

PARLIAMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF THE WESTERN CAPE

ANNOUNCEMENTS, TABLINGS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ON AN UNANNOUNCED OVERSIGHT VISIT TO HANOVER PARK COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE ON TUESDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER 2015

Report of the Standing Committee on Community Development (Health) on its oversight visit to the Hanover Park Community Health Centre, dated 8 September 2015, as follows:

Delegation

The delegation included the following Members:

Wenger, MM (DA) (Acting Chairperson and leader of the delegation)

Gopie, D (ANC)

Mackenzie, RD (DA)

Makeleni, P (ANC)

Apology

Botha, LJ

Gillion, MN

The following Parliamentary official accompanied the delegation:

Ms. N Jamce, Committee Co-ordinator

1. Introduction

The Committee, as part of its oversight mandate and complying with the Committee programme, resolved to embark on an oversight visit to the Hanover Park Community Health Centre.

2. Overview

The Committee visited the Hanover Park Community Health Centre on Tuesday, 8 September 2015. The main objective of the visit was to assess the activities of this facility. This visit was one of many oversight visits which the Standing Committee on Community Development planned to embark on as part of its Programme for the 2015/2016 financial year. The Hanover Park Community Health Centre is situated in a gang hotspot and crime area.

On arrival at Hanover Park Community Health Centre, the Committee was welcomed by Sister Pienaar, Operations Manager of the facility. She informed the Members that Ms. Van Der Westhuizen the facility manager was in a meeting. Sister Pinaar led the Members on the walkabout of the facility.

3. Findings

- 3.1.1. Hanover Park Community Health Centre renders a comprehensive package of care to the community of Hanover Park and surrounding areas.
- 3.1.2. The facility offers primary health care services such as acute care, chronic disease management, radiography services, pharmacy service, oral health services, mental health, women's and child health, ARV services, basic antenatal care, chronic and curative services, health promotion, emergency, contraception and sterilisation services.
- 3.1.3. During the walkabout of the facilities' administration office and pharmacy, Committee Members noticed that the facility is made up of prefabricated structure. Members also noticed bullet holes in the walls of both offices and were told that the hole in the administration office had emanated from a stray bullet that penetrated the wall from a gun battle of gangs outside premises of the facility and the one in the pharmacy came from a stray bullet, emanating from a gun battle in the adjacent taxi rank that is nearby the facility. The bullet narrowly missed a staff member.
- 3.1.4. Ms. Pienaar stated that the Provincial Department of Health has since installed a metal cladding that is believed to be impenetrable to direct fire from various hand weapons. Surveillance cameras and plating were fitted to sliding entrance gates as a security measure to ensure the safety of officials within the facility.
- 3.1.5. The facility has a triage system in place. When patients arrive they are assessed and rated according to the nature and emergency of their condition. Patients that are rated as red, are examined by the doctors immediately. Patients rated as yellow, are checked and sent to the waiting room for the availability of doctor. Patients rated as green, are regarded as not critical and not needing emergency medical attention are attended to last.
- 3.1.6. The health facility has an appointment system in place. Sister Pienaar mentioned that the challenge with the appointment system is that, community members do not adhere to dates and some do not want an appointment system at all and this contributes to the overcrowding of patients in the facility.
- 3.1.7. The Hanover Park Community Health Centre has two permanent pharmacists and four permanent doctors. Members were informed that when doctors attend training they are not substituted and this causes a challenge.
- 3.1.8. The two pharmacists serve 500-700 patients per day. They are assisted by five assistant pharmacists.
- 3.1.9. Members visited the X-Ray Section, which deals mostly with patients from the trauma unit. Patients get their results the same day.

- 3.1.10. There is a complaint and compliment box in the Centre, patients can drop their complaints and compliments for the attention of Management. The complaints and compliments are then captured onto the system to ensure an immediate response and for monitoring purposes.
- 3.1.11. The facility has a Trauma Unit with five beds. The unit caters for patients with gunshots and stab wounds.
- 3.1.12. The Centre has a perinatal mental health project on the premises. This project is funded by Truworths and the University of Cape Town. It assists women who are suffering from depression before and after giving birth.
- 3.1.13. Members visited the Dental Unit, where Members were informed that the dental section operates until six o'clock in the evening to accommodate community members that are working. Members were also informed that the unit consults with 30 clients on a daily basis. The high number emanates from the high drug usage by community members. The drugs are destroying the patient's teeth.

4. The Hanover Park Community Health Centre is currently facing the following challenges:

- 4.1.1. There is a shortage of staff members in all sections of the facility.
- 4.1.2. Shortage of office space is a major challenge, as a result of this, the facility Manager is sharing an office with administration clerks.
- 4.1.3. The facility does not have a pediatrician unit for babies.

5. Conclusion

The Committee successfully concluded the oversight visit at Hanover Park Community Health Centre.

2. REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ON OVERSIGHT VISITS TO NOLUTHANDO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT OFFICE IN KHAYELITSHA ON 21 JULY 2015

Report of the Standing Committee on Community Development on its oversight visit to Noluthando School for the Deaf and Social Development District Office in Khayelitsha, dated 21 June 2015, as follows:

Delegation

The delegation included the following Members:

Botha, LJ (DA) (Acting Chairperson and leader of the delegation)
 Lekker, PZ (ANC)
 Mackenzie, RD (DA)
 Makeleni, P (ANC)
 Wenger, MM (DA)

Apology

Ms. MN Gillion (ANC)

The following Parliamentary officials accompanied the delegation:

Mr. B Daza, Senior Committee Coordinator

Ms. N Jamce, Committee Co-ordinator

1. Introduction

The Committee as part of its oversight mandate and complying with the Committee programme, resolved to embark on oversight visits to Noluthando School for the Deaf and Social Development District Office in Khayelitsha. The Committee undertook these visits to get a first-hand experience and to assess the activities of these facilities.

2. Overview

The delegation visited Noluthando School for the Deaf and Social Development District Office in Khayelitsha on Tuesday, 21 July 2015. The main objective of the visits was to assess the activities of Noluthando School for the Deaf and Social Development District Office in Khayelitsha. These visits were some of many visits which the Standing Committee on Community Development will embark on as part of its programme for the 2015/2016 financial year.

3. Visit to Noluthando School for the Deaf

3.1. Findings and concerns

- 3.1.1. Noluthando School for the Deaf is a special school situated in Khayelitsha that is dedicated to educate Deaf learners and learners with Autism.
- 3.1.2. The School operates from a private property that is owned by Mfesane. Noluthando School for the Deaf is currently serving 364 students between the ages of 3 to 18 years who have hearing impairments. These learners come from various communities.
- 3.1.3. Students are allowed to enroll at Noluthando School for the Deaf at pre-primary for language acquisition when they are three years old.
- 3.1.4. The Committee was informed that 10% of students are born to deaf parents while 90% are born to hearing parents. The school also informed the Committee that the problem with deaf children who are born to hearing parents is that parents cannot speak and understand the sign language.
- 3.1.5. The School offers academic education in Mathematics, Sign language, Life Skills, Physical Education, Natural Science, Technology and Creative Arts. In the Skills Section, learners are offered training in Hospitality, Sewing, Plumbing, Hairdressing, Bricklaying, Welding, Panel Beating, Motor Mechanics and Electrical. After students have successfully completed the course, the school facilitates access to prospective employment opportunities.
- 3.1.6. Students who complete grade nine at Noluthando School for the Deaf can go to De La Bat School in Worcester or Wittebome School in Wynberg for grade 10 - 12 studies, where thereafter they can either enroll in NID College in Worcester or FET College to further their studies.
- 3.1.7. The committee was informed that more than 5000 students in the Province are on the waiting list to be accepted in the special schools for autism. The School also accepts students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) at the age of six years.

- 3.1.8. Learners with autism are offered individualised educational and development programmes that consist of life skills, numeracy, literacy, language development, communication and speech.
- 3.1.9. The Committee was informed that in 2010, the Western Cape Province in conjunction with Free State Province formed a task team that supervised the formation of the curriculum for deaf learners.
- 3.1.10. In 2011 -2013, the Western Cape piloted the curriculum for deaf learners and in 2014 the curriculum was implemented to all five deaf schools in the Province after approval by the National Department of Education.
- 3.1.11. Members were informed that the University of Free State currently offers accredited South African Sign Language (SASL) training whilst the University of Stellenbosch offers Advance Training in SASL literature and poetry training.
- 3.1.12. Ms. Steyn, Programme Manager from the Department of Education informed the Committee that they are lobbying for universities to accept South African Sign Language (SASL) as a first language. This will make it possible for deaf learners to enroll at tertiary institutions.
- 3.1.13. Noluthando School for the Deaf indicated that they are planning to host a conference to discuss early Intervention and education of deaf children between the ages 0-3 years.
- 3.1.14. The school is considering alternative assessment to give Deaf learners a fair chance to compete with the hearing learners.
- 3.1.15. The School in collaboration with Deaf South Africa provide support to parents and family members of deaf children by offering free lessons on sign language on Saturdays.
- 3.1.16. Noluthando School for the Deaf has a school hall that is utilised for different events, sometimes the hall is hired by external organisations including government departments.
- 3.1.17. The School also has a Science Laboratory; currently two classes in the Lab are used as workshops for the school hospitality.

3.2. Challenges at Noluthando School for the Deaf

- 3.2.1. There is a high staff shortage particularly Deaf Teacher Assistance, Autism Teachers, ECD Teachers, Nurses, Social Workers and Speech Therapists.
- 3.2.2. The School hall does not have a kitchen and toilets. The school needs funding to revamp the hall.
- 3.2.3. Noluthando School for the Deaf is in need of the science lab equipment.
- 3.2.4. The School needs new busses to transport children to and from school. Currently the school has one 32 seater bus although the number of children is increasing yearly. The driver has to drive two trips every day and due to the shortage of transportation, some children end-up not attending school.

