

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

PARLIAMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF THE WESTERN CAPE

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THURSDAY, 7 JUNE 2018

1. The House met at 14:15.
2. The Speaker took the Chair and read the prayer.
3. [14:15] Interpellations.
4. [14:30] Questions.
5. [15:09] Questions to the Premier without notice.
6. [15:32] Statements by Members.
7. [15:55] Notices of Motion
8. [16:02] Ms N D Nkondlo moved without notice: That the House notes and condemns the suspected arson attack on a Metrorail train, which led to the death of a commuter and in which four others were seriously injured; notes further that the incident happened between Ottery and Southfield stations last week; also notes that once the flames had been doused the body of an unidentified woman was discovered in the train and another victim, Leigh Jansen of Southfield, is in hospital, fighting for her life; wishes Ms Jansen a speedy recovery; and commiserates with the family, friends - and all commuters - on the death of the passenger.

Agreed to.
9. Ms T M Dijana moved without notice: That the House notes that on Monday Bheki Cele, the Minister of Police, announced a plan to tackle armed robberies by undertaking a high-density stabilisation intervention; notes further that the plan includes the deployment of generals in the field, moving resources to an operational level, getting dedicated teams to track down and arrest wanted criminals, also in the Western Cape; welcomes all these measures as it will promote the high visibility of the police, an increase in search operations, roadblocks and the hunt for wanted criminals; and commends the Minister and Khehla Sitole, the national Commissioner of Police.

Agreed to.

10. Mr F C Christians moved without notice: That the House congratulates 52-year-old Avril Martin, a former cleaner from Hanover Park, who had the courage to enrol for an Early Childhood Development (ECD) course at the College of Cape Town; notes that she obtained an 85% average in all her subjects, making her the top student of 300; further notes that the ACDP salutes Avril Martin's determination and dedication to achieve her goal; also notes that she is an encouragement to our young people; and wishes her all the best in her future endeavours.

Agreed to.

11. Mr R D Mackenzie moved without notice: That the House commends Traigh Pathon, the 8-year-old golf prodigy from Athlone, who recently returned from the European Open Children's Golf Tournament in Scotland; notes that of 53 participants, the young Mr Pathon achieved a spot in the top 10.

Agreed to.

12. Ms T M Dijana moved without notice: That the House notes with concern that a fatal fire ripped through the Masya Informal Settlement in Philippi East early on Saturday morning, destroyed several dwellings, displaced families and claimed the lives of five minor children, four siblings and a cousin; notes further that 1-year old twins, two 12-year-old children and a 14-year-old died in the fire while their mother and her first-born sustained burn wounds; wishes them a speedy recovery and conveys condolences to the Thyalani family.

Agreed to.

13. Mr T A Simmers moved without notice: That the House notes with great concern that South Africa is ranked 11th out of the top 20 countries that are guilty of gross mismanagement of plastic waste in the world; notes further that the national plastic-bag levy that was introduced almost 15 years ago, which was originally meant to go towards improving the recycling sector and expanding its workforce, has failed in its objectives due to the increasing amount of plastic-bag waste our country produces annually.

Agreed to.

14. Ms S W Davids moved without notice: That the House notes that the recent evictions at Steenvilla left an 81-year-old woman homeless and 29 families displaced.

Agreed to.

15. Ms P Makeleni moved without notice: That the House notes that 1 June is International Children's Day, dedicated to children's rights and their well-being; notes further Madiba's words: "Our children are our greatest treasure. They are our future. Those who abuse them tear at the fabric of our society and weaken our nation."; and calls on this DA government to do more to protect our children in the province as they are vulnerable and at risk of rape and murder, as we have seen with the death of more than 80 children since last year.

Agreed to.

16. Ms M M Wenger moved without notice: That the House notes with disgust and great condemnation the murder and mutilation of Siphamandla George, a young man who is the cousin of hon Mnqasela from Makhaza; further notes that this barbaric act of criminality and display of heartless behaviour are intolerable and completely unacceptable; conveys its heartfelt condolences to Mr Mnqasela, his family and friends; and urges that criminal justice will be done swiftly.

Agreed to.

17. Ms S W Davids moved without notice: That the House notes and congratulates Christo Morris, a petrol attendant with 30 years' service at the Shell Garage at Tulbagh; notes further he said it was his passion to serve the motorists, who have kept him going for 30 years and that he always did it to the best of his ability; and wishes him well as he continues in this service.

Agreed to.

18. Ms S W Davids moved without notice: That the House notes with concern that 35 farmworkers were injured when the truck they were travelling in overturned on a gravel road in the Koue Bokkeveld approximately 100 km from Ceres; notes further that two of them are in a critical condition; and wishes them a speedy recovery.

Agreed to.

19. Ms N D Nkondlo moved without notice: That the House notes and welcomes the film about rural evictions in the province by researcher Dr Siona O'Connell and the Centre for Curating the Archive at UCT that will be released in July; notes further the film, called *Uitgesmyt* (kicked out) focuses on evictions in the Cederberg region, particularly at Citrusdal and Elandskloof, and exposes the cycle of poverty and the psycho-social effects of evictions; and commends Dr O'Connell and the UCT for this outstanding documentary.

Agreed to.

20. Ms S W Davids moved without notice: That the House notes that convicted murderer of his parents and older sibling, Henri van Breda, has received three life sentences and a further 16 years' imprisonment for this heinous crime, which was committed at the De Zalze Golf Estate at Stellenbosch in January 2015; notes further that Judge Siraj Desai called Van Breda a cold-blooded killer; and welcomes the sentence.

Agreed to.

21. Mr K E Magaxa moved without notice: That the House notes and welcomes President Ramaphosa's visit to Rylands last Thursday to attend the breaking of the Ramadaan fast; notes further that the Muslim community asked the President to intervene in the gentrification of heritage sites, spearheaded by Cape Town, as well as the scourge of drugs and gangs; and further welcomes the President's commitment to ensure that District Six becomes an area of inclusivity.

Agreed to.

22. Ms N D Nkondlo moved without notice: That the House notes that a young entrepreneur, Sizwe Nzima, is a local hero who travels by bicycle daily to collect chronic medication on behalf of over 2 000 patients in Khayelitsha who cannot afford travelling or who are too sick or old to endure long queues at overcrowded public clinics; notes further that Sizwe's business started in 2013 with his collecting medication for his grandparents, neighbours and friends, and later expanded; conveys appreciation for Sizwe's business, which is playing a part in reducing long queues at our clinics; and commends everyone who has enabled him to develop the business.

Agreed to.

23. The House adjourned at 16:20.

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