



Wes-Kaapse Provinsiale Parlement  
Western Cape Provincial Parliament  
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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Friday, 13 March 2020 (14h00), Committee Room 2, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, 7 Wale Street,  
Cape Town

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### STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES AND TOURISM

#### ATTENDANCE

##### Members:

##### Democratic Alliance

Baartman, D (Chairperson)  
Mitchell, D  
van der Westhuizen, A

##### African National Congress

Nkondlo, N

##### Apology

Makamba-Botya, N

##### The following persons were in attendance:

Please see attached attendance list

#### 1. Welcome and attendance

The Chairperson welcomed the Committee Members, the Minister, members of the public and the officials from the Department of Economic Development and Tourism.

The Minister announced that an urgent Cabinet meeting had been called to discuss the Corona Virus (COVID19) and requested that he be released from the meeting. The Committee agreed to release the Minister, given the urgency of the matter, however, any questions directed to the Minister would be communicated to his office.

#### 2. Consideration of Vote 12 : Economic Development and Tourism in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 3-2020]

The Head of Department, Mr S Fourie, gave a brief overview of the appropriation of funds for the Department of Economic Development and Tourism as outlined in the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 3-2020].

The Committee proceeded with a discussion on the 2020 Budget Estimates of Provincial Revenue and Expenditure for the Department of Economic Development and Tourism. The Committee deliberated and engaged the Department on the budget.

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

The Chairperson opened the meeting for submissions from the public, however, no comments or submissions were received.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Committee deliberated on the Vote as follows:

The Standing Committee on Finance, Economic Opportunities and Tourism, having deliberated on the subject of Vote 12: Economic Development and Tourism, in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 3–2020], referred to the Committee in terms of Standing Rule 188, reports that it supports the Vote.

In accordance with Standing Rule 90, the African National Congress expressed its right to reserve its view for the House.

### **3. Resolutions/Actions**

**3.1** The Committee RESOLVED to submit the following questions to the Office of the Minister for written responses:

**3.1.1** What is provincial government's response to the COVID19 pandemic, especially in relation to Small, Medium and Micro-sized Enterprises that will be affected? What are the mitigation strategies in place to respond to COVID19?

**3.1.2** The budget allocated to Saldanha Bay IDZ Licencing Company Pty Ltd does not seem to contain an allocation for transformation programmes. What is the rationale for not funding transformation in this programme?

**3.1.3** What are the 27 municipalities that are receiving support from the Department of Economic Development and Tourism under Sub-Programme 5.7: Green Economy (page 667 in the 2020 Budget Estimates of Provincial Revenue and Expenditure Book), for accessing energy from Independent Power Producers? What is the definition of "good financial standing" for municipalities?

**3.1.4** How does the current budget speak to assisting ArcelorMittal in Saldanha Bay?

**3.2** The Committee REQUESTED that the Department of Economic Development and Tourism provide the Committee with the review completed on the Kannaland Municipality solar project proposal.

The meeting adjourned at 16h00.

  
MR D MITCHELL, MPP

ACTING CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES AND TOURISM

DATE:

18/03/2020