

**REPORT OF ARTS, CULTURE AND TOURISM PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE: 2006/2007  
FINANCIAL YEAR**

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**1. Meetings of the Committee during the 2006/2007 financial year:**

11 April 2006 (Budget pre-hearing)  
25 May 2006  
20 July 2006 (postponed)  
22 August 2006 (Special meeting on Department Strategic Plan)  
5 September 2006  
20 October 2006 (postponed)  
6 February 2007  
27 February 2007 (Chairperson and the Playhouse Company)  
13 March 2007 (Budget pre-hearing)

**2. Thanks**

Honourable Speaker and Honourable Members of the House.

The Committee would like to thank the Members of the Finance Portfolio Committee and Provincial Treasury for the support given to it in the past financial year.

**3. State of affairs in the Department of Arts, Culture and Tourism**

Following the transition from the past MEC to the present, the committee is pleased to report that the Department of Arts, Culture and Tourism is in an acceptable state of affairs. What is still to be completed is the recruitment of the new Head of Department.

**4. Provincial Tourism Committee**

The committee participates in the Provincial Tourism Committee which is seen to be an important body in preparation for 2010.

## **5. The Playhouse Company**

The Committee had to visit the Playhouse Company on invitation where the Playhouse expressed concern about their budget allocation. These concerns were accommodated in the present budget allocation. The committee would like to thank the department for its co-operation on this matter.

## **6. Libraries and Community Halls**

Significant improvements are taking place in the building of libraries in the districts. This however is negated by the condition of our community halls.

## **7. Arts Centers**

The department is paying particular attention to Arts Centers at district level. The financial resources and sometimes problems of land ownership pose a challenge in this regard. The House will be requested to resource these centers in future as Durban cannot be seen to be satisfying these needs everywhere.

## **8. Non-profit Agency**

The Committee sees this as an important contribution to the province as KZN Artist, as well as KZN Tourism destinations, could benefit on this. The committee would like to encourage the Finance Portfolio Committee to look at this development favourably.

## **9. 2007/2008 Budget**

The Committee supports the budget as presented, however it intends to scrutinise all plans from entities.

## **10. Tourism**

More focused plans on 2010 are requested from the department.

## **11. International Study Tour**

The Committee intends to undertake a study tour in this financial year according to directives from the Office of the Speaker.

## **12. In closing**

The committee would like to thank the Committee Secretary Mrs N E Mathaba and wish her a speedy recovery from the car accident in which she was involved. The committee would also like to thank Mrs S Engelbrecht and Mrs L Dube from the committee staff would have assisted the committee during the absence of Mrs Mathaba.

**Rev H Mbatha**

**Chairperson: Arts, Culture and Tourism Portfolio Committee**

19 April 2007