

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORK AND INFRASTRUCTURE'S REPORT ON AN OVERSIGHT VISIT TO THE SMALL HARBOURS AND ROBBERN ISLAND, DATED 11 MAY 2023

10. Recommendations:

Having considered the findings that emerged from, and are evident in the deliberations, the Committee recommends that the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:


NO	DELIBERATIONS	RESPONSE BY THE DPWI
10.1.	<p>Facilitates engagements with the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment for the amendment of the Marine Living Resources Act (1998) so that levies can be revised and the issue of the responsibility of removing sunken vessels can be clarified. The revision of levies/rates should be informed by the factors like the size /length of the vessel, company size, individual / corporate status. In terms of rates charged, there should also be a distinction between local and filmmakers who utilise the small harbours for commercial purposes.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Department of Public Works and Infrastructure (DPWI)'s Programme Management Office (PMO) through its Operation Phakisa: Small Harbours Development Unit has included an agenda item on the review of tariffs for proclaimed fishing harbours through DDG bilaterals with the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE). The responsibility of sunken vessels lies with the DFFE and they are in the process of developing a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for removing sunken vessels as this is an item already being addressed during the DDG bilaterals. • The Small Harbours Development Unit as part of the Operation Phakisa Workstream 4 initiative, is finalising the Implementation Protocol with the DFFE, which will further outline and affirm the roles and responsibilities of the two respective Departments i.e. DPWI and DFFE. • The DPWI is in a process of appointing a Management Company that will invest its own capital towards the development and effective management of the Harbour. In addition, the Management Company shall be responsible for the attraction of investors to develop empty lots, collection of rental, and conclusion of new leases and renewal of existing leases. • To date, terms of reference are drafted, bid specification committee is appointed to begin with development of the procurement strategy. • The Department has received valuation tariffs on letting out of space at harbours from Valuation Services. Furthermore, the Management Company would have to assist the Department on determination of market related rentals for applications such as filmmakers.


RESPONSE BY THE DPWI	
NO 10.2.	<p>DELIBERATIONS</p> <p>Ensures that client departments prioritise up skilling of EPWP beneficiaries for professionalization in specialised required skills in the fishing industry and harbour management.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The DPWI's Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP), Cape Town Regional Office will conduct engagements with client departments to ensure they prioritise development of sector specific skills focusing on Harbour Maintenance, Harbour Operations, Marine and Aquaculture, Marine Tourism and Hospitality, Sea Food Processing. Furthermore, the EPWP Cape Town Regional Office will work with the Small Harbours Unit to ensure that focus areas for skills development are included in the Bills of Quantities for projects so that training of participants on projects can be prioritised.
RESPONSE BY THE RESPONSIBLE BRANCH/UNIT	
NO 10.3.	<p>DELIBERATIONS</p> <p>Ensures that there must be a skills development and employment component stipulated on the RFQ of any project that DPWI and DFFE commission in small harbours. Government should collaborate with the local FETs for skills development.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The DPWI through the implementation of its Operation Phakisa Workstream 2 initiative completed the R500 million repair and maintenance programme to the 13 Proclaimed Fishing Harbours. The programme in its entirety created a total of 925 local jobs as well as empowered over 100 local SMM67Es to the value of over R116 million. The harbours refurbishment programme further trained 9 local divers, some who were former poacher as class 3 Commercial Divers in conjunction with the local communities of Hout Bay Harbour. The DPWI remains committed to local employment and SMME empowerment in the roll-out of future projects across all harbours and will further collaborate with local FETs regarding skills development.
RESPONSE BY THE RESPONSIBLE BRANCH/UNIT	
NO 10.4.	<p>DELIBERATIONS</p> <p>Ensures that there are back up storage systems for CCTV footage in all small harbours so that the information can be accessed from archives as and when required.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The electrical works within the repair and maintenance programme to the 13 Proclaimed Fishing Harbours allowed for the installation of CCTV cameras at all the harbours and included back-up storage for the purpose of obtaining archived video footage. The DFFE should then procure additional storage system
RESPONSE BY THE RESPONSIBLE BRANCH/UNIT	
NO 10.5.	<p>DELIBERATIONS</p> <p>Resuscitates the Harbour Management Committee in Hout Bay as a matter of urgency.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The DPWI and DFFE has already commenced with planning of the resuscitation of the Harbour Steering Committee (HSC) and will be meeting in the second week of June 2023, as the two co-chairs of the committee. The previous Terms of Reference has already been shared with the DFFE for further refinement and inform the inaugural meeting of the HSC in June 2023. A strategic bilateral was held with DFFE on 30 June 2023 as the two key departments within the harbours. This allowed the two departments to caucus and strategize on the development of a more inclusive and impactful Harbour Steering Committee. The initial meeting took place on 29 August 2023 with the next meeting scheduled for 18 October 2023. The resolutions of the inaugural meeting was not limited to but included the adoption of the ToR for the HSC, the initiation of an interdepartmental task team comprising of all three spheres of government and resuscitating the Harbour User Committees as each respective harbour.
RESPONSE BY THE RESPONSIBLE BRANCH/UNIT	
NO	<p>DELIBERATIONS</p>

