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The House met at 10:00

The Speaker took the Chair and read the prayer.

The SPEAKER: You may be seated. Good morning hon members, guests in the gallery. Welcome to what is our final sitting for this session. We have come a far way since we started out in February this year, so I trust that this last day is going to go smoothly and that we will get through it without any drama or too much pain. I much beg your indulgence. I am coming down with a bit of something and my throat has gone a bit funny, so if you do see me popping it is not a sweet, it is one of those throat lozenge things to keep me going, and we will then continue with the business of the day. I am going to ask the Secretary to read the first Order of the Day.

The SECRETARY: Debate on Vote 4 – Community Safety – *Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill* [B 6 – 2017].

The SPEAKER: Thank you Secretary. I now see the hon, the Minister, Minister Plato.

†n AGBARE LID: Hoor-hoor!

[An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Madam Speaker, good morning to all the members. Good morning, my pleasure. The Department's Adjusted Budget Estimate for the 2017/18 financial year shows a nominal increase of R2 060 000, to R304 356 000.

I thank Minister Meyer for the additional funding made available for the school safety projects in Lavender Hill which amounts to R3 million and is largely responsible for this net increase. The remaining internal adjustments to the Department of Community Safety's budget are as follows:

Madam Speaker, I am going to highlight some of the programmes:

Programme 1: Administration increases with R595 000 from R86 206 000 to R86 801 000 to accommodate Government Motor Transport costs and the writing off of some losses.

Programme 2: Civilian Oversight sees a decrease of R70 081 000 to R69 213 000. The decrease is attributed to a return of funding to Provincial Treasury in respect of compensation of employees, as well as rollover funding for the After School Game-Changer and shifting of funds to Programme 1 for operational needs.

Programme 3: Provincial Policing Functions sees an increase of R2 333 000

to R48 387 000. The shifts in funding in Programme 3 is largely attributed to the additional funding received for the Lavender Hill School Safety Project as well as the increase in funding made available to the Youth Safety and Religious Partnership Programme, which now totals R4 477 000 for the 2017/18 financial year.

Programme 4: Security Risk Management is not affected by the Appropriation Budget this year and its budget remains at R99 995 000.

Madam Speaker, school safety remains a priority for the Department and we continue to partner with safety role-players to develop interventions which could lead to the improvement of safety at schools. We envisage targeted interventions which will include the creation of what we call “safe zones” in and around 14 high-risk schools of which four will focus on the Steenberg area. This is done in cooperation with partners such as the City of Cape Town, our Neighbourhood Watches, our Walking Buses, and our Community Policing Forums and it involves the proposed development of 20, the deployment of 20 safety resource and law enforcement officers. Safe zones will be created around five schools in Lavender Hill from 1 February 2018 and could double as the safe facility to be utilised also by our emergency services personnel. The 14 high-risk schools were identified jointly with the South African Police.

As we make progress this model will be rolled out to other at-risk schools as well. Safety in and around schools, Madam Speaker, cannot be left for the

police and the Department of Education alone.

Parents that have children at a particular school and the community around the school must play a much bigger role to help keep the environment of the school safe.

I am happy to see that our partnership with the Department of Health to improve the safety of EMS staff are making good progress and look forward to the development of the safe zones going forward. I thank Minister Mbombo and Minister Schäfer for their cooperation.

I welcome the R1 million announcement by Minister Meyer for a Safety Summit and R1,5 million towards crime strategy development in the 2018/19 financial year. Madam Speaker, a partnership which the Department continues to nurture and expand is that formed in the Khayelitsha Priorities Committee established in 2014 at the conclusion of the Khayelitsha Commission of Inquiry to oversee the implementation of all the recommendations contained in the report. The Department has allocated R1,7 million of funding to support community-based safety initiatives proposed by its five sub-forums.

Madam Speaker, we also recognise the work done by our Community Police Forums in the province and we continue to support them through our Expanded Partnership Programme. A budget of R1,3 million have been made available to our Community Police Forums.

The Department's community based outreach activities are showing good results, especially those that focus on the safety and development of our youth.

One particular safety related programme, the Walking Bus, aims to help create a safer walking commute for learners in communities through the proactive mobilisation of safety volunteers. Since the launch of the Walking Bus initiative in 2016, 68 Walking Busses has been established, operating at more than 180 participating schools in more than 23 vulnerable communities. The project won gold in the 2017 Service Excellence Awards for the Best Implemented Programme.

The Youth Safety and Religious Partnership Programme sees the Department partner with the religious fraternity in the province to help create safer alternatives for our youth in the province during school holidays, even this one, the December / January holiday period, by means of development and recreational programmes in those communities. The additional funding received during this appropriation sees a budget of R2,4 million being made available for the December 2017 / January 2018 festive season school holiday programmes.

Our partnership with Northlink College, reaching out to youth to make use of existing bursary opportunities towards furthering their education, has seen more than 1044 applications submitted to Northlink for this financial period. Most of these youth are from our most impoverished communities in the

Western Cape. These are our programmes and projects to help create safer communities. I want to urge, Madam Speaker, the police and our police intelligence to do more to find the illegal guns and drugs that are wreaking havoc in many of our communities. When will the so many top drug lords and gang bosses see their day in court while they are walking freely around in our communities and continue to create havoc?

For 16 Days of Activism this year, the Department of Community Safety is encouraging those who are suffering from abuse and those who know of abuse taking place, to break the silence around violence and abuse in our communities with the theme, and there are many other themes, Madam Speaker, as well, and I applaud those themes and I agree with them. Our theme is *Speak Out, be the Voice of Courage*.

We are taking our awareness outreaches into the hearts of communities across the greater Cape Town Metro and teaming up with local SAPS stations, the Commission for Gender Equality, the Human Rights Commission, Community Policing Forums, neighbourhood watches, non-governmental organisations, the City of Cape Town and its councillors, other governmental departments, religious leaders and community members for this year's annual, internationally observed, 16 Days of Activism awareness campaign.

I invite every member of this House to join us as we stand united against the ongoing violence towards and abuse of women and children in our communities. This is not a time to play politics. This is an opportunity for

someone in need of help to get the necessary assistance. Madam Speaker, on that note, I thank you very much.

The SPEAKER: Thank you Minister.

†Die PREMIER: Mooi!

[The PREMIER: Good!]

The SPEAKER: I see the hon Wenger.

Ms M M WENGER: Thank you Madam Speaker. The Department of Community Safety has received eight consecutive clean audits and has over the years received several awards including an award for being one of the top performing departments in the country. For example the Court Watching Briefs Unit won the Certificate of Commendation Star Award in recognition of service excellence at the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Impumelelo Social Innovation Centre Awards in October this year, and the Walking Bus Programme won gold in the Premier's Provincial 2017 Service Excellence Awards for the best implemented programme.

In this Adjustment Appropriation Bill the Department of Community Safety is set to receive a net increase of R2 060 000. The major details of the Budget Adjustment includes R3 million which was made available from provincial funding for the much needed School Safety Project. Madam Speaker, as you and indeed we all are aware, we need to prioritise our

children's safety.

Despite not having any operational control over the police, which is a National Government responsibility, we can have a meaningful role in safety promotion. This money is therefore welcomed as are its aims and it is fully supported. [Interjection.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: What is it for? [Inaudible.]

Ms M M WENGER: In addition the Department had a R560 000 rollover from the previous financial year which has been committed to the After School Game-Changer. Again Madam Speaker, this Government is prioritising funding for our province's children and we welcome this continued commitment to productive after-school activities where our children can learn, grow, develop and play in a safe environment and these should not be seen in isolation from the other projects which in similar ways aim to keep our children safe such as the school-walking bus project and the Youth Safety and Religious Leaders Partnership. [Interjections.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: How many communities have a Walking Bus, how many... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Many communities.

Ms M M WENGER: ...which will receive R571 000 - I am getting there.



R571 000... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Ms M M WENGER: ...which was shifted to NGOs and religious fraternities which will help run this project and keep children safe during the school holidays, such as the ones coming up shortly. The Walking Bus Initiative has expanded to over 40 communities in 2016. It aims to create a safe and supervised route for learners to and from school every day with the commitment and involvement of communities.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Does it work every day? Are you sure?

Ms M M WENGER: The communities play a central part in the creation of safer environments. The safety of all our learners is crucial to ensuring that they are granted the opportunity and space to receive a quality education and in doing so ensuring that our country has a far brighter future. But it is not all good news. Given the tough economic climate and lack-lustre growth our national revenue is declining and it simply means that provinces such as ours are impacted negatively by poor National Government planning and policy implementation when it comes to growth and job creation. The Department of Community Safety needed to surrender R1,5 million to the Provincial Revenue Fund. It is the tightening of the belt further and further to fund critical service delivery when funds are in short supply because the National Government has put diesel in the unleaded petrol engine of our economy.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Ms M M WENGER: In these tough times difficult decisions need to be made and a laser-like focus can make the difference. This bare-bones budget is a reflection of these efforts. In the light of severe budget constraints the Department of Community Safety has to be committed to finding cost efficient ways of reducing incidents of crime and increasing safety. The whole of society approach to safety adopted by this Department along with residents in the province work *Better Together* as many crime prevention strategies are only successful with community participation.

