



MINERAL RESOURCES

EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON MINERAL RESOURCES (PCMR) SINCE 2014

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1. Background

In the first year of its operation, the Portfolio Committee on Mineral Resources (PCMR) in the fifth Parliament has been successful in opening many issues in the mining and petroleum sectors up for public debate and discussion. This is one of its constitutional functions as a committee of Parliament.

The effectiveness of the Committee in getting actions taken and necessary changes implemented is less clear. It is not clear, for example, whether the call made by the Committee for the Department of Mineral Resources (DMR) to address illegal mining in the MPRDA was a factor in the announcement by the DMR that it will propose amendments in this regard. It is also not clear whether the Committee's criticism of the failure of the Mine Health and Safety Council (MHSC) around unspent research funds played any role in the recent plans of the Council to address this issue.

One critical area where the Committee has not been successful lies in its inability to attend effectively to the need to pass amending legislation to the MPRDA. While the Committee dealt with the issue immediately— and regards it as being of the highest priority – the rules of Parliament have proved incapable of speedily resolving the complex legal and procedural issues that arose when the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Amendment Bill [B15B-2013] was referred back to Parliament by the President in January 2015 because of constitutional concerns.¹

The Portfolio Committee on Mineral Resources (PCMR) in the fifth Parliament had its inaugural meeting on 25 June 2014.

Its first decision was to interact with the main stakeholders in the mining and petroleum sector to understand the different viewpoints on the challenges facing the mining sector. This meeting was held on 20 August 2014 and involved labour stakeholders (NUM, AMCU, Solidarity and UASA) as well as the mining houses (Chamber of Mines and from the South African Mining Development Association - SAMDA).

¹ The PCMR sent a formal letter indicating its agreement with the President to the Joint Tagging Mechanism (JTM) in terms of the Joint Rules of Parliament.



Subsequent engagements on mining issues have also been held with provincial governments and traditional leaders. Oversight visits have been conducted in six provinces. Environmental and community issues are scheduled for specific attention in up-coming oversight visits that are being planned for the Western Cape and Limpopo.

The Committee formulated a strategic plan in August 2014² which has been successfully used to direct its oversight inquiries and recommendations both in committee meetings and in engagements with stakeholders. The strategy was developed at a three-day break-away event in Somerset West which was attended by the Director General of Mineral Resources and his staff, including representatives of all the entities for which the DMR is directly responsible.

It is now an appropriate time to review the record of the PCMR over the last year and to set its achievements and performance against both its intentions and against the operational plans of Parliament adopted in 2015³.

This brief relies on a research process that has surveyed the minutes, reports and resolutions of the PCMR up to June 2015.

Its aim is to identify stakeholder engagement issues that need to be followed up and to present possible priorities for oversight in directing the 2015/16 operational plan for the Committee.

The brief explicitly takes its perspective from the past priorities and concerns raised by the committee.

Obviously, the Committee needs to consider, in addition, current and newly-emerging concerns for the mining sector as it evaluates its future direction. These issues are not covered in this brief, except to the extent that they have been raised in the Committee activities.

Before looking at meeting minutes, it is possible to extract comments on themes from the reports of the Committee tabled in Parliament over the last year⁴:

² *Parliament of South Africa, Portfolio Committee on Mineral Resources, Operational Plan 2014/15 to 2016/17, August 2014.*

³ See Parliament (2015a, b, c, d, e and f).

⁴ All of these items were published in the ATC Reports, as indicated in the footnotes.



2. Areas of concern from Committee reports and how they have been dealt with

Committee views on the following issues have been assembled below. Their order is not intended to reflect priority. The purpose of the exercise has been to group issues under themes that arise from reading the reports. Most issues are of an ongoing nature, but several have still to receive full attention.