4. Visit to the District office of Social Development

4.1. Background information of the District Office

The District Office of Social Development in Khayelitsha originally functioned as one of 16 District Offices. In 2010 service delivery was modernised to establish six Regions with service delivery areas closer to the communities. Khayelitsha was divided into three service delivery areas and formed the Metro East Region with Somerset West, Kraaifontein and Eersterivier as the other three service delivery areas. Due to accommodation challenges, all three service delivery areas were located in the same building. In 2013, accommodation

became available in Ilitha Park and one team moved to the new Metropolitan Building.

4.2. Findings

- 4.2.1. The District Office of Social Development in Khayelitsha offers child protection services, registration of ECD's and Old Age Homes, victim empowerment services, early intervention services, statutory services, social crime prevention services and community and partnership development.
- 4.2.2. The total staff establishment of Khayelitsha District Office is 93 personnel that consist of four Managers, 11 Supervisors, 56 Social Workers, 10 Social Auxiliary Workers, two Community Development Practitioners and two Assistant Community Development Practitioners.
- 4.2.3. The caseload statistics of Khayelitsha District Office is as follows:
 - (a) the average caseload per Social Worker is 80;
 - (b) average number of new clients reporting for services per month is 660;
 - (c) probation reports submitted to court per month is 30;
 - (d) number of assessment of offenders per month is 85;
 - (e) number of children in foster care receiving services is 2280;
 - (f) number of registered Early Development Centres is 205 and unregistered ECD's are 97
- 4.2.4. The Committee was further informed that highest caseload is on child neglect at 322, application for foster care placements 204, child abuse 137 and substance abuse 110.
- 4.2.5. The District Office of Social Development has been faced with fraud grant applications, where it was alleged that some of the Social Workers were involved. The Department indicated that to stop this criminal activity, SASSA alerted and warned the public about the scam through radio and newspaper adverts and SASSA head office is busy with an internal investigation in this regard

4.3. Achievements of the Social Development District Office in Khayelitsha in the last financial year (April 2014 /March 2015)

- 4.3.1. A total number of 265 children were placed in foster care, these were children whose parents were either deceased or the child life is at risk. They were then removed from their families and be placed with safety parents appointed by the Department.
- 4.3.2. 1236 Orders were issued to eradicate the foster care backlog. Khayelitsha District Office was the first in the Province to reach this milestone.
- 4.3.3. 120 foster children attended three skills development camps and 80 attended two crime prevention camps. The Committee was informed that the Head Office of Social Development is in a process of accrediting the programmes offered in these camps. The camps are offered during school holiday and attended by youth especially those ordered by the Court.
- 4.3.4. 260 foster children attended career opportunity programs to capacitate them for post matric opportunities.
- 4.3.5. 48 foster children consequently enrolled in tertiary institutions at the beginning of 2015. The District Office highlighted that when children are in matric they are transported to and from institutions of higher learning by the Department for career exhibitions.

- 4.3.6. 29 ECD Centres were registered. The District Office indicated that in the past they had a challenge of non-compliance from ECD's and those that are still failing to comply are given conditional registration to ensure compliance.
- 4.3.7. 199 Youth were identified for the EPWP Geyser Installation Project in Kuyasa and they are still in the programme.
- 4.3.8. 107 Youth were assisted to apply for bursaries (Social Welfare Scholarship) and two applications were approved.

5. Challenges at Social Development District Office

- 5.1. The recruitment of foster parents is a major challenge in the province due to the small amount paid to foster parents. Currently foster parents are paid R27 per day.
- 5.2. There are limited rehabilitation centres in the Province; this makes it difficult to refer substance abuse clients.
- 5.3. There is a shortage of office space, as a result social workers consult with clients in open-plan offices and there is no privacy.
- 5.4. Lack of training and tools of trade for Social Workers.
- 5.5. High Shortage of vehicles, the available ones are old and 20 Social Workers share three vehicles.

6. Conclusion

The Committee successfully concluded the oversight visits in Khayelitsha.

3. Annual Report of the Standing Committee on Community Development for the 2014/15 financial year, dated 31 March 2015, as follows:

Members

The Committee comprises of the following members:

Democratic Alliance

Botha, LJ
Marais, AJD (Chairperson)
Wenger, MM

African National Congress

Gillion, MN
Gopie, D

Alternate Members

Lekker, P (ANC)
Makeleni, P (ANC)
McKenzie, RD (DA)

1. Introduction

The mandate of the Committee is to:

- 1.1 Maintain oversight over the Executive members and the Departments of Health and Social Development, the way in which they perform their responsibilities including the implementation of legislation and to hold them accountable.
- 1.2 To consider and report on legislation, other matters and the Annual Reports referred to it by the Speaker.

In the fulfillment of its mandate, the Committee must:

- 1.3 Facilitate public participation and involvement in the legislative and other processes of the Committee.
- 1.4 Conduct its business in a fair, open and transparent manner.
- 1.5 Promote co-operative governance.
- 1.6 Report regularly to the House.