I wish to thank Minister Plato for his leadership of the Department. I also thank Mr Morris and his team for having appeared before our Committee on numerous occasions during the year and for their transparency. I further wish to thank the Standing Committee members for their productive participation and constructive engagements. I also thank the parliamentary staff specifically Mr Matthews, Ms Burgess and Mr Sassman for their professionalism and assistance throughout the year past.

Madam Speaker, in conclusion this Budget Adjustment 2017 for the Department of Community Safety is supported by the Democratic Alliance.

[Applause.]

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. I now see the hon member Dijana.

Ms T M DIJANA: Thank you Madam Speaker. It is only over a month, seeing the failures of this Department to ensure community safety [Inaudible.] in Marikana informal settlements. The response of this Department, even though it was late, was welcomed by the community. For once it tried to fulfil its mandate. It promised to invest in crime fighting at community level.

This Budget Adjustment for Community Safety is a shame on the name of the DA and its Government led by the A-N... by DA. [Laughter.] [Interjections.]

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Yes, we know. [Interjections.]

Ms T M DIJANA: This small budget is increased by only R2 million and most of the movements will go to the excessive office of the Provincial Police Ombud, a post-box for complaints to the police and its existing structures. It is the same Ombud that spent R10 million in the previous financial year and only referred one - a single complaint - to SAPS structures! Interesting too is that the civilian oversight budget is reduced. One can only wonder why!

The real disaster in the Western Cape is the daily killings and piling up of bodies in the ongoing drug and gang war in the province.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Through your police not acting.

Ms T M DIJANA: Even the killings of our children at schools are on the rise and this government first wants to talk about it before instituting a proper and scientific probe to get to the bottom of this massacre. The DA just does not care one bit! But, the DA plays fiddle while the Cape burns and the slaughtering of our children and people continues at an alarming rate.

Perhaps the DA is scared it will be exposed for not playing its part at Local Government and Development Planning level where the absence or insufficient infrastructure and other problems will be laid bare for all to see.

It is like the honourable premier Helen Zille's Khayelitsha Commission that uncovered the City and provincial governments more than any other institute. [Interjections.] Even now we still wait for the Province... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order please.

Ms T M DIJANA: ...to fully implement the recommendations from that time consuming and ultra-expensive grandstanding exercise. There is also a big question mark hanging over provision for money to Community Police Forums for the Expanded Partnership Programme... Is it because this Department did not train and popularise this programme with CPFs, unlike the extensive preferential training and assistance to this Department's pet Neighbourhood Watches? The result is that a quarter of a million rand was not used and is now shifted away from poor communities that need it most. Where does the other money go to?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Ja, they misuse the money, that is what they are doing.

Ms T M DIJANA: More computers, donations or more money for non-profit organisations, vehicles, leave payments, losses that need to be written off, the elusive so-called Game Changers and of course also more than R1,5 million extra for Community Outreach programmes. These so-called public participation engagements are just a veil to hide party political activity in the year before the next election. [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Oh, you are just jealous. You are just jealous.

Ms T M DIJANA: It is about DA trickeries and mischief to popularise the DA and its lame duck leaders! Actually the honourable MEC Dan Plato should not embark on outreach programmes, for every time he visits an area the violence and killings intensify within a few days – if not hours!

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Haibo! No man!

Ms T M DIJANA: It is clear this DA-led Government is not serious with community safety. The only fixation it has is the militarisation of youth and the Chrysalis campuses that get more money. It smacks of cadets and conscription by the apartheid regime, which was founded on the Nazi model of youth indoctrination. [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: Ooh!

Ms T M DIJANA: I thank you.

An HON MEMBER: No man! [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you. Welcome back hon member Christians. I recognise you. Good to have you back.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Good, thank you Madam Speaker. I do not know how many times must we debate this. Does the ANC understand the mandate of this Department? They do not, clearly do not! [Interjections.] They clearly do not. [Interjections.]

Ms P MAKELENI: What is wrong with you?

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Because this budget is directed to look at high-risk areas and also school safety. We complain about school safety and we complain about the Lavender Hill violence and when money is directed to those areas that are mostly affected the ANC objects. [Interjections.] So Madam Speaker, we support this budget and we want to say thank you for the Minister and his Department for allocating and seeing where the most needs are and we want to complement. The HODs - we speak to them on a regular basis and the Minister in our Portfolio Committee and they are competent and they know where money is needed so we welcome the deployment of law

enforcement and the auxiliary services in our five high-risk area schools, and we all need to put heads together to look at these problems and come with meaningful suggestions. I think Madam Speaker, we need to go in a workshop and train them what this Department is all about, thank you. [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you hon member Christians. In the absence of the EFF I now see the Minister, Minister Plato.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Madam Speaker, thank you very much. To my colleague hon member Wenger thank you very much for your continued support and also for acknowledging of what we are doing what is right. I just want to say with the crying foul from the other side regarding our Walking Buses. Many, many, most of the Walking Buses are working exceptionally well.

An HON MEMBER: Most?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Most of them. I agree there are one or two of them not so well but we are dealing with them. We are working with them. We visit them week after week. It is one of the highlights of the Department of Community Safety and support because many of them are not even members of the Democratic Alliance. It is some of your members as well and when you slam the Walking Buses you actually slam your own members. That is what they are saying in the communities... [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: It is not about them, it is about the community.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: ...no support from your side... [Interjections.]  
... because it is also your support base children that are going to the  
vulnerable schools... [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: It is not working now.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ...that must duck and dive the  
guns out there. So you criticise actually your own people as well so continue  
to do that. [Interjections.]

Then to hon member Dijana, look on the one hand you say thank you for our  
interventions in Marikana and on the other hand you slam us for our  
interventions. So that is hypocritical. You do not know what you are trying to  
say but thank you for at least the acknowledgement with the massacre in  
Marikana that this Department did act and we did do what we were supposed  
to do. It does not matter how and that sort of thing. To find the killers is not  
my job. You must understand that. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Madam Speaker, to find the  
killers, to get the drug lords and gang bosses into jail - it is the job of the  
police, not this Department of Community Safety. [Interjections.]



Mr S G TYATYAM: You are supposed to prevent...

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: You need to understand that and even with all the efforts of my Department, Madam Speaker, all the efforts of the South African Police there are still criminals walking around in our street, so let us not play politics with crime and with regard to the CPFs let me say to you, I want to make this point... [Interjections.] ...with regard to our EPP programme. Many CPFs making use of our expanded partnership programme but I also need to say to you... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ...the political bias CPFs refuse to make use of our EPP Programme. [Interjection.] They run instead to their political masters to complain they do not receive the necessary funding. You must urge your politically aligned CPF structures to stop their politicking and to make use of the Department's funding... [Interjections.] That is what you must do. Let me say to you our reaching-out programmes - you are jealous about the reaching-out programmes. It is indeed making the necessary inroads within many of our communities... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please!

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Our Chrysalis Academy Programme is working, whatever you call them. We transform vulnerable

impoverished youth out there that had no future, no hope, and we transform them for the good and the better.

Hon member Christians, thank you very much for your continued support and at least differently from the ANC, for a clear understanding from your part for our Department's mandate and I appreciate that. [Interjections.]

I want to finally say to my staff, the whole Department of Community Safety staff from the HOD down to my office staff as well, thank you very, very much for a good relationship in the Department and thank them very, very much for what they have done for making, for giving this Department a very good name... [Interjections.] ...and with regard to all the accolades we receive year after year. Thank you. [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you Minister Plato. That concludes the debate on this vote, but before we go to the next one, I have a sense that hon member Olivier and hon member Tyatyam missed you yesterday, hon member Christians, so I would recommend that at the break you catch up, because there is a lot of banter going on there and it is becoming a cause of distraction. I will now ask the Secretary to read the second Order.

The SECRETARY: Debate on Vote 5 – Education – *Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill* [B 6 – 2017].

The SPEAKER: Thank you Secretary. I now see the hon, the Minister,

Minister Schäfer.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you Madam Speaker. †Kort en kragtig, [short and sweet], as long as hon member Olivier does the same. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please! Minister, sorry, could you kindly take your seat. I just need to set the tone here. Please allow the Minister to do a presentation and then you are allowed to through the Chair ask if the Minister will take a question and when you get a speaking opportunity that is when your turn comes. You are allowed to interject but I do consider anything more than three rapid interjections to then be running commentary. You may proceed, Minister. Thank you. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you Madam Chief Speaker. I stand before this House today with deafening alarm bells ringing. The alarm bells have long been ringing as our country is literally on the verge of a point of no return. The recent downgrade to junk status by two ratings agencies could be the final nail in the coffin that is already buried six feet under.

