

PARLIAMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF THE WESTERN CAPE

ANNOUNCEMENTS, TABLINGS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

MONDAY, 25 APRIL 2016

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Speaker:

Publication of Provincial Notice 139 of 2016

Correction Notice to the Western Cape Liquor Amendment Act, 2015, (Act 3 of 2015), published in *Provincial Gazette Extraordinary* 7606, dated 21 April 2016.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT ON AN OVERSIGHT VISIT TO THE WESTERN CAPE LIBRARY SERVICES ON 10 FEBRUARY 2016

Report of the Standing Committee on Cultural Affairs and Sport on its oversight visit to the Western Cape Library Services dated, 10 February 2016 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)
Mitchell, DG (DA) (Alternate)
Olivier, RT (ANC)

Apology

Wenger, MM (DA)

The following parliamentary official accompanied the delegation:

Mr W Matthews, Committee Co-ordinator

Departmental Officials in attendance:

Mr S Wehmeyer

Ms T Caroline

1. Introduction

The Committee visited the Western Cape Library Services located in Greenpoint. The Committee visited the Library Services because the facility performs an important function in the eventual distribution of books to libraries in the province. Mr Stefan Wehmeyer and Ms Theresa Caroline welcomed the Committee. Both officials are Deputy Directors at the Library Services. However, Mr Wehmeyer also assumed the role of Acting Director in the absence of Mr Pieter Hugo.

2. Overview

The Library Services is responsible for several functions preceding the distribution of library books to libraries in the province. Some of these functions include book selection processes, cataloguing, labelling of book cards, barcodes and spine labels, as well as capturing information on the SITA Library Information Management System (SLIMS). SITA refers to the State Information Technology Agency.

3. Guided tour of the facilities

Following a brief welcome in the boardroom, the Committee received a guided tour of the facilities and interacted with staff in each section visited. The Committee first visited the book selection room. In this particular room, meetings are held to select books to be ordered from various registered suppliers according to a set list of selection criteria. The criteria include the cost and availability of the books, the suitability of the books based on reviews as well as whether or not similar books have already been purchased. There is a committee that meets bi-monthly to select books for possible purchasing. Books are purchased based on a further selection process by librarians from all the libraries in the province. Regional librarians represent libraries from rural and/or areas located in outlying areas from the Cape Metropole. The purpose of having regional librarians representing their respective regions is to allay the cost and effort of having all librarians traveling to the meetings held at the Western Cape Library Services.

The Committee also visited the cataloguing area. In this section, staff peruse all books selected and separate the books into appropriate categories. The classification of the books into categories is based on international rules.

The Committee also visited the pre-distribution room. In this area books are labelled, barcoded, covered in plastic and book cards are inserted in each book. The Committee then proceeded to the publications and promotions area where the graphic design for posters and magazines are completed.

The Committee returned to the boardroom for final comments, expressing that it was satisfied with the quality of work carried out by the Library Services. The Chairperson gave a vote of thanks.

2. (*Negotiating Mandate stage*) Report of the Budget Committee on the *Division of Revenue Bill* [B 2–2016] (S76) (NCOP), dated 30 March 2016, as follows:

The Budget Committee, having considered the subject of the *Division of Revenue Bill* [B 2–2016] (S76) (NCOP) referred to the Committee in terms of Standing Rule 220, confers on the Western Cape's delegation in the NCOP the authority to support the Bill.

The Committee further proposes the following recommendation:

National Treasury to utilise updated South African Statistics in the review of the Equitable Share to Provinces.