

GAUTENG PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE

ENVIRONMENT, AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Thursday, 4th May 2023 Microsoft Team Meeting

1. Opening and Welcome

Chairperson Kekana opened the meeting and welcomed Honourable Members and Support Staff for attending the Committee meeting. She further apologised for joining the meeting due to technical glitches.

The Chairperson outlined the purpose of the meeting which was to consider presentations on the Draft Committee 2nd Term Programme, Research analysis on the 4th Quarterly Report for 2022/23FY and analysis on the Budget MTEF Allocation for the 23/24 FY.

Members Attendance

1. Chairperson Kekana
2. Member Hassan
3. Member Ndlovana
4. Member Ndlovu
5. Member Mpapa
6. Member Engelbrecht
7. Member Miller
8. Member Dos Santos

2. Apologies.

- They were no apologies received.

3. Confirmation of the Agenda

The Chairperson tabled the agenda for confirmation.

MOTION: The agenda was adopted by the Members of the Committee.

Agreed.

4. Matters Arising

Members raised their concerns that they did not receive the link for the meeting and documents to prepare for the meeting. were concerned that they did not receive the link and documents for the meeting of the 04th May 2023, because they need to go through the presentations before the meeting.

MOTION: That going forward the Administration team will correct it, and they must check with IT Task Team to assist with the issue.

Agreed.

5. Adoption of the Minutes dated:

- Thursday, 09th February 2023 were adopted.
- Thursday, 02nd March 2023 were deferred to the next meeting.
- Tuesday, 07th March 2023 were adopted with amendments.
- Thursday, 23rd March 2023 were adopted.

Agreed.

6. Presentation by the Committee Coordinator on the Draft 2nd Term Programme for the 2022/23FY (April – June) for adoption.

The Committee Coordinator, Ms Lebogang Mampe, presented the Committees Term Programme for the current quarter. She highlighted the activities that the Committee would be engaged in during the period of April – June 2023

After the presentation, the Chairperson thanked the presenter and afforded Members the opportunity to ask clarity seeking questions as well as make inputs or comments.

Members concerns, inputs or recommendations.

- Members were concerned about the dates that are clashing with other Clusters.
- The administration team mentioned that all the dates that are on the term programme are allocated for the Economic Cluster.

MOTION: That the Committee Draft 2nd Term Programme for the 2022/23 FY (April- June) was adopted as a working document.

Agreed.

7. Presentation by the Committee Researcher on the analysis on the 4th Quarterly Report for the 2022/23FY.

The Committee Researcher, Mr Bongani Mabuza made a presentation on GDARDE's 4th Quarterly performance report for the 22/23 FY. The purpose of the presentation was to provide a summary of activities undertaken by the Gauteng Department of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment (GDARDE) from January to March 2023. The presentation also included where GDARDE has delivered in the quarter under review. The report also highlighted a progress report which specified achievements against key performance targets as would have been set out in the 2022/23 Annual Performance Plan (APP).

After the presentation, the Chairperson thanked the presenter and afforded Members the opportunity to ask clarity seeking questions as well as make inputs or comments.

MOTION: That the analysis on the 4th Quarterly Report for the 2022/23FY was welcomed and Members will pose further questions to the Department in the next meeting.

Agreed.

8. Presentation by the Committee Researcher on the analysis of the Budget MTEF Allocation for the 2023/24FY.

The Committee Researcher, Mr Bongani Mabuza made the presentation to the Committee on the analysis of the Budget MTEF Allocation for the 2023/24FY.

This the presentation was an analysis of the 2023/24 Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) of the Gauteng Department of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment (GDARDE). The analysis aimed to determine whether the proposed inputs (resources) speak to the government priorities (annual targets) to realize the required outcomes. The presentation further highlighted that the allocated budget decreased significantly by 5,3% in the current financial year when compared to the previous financial year. The budget coincides with a period when the country is still battling the impact of the war in Ukraine, the increasing inflation as well as the impact that the Covid 19 pandemic has had on the economy. It will be important for the sector to contribute towards the lifting of the economy with absorbing people in jobs created especially as it is a work force intensive sector.

After the presentation, the Chairperson thanked the presenter for a comprehensive presentation and afforded Members the opportunity to ask clarity seeking questions as well as make inputs or comments.

Members concern, Inputs and recommendations.

- Members mentioned that the presentations made by the Researcher made were important as they will assists when they interact with the department in the next Committee meeting.

MOTION: That the analysis of the Budget MTEF Allocation for the 2023/24 FY Members will pose further questions to the Department in the next meeting.

Agreed.

9. Resolutions.

None

10. Provincial Bills

None

11. NCOP

None

12. Petitions

None

13. Correspondence

None

14. Other Matters

The Chairperson Kekana mentioned that in future, the administration team should forward documents through email and WhatsApp group, three or two days before the date of the meeting, to give Members enough time to go through the documents.

15. Date of the next meeting.

The date of the next Committee meeting will be on Thursday, 11th May 2023 at 10h00, Members will be informed of the venue as the SCM is still sourcing it.