



**SUBMISSION BY SCOPA CHAIRPERSON CDE THEMBA GODI TO  
THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL ASSEMBLY RULES**

Part 10: **Standing** Committee on Public Accounts

204. Establishment

There is a **Standing** Committee on Public Accounts (**SCOPA**)

205. Composition

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

206. Functions and powers

(1) The **Standing** Committee on Public Accounts —

(a) must [consider] —

(i) **consider** the financial statements of all executive organs of State and constitutional institutions or **other public bodies** when those statements are submitted to Parliament;

(ii) **consider** any audit reports issued on those statements;

(iii) **consider** any reports issued by the Auditor-General on the affairs of any executive organ of state, constitutional institution or other public body; [and]

**(iv) consider any reports reviewing expenditure of public funds by any executive organ of state and constitutional institution or other public body;**

(v) **consider** any other financial statements or reports referred to the Committee in terms of these Rules; **and**

**(vi) hold accountable organs of state and constitutional institutions or other public bodies that receive transfer payments from national departments through the Division of Revenue Act (DORA) for the expenditure of those transfers.**

(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) – (iv) to the Committee when they are submitted to Parliament irrespective of whether they are also referred to another committee, **except for the financial statements and reports of the intelligence agencies.**

#### 207. Subcommittees

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

#### 208. [Notice to portfolio committee] **Collaborations**

[When a matter falling within a portfolio committee's competence is to be considered by the Committee on Public Accounts, the chairperson of the Committee, after consultation with the chairperson of the portfolio committee, must give notice to the portfolio committee when that matter will be considered by the Committee.]

**In order to enhance oversight and foster collaboration amongst committees of the Assembly and beyond, SCOPA must:**

- (i) engage and involve other committees of the Assembly in its work, through invitations during considerations of reports referred to in Rule 206 (1)(a);**
- (ii) find ways to share information and insights with other Assembly committees, with the concurrence and assistance of the House Chairperson (Committees, Oversight & ICT);**
- (iii) collaborate with public accounts committees in the provincial and local government spheres.**