Our country is facing an economic crisis of epic proportions, owing to unsustainable and excessive expenditure by ANC-led provinces, who do not understand that you cannot spend more money than you have; corruption and maladministration as well as policies that stifle economic growth. So today I stand before you to deliver this adjustment vote from a government that is in

stark contrast to the National and other Provincial Governments, but which is facing extreme fiscal constraints as a result of the ANC's mismanagement of the economy. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Can you focus on the good things [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Madam Speaker, today I am requesting this House to approve an adjustment... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please!

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: ...in the Education budget to accommodate funding not previously specified in this budget, the reallocation of funds and for other minor adjustments. In terms of this vote, the budget of the WCED will increase from R20,644 billion to R20,722 billion for the 2017/18 financial year, an increase of R77,779 million.

Unfortunately, the WCED had to surrender R77,5 million to the revenue fund for re-allocation in the 2018/19 financial year, to assist with the drought relief infrastructure, as well as to shift R300 000 to Vote 1, the Department of the Premier, for the development of bulk payment upload on BAS.

R60 million has been made available for e-Learning, including infrastructure and R500 000 for the appointment of interns for e-Learning. In addition, the total committed pressure of R95,079 million was approved for rollover from

the 2016/17 financial year to the 2017/18 financial year for the purpose of:

- Firstly, the LAN installations at schools and the provision of slim labs and learners' devices, in the amount of R32,451 million;
- R7,097 million rolled over for learner furniture and equipment, as the previous supplier could not fulfil their contractual obligations.

The SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: R55,531 million rolled over from the 2016/17 financial year in respect of the Education Infrastructure Grant owing to committed expenditure for the ASIDI projects. The Education Infrastructure Grant rollover request was approved by National Treasury, while the balance of the rollover request of funds was approved by the Provincial Treasury.

In terms of the water crisis, R50 million has been allocated to the Water Response Programme for the drilling of boreholes and relevant equipment at 100 schools, at a cost of R500 000 per school.

As Minister Meyer mentioned in his medium term budget speech, safety is an ongoing concern for the WCED and the Western Cape Government, a concern that I have continuously raised and which we are driving through Provincial Strategic Goal 2 Steering Committee. I am therefore pleased that R20 million has been allocated to safety as a result of reprioritisation for the provision or

replacement of ClearVu fencing at 20 schools in high risk areas at R1 million per fence. Because of the phenomenal progress that has been made in the building of the Jakes Gerwel High School in Bonnievale, we have re-prioritised the second tranche payment of R17 million for the 2017/18 financial year instead of 2018/19 so that construction of the second phase of the school may continue.

Madam Speaker, I cannot complete this speech without addressing the issue of accommodation in our schools and teacher allocation. The reality that we are facing is that class sizes are becoming larger while our budgets are only getting proportionately smaller.

I must place on the record that I am gravely concerned that, coupled with financial constraints and growth in learner numbers, schools in the Western Cape will be even more overcrowded next year and the teacher: learner ratio will increase especially in our poorer schools. This is having a profound effect on teaching and learning in the Western Cape.

We simply cannot keep up with the demand being placed on us by the increasing numbers of learners, and the lack of sufficient budget allocation.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank and congratulate Mr Leon Ely, our Chief Financial Officer and his team for achieving a third clean audit for the 2016/2017 financial year.

The PREMIER: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: This is as a result of strong internal financial controls and reflects the commitment and innovation of our financial managers. I would like to end by thanking my HOD, Mr Brian Schreuder, for his commitment and support since he was appointed a year ago. We have a difficult task before us and it is imperative that we work together as a team. I know I can count on his ongoing professionalism, leadership and support as we navigate choppy waters. And thank you also very much to the Standing Committee chaired by the hon member Kivedo for supporting this Adjustment Budget and for our interaction throughout the year which has always been positive and constructive. So today, Madam Speaker, I am requesting this House to approve the Adjustment Education Budget for the 2017/18 financial year. Thank you. [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you Minister Schäfer. I now see the hon member Kivedo.

†Mnr B D KIVEDO: Baie dankie agb Speaker. 'n Metafoor wat ook waar word, vergun my dit. Dit is ons laaste dag van die jaar.

By die ontbyttafel vra my tienjarige seun vir my: “Pappa, die oom Bob Mugabe...” Ek vra: “Van haar is hy?” Hy sê: “Hy is iewers in 'n jungle hier bo. Hoekom is sy brille dan al wyer?” Ek sê vir hom: “Boeta...” Ons noem hom Boeta. Sy naam is Steyn. Ek sê vir hom: “Dit is om 'n beter perspektief

op die lewe te kry...” En Boeta sê: “Dan moet hy ’n onderwyser word.” Hoor so! Ek sê toe vir hom: “Deur die Genade van God.” Toe sê hy: “Nee pappa, dan gaan hy word, want sy vrou se naam is Grace, en die Afrikaanse woord vir Grace is “Genade.” [Gelag.]

Baie dankie agb Speaker. ’n Metafoor wat ook waar word, vergun my dit. Dit is ons laaste dag van die jaar.

*[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]*

[At the breakfast table my ten year old son asks me, “Daddy, this uncle Bob Mugabe...” I ask: “From where is he?” He says: “He is somewhere in a jungle up here. Why is his spectacles then becoming wider?” I say to him: “Boeta...” We call him Boeta. His name is Steyn. I say to him: “It is to get a better perspective on life ...” And Boeta says: “Then he must become a teacher.” Hear so! I then say to him: “By the grace of God.” Then he says: “No, Daddy, then he will, because his wife’s name is Grace, and the Afrikaans word for Grace is “Genade.” [Laughter.]

Thank you Madam Speaker. A metaphor that is becoming true, allow me that. It is our last day of the year.]

So this is what it is all about. It is about perspectives. [Interjections.] Thank you so much, Minister, Mr Deputy Chairperson, for your input... [Interjection.]



†Mnr P UYS: Wat is die storie?

[Mr P UYS: What is the story?]

Mr B D KIVEDO: ...in terms of this, but it is all about perspectives and how we take it forward. Madam Speaker, the Western Cape Government - and he is only ten years old, hey.

The Western Cape Government believes that education serves as one of the most useful mechanisms for eliminating inequality and promoting job creation for the people of the province. During the Adjustment Estimates process the Department's budget increased by R77,779 million from R20 644 940 000 to R20 722 693 000.

Madam Speaker, the expenditure on education in the province shows continued growth. Since 2013/14 the amount allocated to the Western Cape Department of Education has grown at an average of just over 8% per annum in nominal terms. The Department of Education's vision is built on improving the education outcomes of all the learners living across the province, last in the past financial year, not only DA learners, but all learners. The Department has dedicated themselves to spending on projects resources and among others that provide quality education to all the learners in the province and take note, all the learners in the province without exception.

I would like to commend Minister Schäfer and her Department for their ongoing commitment to providing support to those most vulnerable groupings

of our people in our society. The greatest portion of the Department's budget is allocated to the primary and secondary school system, including schools for learners with special educational needs. In the current school system funding has been allocated according to national poverty quintiles. All allocations to schools have been weighted so that schools in poorer communities are allocated more funds.

Although it is difficult for schools in rural areas to attract well qualified educators especially those qualified to teach maths, science and languages in acknowledgement of this problem the WCED is addressing this by creating added incentives for newly qualified educators to opt to teach in such areas.

I must commend the Department for its efforts with regard to ensuring that as many qualified educators as possible work in all areas of the Western Cape to improve quality education across the board.

Madam Speaker, in the midst of all technological advancement taking place in this age, I am pleased that the Western Cape Department of Education is capitalising on this. I welcome that the WCED will be providing online services to schools, teachers and learners. The online services have been designed to reduce the administration load of schools and to ensure accurate efficient and cost-effective provision of resources and services to schools.

I would also like to commend the Department for its increased efforts with regard to working in collaboration with other departments as to ensure that

quality education is still provided to all our learners in the province in the midst of dealing with various difficult societal problems in our province such as gang-violence and the severity of alcohol abuse witnessed across many of our communities.

In conclusion, Madam Speaker, I am in full support of the budget vote and would like to thank Minister Schäfer and the Department for their hard work and professionalism and for their commitment to promoting social inclusion through providing a vast amount of educational opportunities for the people of the Western Cape.

My final thanks goes to the Minister as I said, and her team, the HOD and his team, the Standing Committee who is working tirelessly. I really appreciate your cooperation as Chairperson. The Committee Coordinators Wasiema Hassen Moosa assistant, coordinator Mary-Anne Burgess and also with the support and underpinnings of Ben Daza. All the support staff, the language practitioners, all role-players taking part in our discussions and deliberations; my own PA Tanya Steyn-Dawes, all my colleagues in this House for their support on both sides of the fence and I think it is about time we take hands because education is the key to all the other social ills and pathologies we face. [Interjections.] Now, in conclusion, wishing all of you my dear colleagues and your loved ones a blessed and crime-free festive season. Please do come back in one piece.