The headings used for the issues are the following:

Group Heading	Comment
Research and Development to strengthen the mining sector	<i>Progress is evident: follow-up meeting scheduled for Third Term</i>
Monitoring transformation in the mining sector (Mining Charter and SLPs).	<i>Matter not adequately dealt with. Briefing scheduled in Third Term</i>
Improvements in DMR inspection capacity: Health and Safety and the Environment	<i>Ongoing concern</i>
Measures to enforce compliance with laws and agreements and uplift mining communities	<i>Ongoing concern</i>
General DMR staffing and capacity issues	<i>Ongoing concern</i>
Communities and mining: problems for communities, provinces and traditional leaders	<i>Ongoing concern</i>
Need for an improved regulatory framework and transparency in issuing rights to minerals	<i>Ongoing concern – questions not fully answered</i>
Need for attention to be devoted to skills in the mining sector	<i>No progress on this issue</i>
Measures to combat Illegal mining	<i>Progress is slow and not in accordance with forecasts made in 2014</i>
The need for the Committee to follow up on issues raised by members in meetings	<i>Ongoing concern</i>
The need for the Committee to schedule joint meetings with other Portfolio Committees on matters of overlapping interest	<i>Meetings held with Standing Committee on Finance and PC on Trade and industry on transfer pricing. Other joint meetings with Labour, Water, Environment, etc are still needed</i>
The need for a holistic policy to deal with the closure of mines – this has environmental, human, economic and criminal aspects	<i>No progress evident, despite the urgency (Aurora and Blyvooruitzicht liquidations)</i>
Dealing with the aftermath of Marikana	<i>Joint initiative with PC on Labour needed</i>
Strategic Plans and Annual Performance Plans tabled in 2015 need to be amended to comply with the PFMA	<i>No response</i>
The “Women in Mining Strategy”	<i>Briefing scheduled in Third Term</i>



Research and Development to strengthen the mining sector

- As most entities are conducting research, the committee recommends that research should be centralised, or at least centrally co-ordinated, so that full value may be gained from government financial support for research to strengthen the mining sector. The establishment of Centre for Excellence to deal with the entire research work should be considered.⁵
- Urgent attention should be given to the ability of the Council for Geoscience to fund both the requirements of the 2010 Geoscience Amendment Act and the additional responsibilities that may be given to the Council if/when the MPRDA Amendment Bill is signed into law.⁶
- The DMR should increase the funding for CGS in order to carry out its mandate and implement the Geoscience Amendment Act.⁷

Monitoring transformation in the mining sector (Mining Charter and SLPs).

- A process should be undertaken by the department with immediate effect in the implementation of mining charter including monitoring mechanism and such process should take consideration of involving the Committee.⁸
- The mechanisms being used by the Department to monitor compliance with the Mining Charter are not sufficient. The process of monitoring must be begun now, not only after the deadline expires in December 2014. This should also take into consideration the role of the Committee in overseeing this function of the Department.⁹
- The process being undertaken by the inter-ministerial task team on Social Labour Plans (SLPs) should be speedily driven to ensure the maximum participation by all role players.¹⁰
- Develop a much clearer score card used for compliance to the Mining Charter in order to prevent the confusion within the mining industry Repeated from 2012 and 2013. No changes were proposed to the Mining Charter score card by the DMR. Issues of vagueness were raised by the Committee in its 2013 report on the Mining Charter public hearings.¹¹
- Develop strategies to ensure that there is an elevated focus on increasing HDSA minerals industry awareness through industry workshops Repeated from 2013. Transformation still lags behind despite a decade of the Mining Charter.¹²

⁵ PCMR report on Budget Vote 32, 11-Jul-2014 ATC 25-14.

⁶ PCMR report on Budget Vote 32, 11-Jul-2014 ATC 25-14.

⁷ Oversight Report, visit to Gauteng 30 October 2014, ATC 84–2014.

⁸ PCMR report on Budget Vote 32, 11-Jul-2014 ATC 25-14.

⁹ PCMR report on Budget Vote 32, 11-Jul-2014 ATC 25-14.

¹⁰ PCMR report on Budget Vote 32, 11-Jul-2014 ATC 25-14.

¹¹ BRRR 30 October 2014, ATC 84–2014. Deadline for DMR response – first quarter 2015.

¹² BRRR 30 October 2014, ATC 84–2014. Deadline for DMR response – first quarter 2015.



