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**SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CASTLE OF GOOD HOPE FOR  
THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2008**

**QUESTIONS**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

- Has any investigation been done by the CCB/DOD to investigate the various options regarding the future of the Castle as discussed during the Public hearings on the Castle Management Act Repeal Bill?
- As one of the options was the public-private partnership, has there been any feedback on this?

**3. TECHNICAL ASPECTS**

- Explain why the annual reports have been delivered in three different batches?
- The first batch was not properly printed and bounded. Why?
- What are the plans to draft a Strategic/Business Plan for the Castle?

**5. KEY RESULT AREAS**

- If one has regard to strategic objective 1, specifically key objective one, the key inputs are indicated as preparation of exhibition on the wars of the Eastern Cape; and publication on military events at the Cape (1830 – 1895). The actual performance does not indicate the extent to which these have been met. For instance, was the exhibition of the Eastern Cape Wars done, and did the publication of military events take place? This is also the case with the other outputs versus their respective actual performances.

**6. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REPORT OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL**

- The increase in maintenance is worrisome, especially since it is the responsibility of the Department of Public Works and the Castle has spent more than R2 million in the past five years on maintenance. What is the latest regarding the funding of renovations? What can the Portfolio Committee do to assist the CCB in this regard?
- In Strategic Objective 1, reference is made to Related Parties on page 13 as well as on page 34. What does this entail and does the "unconfirmed balance" column refers to outstanding payments?
- Explain the amount of R12 095.78 due to the Castle Manager. Has similar amounts been paid out in the previous year? If yes, where has it been reflected?

**6.1 Report of the Auditor-General**

- Please give feedback regarding the Risk Management Policy as well as the Income tax exemption issue.
- What is the latest regarding the appointment of critical vacant CCB seats?



## **7. GOVERNANCE**

### **7.1 Human Resources**

- As discussed earlier, there is a heavy reliance on the DOD. These members have been replaced before and the question is whether the Castle would be able to operate if all 11 members are to be withdrawn? What would the implications of such a move be and would the Castle be able to sustain itself with the funds that it generates on its own?
- Has any contingency plan been considered for such an eventuality?

### **7.2 State support**

- What other expenditure is the DOD is responsible for regarding the support of the DOD to the Castle?
- Do all these expenses come from the budget of the ASB Western Cape?
- Is it possible to put an amount to the total financial and other contributions that the DOD is making towards the management and upkeep of the Castle?

### **7.3 Corporate governance**

- While it is clear that the task of acting chairperson is an additional task for the Director Facilities, this has inter alia led to him only attending one meeting. What are the implications for the proper management of the Castle regarding this poor attendance and what can be done to alleviate/address the situation?

### **7.4 System of internal control**

- Can the stocktaking be viewed as a viable alternative for an internal audit system?
- What were the results of this stocktaking?
- What is the latest on the internal audit system?