An HON MEMBER: Not to Olivier.

Mr B D KIVEDO: And I hope to see more of you on this side next year.  
 [Laughter.] Please drive safely and arrive alive. Thank you so much, Madam  
 Speaker. [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you hon member Kivedo. I now see the hon Olivier.

UMnu R T OLIVIER: Somlomo. [Madam Speaker] today is World Aids Day.

†n AGBARE LID: Gooi, gooi!

[An HON MEMBER: Throw, throw!]

The SPEAKER: Correct.

Mr R T OLIVIER: And we want to recognise this day and our hearts and  
 thoughts are going out to those affected and infected by HIV/AIDS and that  
 we pledge our support and continued support to those affected and infected.

Madam Speaker because it is the last day I am going to deliver my input in  
 isiXhosa and we can use this.

An HON MEMBER: Are you leaving us?

†UMnu R T OLIVIER: Somlomo, olu hlahlo lwabiwo mali lufika ngexesha  
 selwambethwe yimingeni emininzi. Imingeni efana nobundlobongela  
 ezikolweni, efana namaqela emigewu neziyobisi ezikolweni efana

nokuphuphuma kwezikolo ezizele zimi ngeembambo. Izakhiwo eziphelelwe lixesha ezakhiwa kudala. [Interjection.]

*[Translation of isiXhosa paragraph follows.]*

[Mr R T OLIVIER: Madam Speaker, this budget comes at a time when it already has many challenges. Challenges like violence in schools, like gangs and drugs in schools, like overcrowding in schools that are full to capacity. Buildings that are out dated, that were built a long time ago.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Olivier, excuse me... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: We cannot hear the translation.

The SPEAKER: There seems to be a problem with the technology in terms of the translation. I will have one of the staff try and attend to it immediately but we do not seem to be picking up the translation. It could be, try and up your volume. That might assist as a temporary measure. Thank you. You may proceed.

†UMnu R T OLIVIER: Abantwana ... Somlomo, ukuba asikwazi ukunyusa iikawusi zethu ezisemaqatheni zize emadolweni, siza kuba kuyo le ngxaki sikuyo yamanzi angekhoyo. Ukuba asinyusi iikawusi zize emadolweni njengokuba zisemaqatheni nje, apho sifuna ukuzisa iindywala ezikolweni. Singajongi ingxaki yokuba abantwana abanandawo zakuhlala. Izakhiwo

Somlomo, ekubonakala ukuba azikho mgangathweni zilungiswe, siza kuhlala sikule ngxaki.

Kungekudala siza kufumana ukuba siza kuza apha kule Ndlu sizokufumana ukuxelelwa ngengxaki esezikolweni zethu ukuba asizukuthi le ngxaki sihleli nayo siyijonge. Ziingxaki ke ezo Somlomo ezithe zongezeleleka kukungabikho kwamanzi, imbalela nemililo esithe saba nayo. Zezinye ke ezithe zongezelelela, esizibonayo namhlanje ukuba ziyayinikwa imali. Kodwa xa sijonga le ncwadi iluhlaza Somlomo, into yokuqala esiyiqaphelayo kukuba ama R95 ezigidi ayedluliswa asiwe kunyaka olandelayo. Xa uphinda uqhuba ujonga kwiphepha 69 ukuya kutsho kwiphepha 74, sibona ukuba imali esuswa kwezinye iinkqubo isiya kwezinye, ingathi ngabantu ebebengazi ukuba kuqhubeka ntoni, sizibuze ukuba kuqhubeka ntoni, xa kuthe kulo nyaka ufumanise ukuba izixa ezingaka zemali zisuswa kwenye inkqubo zisiwe kwenye. Yeyona nto ibanga ukuba sizibuze ukuba kuqhubeka ntoni kanye kweli Sebe. Singazi nokuba aba bantu bebengzazi ukuba yintoni abayifunayo kanye kanye. Siphinde sibone Somlomo ama R32 ezigidi esuswa kuLawulo aphinde asiwe kule nto kuthiwa yi *Local Area Network* esasithenjise kwisabelo esikhulu nguMphathiswa ukuba kukho ama R258 ezigidi aza kuthi ku 2018 afunyanwe koku kukhutshwa kweiseko nezinye izixhobo. Kwiminyaka emithathu elandelayo ibe yi R1.2 bhiliyoni. Ngoku siphinda sibona ama R32 ezigidi avela kwakweli cala. Sithi ezi mali bekungaba njani ukuba le mali kanye le, iya kwezi zinto sizikhalazelayo kuthiwa luKhuseleko lweZikolo, abantwana bethu batya iziyobisi esikolweni. Ukothuka kwethu Somlomo, thina besingayazi ukuba ikhona imali, seva ama R20 ezigidi

uMphathiswa athetha ngawo, athi kukho ama R20 ezigidi aza kujongana nokhuseleko ezikolweni, esithi iza kujonga ucingo ezikolweni. Esithi iza kujonga ucingo olubiza i R100 amawaka ngocingo olunye, kwizikolo ezingama 20. Yingxaki ke leyo.

Ewe siyayamkela, kodwa ingxaki esinayo ingaphaya koluya cingo, ingaphakathi. Abantwana banikezelana ngezinyobisi ezikolweni. Abantwana baphatha izixhobo, imipu esikolweni. Siyayibona loo nto yonke imihla xa sisenza ubeko sweni. Asiboni nto ibheke kwelo cala, ukuthi ezi zinto ziphume ezikolweni. Siyazamkela ezi zigidi zithathu uMphathiswa wezoKhuseleko loLuntu athetha ngazo, siyazamkela apho athi zikhona izigidi ezithathu ziza kugqiba izikolo ezihlanu. Ingxaki kukuba izikolo zethu zili 1495, ukuba azikho ngaphezulu, yaye ingxaki kukuba phantse ama 50% ezikolo ajongene nale ngxaki. Ndithi ke, phambi kokuba sibe kumbhodamo, mhlawumbi sesikuwo, masizame sijonge le ngxaki, sijongane nayo ngendlela esijongene ngayo nembalela, nokungabikho kwamanzi. Ukuba siyayiyeka, siza kufumana hayi nje kuphela izikolo eziphuphumayo, kodwa siza kufumana izikolo ezingasalawulekiyo kuba ootitshala bengayi ukuya kufundisa ezikolweni kuba besoyika ubundlobongela obuqhubeka ezikolweni.

Ngoko Somlomo, sithe xa sijonga olu hlengahlengiso, oku kufuduswa kwezimali kwenzekayo, sabona ukuba ibizezona zinto zingundoqo besifanele ukuba siyazijonga, sizinika imali, kodwa asiboni njalo. Siyabona ke kwimbuyekezo yabasebenzi xa sijonga, ukuba kukho ama R50 ezigidi, ama R30 ezigidi nama R20 ezigidi esuka kwiinkqubo 1, 2 no 3 ezithi zimiswe.

Siyivile ke ingxelo yokuba kutheni kusenzeka ezi zinto nje. Kodwa Somlomo, sicinga ukuba eziya zimali zezona bezifanele ukuba kweli Sebe ngoba ezinye siyabona ukuba ama R77,5 ezigidi athe anikezelwa ngokutsho kukaMphathiswa, kulungiselelwe le ndima yengxaki yembalela. Enye le mali ifuduswayo yeyona mali bekumele, ngokutsho kukaMphathiswa kwingxelo yakhe yokuqala ukuba enye yezona nkalo kugxininiswe kuzo lukhuseleko nolwaphulomthetho, yaye besicinga ukuba le mali inokuya kwezo ngxaki . Ngoko Somlomo siyabona nezikolo zethu azisekho mgangathweni, ziyawa. Kodwa siyawabona ama R55 ezigidi yaye icacisiwe ke sayamkela into yokuba le mali kutheni le mali ingasetyenziswanga kweziya zikolo. Sivile kuloo ndawo, kodwa Somlomo ingxaki esihleli nayo ingaphezu kokuba singakwazi kuyilawula. Ukuba asizukuthi siyijonge le ngxaki Somlomo, siza kuyeka ukuba siqwalasele sizise imithetho eza kusiphathela ezinye iingxaki ezikolweni zethu, ezi ke ndiza kuma phambi kweenkundla zamatyala zalapha ukuba ndithe izikolo zethu zenziwa iindawo zokusela.