- Facilitate the workshopping or training of senior DMR management on expanding employment of HDSAs There is an apparent lack of understanding on this issue – as evidenced by the unevenness of achievement in employment equity.¹³
- There needs to be an investigation on government policy related to the practice of communities exchanging rights to royalties from mining for shares in mining companies. One concern is that this trend, which exposes communities and community trusts to the risks of shareholders, may be used by mining companies not to allow communities to share in the real benefits from mining, but simply to allow the company to claim the 26 per cent HDSA shareholding the company is required to have under the Mining Charter.¹⁴
- The DMR should provide a road map on how it intends to manage its responsibilities under section 100 of the MPRDA over the coming five years, following the 10 year milestone of the mining charter having been reached in March 2015.¹⁵

Improvements in DMR inspection capacity: Health and Safety and the Environment

- The National Treasury should increase the budget of the department so that more inspectors (in particular health and safety inspectors) be employed to ensure effective and efficient compliance with the mining legislation and regulations of the sector.¹⁶

Measures to enforce compliance with laws and agreements and uplift mining communities

- Compliance conditions for licenses should be an audit requirement even by private companies.¹⁷
- The department should strengthen the systems that must assist the process on compliance which include amongst other things harsher measures in relation to revoking of licences.¹⁸
- A platform should be created whereby critical issues are discussed, for an example a stakeholder discussion forum that includes Salga in how mining companies can best link SLPs and IDPs to effectively serve our communities in mining areas.¹⁹
- DMR should improve on its training and development programmes to ensure appropriately targeted skills development in both employees of the industry and surrounding mining communities. Repeated from 2013. There is a need for an investigation into the MQA regards the training programmes and skills development within the industry as well as mining communities. There needs to be improved implementation of learnership, internships and bursaries.²⁰

¹³ BRRR 30 October 2014, ATC 84–2014. Deadline for DMR response – first quarter 2015.

¹⁴ Oversight Report North West 4 March 2015, ATC No 23–2015.

¹⁵ PCMR report on Budget Vote 29, 04-May-15 ATC 47-15.

¹⁶ PCMR report on Budget Vote 32, 11-Jul-2014 ATC 25-14.

¹⁷ PCMR report on Budget Vote 32, 11-Jul-2014 ATC 25-14.

¹⁸ PCMR report on Budget Vote 32, 11-Jul-2014 ATC 25-14.

¹⁹ PCMR report on Budget Vote 32, 11-Jul-2014 ATC 25-14.

²⁰ BRRR 30 October 2014, ATC 84–2014. Deadline for DMR response – first quarter 2015.



- DMR should develop a strategy for providing access to information including social and labour plans to ensure transparency and accessibility.²¹
- The review and reassessment of the Mining Charter needs to consider more carefully the potential for the local procurement of mine supplies and skills. Mines are huge consumers of a wide range of inputs. This secure demand base could be better used to develop local businesses and increase the positive economic impact of mines on local economies.²²

General DMR staffing and capacity issues

- Fast-track the creation and filling of vacant posts, especially critical and strategic posts as well as essential service posts. The DMR and entities lack human resources despite efforts to recruit.²³
- Create a recruitment and retention strategy as well as a succession plan for its staff members. The DMR and entities lack human resources and need to “grow their own timber”.²⁴
- Fast-track the implementation of the talent management strategy to reverse the tide of staff-turnover. Minimal progress - recommendation repeated from 2012 and 2013.²⁵
- Attend to the issues raised by the Auditor General in its reports (particularly on issues of supply chain and internal audit) and present to the Committee the action plan with the stipulated timeframes. Need for a clean audit in 2014/15 and beyond. The Auditor General believes that a clean audit is within the capacity of the Department.²⁶

Communities and mining: problems for communities, provinces and traditional leaders

- DMR should develop and implement mechanisms to enhance its stakeholder engagement programme and ensure that it effectively reaches out to communities in the process of formulating and implementing minerals industry policies and regulations. Repeated from 2013. This has been a point of concern raised during public hearings and oversight visits to mining areas.²⁷
- DMR should develop (in collaboration with communities) a best practice template to help communities to benefit more from mining on community land when they are approached by a mining company. This should include best practice to encourage community ownership in mining projects on communally owned land. There is a need for communities to be active participants and to be fully capacitated to interact with mining companies and to get access to mineral resources in their own right.²⁸

²¹ BRRR 30 October 2014, ATC 84–2014. Deadline for DMR response – first quarter 2015.

²² Oversight Report North West 4 March 2015, ATC No 23–2015.

²³ BRRR 30 October 2014, ATC 84–2014. Deadline for DMR response – first quarter 2015.

²⁴ BRRR 30 October 2014, ATC 84–2014. Deadline for DMR response – first quarter 2015.

²⁵ BRRR 30 October 2014, ATC 84–2014. Deadline for DMR response – first quarter 2015.

