

Valerie Carelse - Re: PC ON TRANSPORT_DOCUMENTS

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Dear Chairperson and ANC whip

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Inputs for the Committee BRRR report on the Department of Transport.

The DA on this committee hereby requests the following additions/amendments to the report submitted by the ANC caucus:

1. The replacement of the items that were in the original report from the researcher which do not appear in the ANC caucus draft of the report especially the kpi's or KPA's which include:

- Programme 1: Administration - a target to reduce the vacancy rate from 32% to 0% could not be achieved.
- Programme 2: Integrated Transport Planning - reporting of performance information in the Annual Report posing a challenge given that it is not aligned with that in the APP, as well as that of the 31 planned targets in this programme, 21 (68%) were not achieved.
- Programme 3: Rail Transport – under-reporting due to key performance indicators listed in the APP (18 in total) are noticeably absent in the Annual Report (only reporting on 10).
- Programme 4: Road Transport – only managed to reduce road accident fatalities by 0.79% (110) against a target of 30%. Only creating 42 919 full-time equivalent jobs against a target of 90 000. No reporting on the 15 000 bicycles promised to rural schools a part of Shova Kalula.
- Programme 5: Civil Aviation Transport – 18 (72%) of the 25 planned targets were not achieved.
- Programme 6: Maritime Transport – 9 (41%) of the 22 planned targets were not achieved, one of which is a potential driver for job creation.
- Programme 7: Public Transport – only 35% of targets were achieved, 65% of targets were either partially met or not met.

2. in Section 7 on observations:

- a) The committee has noticed complaints about civil aviation, with some senior, highly qualified staff leaving the CAA especially in the safety division, the increased administrative burden regarding the certification of aircraft and high inspection fees together with the number of runway incursions on the increase especially in Gauteng.
- b) The committee notes the need to improve the availability of rolling stock for Metrorail and the numbers (300 coaches) that were destroyed, burned or badly damaged in accidents this year.
- c) The committee notes the need for upgrading of many provincial and rural roads becoming acute and urgent
- d) The committee notes with concern the need for improved scholar transport and road access to hospitals and clinics, especially in rural areas.
- e) The committee notes the need for a review of funding models for freeways and road infrastructure, in line with the Presidential review of State Owned Enterprises
- f) The committee notes with concern the continued unavailability of the 2 shipping vessels required

by Samsa for use in cleaning oils spills and inspecting ships at sea.

g) The committee notes the exceptional and large capacity in South Africa for building and maintaining of locomotives and rolling stock which should be exploited to create job opportunities

3. In Section 8:

a) The committee urges the minister and DoT in co-operation with Prasa to improve the number of units of rolling stock in service with Metrorail to improve the commuter service. An increased refurbishment and maintenance programme should be implemented urgently.

b) The Committee urges the department to improve the staff retention of highly skilled staff within the SACAA and ATNS who are needed to prevent accidents, runway incursions and the like.

c) The Committee urges the minister to investigate and report back on the unavailability of the 2 Fisheries Department vessels for SAMSA patrols of our coast line

d) The committee recommends that the minister engages the provincial MEC's via MInMec to refurbish and re-open all alternative routes to the toll roads in SA.

e) The committee recommends a more thorough investigation of fake drivers licenses and vehicles with false registration and road worthy certificates by the department, particularly those registered in Gauteng or with documents issued in Gauteng.

f) The committee urges Prasa to investigate the low rental income and occupation rates in properties administered by Prasa Cres and Intersite.

g) The committee urges Prasa to improve safety and security at railway stations, platforms, parking lots and access roads of all commuter train stations and to urgently implement a better communication system with passengers.

regards

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