2. Reporting Departments

- 2.1 Department of Health and
- 2.2 Department of Social Development

3. Overview of Committees Activities

No of Committee Meetings	22
No of Public Hearings	7
No of Oversight Visits	12
No of International Study Tours	0
No of Provincial Bills considered	3
No of NCOP Bills considered	0
Workshops/conferences attended	0

4. Oversight activities

The Standing Committee on Community Development convened its first meeting of the 5th Parliament on Wednesday, 25 June 2014. The Department of Social Development presented the Committee with an overview of the Department with specific emphasis on the organisational structure and programmes, mission, vision, core functions, key dates and deadlines, pressing issues and legislations in the pipeline.

On Thursday, 26 June 2014, the Committee had an introductory briefing by the Department of Health. The Department presented an overview of its activities for the 2013/14 financial year with a specific focus on the Annual Performance Plan and Quarterly Performance Reports. The Department indicated that its strategic focus was derived from the 2020 Future for Health Care in the Western Cape, Strategic Framework and the Healthcare 2030 road to wellness.

On Tuesday, 29 July 2014, the Committee was briefed by the South African Social Security Agency (SASSA) on their Social Relief Programmes in the Province. During the briefing by SASSA, Members asked questions and were satisfied with the answers provided. In return SASSA gave the Committee calendars with upcoming SASSA events in the Province for the year 2014.

After the briefing by SASSA, the Committee embarked on an unannounced oversight visit to the Mitchells Plain District Hospital. During the unannounced visit, Committee Members interacted with patients inside the hospital premises. The patients were satisfied with the service that the hospital is providing. Patients informed the Committee that the hospital has a triage system where they are checked on arrival, directed to the right queues, and assisted based on the seriousness of their condition. Patients therefore praised this triage system and mentioned that it has tremendously improved the waiting times at the hospital.

On Tuesday, 12 August 2014, the Committee embarked on an oversight visit to the Chronic Dispensing Unit (CDU) in Parow. The Chronic Dispensing Unit is an outsourced centralized unit administered by the Department of Health. The main objective of the visit was to assess the activities of the CDU and the processes involved in packaging the patient's chronic medication for different health facilities in the Province. During the visit, CDU Management highlighted the following challenges:

- 4.1. The facility needs sufficient space to store parcels since a box containing 20 parcels takes substantially more space than the medicine in its original packaging;
- 4.2. A requirement not initially envisaged, was the dispensing of two months supply of medicine when the next collection date falls on a public holiday; and
- 4.3. With the increasing number of patients, the facility is hard-pressed to manage, should all the patients who would have collected their medicine on a public holiday attend on a different day in that week, the facility would be pressurised beyond its capacity to cope. Members were very impressed with the work and service of the Chronic Dispensing Unit in Parow.

On 11 November 2014, the Committee conducted an oversight visit to a Youth Café in Rocklands, Mitchells Plain. The Committee undertook this visit to get first-hand experience on the activities of this Non-Profit Organization (NGO). The Youth Café was opened by the Western Cape Government on 20 January 2014. It operates from 09h00 -15h30, Monday to Friday. It was designed to give young people between 17 to 25 years old access to opportunities and to use their talents whilst at the same time unleashing their potential. Youth Café channels their energy and mentors them in a way that they can identify with. It uses the language that they speak and understand. Members were satisfied with the service that the Café provides to the youth of Mitchells Plain and surrounding areas. The Committee recommended that the Department of Social Development should investigate the operating hours of the Youth Café so that it may open later in the afternoon and on weekends to accommodate a broader spectrum of young people in Mitchells Plain and surrounding areas.

5. Consideration and deliberations on the Annual Reports of the Departments by the Committee

Annual Reports are the key instruments for the departments to report on performance measured against performance targets and budgets as outlined in the Strategic Plans and Annual Performance Plans of the Departments. As part of its oversight function, the Committee considered the Annual Report of the Department of Health, Vote 6 and the Annual Report of Department of Social Development, Vote 7 during the year under review.

6. Legislation

During the 2014/15 financial year, the Committee dealt with the following items of legislation:

6.1 Provincial Bills

- 6.1. Discussion of Vote 6: Health and Vote 7: Social Development in the schedule to the *Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill* [B 5–2014.]
- 6.2. *Western Cape Additional Adjustments Appropriation Bill* (2014 /2015 Financial Year) [B 1–2015] on Vote 6: Health.
- 6.3. Discussion of Vote 6: Health and Vote 7: Social Development in the schedule to the *Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill* [B 2–2015].

7. Facilitation of Public Involvement and Participation

In line with the Committee's mandate to facilitate public participation as part of the legislative process, members of the public were invited to participate in the consideration and deliberations on:

- 7.1. the Annual Reports of the Department of Health and the Department of Social Development;
- 7.2. the *Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill* [B 5–2014] on Vote 6: Health;
- 7.3. the *Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill* [B 5–2014] on Vote 7: Social Development;
- 7.4. the *Western Cape Additional Adjustments Appropriation Bill* [B 1–2015] on Vote 6: Health;
- 7.5. the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 2–2015] on Vote 6: Health and the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 2–2015] on Vote 7: Social Development.