²⁶ BRRR 30 October 2014, ATC 84–2014. Deadline for DMR response – first quarter 2015.

²⁷ BRRR 30 October 2014, ATC 84–2014. Deadline for DMR response – first quarter 2015.

²⁸ BRRR 30 October 2014, ATC 84–2014. Deadline for DMR response – first quarter 2015.



- The DMR needs to have an active, effective and sensitive communication strategy that improves transparency and real understanding of its role and the role of mining. In particular:²⁹
 - The DMR should explain the content of Social and Labour Plans to traditional leaders and communities and explain how both are involved in monitoring the SLP and validating claimed performance by the mining company.³⁰
 - The DMR should actively engage with the Provincial Government, traditional leaders and affected communities, in good time, to inform them of decisions it has made with respect to both the acceptance and granting of prospecting and mining rights. It also needs to explain the implications of these decisions and the avenues available to stakeholders to influence how prospecting and mining rights and permits are implemented in practice.³¹
 - The DMR should look beyond its narrow obligations under the law and actively seek to lessen the scope for conflict, disagreements and misunderstandings around mining. One good place to start is with the effective sharing of information.³²
- The North West government should be commended for establishing the mining sector stakeholder coordinating committee and for its intentions to address the conflicts in the mining sector in the province, including those relating to the disappearance of community money from the D-account.³³

Need for an improved regulatory framework and transparency in issuing rights to minerals

- Follow up on developments of the integrated financial management systems to help align licensing processing effectively with developments of the MPRDA Repeated from 2013. Weak systems continue to have a negative impact on license processing.³⁴
- Afford the Committee, when it conducts oversight visit to the Department, access to the full details in respect of the SAMRAD system in order to get a better and experiential understanding of the workings of the licensing system. Repeated from 2013. The SAMRAD system is critical to the management of the licensing process.³⁵
- There should be more engagements between the NHTL and the department on the issuing of mining licenses, a process that should also include community participation.³⁶
- Clear and specific performance measures should be included in the Annual Performance Plan of the DMR so the Committee can be sure that the performance of the SA Mineral Resources Database (SAMRAD) is specifically monitored as a key

²⁹ Oversight Report North West 4 March 2015, ATC No 23–2015.

³⁰ Oversight Report North West 4 March 2015, ATC No 23–2015.

³¹ Oversight Report North West 4 March 2015, ATC No 23–2015.

³² Oversight Report North West 4 March 2015, ATC No 23–2015.

³³ Oversight Report North West 4 March 2015, ATC No 23–2015.

³⁴ BRRR 30 October 2014, ATC 84–2014. Deadline for DMR response – first quarter 2015.

³⁵ BRRR 30 October 2014, ATC 84–2014. Deadline for DMR response – first quarter 2015.

³⁶ Oversight Report, visit to Gauteng 30 October 2014, ATC 84–2014.



aspect of custodianship of the mineral resources of South Africa. Ideally this should include levels of participation by South Africans and HDSA as applicants for rights.³⁷

The Committee is still waiting to receive the information requested in the template below on 4 March 2015, which was promised for 1 April 2015³⁸:

Number of:	Prospecting Rights	Mining rights	Mining permits
Applications lodged			
Applications accepted (ie applications that were or became compliant with the law)			
Rights/permits granted			
South African			
Foreign			

Additional specific question: How many mining operations are owned by the person/company who made the original application?

- While not a suitable performance measure for the DMR, the DMR should report on the ranking of SA's attractiveness as an international destination for mineral exploration and mine development, using sources such as the Fraser Institute in Canada or the Raw Materials Group in Sweden.³⁹

Need for attention to be devoted to skills in the mining sector

- The Mining Qualifications Authority should submit to the Committee a comprehensive report on skills audit in the mining industry, the department and its entities. The lack of co-ordination on skills issues is evident.⁴⁰

Measures to combat Illegal mining

- Take the fight against illegal mining beyond our borders, to Lesotho, Zimbabwe and Mozambique. This is a major issue that has implications for criminality and immigration

³⁷ PCMR report on Budget Vote 29, 04-May-15 ATC 47-15.

³⁸ Minutes of the Portfolio Committee on Mineral Resources, 15 April 2015.

³⁹ PCMR report on Budget Vote 29, 04-May-15 ATC 47-15.

