

PC Mining

Name of Committee:

PC on Mineral Resources

Chairperson:

Mr F Gona

Committee Secretary:

Mr J Ramrock

Mandate of the Committee:

To legislate and to facilitate public participation, monitoring and oversight function over the legislative processes relating to mining; confer with relevant governmental and civil society organs on mining matters and enhance and develop the capacity of Committee Members to exercise effective oversight over the Executive Authority .

Department and Entities overseen by Committee:

Department of Mineral Resources
Mine Health and Safety Council
Council for Mineral Technology and Research
Council for Geoscience
South African Diamond and Precious Metals Regulator
State Diamond Trader.

Composition

200. (1) A portfolio committee consists of the number of Assembly members that the Speaker may determine with the concurrence of the Rules Committee in each case.

(2) A portfolio committee must have no fewer than 15 and no more than 40 members.

Functions

201. (1) A portfolio committee —

- (a) must deal with bills and other matters falling within its portfolio as are referred to it in terms of the Constitution, legislation, these Rules, the Joint Rules or by resolution of the Assembly;
- (b) must maintain oversight of —
 - (i) the exercise within its portfolio of national executive authority, including the implementation of legislation;
 - (ii) any executive organ of State falling within its portfolio;
 - (iii) any constitutional institution falling within its portfolio; and
 - (iv) any other body or institution in respect of which oversight was assigned to it;
- (c) may monitor, investigate, enquire into and make recommendations concerning any such executive organ of state, constitutional institution or other body or institution, including the legislative programme, budget, rationalisation, restructuring, functioning, organisation, structure, staff and policies of such organ of state, institution or other body or institution;
- (d) may consult and liaise with any executive organ of State or constitutional institution; and
- (e) must perform any other functions, tasks or duties assigned to it in terms of the Constitution, legislation, these Rules, the Joint Rules or resolutions of the Assembly, including functions, tasks and duties concerning parliamentary oversight or supervision of such executive organs of state, constitutional institutions or other bodies or institutions.

(2) bills and amendments to bills referred to a portfolio committee must be considered by it in accordance with Chapter 13 of these Rules and Chapter 3 of the Joint Rules.

(3) If there is doubt which portfolio committee must deal with a specific matter, the Speaker in consultation with the Chief Whip must decide the question, subject to any directions of the Rules Committee or a resolution of the Assembly.

Decisions

202. A question before a portfolio committee is decided when a quorum in terms of 133 is present and there is agreement among the majority of the members present.

Subcommittees

203. A portfolio committee may appoint a subcommittee from amongst its members to assist the committee.

Part 10: Committee on Public Accounts

Establishment

204. There is a Committee on Public Accounts.

Composition

205. The Committee on Public Accounts consists of the number of Assembly members that the Speaker may determine with the concurrence of the Rules Committee.

Functions and powers

206. (1) The Committee on Public Accounts —

(a) must consider —

- (i) the financial statements of all executive organs of State and constitutional institutions when those statements are submitted to Parliament;
- (ii) any audit reports issued on those statements;
- (iii) any reports issued by the Auditor-General on the affairs of any executive organ of state, constitutional institution or other public body; and
- (iv) any other financial statements or reports referred to the Committee in terms of these Rules;

(b) may report on any of those financial statements or reports to the Assembly;

(c) may initiate any investigation in its area of competence; and

(d) must perform any other functions, tasks or duties assigned to it in terms of the Constitution, legislation, these Rules, the Joint Rules or resolutions of the Assembly, including functions, tasks and duties concerning parliamentary financial oversight or supervision of executive organs of state, constitutional institutions or other public bodies.

(2) The Speaker must refer the financial statements and reports mentioned in paragraph (a)(i), (ii) and (iii) to the Committee when they are submitted to Parliament irrespective of whether they are also referred to another committee.

Subcommittees

207. The Committee on Public Accounts may appoint a subcommittee from amongst its members to assist the Committee.