8. Financial Particulars

The Standing Committee on Community Development utilized R80, 093.84 of their allocated budget of R129 650.00.

The underspending was the result of the year 2014 being the election year and after the establishment of the new Parliament the Committee meetings started mid-June and most of the briefing meetings were held within the Provincial Parliament.

4. The Standing Committee on Education having, conducted an unannounced oversight visit to Highlands Primary School in Mitchells Plain on 10 February 2015, reports as follows:

The Delegation

The delegation comprised of the following Members:

- Kivedo, BD (DA) (Chairperson and the leader of the delegation)
- Botha, LJ (DA)
- Christians, FC (ACDP)
- MacKenzie, RD (DA)
- Olivier, RT (ANC)

The following Parliamentary officials accompanied the delegation:

Ms W Hassen-Moosa, Committee Co-ordinator

Mr A Barends, Driver

1. Introduction

The Committee resolved to undertake an unannounced oversight visit to Highlands Primary School in Mitchells Plain. During a prior Committee meeting, various concerns were raised about Highlands Primary School. This included management which includes the managing and infrastructure of the school. The main objective of the visit was to get an overall status of the school's operations.

As part of its oversight mandate, the Committee requested to be kept updated regarding the progress of infrastructure maintenance, upgrades and the daily management of all schools in the Districts.

The Committee envisaged that the oversight visit would assist the Committee in getting a clear picture of activities with regards to this school. This report discusses the Committee's findings and allegations gathered during the visit.

2. Overview

The delegation conducted an oversight visit to Highlands Primary School on Tuesday, 10 February 2015. The visit started with a meeting at 14:00 in the principal's office. During the visit Mr G Burgess, the principal, briefed the Committee on the status of the school and accompanied the Committee on a walk-about providing clarity on various questions posed by the Members.

3. Findings and Challenges

- 3.1 Upon arrival both the Principal and the Deputy Principal were not at the school and staff could not account for their whereabouts.
- 3.2 The Committee was then received by the Second Deputy Head of Department of the School, Mr Jacobs.
- 3.3 The Grade R classrooms consist of 30 to 35 learners per classroom without an assistant to assist teachers while classes are in session.
- 3.4 During the inspection of the school it was found that all Grade R classrooms had more than one window broken and boarded up with cardboards.
- 3.5 There was no security at the back gate of the school which left the school and especially the Grade R classes vulnerable to thieves and gangsters, as these Grade R classrooms are situated close to the back gate. There is neither supervision nor security when children are dropped in the morning. There is a volunteer parent acting as a security guard (that has no real security guard training, as indicated by her).
- 3.6 The Computer Application and Technology (CAT) Laboratories needs to be upgraded and additional computers are needed as learners tend to share computers.
- 3.7 The girls' toilets were dirty. Four of the ten toilets were either broken or do not have toilet brims. The one tap does not have a handle and one hand basin is leaking.
- 3.8 The school sports field needs assistance with upgrades.
- 3.9 The courtyard of the school is damaged.

- 3.10 The majority of parents of learners do not pay school fees and the school struggles to recover the school fees which subsequently hamper the functionality of the school.
- 3.11 The school does not have enough “buy in” from parents to participate in the school fundraisers and the academic work of learners.
- 3.12 The Mass Opportunity and Development Centre (MOD) at the school is operational but requires more assistance.

Alleged allegations received from teachers and parents who wish to remain anonymous:

- 3.13 It was alleged that a teacher and the caretaker were instructed by the principal, Mr Burgess, to walk for four kilometers to Samora Machel from the school accompanying a sick Grade R learner home. This means that about 30 learners were left unattended.
- 3.14 It was alleged that three learners (two boys and a girl) were playing sexual games behind the school building. The principal requested a teacher to speak to the learners’ parents so they do not escalate the incident.
- 3.15 It was alleged that the School Governing Body chairperson, Mrs Woodman, has a stationery business.
- 3.16 It was alleged that the care-taker, Mrs Henecke, sells hot dogs, chicken and burgers as opposed to cleaning.
- 3.17 It was alleged that the school’s tuck shop is managed by Mrs Burgess, the wife of the principal. The extent of her managing the tuck shop was not clarified, whether the proceeds go towards the school and whether a proper tender process was followed?
There are allegations of a rental fee, of R6 000 per month, being charged for the management of the tuck-shop. There is no clarity whether Mrs Burgess is complying with the rental agreement by paying the R 6000 per month to the school.
- 3.18 It was alleged that the principal allows learners from a higher grade to sit with Grade R learners, until late in the afternoon. Grade R teachers feel it is not their responsibility to look after learners from higher grades.
- 3.19 It was alleged that a Grade R teacher was abused by another teacher. When the abused teacher reported it to the principal, Mr Burgess did not keep record of it. She informed her husband who then reported it and suddenly a report appeared. The abused teacher’s husband reported the incident to the Western Cape Education Department.
- 3.20 It was alleged that there is a high rate of learners being moved to other schools, due to mismanagement of the school.
- 3.21 It was alleged that the principal does not treat parents with respect and those who fail to pay the school fees, he sarcastically informs them “to go and sell their watches at Cash Crusaders so they can pay school fees”.
- 3.22 It was alleged that the teachers who cannot pay school fees of their children who attend the school, are having it deducted from their salaries by instruction of the Principal.
- 3.23 It was alleged that the principal and the deputy Principal, Ms Adams, did not show up for a parent teacher meeting scheduled for 7th February 2015. The principal did not tender an apology. Therefore leaving parents very angry and nearly assaulting those teachers who attended.

