

DRAFT ANNUAL OVERSIGHT PLAN 2020/21

AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE

The Committee on AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT is a Legislature Committee established in terms of the provision of Rule 180 of the Standing Rules of the Legislature. It is accountable to the Committee of Chairpersons, office of the Chairperson of Committees and the House. The Committee exists to deliver on the following constitutional mandate assigned to the Legislature:

1. Performing oversight over Office of the AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT and its use of financial and other resources
2. Law making; and
3. Involvement of public in committee and legislative processes.

The AOP represent the key activities that committee will undertake in fulfilling its mandate. The priorities listed below fulfill a dual purpose. In certain instances, they form part of the activities undertaken by the committee (e.g. Site Visits)/. In other instances, they serve as a basis for the committee to prioritize the manner in which it analyses information received the department (e.g. analysis of draft APP's, quarter reports or annual reports).

Oversight Priority Areas Identified by the Committee:

1. Sustainable Resource Management

- 8400 hectares of agricultural land rehabilitated through the Land Care Programme
- 1120 people employed on Land Care EPWP programme

2. Farmer Support and Development

- 17 679 households supported with food security interventions
- 3255 producers supported with agricultural advice

3. Veterinary Services

- 350 000 rabies vaccinations conducted
- 10 rural auction sales facilitated by the Department

4. Agricultural Research, Technology Development and Agricultural Institutes

- 70 research projects implemented to improve agricultural production
- 1 approved plan to convert research stations into Centre of Excellence & innovation for 4th Industrial Revolution adaptation

5. Agricultural Economics Services

- 550 clients supported with production economic services
- 500 beneficiaries supported with agro-processing services

6. Structured Agricultural Education and Training

- 2000 participants trained in skills development programmes in the sector.
- 90 students graduated from Agricultural Training Institutes.

7. Rural Development

- 50 rural development projects supported with mentorship
- 340 graduates enrolled into Unemployed Agriculture Graduates Programme

Table 2

MANDATE	Strategic Objective	Measurable Objective	Activity	Performance Indicator	Annual Target	Strategic Benefit	Target Date
PLANNING	Improved oversight over service delivery targets set in the NDP, PGDP and MTSF and on the achievement of government outcome	Improved oversight over the Department of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT	Develop first draft 2021/22 Annual Oversight Plan for the AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT Portfolio Committee based on at least priorities drawn from NDP/PGDP	First draft AOP for 2021/22 developed by the target date		More structured and effective oversight engagements	30 May 2020
			Develop final 2021/22 Annual Oversight Plan for the AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT portfolio committee	Final AOP developed and adopted by target date	1		1

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			Agree with the AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT on the AOP	Oversight agreement signed by target date	1	Improved commitment to oversight processes based on co-operations	31 December 2020
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OVERSIGHT	Improved oversight over service delivery targets set in the NDP, PGDP and MTSF and on the achievement	Improved input into the annual performance plans and budget of the Department of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT	Consider draft Departmental (AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT) APP and Budget for the ensuing year ¹ (2021/22) (including Micro-prioritization for outer years)	Number of Committee reports on the consideration of 2021/22 APP and budget tabled at committee meetings	1	Improved influence by the committee over the planning and budgeting process of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT in the implementation of the NDP/PGDP	30 November 2020

¹ Draft Departmental APPs and Budgets received will be analyzed based on at least the priorities identified in table 1 above. The drafts will also serve to guide the development of the committee's AOPs for the 2019/20

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	of government outcome	Improved oversight over the Department's performance against its APP and budget	Attend Finance Committee Budget Hearing and conduct Budget hearing into Vote 3 budget and invite stakeholders	Comprehensive Budget reports tabled in the House	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved interaction with Finance Committee improved Committee oversight on finance matters over Vote 3 Improved oversight (performance monitoring and verification) and development of inputs for micro-prioritization	30 June 2020
			Consider the quarterly and annual reports and develop portfolio committee reports	Number of analysis reports on quarterly and annual reports expressing at least how the department performed against the baseline priorities identified in Table 1 above.	5		30 June 2020 (4 th quarter) 30 Sept 2020 (1 st Quarter) 31 January 2021(2 nd Quarter) 31 Mach 2021 (3 rd Quarter) November 2020-Annual Report
	Improved oversight on compliance and accountability by provincial organs of state in terms of relevant legislative	Improved input over the departmental plans, budget performance and resolution implementation by department	Track resolution as per the portfolio committee resolution's register Track SCOPA Resolutions relevant to Committee Track Finance Resolutions relevant to Committee	Quarterly Progress Reports on tracking the implementation of Resolutions (identifying those as well relating to baseline priorities identified in Table 1 above).	4	Increased level of responses to and implementation of resolutions	30 June 2020 30 September 2020 31 January 2021 31 March 2021