Ndiyilindele ke naleyo ngoba kaloku ingxaki esinazo apha, asikwazi ukuzisa ezinye iingxaki, sineengxaki ezingaphezu kwamandla ethu. Ngoko Somlomo iAfrican National Congress iyakubona oku kufuduswa kwezimali kwenziwayo, ikuvile kwiSebe. Sivile ukuba lifuna ukwenza ntoni na, kodwa thina sibona ezi ngxaki zokhuseleko lwabantwana bethu, iziyobisi ezikolweni, yaye sicinga ukuba zezona zinto bekumele ukuba ezi mali zithsintshwayo kweli xesha sikulo zibheka kwezo zinto. Somlomo, siyabulela ngokuba sithathe inxaxheba apha, kodwa sithi iikawusi mazinyukele emadolweni.



Eli Sebe ndiyawabulela amagosa ngoba ndiyalazi ukuba liyazama. Mna kudala ndandiyibekile indima yam yokuba akukho Mphathiswa kweli Sebe. Bekumele ukuba eli Sebe alinaye uMphathi ngoba uMphathi intliziyo yakhe ayikho kule nto ayenzayo. Ungathi umxelela ...nanku namhlanje sele esixelela ukuba kulo nyaka uzayo kuza kubakho okunye ukuphuphuma kwezikolo. Uyasixelela, akasixeleli ukuba uza kwenza ntoni na. Usixelela iingxaki yonke iminyaka amaxesha onke, kodwa akasixeleli ukuba uza kwenza ntoni. Usixelela ngombhodamo, nguye ongumbhodamo kweliya Sebe, ngoko akakwazi ukulawula umbhodamo. Le yingxaki esihleli nayo. Ndiyacela Somlomo, ndiyacela Nkulumbuso ndikubongoza ukuba ukhe umjongele elinye iSebe aza kukwazi ukusebenza kulo, uthumele omnye umntu oza kukwazi ukuthi asebenze nabantu. Okwangoku kubo bonke abantu abaphetheyo, ukuqala kwiNkulumbuso ukuya kuwe nakuGrantukuya kutsho kowokugqibela ziingxaki. Ngoko Somlomo thina nokuba kuthiwa siyathanda ukunika inkxaso, asizukukwazi ngoba siyayibona le mali ukuba ayisiwa kwizinto ezichaphazela abantu bethu kwiindawo esihlala kuzo. Enkosi. [Kuyaqhwatywa.]

*[Translation of isiXhosa paragraphs follows.]*

Mr R T OLIVIER: Children ... Madam Speaker, if we cannot pull up our socks that are at the ankles to the knees, we will stay in this problem of having no water. If we do not pull our socks to the knees, as they are at the ankles, where we want to bring alcohol to our schools. Without looking at the

fact that children have no accommodation. Buildings, Madam Speaker, that are not of quality and need to be fixed, we will always have this problem.

Before long we will find that we come here to this House to be told about the problems in our schools, if we will not attend to the problems we are sitting with. Those are problems, Madam Speaker, that have been compounded by the lack of water, the drought and the fires that we had. Those are some that added to our problems that we see today and are being given some money. But when we look at this Blue Book, Madam Speaker, the first thing we notice is that R95 million is carried over to the next year. If you continue looking at page 69 to page 74, we see money that is removed from some programs to others, as though these people did not know what was going on. We ask ourselves what is happening, when one finds that in this year large amounts of money are moved from one program to another. That is what causes us to ask ourselves what is really going on in this Department? We do not know whether these people did not know exactly what they wanted. Again Madam Speaker, we see R32 million that moved from Administration to something called Local Areas Network, but we were promised in the main appropriation by the Minister that there was R258 million that would be available in 2018 for the roll out of infrastructure and other equipment. In the following three years it would be R1,2 billion. Now we see R32 million coming from the same side. We say what if this money went to the things we were complaining about like Safe Schools, our children use drugs in schools. We were shocked, Madam Speaker, as we did not know that there was money. We heard the R29 million the MEC was talking about, saying there was

R20 million that was going to be used for safety at schools, saying it would be used for fencing schools. They said it was going to be used for fencing that cost R100 000 per school for 20 schools. That is a problem.

Yes we accept that, but the problem we have is beyond that fence, it is inside. Children hand each other drugs in schools. Children carry weapons, guns in schools. We see that all the time when we do oversight. We see nothing towards that, so that these things are flushed off our schools. We welcome the three million Rand the MEC for Community Safety is talking about, when he says there is three million Rand that will complete five schools. The problem is that we have 1 495 schools, if not more, and the problem is that almost 50% are facing this problem. I say then before we are in a crisis, maybe we are in it already, let us try and look at this problem, tackle it the way we tackled the drought and lack of water. If we ignore it, not only will we have overcrowded schools, but schools that will be disfunctional because teachers are scared to go and teach because of violence that happens in schools.

Therefore, Madam Speaker, when we looked at this adjustment , this shifting of monies that is happening, we realised that these were the most important things we were supposed to attend to, give them money, but we do not see that. We see in the employee compensation when we look, that there is R50 million, R30 million and R20 million from programs 1, 2 and 3 which are stalled. We did get a report as to why such things are happening. But Speaker, we think those monies ought to be in this Department because the

others - we see that R77,5 million that has been handed over, as the MEC says, for this problem of the drought. The other money that is being shifted is the money that should, according to the MEC in her first report that one of the focus areas is safety and crime, and we thought this money could go to those problems. Therefore, Madam Speaker, we see that our schools are no longer of quality, they are falling apart. But we see R55 million and it was explained to us and we welcomed the fact that this money is not used in those schools. We heard that part, But the problem we are sitting with is more than we cannot manage it. If we are not going to attend to this problem, Madam Speaker, we will stop considering and bringing about laws that will bring us more problems in our schools, those that will make me appear before courts if I say our schools are being made drinking places. I am ready for that as well because the problems we have here, we cannot afford to bring more problems, while we have problems beyond our control. Therefore, the African National Congress is aware of the shifting of monies that is happening, we heard it from the Department. We heard what they want to do, but we see the problem of safety for our children, drugs in schools, and we think that those are issues which these monies that are being shifted at this moment were supposed to be directed to. Thank you for allowing us to participate here, but we say the socks must come up to the knees.

To this Department I commend the officials because I know that they are trying hard. I have long said that there is no Minister in this Department. This Department was supposed to have no Manager because the heart of the Manager is not in what she is doing. If you tell her ... here she is today

telling us about overcrowding in schools that is going to happen next year. She is telling us, but she does not tell us what she is going to do. She tells us about problems all the time, but she does not say how she is going to handle them. She talks about a crisis, while she is the crisis in that Department, because she cannot manage a crisis. That is a problem we are sitting with. I appeal, Madam Speaker, I appeal hon Premier and I beg you to please find another Department where she can work, and send someone who will be able to work with the people. For now, of all the people in the leadership, from the Premier, to you and to Grant to the last one are problems. Therefore Madam Speaker, even though we would like to support, we cannot because we see that the money is not being used for things affecting our people in places where we live. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you hon member Olivier.

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] You must govern properly.

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

The SPEAKER: I now see the hon member Christians. [Interjections.] Could we get some order please.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Madam Speaker, I am a bit confused. [Interjection.]

Mr P UYS: You are always confused.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: I thought the member spoke on Community Safety and not Education because his entire speech was about safety and nothing about education so I am a bit confused. I am bit confused. [Interjections.]

Mr P UYS: You are always confused. [Interjection.]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: I am a bit confused. [Laughter.] [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Madam Speaker, what I do not understand, if SAPS is doing a good job then no money of Education must go to Safety. Then we can have more money on schools and educators than to spend on safety but because the National Government is doing nothing when it comes to our safety we are sitting with this problem and Madam Speaker, if I can just throw this in, I was not here... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: I was not here yesterday because I had to celebrate... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: ...that the ACDP got more votes in Ward 102, they got

six votes; we got 60 votes. So we defeated him. [Laughter.] We defeated them in 102. [Applause.] [Inaudible.] I wanted to give them more. So I had to celebrate that.

An HON MEMBER: Exactly!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: I had to celebrate that, so they are declining, but Madam Speaker, the ACDP, we support this budget and I want to thank the Minister and the HOD for a job well done. [Interjections.] Madam Speaker, we sit and engage the Department. We sit and we criticise and we talk about, but the Department comes back and tells us the reasons for what they are doing, so that is why when we sit here, I am amazed to see what my colleague is saying about the Education Department. I think we have professionals and they are doing a good job. Thank you Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you hon member Christians. [Applause.] I now see, I see the hon, the Minister, Minister Schäfer.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. Hon member Kivedo, thank you very much for your kind words. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: I was rather intrigued by your analogy

about Mugabe. I mean we all know what happened to him and I hope that South Africa will take a few lessons from that.

An HON MEMBER: Yes, yes.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: We also know that Mugabe did not leave with dignity but he certainly left with Grace. [Laughter.] [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Olivier, Minister, kindly take your seat please. [Interjections.] There is too much discussion between the two members in question. Hon member Olivier and hon member Christians, I am addressing you both. There is an opportune time to go and have a cup of coffee and talk about your issues, but you cannot do it in the House whilst there is a speaker on the floor. [Interjections.] Hon member Olivier, I am addressing you.

