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Report of the Standing Committee on Education on Vote 5: Education, in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B2 – 2015], dated 12 March 2015, as follows:

The Standing Committee on Education having deliberated on the subject of Vote 5: Education, in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B2 – 2015], referred to the Committee in terms of Standing Rule 187, reports that it has concluded its deliberations on the Vote and that it supports the Vote.

In terms of Standing Rule 86, the African National Congress expressed its minority view to not support the Vote.

1. Findings and concerns

- 1.1 The Department indicated that it would develop and implement a five year teacher development plan and improve administrative and other support to schools, assisted incrementally by on-line services.
- 1.2 The Department indicated that it would:
 - 1.2.1 Develop and implement provincial curriculum management and support strategies;
 - 1.2.2 Ensure improved school management; and
 - 1.2.3 Ensure optimal education provision for all with a special focus on the poorer communities and provide social support and the platform for youth development.
- 1.3 As part of its five year plan the Department indicated that it would ensure that support is provided to independent schools in accordance with the relevant legislation to ensure quality education for learners in these schools.
- 1.4 The Department indicated that it would maximise successful academic and social participation of all learners in the culture and curriculum of educational institutions and minimizes barriers to learning.
- 1.4 The Department indicated that it would provide specific public ordinary schools and identified independent sites with resources required for Grade R and provide conditions that encourage more schools to establish Grade R classes in existing available classrooms or new Grade R classrooms. Improved teacher training.
- 1.5 The Department informed the committee that it would ensure prioritised, cost-effective and efficient infrastructure maintenance and to ensure that schools are built to match priority demographic trends.
- 1.6 The Department also indicated that it would provide access to all external examinations, ensure the credibility of the examination and assessment processes and ensure that all schools manage examinations and school-based assessment.
- 1.7 The Committee expressed its concern that not enough funds were allocated for the Safer School Programme.

2 Submissions by members of the public

- 2.1 The Committee received an oral submission from Mr Mbiko:
Mr Mbiko's raised concerns around the safety of teachers and learners in the Nyanga area, as many are victims to robbery, harassment and abuse from gangsters in the area.
- 2.2 The Committee received a written submission from Ms R Cloete:
Ms Cloete raised concern that the Khoekhoegowab language is not part of the 11 official languages in South Africa.

3 Recommendations

The Committee recommended that:

- 3.1 The Department and Provincial Treasury investigate whether additional resources could be allocated to assist the Safer Schools Programme.
- 3.2 The Department present on the plans of the Safer School Programme for 2015/2016. The Committee to invite the official responsible for liaising with the Safer School Programmes across the Western Cape.

4 Papers and reports requested by the Committee

The Committee resolved that the Department provide the Committee with the following by 31 March 2015:

- 4.1 A list of the nine mobile school units which the Department had set up at various schools;
- 4.2 A list of the names of the members of the Western Cape Education Council;
- 4.3 A status report on Wynberg Secondary School's intent to be relocated;
- 4.4 A status report on the fight which took place between two Matric Students at Voorbrug Secondary School in Delft;
- 4.5 A status report on the vandalism and fire which took place at Euercon Primary School in Elsie's River;
- 4.6 A list of the 216 rural schools;
- 4.7 A detailed report on the eight new schools (the precise dates of completion, names and areas); and
- 4.8 A breakdown on how the Department's allocated funds of R24 million is spent within the Safer School Programme.

Report to be considered.



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CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Date: 12 March 2016