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## PUBLIC ENTERPRISES PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE

### 2006 PROGRAMME

#### TOWARDS CONSTANT, EFFECTIVE OVERSIGHT OF THE SOES' INFRASTRUCTURE ROLLOUT

##### 1. Main Focus

- 1.1 The 2006 programme will focus mainly on "constant, effective oversight of the SOEs' infrastructure rollout" without abandoning our other portfolio responsibilities. The 2006 programme builds on our 2004 programme, "Towards Developing A longer Term Programme: Setting the Foundations" and the 2005 programme "Towards More Effective Oversight". We now have a much better sense of the key issues that fall within our portfolio and our technical understanding of concepts has also improved, so we are now on a better footing to exercise more effective oversight. In any case, we simply have to be more effective in view of the magnitude and significance of the SOEs infrastructure rollout programme.
- 1.2 This year's programme will, however, have to take into account the shorter parliamentary terms in view of the local government elections and the longer constituency periods.
- 1.3 As far as possible, we will also stick with regular items of our overall programme. These include:
  - Consideration of DPE's Budget (First Quarter)
  - Consideration of Annual Reports of DPE and the SOEs (September/October)
  - Quarterly Reports from DPE on progress in implementing its programmes and on the progress of the SOEs' infrastructure rollout programme
  - Mid-term reports from SOEs on progress, especially in respect of infrastructure rollout (April/May)
  - Special Focus on SOEs and Women (August)
  - Special Focus on SOEs and BBBEE (August)
  - Study Tours (ongoing but mainly in June and August)

##### 2. Annual Workshop with Ministry and Department

- 2.1 The Annual Workshop with the Ministry and Department will give us a sense of the Department's programmes for the year, and will contribute to our finalising our own programme. It will also serve as a precursor to the budget briefings.
- 2.2 The workshop is set for Wednesday, 14 March.

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### **3. Budget Vote Debate**

- 3.1 The Budget Vote debate in the House will take place on Monday, 5 June.

### **4. Consideration of Annual Reports**

- 4.1 We hope, consistent with our November 2005 "Report on Annual Reports", to begin considering the Annual Reports of DPE and the SOEs from September, earlier than in previous years.

### **5. Legislation**

- 5.1 It seems that SAA can be separated from Transnet without legislation having to be passed.
- 5.2 It is likely that we will have to process a bill on the new shareholder management model for SOEs. The bill is likely to be introduced in the second half of this year.

### **6. Study Tours**

- 6.1 We undertook a very useful and rewarding study tour programme last year and need to develop on that this year.
- 6.2 Our proposed visit to Koeberg in February had to be postponed because of the local government elections. We will visit Koeberg during the second quarter.
- 6.3 We will also visit Saldanha Bay.
- 6.4 Further aspects of our study tour programme will be decided on later.
- 6.5 Finances, capacity and other considerations permitting, we will also undertake a study tour of two developmental states in South-East Asia, with strong SOEs, which are relevant to our own country. Malaysia and South Korea are possibilities.

### **7. PBMK**

- 7.1 The Pebble Bed Modular Reactor project now falls within our portfolio. This is a major project and the Committee needs to properly understand it and develop our views on it. We also need to be clear about precisely what our oversight responsibility in regard to this project entails.

## **8. Education and Training**

- 8.1 We will continue this aspect of our programme this year.
- 8.2 A new aspect this year is the one-week, intensive "Autumn School" with the Ministry and Department.

## **9. Joint Committee Meetings**

- 9.1 We need to work closer with other relevant Portfolio Committees, particularly Minerals and Energy, Transport, and Defence.
- 9.2 In respect of Eskom, we have begun to work with the Minerals and Energy, and Science and Technology committees. We are also exploring the possibilities of a joint quarterly meeting with these two committees as well as Environment and Tourism to review progress on Eskom's programmes.

## **10. Management Committee**

- 10.1 The Management Committee, comprising 3 ANC representatives and one each from the other parties, will attend to any urgent matters between Committee Meetings and during the parliamentary recess.

## **11. Details of Programme**

- 11.1 The details of the programme are provided below. Depending on any changes to the overall programme of parliament, we may have to make changes to our own programme. At this stage, it seems unlikely that we will have to make any changes.