective areas are hopeful that housing projects will be constructed where they reside.
- 3.3.3 Mr Magiba from Zwelithemba informed the Committee that there were no street lights in his community in Zwelithemba and no local police station. He elaborated on the dangers that could occur if the safety of the community is not prioritised. He advised that people need to see where they are going at night and that crime must be reported to a police station that is within easy reach of community members.

### **3.4 Concerns**

The Committee raised concern regarding:

- 3.4.1 The allegations that ward councillors made that they were not receiving pertinent information from the Municipality which pertains to all projects and decisions that are made in the municipality. A recommendation was made that communication should be strengthened;
- 3.4.2 The size of the plots that did not allow for vehicle parking;
- 3.4.3 The demarcation of boundaries between units were not clearly marked;
- 3.4.4 Worcester housing projects which are being plagued by gangsters;
- 3.4.5 Obtaining alternate building material when a supplier is no longer in the area. Contractors have encountered problems sourcing the same alternate building material when a supplier is no longer in the area;
- 3.4.6 The implementation of solar geysers that have been stopped. The Department advised that there are geysers in storage that awaits funding approvals; and
- 3.4.7 The delay in providing street lights in Zwelithemba and the allocation of a mobile local police station. Concern was raised regarding the safety of community members in the interim.
- 3.4.8 Concern was raised that school kids had to cross the R60 (Robertson road) to access schools in the Zwelithemba area.

## **4. Resolutions/Actions**

- 4.1 The Committee REQUESTED that the Department provide it with:
- 4.1.1 A list that depicts the beneficiaries who qualify for a housing opportunity according to their age. This is to clarify whether older persons will be provided with a housing opportunity as part of the May 2024 Transhex Housing Project rollout;

- 4.1.2 A written report on the reasons why the original agreement with TSSN Carriers was amended; and
  - 4.1.3 A report on the frequency of waste removal and on illegal dumping in the municipal area.
- 4.2 The Committee RECOMMENDED that the Municipality engage with town planners to build future housing projects closer to the town in order to correct past historical practices where possible and include densification projects going forward.

## **5. Acknowledgements**

The Chairperson expressed her appreciation to the Members, Department of Human Settlements and the municipalities for their contributions to the success of the visit.

## **4. Annual Report of the Standing Committee on Human Settlements for the 2021/2022 financial year, as follows:**

### **Members**

The Committee comprised of the following members:

Maseko, LM (Chairperson) (DA)  
 America, D (DA)  
 August, SN (GOOD) (From 15 March 2022)  
 Lili, A (ANC)  
 Van der Westhuizen, AP (DA)

### **Alternate Members**

Baartman, DM (DA)  
 Mackenzie, RD (DA)  
 Bosman, G (DA)  
 Bakubaku-Vos, N (ANC)  
 Marran, P (ANC)  
 Makamba-Botya, N (EFF)  
 Schäfer, BA (DA)  
 Smith, D (ANC)

## **1. Introduction**

The mandate of the Committee was to-

- 1.1 maintain oversight over the Executive member and the Department and its Entity, of the way in which they perform their responsibilities including the implementation of legislation and to hold them accountable to the Western Cape Provincial Parliament; and
- 1.2 consider and report on legislation, other matters and the Annual Reports referred to it by the Speaker.

In fulfillment of its mandate the Committee -

- 1.3 facilitated public participation and involvement in the legislative and other processes of the Committee;
- 1.4 conducted its business in a fair, open and transparent manner;
- 1.5 promoted co-operative governance; and
- 1.6 reported regularly to the House.

## **2. Reporting Department(s) and Entity**

The Western Cape Rental Housing Tribunal

## **3. Overview of Committees Activities**

No of Committee Meetings	13
No of Public Hearings	03
No of Oversight Visits	04
Cluster Visit Weeks	01
No of Provincial Bills considered	02

## **4. Oversight activities**

The 2021/22 financial year commenced with meetings to discuss the challenges experienced by District Six Land Restitution claimants. The Committee was able to speak to claimants regarding their District Six claims. The Department of Agriculture, Rural Development and Land Reform, the City of Cape Town and the the Commission on Restitution of Land Rights were invited to brief the Committee on delays in handing over housing opportunities to beneficiaries at the Phase 3 development on Hanover Street in District Six.

The Committee embarked on public engagements with District Six claimants to share their experience with regards to their land restitution claims. The comments received were escalated to the Department of Agriculture, Rural Development and Land Reform. The Department of Agriculture, Rural Development and Land Reform in a Matrix of Submissions responded to some of the Committees queries and in other cases could not provide personal information due to the POPIA act. These comments were forwarded to claimants to provide them with more information regarding their claims. Further hereto the Department and Commission were requested to respond to claimants, directly, to resolve any of the challenges that they have had to date. The Committee resolved to invite the Department of Agriculture, Rural Development and Land Reform and Commission to brief it on the progress made in respect of addressing and resolving the claims.

During the time under review the Committee conducted one oversight visit week and four oversight visits to Langeberg, Anchorage and Bothasig Social Housing Projects, the Transhex mixed housing project and the Conradie Better Living Model respectively.

As part of the Committee's mandate and oversight function a meeting on the Department's Annual Report took place as per Standing Rule 111(1)(a) of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament. The Committee engaged the Department and the Western Cape Rental Housing Tribunal on its Annual Reports submitted in terms of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act 1 of 1999).

The Department briefed the Committee on Vote 8 in the Schedule to the Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill [B 6–2021] and the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 2–2022], referred to the Committee in terms of Standing Rule 188. The Committee considered the Bills and members were able to ask questions and request documents from the Department pertaining to matters which stemmed from the discussions on the Bills.

## **5. Legislation**

In the 2021/22 Financial Year, the Committee dealt with the following items of legislation:

### **5.1 Provincial Bills**

- 5.1 Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill [B 6–2021], Vote 8;
- 5.2 Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 2–2022], Vote 8.

## **6. Facilitation of Public Involvement and Participation**

As part of the Committee’s mandate to facilitate public participation as part of the legislative process, the Committee held three public hearings. To this extent the Committee advertised extensively on the Annual Report and on Bills such as the Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill [B 6–2021] and the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 2–2022], informing and inviting interested stakeholders to participate in processes.

## **7. Financial particulars**

The Standing Committee was allocated an amount of R 68 531. At the close of the 2021/22 financial year, expenditure attributed to the activities of the Standing Committee on Human Settlements amounted to a total of R113 125 and a deficit of -R 44 594.00 was reported.