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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

### STANDING COMMITTEE ON CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT

Wednesday, 28 June 2017 (10:00), 4th floor, Committee 2, 7 Wale Street, Cape Town

#### ATTENDANCE

##### Members:

##### **Democratic Alliance**

Kivedo, BD

Max, LH (Chairperson)

Wenger, MM

##### **African National Congress**

Gopie, D

Olivier, RT

##### **Alternate**

Makeleni, P (ANC)

Persons in attendance.

Dr L Bouah – Chief Director: Sport and Recreation

Mr T Tutu – Director: Sport Promotion

Mr B Bailey – Deputy Director: Client Support

##### **Apologies**

Apologies were rendered on behalf Hon Minister A Marais, and the Head of Department, Mr B Walters.

#### 1. **Welcome and Introduction**

The Chairperson opened the meeting and tabled the Amended Agenda. Welcomed the Committee Members.

#### 2. **Briefing by DCAS**

The presentation was led by Dr L Bouah, the Chief Director of Sport. He informed the Committee that there are talent identification mechanisms in place to assist the progression of athletes from farming areas. There is a Farm Worker Sport Committee in

efforts to enhance enabling structures for farm worker sports through its engagements with Agri-Western Cape.

The Department has started to stage events focusing on farm workers, close to farm areas to alleviate traveling challenges.

There are six codes for farmer worker sports, including rugby, football, tug of war dominoes, fun run and cross country. There are only 6 codes to date because the infrastructure is already in place for these codes.

The annual farm worker sports day was held at the Swellendam Sports Ground on 29 April 2017. The budget for the sports day was R495 176.00, with the major expenses being allocated to transport, catering and accommodation.

The Department provided an overview of its Rural Sport Development Programme (RSDP). The budget for the RSDP is R4 510 122.20. The Department reported that the Western Cape will be represented at the National Rural Sport Development Championships, to be held in Polokwane, from 8 to 15 July 2017. The team of 274 persons comprises of coaches, managers, medical staff, support staff and athletes. Representatives of farming areas will also participate in the National School Sports Championships in Durban from 10 to 14 July 2017.

The Department reported that the 50% of the Club Development Programme (CDP) will be utilised for the RSDP. The Department also informed the Committee that there 30 farm based clubs of the 200 clubs identified for club development. The Department is currently consulting with these clubs in order to place these clubs within the CDP structures. Generally, the Department also assists clubs with drafting of club constitutions.

In terms of challenges the Department reported that finding suitable space for activities and the vast traveling distances between districts leads to budget constraints. One of the key reasons for the expenses is that transport service providers have to be registered on the Department's system, of registered service providers. As such, service providers may quote premium charges because of the distances between destinations. There is consultation with the Department's Supply Chain Management section in regard to this matter of using registered service providers.

The fact that farm workers are seasonal and therefore not always available for events during busy farming periods, affects the facilitations of farm worker sports programmes. Workers need to get time off from work. Often workers have to make personal expenses and/or sacrifices so the dates and times of sports events have to be carefully planned. Farm owners, however, are reportedly supportive when it comes to allowing, where reasonable, farmers to participate in the sports programmes during peak farming seasons. There are also various social challenges and cultural differences that need to be navigated to ensure that farm workers are not deterred from participating. The Department added that several rugby clubs have from the West Coast region have disintegrated. However, the Department is looking to revitalise these clubs. The Department emphasised that various sporting code federations need to ensure that clubs are mainstreamed.

The Department highlighted that its Annual Farm Worker sports day, the participation in the National RSD Championship in Polokwane, the intervention by the CDP to provide training, kits and support to farm clubs, as key successes to date. The support given via the CDP also act as a means to mainstream farm workers into the sporting activities.

Department stated that there are no specific arrangements for disabled farm workers. Instead there is a general inclusion with the disability sector.

### **3. Request for information**

- 3.1 The Committed REQUESTED a copy of the Department's calendar for sports events for 2017/2018.
- 3.2 The Committed REQUESTED that the amendments to adopted Committee report of 22 March 2017 be reflected in the draft minutes of 22 March 2017.

### **4. Resolutions**

The Committee RESOLVED:-

- 4.1 To conduct an oversight visit to a farm sport activity.
- 4.2 To conduct oversight visits to MOD centres.
- 4.3 Members of the Committee forward proposals for its programme to the Committee Coordinator.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10am



ADV LH MAX, MPP

CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT  
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