Mr R T OLIVIER: My apologies, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. May we proceed, thank you. You may proceed, Minister.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you Madam Speaker, and thank you very much again, hon member Kivedo for your cooperation and for your compliments. We appreciate your work.

Hon Olivier, I was also rather confused. Hon member Christians is not the



only one. I would also like to commend hon member Kivedo on his innovative ribbon for World AIDS Day and yes, we support that, but hon member Olivier, I am not sure whether he is in the right portfolio.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: I do not think he understands the mandate of the Education Department. The Education Department is to educate, not to solve the world's social problems, not to solve the police's problem which the ANC has left to completely disintegrate... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: But despite that, despite that we are doing far more than we should have to do to try and keep our learners and teachers safe. Whatever we do is criticised by the ANC. We give more money to Lavender Hill. Now we must give it to other areas. We give more money to them, now we must give... We are not - some of the NGOs are the same. They think we can just pay for everything all the time no matter how much money we have not got. That is why our country is in the crisis that it is in because we keep on spending money we do not have and if we spend the money we do have on the things that we should be spending it on instead of stealing it and wasting it, we would have far more money for teachers.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Hear-hear!

The PREMIER: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you and far more money for other things that we desperately need like transport for learners and food for learners and social issues. Now my Department is not the Department of Social Development either.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: And we need to get to the point where parents actually take responsibility too for educating their children and making sure that they also take some responsibility for getting them to school safely. I desperately am sorry for teachers who have to work in gang-stricken areas. I have immense sympathy with them and we are doing whatever we can but then you criticise that. You want more safety. We spend R20 million on safety ClearVu fences, but maybe we could actually spend it on that. There are lots of things we could maybe spend it on. We are spending it on issues that we want to prioritise because it is important to us and because we certainly do not want to underspend our budget so obviously there are in any budget going to be reprioritisation and movement if we see that we have some money available so we make sure we spend it within the financial year.

Now children taking drugs obviously is another problem that society must take accountability for. But which we still do deal with, with schools. As far as - ja, problems and not solutions, well there is one - we do mention

solutions all the time, as I say we are dealing with a private company at the moment to try and develop a test safety solution which we are going to pilot. If it works it could be very exciting but I want to make more announcements about that in the next month or two. So we are always looking for innovative solutions to problems that we should not have to solve because the ANC is just not doing their job at national level and the solution is quite frankly to stop stealing the money, to stop wasting the money, to stop the policies at national level that are stifling our economy, that we cannot actually grow our economy so we can get more money to pay our teachers, to pay more teachers and to actually run our departments properly like we do in the Western Cape across the entire country. So the solution quite simply is get a new government at national level.

The PREMIER: That is right.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Hon member Christians, thank you very much for your kind comments and I completely agree with you that there is some confusion in the ranks of the ANC. I mean as soon as we get money they say: "Oh that is a national allocation", but then there is a national mandate. "Ooh no, but you must do it as a province." They cannot quite make up their minds where they stand. I know they are confused. I know they are going through a very difficult time right now... [Interjection.] ...but really, do not make your problems ours. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: I just want to end up quickly by saying

again also thank you to all our staff in the Department. I have already thanked the HOD in her absence... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: But I really want to thank all the staff in my Department and all our teachers who have worked incredibly hard this year to try and put the best interest of the learners first in very difficult circumstances. I really, really want to commend them and thank them for that. I hope they will have something of a break and come back refreshed, except the exams department, because they have to work very hard. Thanks also to the Premier and to my Cabinet colleagues and also to all the staff in my office. Thank you so much, Madam Speaker. [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you Minister. That concludes the debate on this vote. [Interjections.]

[Debate concluded.]

The SPEAKER: I will now ask the Secretary to read the third Order of the Day. [Interjections.]

The SECRETARY: Debate on Vote 10 – Transport and Public Works – *Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill* [B 6 – 2017].

The SPEAKER: Thank you Secretary. I now see the hon, the Minister, Minister Grant.

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Thank you Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, hon Premier, Cabinet colleagues, Leader of the Opposition in absentia, hon members of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament, officials of the Western Cape Government, ladies and gentlemen.

I rise to present the adjusted estimates for the Department of Transport and Public Works for 2017/18. The Adjustments Budget process is, as hon members of this House will know, an important tool in the management of a range of circumstances as stipulated in the PFMA, circumstances which have arisen since the tabling and acceptance of the main budget. Given the wide-ranging nature and scope of the services provided by my Department, including broad support for the various Game-Changers to which the Western Cape Government is committed, it is inevitable that a number of adjustments will occur in any financial year and will have to be accommodated and accounted for.

In the financial year under discussion in this House, there are additional considerations relating to climate change and, more specifically, the ongoing drought. During the Second Reading on Wednesday I dealt with a number of these considerations, particularly as they relate to the provision and

maintenance of infrastructure. The Medium-term Budget Policy Statement of 2017 sets out further relevant aspects under the heading of the “New Normal”, and we will increasingly see in future years how our policies and practices respond to this “New Normal”.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the Adjustment Estimates for 2017/18 in the Main Appropriation Vote 10 increases by R116,209 million to R7,432,379 billion. This is an increase of only 1,5% on the original allocation. The increase is made up largely of:

- Rollovers from the previous financial year, R26,881 million.
- Shifts between votes, R2,515 million.
- Revenue retention from previous financial years, mainly related to increased own revenue from over collected motor vehicle license fees, R65,293 million.
- Increased own revenue of R820,000. And then finally:
- Provincial allocation for the water related response, as well as to sustain general office buildings inclusive of boreholes and related services, R20,7 million.

Mr Deputy Speaker, it is not my intention to deal in detail with all the allocations arising from the increase of the R116,209 million, as these matters were well ventilated at the Standing Committee meeting on 24 November, but the key issues were largely related to:

- Rollovers, R26,881 million. There were a number of questions in that regard which were dealt with.
- Transport operations, R20,632 million, of which R13,4 million was rolled over from the previous financial year, and is to provide for the planning, development, oversight and implementation of projects at priority municipalities.
- Public works infrastructure, R40,3 million, of which R20,7 is to provide for water related response as already elucidated.
- Then revenue retention of R65,293 million, R5 million of which is from over collected motor vehicle licence fees, interestingly to provide for security at all ASOD sites, to mitigate against increasing cases of vandalism and theft.
- And then R7 million revenue retention from over collected motor licence fees, and that is to assist in the migration of the ITIS, Integrated Transport and Information System from the original developer, to complete the ITIS/ASOD enforcement system, which includes the development of a reporting and GIS functionality, and a duty roster for traffic officers in the field.
- And then programme five: Transport Regulation, R36,288 million, of which R6,068 million is a conditional allocation received from the RTMC for road safety projects. There has also been R4,5 million revenue retention for the sale of goods and services, for the acquisition and upgrade of alcohol screeners to equip traffic officers to effectively address rapid, random breath testing as part of their official duties.

Hon members will note during this brief introduction that considerable attention has been paid to road traffic conditions, including enforcement and the safety of our road users for the busy season which lies ahead.

†n AGB LID: Hoor-hoor!

[An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!]

†Die MINISTER VAN MAATSKAPLIKE ONTWIKKELING: Mooi!

[The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Good!]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. The hon member Hinana.

Mr N E HINANA: Thank you very much, Mr Deputy Speaker. The Department of Transport and Public Works has provided a sound budget that provides a sufficient platform to deliver infrastructure and services that promote positive economic outcomes, safe, empowering and connected communities across our province.

The success achieved by the Department's budget has been underpinned by coordinated, integrated, strategic planning and budgeting for the infrastructure that has been adopted.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the DA-led Western Cape Government's current service delivery has been challenged by difficult economic conditions and capacity constraints in addition to the current drought and water crisis. That will come



up with the solution that the Department has put forward as far as the water crisis is concerned. The DA-led Western Cape Government has adopted an integrated approach to development and planning which can be seen in the Department's decision-making and their policy responses within the infrastructure environment in order to ensure that our province continues to experience sustainable economic growth.

During the 2017 Adjustment Estimate process, the Department's budget increased by approximately R116 million to ensure that the Department actively participates in our Government achieving its Provincial Strategic Goals. This is made possible by the Department ensuring the alignment of infrastructure delivery in all spheres of government that promotes sustainable economic growth.

The Department has made notable improvements across our communities in our province. Schools that were identified to be suffering from defects were attended to. There are a number of schools that are still outstanding which includes the one in Philippi, Kwa-Faku school. That has been there for too long. Within this budget we talk about improving the quality of schools so that learning is accessible to all schools in a safe environment.

Mr Deputy Speaker, when driving around South Africa you can see what the Department of Transport is doing. You can compare the infrastructure in our country and other provinces to that which the Western Cape Transport Department is doing in order to improve the quality of our infrastructure, to

make our roads safe, to make pedestrians safe and to make all the motorists understand and comply with what is expected of them, in order to make the roads safe so that everyone can appreciate the service that is being provided.

