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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PREMIER

Tuesday, 8 March 2016 (09:00), 6th floor, Chamber, 7 Wale Street, Cape Town

ATTENDANCE

Members:

Democratic Alliance

Mackenzie, RD (Chairperson)
Botha, LJ (Alternate)
Mitchell, DG

African National Congress

Dugmore, CM
Gopie, D (Alternate)

APOLOGIES

Kivedo, B (DA)
Fransman, M (ANC)

The following persons were in attendance:

Ms H Zille, Premier of the Western Cape

Department of the Premier

Mr B Gerber, Director-General
Dr L Platzky, Deputy Director-General
Mr A De Freitas, Chief Director
Mr A Geldenhuys, Director
Mr A Joemat, Superintendent General
Mr C Walmford, Director
Mr D Basson, Chief Financial Officer
Mr E Alexander, Director

Mr E Samaai, Chief Director
Mr Hendrickse, Deputy Director-General
Mr J Boonzaaier, Director
Mr L Grootboom, Deputy Director- General
Mr L Williams, Deputy Director- General
Mr N Karra, Director
Mr N Lala, Chief Director
Mr N Miti, Chief Director
Mr R Janse van Rensburg, Chief Director
Mr R Shaw, Director
Ms C Knott, Parliamentary Liaison Officer
Ms F Steyn, Director
Ms H Kreuser , Acting Director
Ms H Robson, Deputy Director- General
Ms L Esterhuysen, Chief Director
Ms N Maholwana, Parliamentary Liaison Officer
Ms Z Ishmail, Chief Director

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Ms W Achmat, Committee Co-ordinator

1. Welcome and attendance

The Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed the Committee Members and the departmental officials.

2. Consideration of Vote 1: Premier in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 2-2016]*

The Premier gave a brief overview on the appropriation of funds for the Department of the Premier as outlined in the Budget Estimates of Provincial Revenue and Expenditure, 2016 book.

During the overview the Premier noted that the 2016/17 budget is marked by austerity measures. The budget for the Department of the Premier has increased by 9 million rand, illustrating an increase of 0.6 percent from the previous budget, noting that the inflation is currently on 6%. This results in a reduced budget with inflationary pressures and having to terminate the filling of 132 posts within the Department.

The Premier further mentioned that the Department is in the process of drafting a policy to guide the Children's Commissioner as mandated in the Constitution of the Western Cape 1997, without incurring any excessive costs and cutting frontline services of other programmes. Despite the challenges that are being faced by the cost cutting measures, the Department specified that adequate frontline services will be delivered.

The Committee proceeded with a page by page discussion on the Budget Estimates of Provincial Revenue and Expenditure, 2016 for the Department of Premier.

The Committee deliberated and engaged the Department on its overview.

The Chairperson thanked the Department for its preparation and responses to the questions raised by the Committee members.

The Committee's recommendations are contained in the Committee Report.

The meeting adjourned at 11h35.



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MR RD MACKENZIE, MPP

CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON PREMIER

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