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	prescripts and protocols		Track Sectoral Parliament Resolutions relevant to Committee Track Multiparty Resolutions relevant to Committee				
		Enhance oversight through focused intervention studies and oversight visits	Undertake focused intervention studies on at least priorities identified in Table 1 above.	Number of Focused Intervention Studies (FIS) adopted by the Committee	1	Increased levels of credible and independent information to support oversight	31 October 2020 (first draft) 31 March 2021 (Final Report)
	Improved oversight over service delivery targets set in the NDP, PGDP and MTSF and on the achievement of government outcome		Conduct oversight visits	Reports on oversight visits undertaken as informed by priorities identified in Table 1 above.	4 (2 of which are reactive oversight visits to respond to identified needs or emergencies affecting the portfolio and or department) ²	Improved gathering of independent information and verification	1 per quarter
		Improved oversight over financial management and performance of	Oversee the implementation of the fraud and risk prevention plan of	Minutes reflecting discussion of Fraud and Risk Plan Dashboard Report	1	Improved focus on good governance and anticorruption initiatives of the	31 October 2020

² The reactive oversight visits are included in the plan to acknowledge the potential for issues such as disasters. This will enable budgeting processes for such activities. The committee would need to produce a formal report in regard of such visits.

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		department and public entities	AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT			Department and enhanced effort towards clean audit outcomes	
			Attend and participate in SCOPA hearings on 2017/18 reports of the AG	Number of SCOPA hearings attended	1	Improved/ enhanced oversight and interaction and follow up on SCOPA resolutions	31 October 2020 (SCOPA hearings)
			Attend and participate in hearings of Finance Portfolio Committee on Mid-year Finance report	Number of Finance hearings attended	1	Improved interaction with Finance Committee	30 November 2020 (Mid-term financial reviews)
			Follow up on the implementation of the recommendations contained in the reports of investigations	percentage of investigation reports considered	100%	Increased focus on forensic reports and issues that need to be addressed	31 March 2020
LEGISLATION AND POLICY	Ensure constitutionally compliant laws enacted by the Legislature	Improved processing of legislation before the committee	Receive and process bills	Quarterly reports on Bills processed/initiated	4	Improved planning and processing of Bills	Quarterly
PUBLIC AND STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT	Improved citizen engagement and	Improved stakeholder involvement/engagements on Legislature Business	Enable public and stakeholder involvement to Committee activities	Number of Committee activities/meetings attended by stakeholders/public	1 per Quarter	Enhance stakeholder participation in committee deliberations	Quarterly
			Enable public and stakeholder involvement in Committee activities	Quarterly outcomes based reports on stakeholder involvement in Legislature	4	Improved public/stakeholder inputs into	31 March 2021

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	participation in legislative processes		including on Departmental APP and Budget	business (Committees and House)		departmental budgets and APPs	
			Participate in oversight visits by parliament	Number of Committee reports on oversight visits by parliament	1	Enhance stakeholder participation in committee deliberations	31 March 2021
	Improved public participation in the lawmaking process	Conduct public EDUCATION WORKSHOPS and Public hearings on each bill being dealt with	Quarterly reports on public education interventions conducted	4 reports	Improved public/stakeholder input/comments into bills being processed	quarterly	
			Number of public hearings	4 (This target will however be informed by the nature of the bill being proceeded)			

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EMPOWERMENT	Improved institutional performance, efficiencies, communication and transformation	Improved knowledge and understanding of relevant legislation pertaining to the department of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT	Hold workshops/briefings/seminars/conferences/summits for Committee empowerment	Number of reports on workshops/seminars/conferences/summits conducted	1	Better understanding of the Committee mandate/responsibilities and legislation administered by the Department	28 February 2021
		Empowerment of Committees to execute their mandates	Identify and Implement SCHEDULED (local/international) VISITS (vice-versa) to relevant institutions	Number of knowledge sharing visits undertaken	1		31 March 2021

Chairperson:
AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
Portfolio Committee

Date