There are a number of challenges that this Department faces to make the necessary issues of safety for communities a reality. Once such challenge is the one we are confronted with on a daily basis by Metrorail, where the issue of safety and security is a common daily challenge which is not acceptable. It inconveniences commuters and the assets of the Metrorail are exposed to theft and vandalism, and this is one of the challenges that Metrorail is confronted with.

We also want to thank the MEC, Donald Grant, for the work that he did in terms of intervening with the possible strike amongst the taxis that was supposed to be so violent, when they confronted the commuters and other transport users, coming to and going from work, to disrupt the transportation. Today we are talking about [Inaudible.] and all the taxi industries are sitting down, going well under the Farlam Commission, so that they can conduct their AGMs peacefully and provide their services to the commuters as expected.

In conclusion, I fully support the budget of the Department and its commitment in delivering a transport system inclusive of the provincial road network and necessary social economic infrastructure. I also thank the HOD and the entire staff for the work that they have done and the quality of

development programmes that they have provided, and also thank the Committee coordinators for the work that they are doing and the quality of services that they always provide on a daily basis to the Committee so that they can discharge their responsibility.

As the Democratic Alliance we support this Adjustment Appropriation - Vote 10. I conclude by saying that we wish everyone here and outside a very good Festive Season and keep safe and come back in one piece. Thank you very much.

†Die MINISTER VAN MAATSKAPLIKE ONTWIKKELING: Mooi, mooi.

[The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Good, good.]

*[The Deputy Speaker takes the Chair.]*

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member. The hon member Dugmore.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Thank you very much, Mr Deputy Speaker. I think this Adjustment Budget Vote reflects the overall problem that we have in regard to the manner in which the Provincial Government led by the Department of the Premier, and in particular the Treasury, have approached that.

We know that if you look at the Medium-term Budget Policy Statement, for example, that there is reference made to the five Provincial Strategic Goals

of this Government, and what one would have expected is that in terms of drawing up an adjustment, one would have a detailed assessment of these strategic goals. For instance, we can refer to Strategic Goal number 3, around increasing wellness and then make decisions in regard to what progress is being made and how we need to redirect resources.

But when we look at this particular adjustment for Transport and Public Works, and the way that the equitable share allocation is being used, especially in the Provincial Strategic Goal related to 'Resilient, sustainable and quality living environments' and in particular the Game-Changer, which I will get to in a minute, the so-called Conradie Better Living Model, you will see that this in fact has not happened.

There has not been an assessment at a provincial level about whether we are on track or not, and therefore the allocation of these adjustments has not been targeted on making sure that these Provincial Strategic Goals are met, and that is the crisis that we face.

In this adjustment the MEC has noted an increase of R116 million. I think the problem is, and it is not correct that the Standing Committee was given adequate answers in regard to the rollovers which amount to R26 million. For instance, there was a rollover of about R2,7 million in regard to GoGeorge, to make sure that the subsequent phases would be adequately funded and planned. But as we sat in the Committee, there was no indication in regard to when Thembalethu will be included in regard to the GoGeorge rollout, and no

clear plan as to when the other subsequent phases will be rolled in.

So what we see is a rollover of R2,7 million, ostensibly for this purpose, but at the same time no clarity. So hopefully in his response now, the MEC will tell us exactly how that R2,7 million will be allocated in terms of it being rolled over and exactly when the Thembaletu route will be operational.

Then, for instance, we have a huge amount of R4,5 million rolled over for the drafting of regulations regarding empowerment. Now on the one hand we hear that the Provincial Government and the Department of the Premier have legal services. To have R4,5 million set aside to simply draft empowerment regulations is clearly a huge amount not linked to the task it actually had.

So the question that we asked, which was not answered, was whether this R4,5 million will procure services and what actually informed that amount of money? So simply we have a rollover, but no explanation as to how it is intended to use that R4,5 million. So, essentially what we have is a blank cheque and an amount simply being rolled over with absolutely no detail.

And then the MEC himself referred to the rollover of R13 million in regard to priority municipalities to finish the sustainable transport programmes in these areas, but once again when you ask for a breakdown as to exactly how that R13 million, which is being rolled over, will be allocated, there is absolutely no detail being provided, and that is a concern to us, that there are rollovers without specific outcomes linked to these.

I think the other concern that we from the ANC would like to raise is that we understand that many of the departments have had to surrender funds to Provincial Treasury in regard to underspending on compensation of employees.

So we have an understanding as to the R4,6 million under Programme 1 administration, and also in regard to Programme 2, R13 million for Public Works infrastructure, but what we cannot understand is that when you look at the R1,3 million for community based programmes, this is Expanded Public Works, so when this money is going to the most vulnerable, keeping people in employment, how do you surrender R1,3 million for community based programmes back to the Treasury, when in fact this is urgently required in regard to Expanded Public Works?

So the MEC needs to explain to us whether this is actually money destined for EPWP workers that is now being returned, or in fact is this for staff who actually administer the EPWP programme? But the main concern that I would like to bring to the attention of this House and, MEC, this is on page 247 of the Blue Book, where there is some detail provided in regard to the Better Living Model, the Conradie Game-Changer.

There it is reflected that this particular Game-Changer was started on 1 April 2014, and that it is planned to finish on 31 March 2019, and then there are notes to these particular amounts, and Note 2, which is the finish date of 31 March 2019, indicates that that is construction completion date. Actual

practical completion date.

We had both MEC Grant as well as MEC Madikizela going to the press in February 2016, and making the following commitment, and MEC Grant is quoted as saying that:

“The Provincial Government in partnership with the City of Cape Town and its private sector partners plan to break ground in April 2018.”

Now if you look at the Blue Book and you consider the allocations of equitable share finances to all of these infrastructure projects, the shocking thing is that when you look at the detail, and these amounts are all equitable share allocations, there is – and this is simply consulting services – R702 million projected consulting services for, for instance:

- The Artscape Founders Garden Precinct.
- Somerset development.
- Government garage.
- Precinct Two Rivers Urban Park.

And then in particular in regard to the Better Living Game-Changer, Conradie Model, there is an amount of R255 million which has been allocated, but then we hear that R18 million has already been spent as of 31 March 2017, and we hear from the press statement that sod turning will happen in April next year, and that the project will be completed on 31 March.

The point that we are making is that in regard to the overall priority, we heard my colleague, hon member Olivier, refer to this. The MEC for Education simply announces that there will be overcrowding next year, nothing can be done about this. Yet here we have an allocation of R702 million just for consultants, whereas we simply say to the public that if there is an increase in regard to the number of learners, we cannot allocate money from the equitable share to employ more teachers.

So this is the fundamental problem ... [Interjection.] that the Provincial Government has not assessed progress, has simply allocated over R700 million towards consultancy fees and is making announcements about dates, which clearly are not consistent with the reality on the ground.

In the press statement, and I would like MEC Grant to respond to this, that Gary Fisher at that point, and we know that we are still awaiting the Public Protector's report in regard to a conflict of interest in regard to the sale of Tafelberg ... [Interjection.] ... in time said in light of the unfortunate experiences with the site, they envisage a provisional sale of land with a land availability agreement accompanying that.

Now MEC Grant needs to tell us, is Gary Fisher still involved in the Conradie development in any capacity, either through one of the consultants that has been contracted or one of the construction companies – can you please give this House an unequivocal answer that he is not involved. We would expect that, given the fact that there is a Public Protector investigation going on



with regard to his involvement, and that clearly his involvement at the early stages of the Better Living Model should preclude him from actually being involved in someone delivering services on the site.

So we have a situation there that in regard to this adjustment we are told that – and this is a question that we asked in the Committee - R18 million has already been spent on the Conradie development.

So we would like the MEC to tell us today what was this R18 million actually spent on? How do you intend to spend the balance of the R255 million which is supposed to be spent by 31 March, and please tell this House if indeed the first sod will be turned in April next year. Because what we have here is statements of figures, money coming from our equitable share for consultants, but clearly there is no movement in regard to public commitments that are made by the MEC and his colleague in Human Settlements, MEC Madikizela.

So given the lack of detail to the questions that we have asked, both in regard to rollovers, in regard to the underspending and on compensation of employees and the detail that we had requested there in regard to the EPWP workers, and very serious concerns about the money expended on the Better Living Model and in particular the Conradie Game-Changer, for these reasons there is no way that we can support this budget, because we are sitting in a situation like this because the Provincial Government is failing to assess progress on its overall strategic priorities. Therefore the decisions that it

makes as to how to spend money in these adjustments are not consistent with their declared stated objectives.

These are the answers that the ANC needs, but we do not have much expectation that MEC Grant will actually answer these questions as usual. Thank you. [Time expired.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, your time has also expired at the same time. In the absence of the ACDP and EFF, I see Minister Grant again.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I would like to first of all thank all of those who took part in this debate, and particularly the Chair and members of the Standing Committee and the support staff for the work done during the year.

