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The Parliament of the Republic of South Africa  
Portfolio Committee on Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs  
Attention: Hon AF Muthambi MP  
Chairperson: PC on Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs  
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Via E-mail Committee Secretary: Ms S Cassiem. scassiem@parliament.gov.za

Dear Hon Muthambi

**Re: RESPONSE ON THE REVISED RESPONSES OF THE  
JB MARKS EXECUTIVE MAYOR**

In response to a COGTA Portfolio Committee meeting held on 20th July 2021 the JB Marks Executive Mayor reported to the Portfolio Committee on MPAC (Response page 11 Paragraph 16.1) that MPAC had three meetings during the 2020 / 2021 financial year and then listed 8 dates and attached 3 attendance registers (Annexure G Sub Annexure A) please find comments on each of these "meetings" as posted below each one of the listed dates.

These comments should be read bearing in mind the obligations put on a Chairperson in Section 3.4 of the JB Marks (NW 405) Rules of Order in order to conduct a legally constituted meeting.

***"Notice of the time and place of every ordinary meeting including the complete and final agenda shall be served on every Councillor at least 7 working days before the meeting"***

read with Section 1.13 of the Rules of Order:

***"meeting" means a meeting of the council or a committee established in terms of the Structures Act;"***

From the comments below it is clear that only one meeting in fact did happen during the 2020 / 2021 Financial year.

It is important to note that there are no hard copy notices, agendas or minutes of any of these meetings available. There are only Whatsapp "notices" and discussions on these meetings available. (Full record attached.) A request for these documents at JB Marks MPAC office on 2nd Aug 2021 confirmed its non-existence.

The response on a Portfolio Committee question on who the councillors are who are not attending MPAC meetings without notice of apologies is maliciously incorrect and should be rejected.

**1. 13th August 2020 - no meeting.**

Note: This meeting was postponed as per Whatsapp instruction from the acting MPAC Chairperson to MPAC Coordinator:

No notice, minutes or attendance register available.

**Whatsapp:**

*"[2020/08/12, 11:57:54] +27 63 859 1080: Jones, the portfolio committee must be postponing till further notice. "*

and

*"[2020/09/23, 10:18:56] Rufane Makousa: Good morning Cllrs, hope everyone is well.*

*If you can remember that our last intended meeting was called off by the Office of the Speaker due to Section 139 b."*

**2. 13th October 2020 meeting apparently held.**

Note:

Attendance register dated 12 October attached.

MPAC Members present:

RA Makousa

JJ Esterhuizen

D Gwili

XD Kham

I Moiloa  
KS Moncho

DA Cllr JC Landsberg's name appear in attendance register. and not C Hattingh who previously was requested by the Chairperson Makousa to leave a MPAC meeting because his name did not appear on the official Council MPAC doucmentation. (See also list of MPAC members in Committees in Council in "C21/2021-07-27 OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER: MEMBERS OF SECTION 79 PORTFOLIO COMMITTEES AND MPAC "(attached)

Regardless I submitted an apology as the meeting coincided with another Council meeting of which proper notice was given.

No Agenda or Minutes are available.

**3. 12th November 2020 - first postponed and then could not quorate at subsequent meeting on 17th November**

Note:

**Whatsapp:**

*"[2020/11/10, 12:00:41] JBM MPAC Coordinator: Dear Councillors, Please be informed that PPAC meeting has been postponed due to tomorrow's by-election."*

The meeting was then rescheduled for 17th November 2020

Attendance register dated 17th November 2020 attached.

MPAC Members present:

RA Makousa  
JJ Esterhuizen  
C Hattingh  
XD Kham

The meeting did not quorate.

No notice or minutes available.

**Whatsapp:**

*"[2020/11/10, 12:00:41] JBM MPAC Coordinator: Dear Councillors,*

*Please be informed that PPAC meeting has been postponed due to tomorrow's by-election.*

**4. 19 April 2021- No meeting.**

Note:

Meeting did not happen.

**5. 10 May 2021 - no meeting - Logistical challenges?**

Note

Meeting did not happen.

No notice, minutes or attendance register available.

**Whatsapp:**

*"[2021/05/11, 09:13:21] Jaco Esterhuizen: in waiting room*

*[2021/05/11, 09:29:23] Chris Hattingh: in waiting room*

*[2021/05/11, 09:36:21] Jaco Esterhuizen: Is this meeting going ahead ?*

*[2021/05/11, 09:44:04] JBM MPAC Coordinator: Dear Councillors, please note that today's meeting has postponed and plan to call another meeting on Friday the 14 @10H00*

*[2021/05/11, 09:48:10] Rufane Makousa: Cllrs EFF and Independent did not send replacement to the committee so we are effectively 9 members so 5 will be enough for a quorum."*

**6. 19 May 2021 - no meeting**

Note

Meeting did not happen.

**Whatsapp:**

*"[2021/05/19, 07:39:35] +27 82 837 3867: Morning colleagues, the workshop is scheduled for 14pm today and we can proceed with our meeting at 9am. Am sorry for late response as just saw your text now"*

No notice, minutes or attendance register available.

## **7. 8 June 2021 - No meeting scheduled**

Note:

There was no meeting scheduled .

An oversight visit was scheduled for this date. (During Level 4 Covid Regulations.)

## **8. 24th June 2021 - no meeting**

No meeting was called.

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### **Attachments:**

1. PC COGTA response.
2. JB Marks Council Item C21/2021-07-27 OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER:  
MEMBERS OF SECTION 79 PORTFOLIO COMMITTEES AND  
MPAC.
3. Complete copy of JB Marks MPAC Whatsapp messages