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Report of the Standing Committee on Economic Opportunities, Tourism and Agriculture on Vote 12: Economic Development and Tourism, in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 1–2017], dated 17 March 2017, as follows:

The Standing Committee on Economic Opportunities, Tourism and Agriculture, having deliberated on the subject of Vote 12: Agriculture, in the Schedule to the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 1–2017], referred to the Committee in terms of Standing Rule 187, reports that it supports the Vote.

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

The Committee listed findings, requested information and made resolutions as indicated below.

1. Findings/Concerns

- 1.1 International and domestic political events such as the ushering in of new leadership in the United States, the United Kingdom's exit from the European Union (Brexit) and allegations of state capturing, impacted negatively on the South African market, which in turn weakened the Rand, impacting more severely on the poorest South Africans;
- 1.2 All municipalities should have a strategy to maximise economic growth through the creation of an enabling environment for tourism initiatives; and
- 1.3 There are different sectors that rely on funding from the Department of Economic Development and Tourism, and many sectors do well with very little funding. However, the clothing and textile industry in the Western Cape struggles to remain competitive against large international companies. These skills will need to be stimulated in the future.

2. Information requested

The Committee REQUESTED that the Department of Economic Development and Tourism provides the Committee with the following information by 21 April 2017:

- 2.1 A copy of the Department's Private Sector Participation Framework, should such a document be available in the Department;
- 2.2 A list of companies involved in the Western Cape Industrial Symbiosis Project, as stated on page 644 of the 2017 Budget Estimates of Provincial Revenue and Expenditure;
- 2.3 A list of the eight projects that were secured through the "Investment Promotion" priority area valued at R1.9 billion, as stated on page 642 of the 2017 Budget Estimates of Provincial Revenue and Expenditure;

- 2.4 A list of the 75 occupations, made up of five sectors with 15 occupations in each sector, earmarked for the Apprenticeship Game Changer; and
- 2.5 A profile of the wholesale sector in the Western Cape.

3. Resolutions

The Committee RESOLVED to, at a future date:

- 3.1 Invite the Western Cape Economic Development Partnership to brief the Committee on its mandate; and
- 3.2 Invite the Department to brief the Committee on the Madiba Legacy Route and Cross Cape Cycling Route projects, both of which are being rolled out in 2017.

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