4. The Committee RECOMMENDED that the Department:

- 4.1 Should consider assisting the school in clarifying the role of the School Governing Body at the school.
- 4.2 Investigates the allegations highlighted in this report and provide the Committee with feedback within three months of receiving this report.

5. Conclusion

The Committee successfully concluded its unannounced oversight visit and took cognisance of the urgency of the challenges experienced at the school. The school needs support in their endeavors to succeed against the backdrop of the challenges noted in this report.

6. Acknowledgements

The Chairperson thanked the school leadership for their willingness to share valuable information with the Standing Committee.

5. Annual Committee Report of the Standing Committee on Premier for the 2014/15 financial year, dated 30 October 2015, as follows:

The Committee comprises of the following members:

Standing Committee on Premier

Botha, LJ (DA) (Chairperson and leader of the delegation)

Dugmore, CM (ANC)

Fransman, ML (ANC)

MacKenzie, RD (DA)

Marais, AJD (DA)

Alternate members

Gopie, D (ANC)

Kivedo, BD (DA)

Pretorius, PJC (DA)

Wenger, MM (DA)

1. Introduction

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- 1.2.3 Promote cooperative governance.
- 1.2.4 Report regularly to the House.

2. Reporting department and entities

- 2.1 Department of the Premier

3. Overview of committees activities

Number of Committee Meetings	14
Number of Public Hearings	3
Number of International Study Tours	0
Number of Oversight Visits	2
Number of Provincial Bills considered	2
Number of NCOP Bills considered	0
Workshops/conferences attended	0

4. Oversight activities

The Standing Committee on Premier had an introductory briefing on 25 June 2014 to inform the Committee on the Department of the Premier's mission, vision and core functions. The Department briefed the Committee, presented on its strategic goals, objectives and detailed each programme residing within the Department.

To this extent, the introductory briefing assisted the Committee to request the Department of the Premier to provide briefing on the Annual Performance Plan, Quarterly Performance Reports and the Strategic Plan. The Committee examined the Department on its achievements of the planned targets to date, which assisted the Committee in the Annual Report deliberations.

The Committee considered various strategies of the Department, namely the Youth Development Strategy, International Relations Strategy and the Green Economy Strategy. The Department cited that further transversal strategies are in the development stage such as the People Management Strategy, the Human Rights Strategy and the Integrated Human Settlements Strategy.

During the period under review, the Department briefed the Committee on the progress of the rollout of broadband in the Western Cape, Forensic Investigation Unit cases under review for all Departments, progress on these cases and the outcomes of these investigations, the Employment Equity Plan, and the Skills Transfer Plan.

The National Youth Development Agency (NYDA) briefed the Committee on the R2.7 billion Youth Fund Launch that took place in August 2014, in conjunction with Small Enterprise Finance Agency (SEFA) and the Industrial Development Corporation (IDC), the companies presented on the three-way partnership that would provide development funding for youth-owned businesses.

The Committee undertook an oversight visit to Camphill Village in Atlantis to conduct a preliminary assessment of the organisation. The Committee engaged with the organisation to determine its activities, the effectiveness and challenges of the

organisation. The Committee also embarked on a joint oversight visit to Jo-Dolphin Swartland Association for Persons with Disabilities, a Non-Profit Organisation (NPO) with the Standing Committee on Community Development to get first-hand experience on the activities at the NGO and get an in-depth understanding on the allegations of the misappropriation of funds by the previous manager.

The Committee also considered the Annual Report of the Department of the Premier for the 2013/14 financial year and the Department briefed the Committee on the Schedule to the *Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill* [B 5–2014].

Legislation

In the 2014/15 financial year, the Committee dealt with the following legislation:

5.1 Provincial Bills

5.1.1 Vote 1: Premier in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill* [B 5–2014]

5.1.2 Vote 1: Premier in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 2–2015].

5.1.3 *Constitution of the Western Cape First Amendment Bill* [B 4–2014]

On 11 March 2015, the *Constitution of the Western Cape First Amendment Bill* [B 4–2014] was referred to the Standing Committee on Premier. The Committee was briefed by the Department and the Committee resolved to conduct seven public hearings on the Bill in the forthcoming financial year.

