



Business Plan for the

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

2006/07 – 2008/09

1. MANDATE

1.1. General

Housing the nation constitutes one of the daunting challenges confronting South Africa.

- The Committee is committed in fast tracking housing delivery by playing a critical role in scrutinising, monitoring and overseeing the implementation of legislation passed by Parliament.
- To monitor and evaluate the performance of the Department of Housing and ensuring that it meets its constitutional mandate and its deliverables.
- To monitor and evaluate the performance of Housing support institutions.
- To encourage the mainstreaming of gender in housing delivery.
- To critically examine whether the integrated service delivery is taking place within the Social Services cluster, especially the Department of Land Affairs, Department of Local Government, Department of Water Affairs and Forestry and the Department of Minerals and Energy
- To encourage the participation of beneficiaries in housing delivery e.g. to engage with communities by means of public outreach fora.
- To promote the development of emerging housing contractors including women contractors to ensure quality housing and delivery.
- To promote development of housing support centres closer to communities.

2. MISSION

To ensure that Parliament gets value for money spent for the purpose of building human settlement. The committee will continue to encourage visible housing delivery and adherence to better quality of housing units.

3. VISION

To this end the Portfolio Committee on Housing:

Aims to work with all relevant stakeholders willing to participate in the building of houses and assist the department in its constitutional imperative and mandate of providing everyone with an access to adequate housing.

4. CORE OBJECTIVES

The priority areas for a Portfolio Committee is the set of objectives identified for the ongoing business of a Committee as derived from the mission.

The priority areas for Portfolio Committee on Housing is:

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| Core Objective 1: | Process new legislation e.g. Social Housing [✓] Bill, PIE Bill and the Rental Housing [✓] Amendment Bill |
| Core Objective 2: | To facilitate oversight functions over the Department of Housing, with a view to ascertain their strategic plan and priorities. |
| Core Objective 3: | To perform oversight functions over the Department of Housing with a view to assess the provision of human settlement in provinces in terms of the Breaking New Ground (BNG) initiative. |
| Core Objective 4: | To perform oversight functions over the housing support institutions in order to ascertain their fulfilment of mandate. |

- Core Objective 5:** To perform oversight functions with other relevant departments who are central in the provision of houses e.g. local government.
- Core objective 6:** To facilitate the access of women and people with disabilities in housing and construction.
- Core objective 7:** To draw from international best practises how the housing delivery has been dealt with e.g. UN Habitat and international visits and exchange programmes.

5. CUSTOMER AND CLIENT ANALYSIS FOR THE COMMITTEE

List of departments / statutory bodies overseen by the portfolio committee and our customer / clients are:

- Department of Housing
- Department of Land Affairs
- Department of Local Government
- SALGA
- Provincial legislatures (MEC's, MPL's)
- All relevant departments
- Housing support institutions
 - a) National Housing Finance Corporation (NHFC)
 - b) National Urban Reconstruction and Housing Agency (NURCHA)
 - c) Servcon Housing Solutions ~~DMRA~~ HDA

- d) Social Housing Foundation *SHRA*
- e) Thubelisha Homes *HDA*
- f) People's Housing Partnership Trust (PHPT) and PHP's *→ Codi EBU*
- g) National Home Builders Registration Council (NHBRC)
- h) Rural Housing Loan Fund (RHLF)
- i) Beneficiaries
- j) Other stake holders

6. CHALLENGES

The following challenges were identified:

- Effective communication between all relevant stakeholders
- Realisation of the cluster approach of service delivery
- Effective scrutiny of legislation
- Improve public participation by means of committee outreach program
- Scrutiny of other committee reports that have a bearing on housing
- The ongoing empowerment of committee members to increase oversight capacity through workshops seminars and conferences
- Consumer education awareness of rights and responsibilities to be applied

The following problems were identified:

- The support for the portfolio committee in terms of adequate administrative back-up and research facilities as well as the provision of appropriate venues with recording facilities
- The development and empowerment of staff to expand their knowledge base in the area of housing, by Parliament
- Clear, user-friendly and regular account of committee expenditure.
- Lack of quarterly reports of the Department of Housing to include reports from the housing support institution

7. MAIN TASKS

Main Tasks	Activities	Outputs	Responsibility	Time frame
Legislation	Process/ Amend legislation	Legislation processed/ amended	All committee members, researcher, departmental officials and the State Law Advisers	Ongoing
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Actions Briefings by Department Reading of Bills Analysis of Bills Conduct research Amendments formulated Drafting of Amendments Passing Legislation 			
	Conduct public hearings	Public hearings conducted	All Committee members	Ongoing
Conducting oversight	Drafting of reports	Reports drafted	Committee/Committ ee	Ongoing
	Table reports	Reports tabled	Secretary/Reseach er	
Conducting oversight	• Scrutinising Budget Votes of the Department of Housing	Budget Votes scrutinised	All committee Members	Ongoing
	• Scrutinising strategic plan	Strategic plans scrutinised	All committee members	Ongoing
	• Scrutinising annual reports	Annual report scrutinised	All committee members	Ongoing
	• Scrutinising quarterly reports	Quarterly reports scrutinized	All committee members	Ongoing

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	implementation	scrutinised		Ongoing
	Briefing by the department			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessing the effectiveness of labour intensive method in housing delivery 	Evaluate success of economic empowerment – job creation	All committee members	Ongoing
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Women in Housing and Construction Conference 	Assess women's participation in housing delivery	All committee members	Ongoing
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visit to provinces, assessing the success of, amongst others, People's Housing Process (PHP) 	Encourage beneficiaries in the participation in housing delivery	All committee members	Ongoing
Letsema campaign	Members of the committee to participate in building of homes in each province	Active participation in building of homes	All committee members	Ongoing
UN Habitat participation	Sending a delegation to the UN Habitat at Vancouver, Canada in June 2006		Delegated members	Ongoing
International experience fact finding foreign visits	Fact finding mission on the best housing practices e.g Cuba in November/December 2006	Learn from their experiences	All committee members	Ongoing

Main Tasks	Activities	Outputs	Responsibility	Time frame
Monitoring and evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Housing support institutions – public hearings and visits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NURCHA - NHBRC - NHFC - RHLF - Social Housing foundation - Thubelisha Homes - Servcon 	Obtain value for money spent and to check whether their operation are in line with the set of objectives	All committee members	
Promote people's contract	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public hearings with housing beneficiaries 	Check client satisfaction with quality and delivery	All committee members	Ongoing
Promoting of integrated housing delivery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public hearings with Mayors and SALGA 	Check the role of Local Government in housing delivery	All committee members	Ongoing

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