⁴⁰ BRRR 30 October 2014, ATC 84–2014. Deadline for DMR response – first quarter 2015.



control and is a threat to the economy, to be discussed with DMR and other Departments.⁴¹

- The Department of Home Affairs needs to tighten immigration laws to prevent foreign illegal miners from being in the country.⁴²
- There should be a workshop of police officials on how to take statements with regards to illegal mining.⁴³
- The DMR should suggest how the law can be changed to prosecute illegal miners and make the job of police easier. This is already recommended by the Free State High Court judgment: *Mugota v S* (A244/2013) [2014] ZAFSHC 25 (13 March 2014).⁴⁴
- Urgent action should be taken to introduce legislation to make mining without requisite permission an offence under the MPRDA.⁴⁵
- When the police arrest people there is a 9 month backlog to verify that they were in possession of unwrought gold. This makes it almost impossible to follow-up with cases because a person has to be released within 48 hours if there is no evidence of breaking the law. The scientific facilities of the CGS should be made available to assist the police rapidly with these forensic inquiries.⁴⁶
- There should be a study by DMR to see if some illegal miners can be made into legal small scale or artisanal miners in this environment.⁴⁷

The need for the Committee to follow up on issues raised by members in Committee reports and meetings

- The DMR should adhere to the Committee's prescribed turnaround times for submission of responses to Committee requests. Further they should respond to timeously to all commitments made by DMR officials when appearing before the Committee. The Committee is undermined in its ability to undertake effective oversight, when there are long delays in meeting requests for information.⁴⁸

The need for the Committee to schedule joint meetings with other Portfolio Committees on matters of overlapping interest

Water and Sanitation

- The illegal use of water by illegal miners requires consideration by the PC on Water and Sanitation.⁴⁹

Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs/ Human Settlements

⁴¹ BRRR 30 October 2014, ATC 84–2014. Deadline for DMR response – first quarter 2015.

⁴² Oversight Report, visit to Gauteng 30 October 2014, ATC 84–2014.

⁴³ Oversight Report, visit to Gauteng 30 October 2014, ATC 84–2014.

⁴⁴ Oversight Report, visit to Gauteng 30 October 2014, ATC 84–2014.

⁴⁵ PCMR report on Budget Vote 29, 04-May-15 ATC 47-15.

⁴⁶ Oversight Report, visit to Gauteng 30 October 2014, ATC 84–2014.

⁴⁷ Oversight Report, visit to Gauteng 30 October 2014, ATC 84–2014.

⁴⁸ BRRR 30 October 2014, ATC 84–2014. Deadline for DMR response – immediate.

⁴⁹ Oversight Report, visit to Gauteng 30 October 2014, ATC 84–2014.



- The municipalities approve zoning for human settlement despite the fact that these may be in danger zones because of the geology (dolomite), pollution/radioactivity or because of undermining by old mining and present illegal mining. The Constitutional Court has found that land use management is a local and provincial function and is not within the powers of the DMR. There needs to be a better intergovernmental arrangement to stop municipalities zoning for human settlement land that is subject to geohazards.⁵⁰

The need for a holistic policy to deal with the closure of mines – this has environmental, human, economic and criminal aspects

- There is a need for better legislation to deal properly with the closure of mines. The more you close the gold mines, the more you are creating conditions that encourage illegal miners. The DMR should research sustainable mine closure, that considers both the environment and community issues.⁵¹

Dealing with the aftermath of Marikana

- The stakeholders in the mining sector – both in the North West and in other mining provinces – need to accord strong urgency and top priority to the review of the migrant labour system on the mines and to the discussions to reform labour arrangements so that mineworkers all live in safety and dignity.⁵²
- The present initiatives to deal with the distressed conditions of communities surrounding the mines must be taken forward in broad consultative processes, including the steps emphasised by the President in the 2015 State of the Nation Address.⁵³
- Strong and healthy mining communities are vital for the future of the mining sector. The DMR is one of many players involved in these issues of housing and living conditions. The DMR needs to work co-operatively with other government departments both nationally and provincially and with municipalities.⁵⁴

Strategic Plans and Annual Performance Plans tabled in 2015 need to be amended to comply with the PFMA

- The Minister of Mineral Resources should submit to Parliament revised Strategic Plans that meet the requirements of the PFMA, as outlined above, for the entities of the Department. The Strategic Plans of the State Diamond Trader (SDT), the South African Diamond and Precious Metal Regulator (SADPMR), the Council for Geoscience (CGS)

⁵⁰ Oversight Report, visit to Gauteng 30 October 2014, ATC 84–2014.