10.6.	Revisits the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) around harbour management between the DPWI and DFFE departments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The PMO-Small Harbours has engaged with its Key Accounts Management (KAM) branch to revisit both the MoU as well as the User Asset Management Plan (U-AMP) with the DFFE. The updated MoU/SLA was sent to the DFFE and has a specific focus under the responsibilities section for the DFFE to budget more towards the harbours. The Operation Phakisa Implementation Protocol as eluded to in 10.1 will further concretise the roles and responsibilities of both the DFFE and DPWI.
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10.7.	Ensures that all buildings constructed by the DPWI are compliant with the Occupational Health and Safety Act 85 of 1993 (OHSA).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When a Management Company is appointed a Service Level Agreement (SLA) will outline who is responsible for the upkeep, maintenance, repairs and renovations of all existing buildings within the Harbour Precinct. The DFFE will continue with the day-to day maintenance in line with the delegations at all the harbours. The DPWI will continue with repairs and renovations in line with the U-AMP and Custodian Asset Management Plan (C-AMP), as capital works at the harbours. The DPWI's Facilities Management team conducted a full inspection to all buildings in June 2023; OHS Compliance was requested to undertake an Asbestos inspection on 26th June 2023. OHSC found that an Asbestos assessment was already conducted by a Registered Approved Inspection Authority (AIA) in 2021 and the assessment report together with plan on how to deal with the asbestos was provided – hereto attached. The AIA report is more detailed than an OHS report in that; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the AIA report included the type of Asbestos material identified; the risks associated with the Asbestos Material found; and what must be done to the Asbestos. The Multi-disciplinary Professional in-house, including Green Building Technical Team have visited site on the 13th July 2023 to assess the buildings; The report is in draft, however, an engagement with DSAC Management is required, in relation to certain items that were to be Capex projects prior to maintenance implementation. In addition, there were certain facilities like the Blue Stone Quarry and Lime Stone Quarry that requires specialist skill sets, whereby RIM are to be requested to provide the maintenance plan. Alignment of Capex and maintenance needs to be deliberated on between DPWI, DSAC and RIM. Assessment to be undertaken by the DPWI in conjunction with the RIM and DSAC, regarding the replacement of asbestos roof at Robben island Museum, with shared budgeting for replacement. The RIM Streeco meeting took place on 30 June, whereby the Asbestos item was discussed. Thereafter, the RIM Special SteerCo could not sit as the DSAC officials were not available. The meeting was supposed to take place first week of July 2023, however, due to management commitments, the meeting has not been scheduled; Asbestos elements will be looked at from a maintenance perspective, through the TFMC, as well as a remove and replace aligned to Capex projects with consensus from DPWI, DSAC and RIM. Engagement is required to determine an action plan. The DPWI to engage DSAC counterparts to find way forward with regards to the matter of Asbestos. Meeting between DPWI and DSAC to take place on 10 October 2023.
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10.8.	Together with relevant departments, briefs the joint committees on PWI, FFE, Police and Defence regarding issues at the Hout Bay harbour before 19 June 2023.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Joint meeting with the PC on Public Works and Infrastructure, PC on Police, PC on FFE, and PC on Defence was scheduled to take place on Wednesday, 14 June 2023. However, it later cancelled.
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10.9.	Ensures that the Hout Bay harbour is on top of the priority list for any capital projects and security upgrades.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The DPWI in conjunction with the South African Police Services (SAPS) conducted a detailed security report which was implemented within the repair and maintenance programme which provided the major security upgrades required within Hout Bay Harbour. Hout Bay Harbour always remains high on the DPWI's priority list for additional capital projects and security upgrades.
