



# Wes-Kaapse Provinsiale Parlement Western Cape Provincial Parliament IPalamente yePhondo leNtshona Koloni

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The Annual Activity Report of the Petitions Committee for the 2019/2020 financial year is as follows:

## Members

The Committee comprises of the following members:

Bosman, G (DA) (Chairperson)

Allen, RI (DA)

Makamba-Botya, N (EFF)

Philander, WF (DA)

Sayed, MK (ANC)

### Alternate members:

America, D (DA)

Botha, LJ (DA)

Kama, M (ANC)

Mackenzie, RD (DA))

Xego, M (EFF)

## 1. Introduction

As part of its mandate, the Petitions Committee must take reasonable steps to inform the citizens of the Province of their rights; take reasonable steps to inform the citizens of the Province of the physical address, fax number, e-mail or postal address where a petition may be submitted; ensure that persons or categories of persons previously disadvantaged by unfair discrimination enjoy full participation in the process of governance; and exercise maximum accountability and transparency in the consideration of petitions in accordance with the Western Cape Petitions Act, 2006 (Act 3 of 2006).

The Committee may resolve a dispute by means of mediation or negotiation, where appropriate, or if requested to do so by a petitioner; and where appropriate, lodge a complaint with the Public Protector in terms of the Public Protector Act, 1994 (Act 23 of 1994), if the conduct of a person or body against whom a petition has been referred, is unsatisfactory.

## 2. Overview of committees activities

No of Committee meetings	4
No of Public Hearings	0
No of International Study Tours	0
No of Fact Finding Visits	0
No of Cluster Visits	0
No of Provincial Bills considered	0

No of NCOP Bills considered	0
Workshops/conferences attended	0

### 3. Oversight activities

During the first meeting of the 6th Parliament in June 2019, the Committee resolved to elect Mr. G Bosman as the Chairperson of the Petitions Committee. To get the Members familiar with the WCPP's petitions process and procedures, the Committee Support Section briefed the Petitions Committee on the roles and responsibilities of the Petitions Committee and on Petitions referred to the Committee during the 5th Parliament. The Committee support unit also gave a comprehensive context to the status of each petition before the Committee.

In August 2019, the Committee considered three petitions before the Committee. With regards to the Petition from the Trauma Centre for Survivors of Violence and Torture, the Committee resolved to conclude the petition. The Committee also encouraged the Trauma Centre to continue engaging with the Department of Social Development and provide feedback on the next People's Commission of Inquiry into Child Safety in the Western Cape, which was scheduled to take place in the West Coast region. The Committee further commended the excellent work done by the Head of the Department for Social Development, Dr. R Macdonald, and his team with regards to this petition. The Committee also encouraged the Department of Social Development to continue working with non-governmental organisations on the issue of child murders in the province.

The Chairperson of the Committee tabled the feedback received from the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure, Ms. P De Lille's, on the Dennehof Centre petition. The Committee resolved to conclude this petition. The Committee further resolved to send a letter to Ms Venter, including the response received from the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure.

The Committee also resolved to conclude the petition from Power Town in Kleinbrak, Mossel Bay. The Committee further resolved to inform the petitioners about the decision of the Committee including the letter received from the Mossel Bay Municipality, explaining the salient elements as to why the municipality could not build permanent housing on the Power Town site.

### 4. Financial particulars

The Petitions Committee was allocated an amount of R100 000 for the Financial Year 2019/2020 financial year. At the end of the 2019/2020 financial year, expenditure attributed to the activities of the Petitions Committee accumulated to an amount of R5 779.00



**G BOSMAN, MPP**

**CHAIRPERSON: PETITIONS COMMITTEE**

**WESTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT**

**DATE: 21 July 2020**