⁵¹ Oversight Report, visit to Gauteng 30 October 2014, ATC 84–2014.

⁵² Oversight Report North West 4 March 2015, ATC No 23–2015.

⁵³ Oversight Report North West 4 March 2015, ATC No 23–2015.

⁵⁴ Oversight Report North West 4 March 2015, ATC No 23–2015.



and the Mine Health and Safety Council (MHSC), as tabled by the Minister of Mineral Resources on 11 March 2015, did not comply in all respects with Chapter 5 of the Treasury Regulations for departments, trading entities, and public entities issued in terms of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999. This states, inter alia, that “5.2.3 The strategic plan must — (a) cover a period of at least three years and be consistent with the institution’s published medium term expenditure estimates;...”⁵⁵

The “Women in Mining Strategy”

- The DMR should include the “Women in Mining Strategy” in the APP until it has actually been completed.⁵⁶

3. Areas of concern from Committee meeting minutes and how they have been dealt with

[This document is already very long, just limiting the content to published PCMR reports. If required, however, this last section can be included to reflect resolutions from the minutes of PC meetings. This would include more details on:

- The Aurora issue
- The issue with the State Diamond Trader
- Silicosis and the ex-mineworkers
- Environmental law enforcement around mining and fracking
- The delay in finalising the MPRDA amendment
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⁵⁵ PCMR report on Budget Vote 29, 04-May-15 ATC 47-15.

⁵⁶ PCMR report on Budget Vote 29, 04-May-15 ATC 47-15.

Appendix 1: Full list of formal meetings and activities

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON MINERAL RESOURCES

Summary of Oversight meetings and visits from June 2014 to June 2015

Date	Activity	Agenda / programme
25-Jun-14	Meeting	Election of Chairperson
02-Jul-14	Meeting	Adoption of Committee minutes; Briefing by the Committee Secretary on the process of Budget Votes; Briefing by the Committee Researcher/ Content Advisor on the budget analysis and sector analysis; Consideration of the Strategic Plans, APPs and the Budgets of DMR Entities (Mintek, Council for Geoscience, Mine Health and safety Council, Diamond and Precious Metals Regulator on State Diamond Trader)
08-Jul-14	Meeting	Adoption of Committee minutes; Briefing by Auditor General on the audit outcomes of 2012/2013 financial year for Department of Mineral Resources; Briefing by Department of Mineral Resources on the budget and strategic plan/annual performance plan for Programme 1: Administration and Programme 2: Promotion of Mine Health and Safety
09-Jul-14	Meeting	Briefing by Department of Mineral Resources on the budget and strategic plan/annual performance plan for Programme 3: Mineral Regulation and Programme 4: Mineral Policy and Promotion.
11-Jul-14	Meeting	Consideration and adoption of the Committee Report on Budget Vote 32. Tabled in ATC No. 25-2014. 11 July 2014. 477 to 493
15-Jul-14	Meeting	Extended Public Committees: Debate on Vote 32: Mineral Resources
30-Jul-14	Meeting	Adoption of Committee minutes; ---Preparations for Committee Strategic Plan
13-14 August	Conference	Mining Lekgotla
13-Aug-14	Conference	Attended Mining Lekgotla in Gauteng
14-Aug-14	Conference	Attended Mining Lekgotla in Gauteng
20-Aug-14	Meeting	-Adoption of Minutes; Feedback session from stakeholders on the mining industry (NUM, AMCU, Solidarity and UASA) and Mining Houses (Chamber of Mines and Samda)
22-Aug-14	Breakaway	Committee Strategic Planning Session 1
23-Aug-14	Breakaway	Committee Strategic Planning Session 2
24-Aug-14	Breakaway	Committee Strategic Planning Session 3
27-Aug-14	Meeting	- Adoption of Minutes; Briefing by Department of Mineral Resources on shale gas regulations
03-Sep-14	Meeting	Consideration and Adoption of Minutes of 20 and 27 August 2014; Consideration of the draft strategic planning workshop report
10-Sep-14	Meeting	- Adoption of Minutes; Briefing by the Department of Mineral Resources, Traditional Leaders and Umdlankomo Municipality on Ikhwezi Quarry in Libode and Civil and General cc in Queenstown on compliance
17-Sep-14	Meeting	Briefing by the Auditor General on the use of Audit Reports as an Oversight Tool. Briefing by the Financial Fiscal Commission (FFC) on the Mineral Resources Department's performance for 2013/14 financial year and its projections for the 2014/15 financial year. Consideration and Adoption of Minutes of 10 September 2014.
25-26 Sept	Visit Gauteng	Oversight visit in Gauteng; focus on illegal mining
25-Sep-14	Visit Gauteng	Oversight in Gauteng; Illegal mining briefing with DMR and SAPS; CGS; National House of Traditional Leaders
26-Sep-14	Visit Gauteng	Oversight in Gauteng; Mintek (treating acid mine drainage); DMR visit to illegal mining sites. Report tabled ATC No 84-2014. 30 October. 2332 to 2341.