5.2 NCOP Bills (Section 76)

None

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 Report and Bills such as the *Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill* [B 5–2014] and the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 2–2015], informing and inviting stakeholders to participate in public hearings.

7. Financial particulars

The Standing Committee was allocated a budget of R129 650 at the close of the 2014/15 financial year, expenditure attributed to the activities of the Standing Committee on Premier accumulated to an amount of R125 888.00. There was an underspending of R3 762.00.

6. REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT ON AN OVERSIGHT VISIT TO THE WESTERN CAPE ARCHIVES AND RECORDS SERVICE CONDUCTED ON 17 JUNE 2015

Report of the Standing Committee on Cultural Affairs and Sport on its oversight visit to the Western Cape Archives and Records Service dated, 17 June 2015 as follows:

The Delegation

The delegation of the Standing Committee on Cultural Affairs and Sport included the following Members:

Mackenzie, RD (DA) (Chairperson and leader of the delegation)
Kivedo, BD (DA)
Makeleni, P (ANC)
Olivier, RT (ANC)
Wenger, MM (DA)

The following parliamentary officials accompanied the delegation:

Mr W Matthews, Committee Co-ordinator

1. Introduction

The Committee, as part of its oversight mandate and complying with the Committee Programme, resolved to undertake an oversight visit to the Western Cape Archives and Records Service. The Committee undertook this oversight visit as a follow up to its previous oversight visit conducted on 6 August 2014. The oversight visit consisted of a status update on concerns raised during the first oversight visit, as well as a more thorough and comprehensive tour of the facilities. The Committee requested an update of the fire detection system, the risk of gas leaks in the building, the drainage system during winter/heavy rainfall periods, and heating regulation in the building that possibly threaten the preservation of the records. There were brief introductions by all present. The Chairperson provided a context for the visit.

2 Overview

The Committee conducted its oversight visit at the 72 Roeland Street premises of the Western Cape Archives and Records Service. The Committee was welcomed by Ms Momoti, the Director of Archives and the Deputy Director Ms Hogg. The oversight visit was conducted on Wednesday 17 June 2015.

3 Findings

Ms N Momoti informed the Committee that the concerns raised by the Committee during August 2014, have all been reported to the Western Cape Department of Transport and Public Works. The Department of Public Works has conducted inspections of the building to identify and assess any damage and/or threats. These issues will be addressed by the Department of Public Works during the next financial year. These concerns were relayed to the Department of Public Works last year as well as this year.

The building was not registered in the name of the Province and therefore these matters were unattended prior to 2013. The name issue was resolved between the National and Provincial Departments of Public Works.

The water that flows underneath the building is beyond control as it is a river upon which the building was constructed. The drainage system is only a concern during heavy rainfall periods. According to Ms J Hogg, precautions have been taken to prevent water from entering the stack room. Newspapers are used, along with bricks, to ensure

that water does not enter under any doors where records are stored. To date, there has been no damage to any records. Records are not stored directly on the floor but are elevated.

In order to regulate heating in the stack room in particular, which is located on the 5th floor, the door is left open as there is no air-conditioning system in place.

The fire detection system is a concern as the carbon dioxide tanks are not functional. Ms Momoti indicated that there are plans to have these tanks fixed. The Committee raised concern that there needs to be mechanisms in place to know that the system works in its entirety. The Committee added that a fire detection system will be ideal. Ms Momoti stated that until the system is fully functional, there needs to be an interim solution in the event of a fire. She added that a customised archive building with a fire compression system in correct places, sufficient space and air-conditioning will be better than to continually upgrade and redevelop the current building.

3. Inspection of the facilities

The Committee conducted a walk-about tour of the facilities. The Committee viewed the river flowing beneath the building, the digitisation room, the library, the conservation and repair workshop, the maps room, the reading rooms, the store rooms as well as the loading dock. At each point in the tour, the Committee interacted with staff working in those sections.

4. Acknowledgements

The Chairperson thanked Ms Momoti, Ms Hogg and the rest of the staff for the briefing and tour of the facilities.

Persons in attendance

Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport

Mr J Hogg, Deputy Director
Ms N Momoti, Director

7. Annual Committee Report of the Standing Committee on Economic Opportunities, Tourism and Agriculture for the 2014/15 financial year, dated 21 October 2015, as follows:

The Committee comprises of the following members:

Standing Committee on Economic Opportunities, Tourism and Agriculture

Schäfer, BA (DA) (Chairperson)
Davids, SW (ANC)
Lentit, RB (DA)
Maseko, LM (DA)
Paulsen, MN (EFF)

Alternate members

Hinana, N E (DA)
 Max, L H (DA)
 Mngasela, M (DA)
 Tyatyam, S G (ANC)
 Wiley, M G E (DA)

1. Introduction

The mandate of the Committee is to:

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

2. Reporting departments and entities

- 2.1 Cape Agency for Sustainable Integrated Development in Rural Areas (CASIDRA)
- 2.2 Department of Agriculture
- 2.3 Department of Economic Development and Tourism
- 2.4 Western Cape Destination Marketing, Investment and Trade Promotion Agency (WESGRO)
- 2.5 Western Cape Liquor Authority

3. Overview of committees activities

Number of Committee Meetings	19
Number of Public Hearings	8
Number of International Study Tours	0
Number of Oversight Visits	2
Number of Provincial Bills considered	4
Number of NCOP Bills considered	0
Workshops/conferences attended	0

4. Oversight activities

The Standing Committee on Economic Opportunities, Tourism and Agriculture held introductory briefings with the Department of Agriculture and its entity Casidra, as well as the Department of Economic Development and Tourism and its entities, Western Cape Liquor Authority, Western Cape Destination Marketing, Investment and Trade Promotion Agency (WESGRO).

