

PARLIAMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF THE WESTERN CAPE

ANNOUNCEMENTS, TABLING AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

FRIDAY, 22 NOVEMBER 2019

TABLING

The Speaker:

Report on the 50th Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA): Africa Region Conference held on Zanzibar, Tanzania, from 1 to 5 September 2019.

Report attached.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Report of the Conduct Committee on the breach of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament, 2014, dated 15 November 2019, as follows:

The following Members were in attendance, namely Members D G Mitchell, D M Baartman, R I Allen, P Z Lekker and G Brinkhuis.

At the meeting of the Committee held on 11 October 2019, the Registrar of Members' Interests, Adv P Burgers, presented a report on Members' submission of Disclosure Forms after the elections. The due date for the submission of Disclosure Forms was 22 July 2019.

On 10 July 2019, the two Members were informed by email that their forms had not been returned to the office of the Registrar, and they were urged to comply with the due date of 22 July 2019. On 18 July 2019 a further reminder was sent to both Members. The Disclosure Forms were hand-delivered to all Members on 21 May 2019. 39 (thirty-nine) out of 42 (forty-two) Members submitted their Disclosure Forms by the due date.

The Committee requested that letters be sent to the two Members, Ms N Makamba-Botya and Mr M Xego, who submitted their Disclosure Forms for the first disclosure of the Sixth Parliament late, to allow them the opportunity to provide reasons for the late submissions and in mitigation of the penalty to be recommended by the Committee.

The Committee met again on 15 November 2019 and the responses received from the two Members were considered.

Member Makamba-Botya explained that she struggled to obtain information on companies registered under her name from the Department of Trade and Industry hence her late submission and she apologised for it.

The Committee noted the apology by Member Makamba-Botya but agreed that the Code of Conduct for Members of the Western Cape Parliament had been breached. In deciding on the penalty to be imposed on the Member, the Committee took into consideration the fact that this is the first time the Member contravened the Code and had shown contrition.

The Committee recommends a reprimand as penalty for Member Makamba-Botya.

The Committee noted the reason provided by Member Xego. In deciding on the penalty to be imposed on Member Xego the Committee noted that he admitted that he has breached the Code and has established an administrative system in his office to avoid any repetition.

The Committee recommends a reprimand as penalty for Member Xego.

Report to be considered by the House.