Date	Activity	Agenda / programme
15-Oct-14	Meeting	- Briefing by the Auditor-General on the audit outcomes of the Department of Mineral Resources for 2013/2014 financial year ; ; Briefing by the Researcher on the analysis of the annual reports for 2013/2014 financial year ; ; Briefing by the Department of Mineral Resources and Mine and Health Inspectorate on annual reports for 2013/14 financial year
17-Oct-14	Meeting	-Briefing by Council for Geoscience, Mintek and Mine Health and Safety Council on annual Reports for 2013/2014
22-Oct-14	Meeting	-Briefing by State Diamond Trader (SDT) and South African (SADPMR) Diamond and Precious Metals Regulator
24-Oct-14	Meeting	- Adoption of Budgetary Review Recommendation Report (BRRR). ATC No 84—2014. 30 October. 2299 to 2332
29-Oct-14	Meeting	- Adoption of Minutes; Consideration and adoption of the oversight visit to Gauteng; Briefing by Department of Justice and Constitutional Development (Chief Masters' Office) on the Pamodzi/ Aurora liquidation'.
05-Nov-14	Meeting	- Consideration and Adoption of Minutes; Briefing by Department of Justice and Constitutional Development (Chief Masters' Office) on the report on the enquiry conducted into the affairs of Pamodzi Liquidation.
12-Nov-14	Meeting	Briefing by DMR on the "one environment systems for mining"; Briefing by the Department of Mineral Resources on the progress in dealing with Derelict and Ownerless Mines
19-Nov-14	Meeting	—Consideration and adoption of minutes of 05 and 12 November 2014;—Briefing by National Treasury on "Transfer Pricing". (Joint Meeting of the Portfolio Committee on Mineral Resources and Standing Committee on Finance).
23 -27 November 2014	Visit to NW	Oversight Visit to North West in the light of both the five-month long platinum strike and the tragedy at Marikana, to establish new pathways for the mining sector that reflect our history of negotiating constructive ways forward to solve difficult problems peacefully and democratically
23-Nov-14	Visit to NW	Oversight Visit to North West: To Phokeng, via Joburg, meeting with MECs
24-Nov-14	Visit to NW	Oversight Visit to North West: Royal Bafokeng Platinum and visit to housing
25-Nov-14	Visit to NW	Oversight Visit to North West: Anglo American Platinum Refinery; Rustenburg Traditional leaders meeting
26-Nov-14	Visit to NW	Oversight Visit to North West: Lonmin, visit to Marikana and housing, to Joburg via Pretoria
27-Nov-14	Visit to NW	Oversight Visit to North West (travelled back early for sitting). Report Tabled ATC No 23—2015. 4 March. 351-367
01 – 07 February 2015	Visit to KZN & EC	Oversight Visit to KZN and EC: Themes: Services and support for ex-mine workers in the Eastern Cape; the environment and mining communities in KwaZulu- Natal (rehabilitation challenges at Osizweni; Somkele Coal followup; coastal mining and the environment at Richards Bay Minerals
01-Feb-15	Visit to KZN	Oversight to KZN and EC: To Newcastle, DMR meeting (postponed)
02-Feb-15	Visit to KZN	Oversight to KZN and EC: Osizweni, to Mfolozi
03-Feb-15	Visit to KZN	Oversight to KZN and EC: Somkhele Colliery, to Richards Bay
04-Feb-15	Visit to KZN	Oversight to KZN and EC: RBM, to Joburg
05-Feb-15	Visit to EC	Oversight to KZN and EC: To Mthatha, One stop service centre for ex-mineworkers; Ikhwezi Quarry
06-Feb-15	Visit to EC	Oversight to KZN and EC: Traditional Leaders meeting in Mthatha city hall
07-Feb-15	Visit to EC	Oversight to KZN and EC: To CT via Joburg Report due for adoption on 5-Aug-15.
18-Feb-15	Meeting	- Adoption of Minutes of 19 November 2014; Consideration and adoption of the Oversight Report to North West Province; Consideration of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Amendment Bill [B15B-2013] to the National Assembly for consideration of the President's reservations about its constitutionality
25-Feb-15	Meeting	- Adoption of Minutes of 18 February 2015; Adoption of the Oversight Report to North West Province; Consideration of the reservations by the President on the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Amendment Bill [B15B-2013]; Meeting with Norwegian Parliamentary Standing Committee on Energy and Environment