In July 2014, the Department of Economic Development and Tourism briefed the Committee on the interview process to fill a single vacancy on the Board of the Western Cape Liquor Authority due to the disqualification of a member in terms of section 5 of the Western Cape Liquor Act (Act 4 of 2008). The Committee held interviews on 15 and 27 August 2014, and recommended two candidates to the Minister of Economic Opportunities for possible appointment.

During the month of October 2014, the Committee dealt with the process of appointing a new governing body for the Western Cape Liquor Authority. A call for nominations of members to serve on the Governing Board of the Western Cape Liquor Authority was published in the Provincial Government Gazette and the local newspapers. Ten nominations were received. Due to the wide public interest in liquor regulation, the Department of Economic Development and Tourism deemed it necessary to undertake a second round to call for nominations in order to widen the base of potential candidates for the Governing Board. The Committee interviewed the candidates on 4 and 10 March 2015. The Committee recommended seven candidates to serve on the governing body.

During the course of the second quarter, the Department of Economic Development and Tourism presented its Fourth Quarterly Performance Report, as well as its 2014/15 Annual Performance Plan. Casidra was invited to brief the Standing Committee on the Food Security projects and its 2014/15 Annual Performance Plan. WESGRO gave a presentation on the Investment Promotion Unit, Trade Promotion, the Destination Marketing: Leisure Marketing, Convention Bureau and Marketing Public Relations.

Due to media reports and complaints received by various associations and professional bodies, the Committee resolved to consider the negative impact on the Province of the Immigration Regulations, as issued in terms of the Immigration Act (Act 13 of 2002). At the public hearings, held in the chamber of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament on 25 and 26 September 2014, the Committee heard testimonies by entities representing various industries affected by the Regulations. Representatives from key sectors such as the hospitality, filming, modeling, tourism, immigration and wining industry attended these hearings.

The Committee extended the invitations to government officials and political leaders. Minister M Gigaba, Minister of Home Affairs, was requested to brief the Committee on the nature of the regulations. Minister M Gigaba declined the invitation to address the Committee in person, following which the Western Cape Provincial Parliament set in motion a process of summoning the Minister, in terms of the Western Cape Witnesses Act (Act 2 of 2006), to appear before the Committee on Friday, 26 September 2014. The Minister subsequently did not attend the meeting. A legal delegation, including the Chief State Law Advisor addressed the Committee on the legality of the summons. On 4 November 2015, the Committee met with Minister M Gigaba at the Provincial Legislature Building. A total of 43 written and verbal submissions were received during the public hearing process representing all the major bodies and associations affected by these regulations.

In November 2014, the Committee participated in the 2013/14 Annual Report discussions of its reporting departments, the Department of Economic Development and Tourism and its entities and the Department of Agriculture and its entity. The Committee also held briefings with the Departments on the Schedule to the *Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill* [B 5–2014].

During the period under review the Committee conducted two oversight visits. The Committee embarked on an oversight visit to the Elsenburg College for an introductory briefing on the activities at the college and a walkabout. The Committee also visited the First National Bank (FNB) Portside Building to observe the green innovation and building practices. The Provincial Head, Mr Stephan Claassen, briefed the Committee on the economic development and investment opportunities in the Western Cape through the Portside Building development.

Legislation

In the 2014/15 financial year, the Committee dealt with the following legislation:

5.1 Provincial Bills

- 5.1.1 Vote 11 (Agriculture) in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill* [B 5–2014];
- 5.1.2 Vote 12 (Economic Development and Tourism) in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill* [B 5–2014];
- 5.1.3 Vote 11 (Agriculture) in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 2–2015]; and
- 5.1.4 Vote 12 (Economic Development and Tourism) in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 2–2015].

5.2 NCOP Bills (Section 76)

None

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 eight public hearings. To give effect to this, the Committee advertised the Annual Report and Bills such as the *Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill* [B 5–2014], *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 2–2015] and the Regulations in the Schedule to the Immigration Act (Act 13 of 2002), informing and inviting stakeholders to participate in public hearings.

7. Financial particulars

The Standing Committee was allocated a budget of R129 650. At the close of the 2014/15 financial year, expenditure attributed to the activities of the Committee on accumulated to R136 398.51. There was thus an overspending of R6 748 51.