NO	DELIBERATIONS	RESPONSE BY THE DPWI
10.10	Forges relations with the Department of Small Business Development (DSBD) to ascertain that there is adequate support for small businesses so that they can operate in the economic activities in small harbours.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The DPWI has already commenced engagements with the Department of Small Business Development (DSBD) as they formed part of the Operation Phakisa: Oceans Economy: Small Harbours Development Mini-Lab. The engagements will continue with the DSBD within the Operation Phakisa Delivery Unit meetings as this initiative falls under Work stream 3 from the Small Harbours Phakisa Lab
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10.11.	Ensures that there is a plan for planned proactive maintenance of infrastructure that will be implementable in small harbours and Robben Island Museum.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currently maintenance is undertaken through Day-to-Day maintenance approach as an interim arrangement. The procurement of Total facilities Management (TFM) is currently following procurement processes. The strategy and ToR has been finalized, however, due to the Cost Containment Circular, approval of the A/DG is required. The anticipated start date is January 2024.
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10.12.	Revises the Tripartite Agreement between the DPWI, DSAC and RIM for proper management and maintenance of the Robben Island Museum.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Tripartite Agreement was finalised and submitted to Acting DG of DPWI for sign-off on 19 April 2023. The Tripartite Agreement was submitted to DSAC on 25 April 2023. The document was returned from DSAC with proposed amendments after their legal review process. A special Steering Committee meeting was held on 10 May 2023, with stakeholders from DSAC, RIM and DPWI to address the issues. The Tripartite Agreement was finalised and re-submitted to Acting DG of DPWI on 29 May 2023 for sign-off. The final document was re-issued to DSAC prior to issuing for signing by relevant principals on 14 June 2023. DSAC Legal Services approved the contents, however, due to the changes, DPWI Legal Services were requested to confirm the contents prior to sign-off by the A/DG. Comments and proposed changes were provided to DPWI FM Branch, by Legal Services, which have been effected and the document is being routed to Legal Services for final review on 04 October 2023, prior to sign-off by DPWI ADG.
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10.13.	Forges relations and resumes engagements with the Department of Tourism must come	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An urgent DG to DG meeting to be arranged with the Department of Tourism, supported by the DPWI's DDGs Facilities Management and Programme Management Office. Confirmation of a date for the DG-to-DG meeting is awaited from the Acting DG's office, DPWI. Due to management commitments, the meeting has not been scheduled.

	increase revenue for the sustainability of Robben Island.	
NO 10.14.	DELIBERATIONS Facilitates engagements and consultations towards building a bridge from Blouberg, (which is seven kilometres away) to Robben Island so that a pipeline for power and water can be installed from the main land. This could be done through Infrastructure South Africa as a branch of the DPWI.	RESPONSE BY THE RESPONSIBLE BRANCH/JUNIT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Infrastructure South Africa (ISA) is currently working with the Robben Island Museum to prepare the scoping document for an Integrated Infrastructure Master Plan inclusive of maintenance strategies that will enable sustainable management and operations of the Robben Island site and associated infrastructure. • The master plan scoping also includes a suitable desalination plant on Robben Island and will now also consider the feasibility and viability of the proposed bridge. • The timeline for the master plan will be determined after completion of the scoping document.


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