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04-Mar-15	Meeting	-Adoption of Minutes of 25 February 2015.; Adoption of the Oversight Report to North West Province.; Briefing by Department of Mineral Resources Briefing on the SA Mineral Resources Administration Database (SAMRAD) and the challenges it is experiencing.
18-Mar-15	Meeting	-Presentation by the Researcher/Content Advisor on the budget analysis and sector analysis; Briefing by the AG on the audit of Annual Performance Plans for the Department of Mineral Resources and its entities; Briefing by the Department on the strategic/annual performance plan and budget for 2015/2016.
23 – 27 March	Visit to NC	Oversight Visit to NC: Themes: Kumba Iron Ore follow-up visit; support for ex-mine workers in the Northern Cape; visit to De Beers
23-Mar-15	Visit to NC	Oversight to NC: To Kathu, via Joburg and Kimberley
24-Mar-15	Visit to NC	Oversight to NC: Sishen Iron Ore Company / Kumba Iron Ore
25-Mar-15	Visit to NC	Oversight to NC: To Kimberley for meeting with Premier, via Bathlarios (asbestos workers) and Kuruman
26-Mar-15	Visit to NC	Oversight to NC: Visit to Petra Diamonds, De Beers, Diamond Leadership Forum
27-Mar-15	Visit to NC	Oversight to NC: To Cape Town, from Kimberley (late flight). Report due for adoption on 5-Aug-15.
15-Apr-15	Meeting	- Adoption of Second Term Programme; Further Deliberations on the Annual Performance Plan of the Department of Mineral Resources and outstanding issues; Briefing by Mine Health and Safety Council, South African Diamond and Precious Metals Regulator (SADPMR) and State Diamond Trader (SDT) on the Annual Performance Plan and budget for 2015/16 Briefing by Mintek and Council for Geosciences on the Annual Performance Plan and Budget for 2015/16
22-Apr-15	Meeting	- Joint Meeting with Portfolio Committee on Trade and Industry on Transfer Pricing
29-Apr-15	Meeting	- Adoption of Budget Vote Report (Vote 29) ATC No. 47–2015. 04 May 2014. 880 to 900. . Adoption of Minutes 18 March, 15 and 22 April 2015.
07-May-15	Meeting	Debate on Vote No 29 – Mineral Resources
13-May-15	Meeting	Briefing by State Diamond Trader (SDT) on the beneficiation of diamonds and response to information requested by the Committee; Consideration of an oversight report to KwaZulu Natal and Eastern Cape, Northern Cape; Adoption of Minutes 29 April 2015
20-May-15	Meeting	Joint Meeting with Standing Committee on Finance, PC on Trade and Industry: Briefing by Parliamentary Budget Office on Base Erosion and Profit Shifting report
27-May-15	Meeting	Briefing by the DMR and PASA on Regulatory Framework Policy Changes and the future of the Shale Gas Industry; Adoption of Minutes of 13 and 20 May 2015
03-Jun-15	Meeting	—Briefing by the Department of Mineral Resources on the recent job cuts announced or under negotiations in the mining sector
10-Jun-15	Meeting	Briefing by the CSIR on its involvement in mining technology: Adoption of Minutes of 03 June
24-Jun-15	Meeting	Briefing by Professor R Ehrlich on the court cases against mining companies by lawyers representing thousands of miners who developed silicosis but have never been properly compensated; Consideration and Adoption of minutes

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