In particular, I would like to say to hon member Hinana, thank you for your contribution in your first year as Chair of this Standing Committee. I have taken notes and let me just say that the challenges we face in the taxi industry in particular are ongoing, but we had a meeting with them this morning, and hopefully we will have a peaceful festive season leading up to free and fair elections in the early part of next year.

Then I am not going to deal with all the issues raised by the hon member Dugmore, but I just want to say, Mr Deputy Speaker, that it strikes me, it is bizarre, because when the hon member Dugmore came to the Standing

Committee on 24 November, I had the distinct impression that he had not even read the issue.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Yôh.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: He had plenty of time to ask questions in that Standing Committee, and the only thing of consequence he asked me is whether we as a Provincial Government were happy with the audited financial statements of the vehicle operating company in George.

Why did he not ask all these questions at that time? [Interjections.] And as far as the lack of detail is concerned, my officials have undertaken ... [Interjection.] to respond to all the detailed questions which were asked during that Standing Committee, and we will do so. [Interjections.]

Also I want to say that as far as the Thembaletu rollout is concerned, it is dependent on a council decision and negotiation with George Link and ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: ... the Provincial Government, and ... [Interjection.] I believe we said at the Standing Committee we would give them a schedule, and we will do so.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Just tell us when is it going to [Inaudible.].

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: And then as far as the type of infrastructure listed in the planning, the budgets needed include costs for management over the delivery. The amounts are not all consultants, and I would not, and I am not basically going to get into any further detail ...

An HON MEMBER: Mmm.

Mr S G TYATYAM: You do not have answers.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: I am definitely not going to talk about Gary Fisher. He is a member of the Premier's staff. [Interjections.] If you have got any questions you want to ask related to that, you are welcome to do so to the Premier.

As far as the delivery schedule for the Better Living Model is concerned, I can tell you that there is no one who is subjected to more rigour in terms of management than we are in the stocktakes of the Better Living Model, and there are very sound reasons why the original delivery schedule for April 2018 has moved out towards the backend of August 2018, and if you want details in that regard, you must ask me and I will give you the details.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: In the Standing Committee.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: And finally then – well, not only in the Standing Committee. Hon member Dugmore has been to my office before, he knows how to get there, and he is welcome to come and do so. [Interjections.] So finally ...

An HON MEMBER: Uber.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: ... I just really want to thank the Chair and most of the Standing Committee and the support staff for the work done during the year, in their support of the Department of Transport and Public Works, and for playing their oversight role, which we respect.

I would like to especially thank my HOD and members of her staff, as well as the Ministry for the excellent work they do in the interests of the residents and citizens of the Western Cape. [Applause.]

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

[Debate concluded.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: That concludes the debate on this vote. The Secretary will read the fourth Order.

The SECRETARY: Debate on Vote 7 – Social Development – *Western Cape*

*Adjustments Appropriation Bill [B 6 – 2017].*

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see the hon Minister Fritz.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker, hon Premier and Cabinet colleagues, hon Leader of the Opposition, who is absent, always absent, the hon Leader of the Democratic Alliance in the province, hon Madikizela, hon members of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament, citizens of the Western Cape.

It is always a pleasure, Mr Deputy Speaker, to engage and to come and present this Adjustment Budget, and I want to say upfront it was so good to see hon member Makeleni supporting our budget in the Committee, and when I read the minutes afterwards, I saw that she did not vote on the thing, but – because she agreed to everything that we said [Interjections.] in the minutes, and it was very, very enlightening to see that they do not support the vote.

But we continue in a good spirit, hon member Makeleni, so we know we can continue and that it is just a show here to show to the public that you do not support it, but in the Committee you support us. [Interjections.]

Mr Deputy Speaker, as with all other departments, my Department has had to execute its mandate within an increasingly constrained economic environment and, you know, we are in a specific environment of having statutory obligations that we must execute in our space of operation.

We have gone into detail before at Committee meetings, with hon member Makeleni present there, which was a great honour for us, regarding the many other shifts made by the Department and these are now a matter of public record. That is now a matter of public record.

However, let me once again highlight the key shifts and adjustments made in this specific Adjustment Budget.

The Department has in essence received a net increase of just over R2,5 million, and I want to thank the Minister of Finance with our MTEC engagements where we try to convince you, and I think we have survived a bit, but we can get more if it is possible. This has had the effect of increasing our budget from R2,108 billion to R2,111 billion.

However, the increase is just half the story. My Department has also focussed on introducing efficiencies in how we use this budget and how this has necessitated some shifts and adjustments.

A key proposed shift has been to pre-empt the possible underspending of R7,4 million on compensation and in other areas. We have proposed to use it as follows:

- Top up our R3,9 million on outsourced secure care facilities.
- Secondly, allocate an additional R1 million to the substance abuse programme, and you know the big, big need for substance abuse

specifically additional bed space, Mr Deputy Speaker.

- Also the R1,5 million to our ECDs, that you know is again one of our priority areas.

Ms P MAKELENI: Tell us what is that for?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: One point – sorry? The what?

[Interjections.] You can ask me in your speech.

Ms P MAKELENI: Ja.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT:

- R1,1 million for disabilities, residential facilities.

No, I will respond to you.

- And an unexpected R1,1 million in drought and Avian Flu relief.

And so we also have the kind of natural disasters that - Mr Deputy Speaker, can you please protect me?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes. Hon member Makeleni ...

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Can I be protected?



The DEPUTY SPEAKER: ... you are on the speakers list, so wait your turn.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Ja, thank you. Remind her, thanks *hoor*. [Interjections.]

It is important to note that all shifts are aimed at strengthening service delivery, Mr Deputy Speaker. For example, the R1,1 million to residential facilities for disability will fund three organisations:

1. The Western Cape Forum for Intellectual Disability: To train 203 staff in first-aid and accredited home based care training, and to facilitate the acquisition of police clearance certificates.

And we have seen what happened in Gauteng. We need those police clearance certificates for people to work with our people who are most vulnerable and specifically in the disability sector.

2. The second NGO is the Carel du Toit Trust Fund: To purchase audiometric equipment for improved and quick access to an early intervention service for deaf children.
3. And the third one is the Vukani Centre for Children with Special Needs: Specifically around transportation of those children to the centre, because they need to be fetched from home to the centre.

Mr Deputy Speaker, my Department is also asking for a rollover of R240,000 for the Afterschool Game-Changer, that has been declared a massive success. We have a very unique aftercare in terms of the parcel care system, and that has been a great success.

Finally, we have re-prioritised R3 million internally for ECDs, hon member Makeleni, and this is specifically – and hear me quickly – to fund the re-registration of what we are busy with, and you know what we mean by that. [Interjections.]

As I conclude, I really want to make a final point about how the constrained budgetary environment is placing immense pressure on our service delivery ability and more importantly our ability. Mr Deputy Speaker, to create opportunity.

It is time that this DA Government calls a spade a spade and call out the National Government for its inability to handle our country's economy and revenue collection.

†Mnr D G MITCHELL: Sê vir hulle!

[Mr D G MITCHELL: Tell them!]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Even as the ANC Opposition benches howl on the other side like they normally do, they howl because they cannot do anything else. Even as they howl we are really-really, you know, in

a situation. The truth stings them very really hard, and they too must admit that the corruption, the state capture and the stealing of our state money at national level is really leading us to complete inability to deliver services.

I want to thank everyone, specifically my Chair who is going to speak now, and the Opposition. Hon member Makeleni is a very constructive member in the Committee. She is just disruptive here, and I really want to thank her for her work and cooperation with us. I thank you. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Order! Hon member Botha.

†n AGB LID: Gooi kole, gooi kole!

[An HON MEMBER: Throw coals. Throw coals!]

Ms L J BOTHA: Thank, Mr Deputy Speaker. To be a department that is responsible for the development of a society is an enormous responsibility. In some sectors this would be regarded as a challenge that cannot be addressed, but in the DA led Western Cape we see this as an opportunity to assist our residents and communities to improve their lives.

One can say this with confidence as it is clearly evident in the Western Cape Department of Social Development's aim, that they want to ensure the provision of a comprehensive network of Social Development services that enables and empowers the poor, the vulnerable and those with special needs.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the Western Cape Department of Social Development has embraced this, and I am well encouraged by it. Therefore it is welcoming to note the Department's upward budget adjustment, which has increased by R2,547 million, putting it at R2,000,110,521, and we support this vote.

This increase allows the Department, as the Minister has alluded to, to be even more effective in the implementation of its programmes. I am especially encouraged by the emphasis that is being placed on the vulnerable in our society, where the Department has set aside R1,115 million for three organisations in the disability programme. The organisations are:

- The Western Cape Forum for Intellectual Disability;
- The Carel du Toit Trust fund; and
- The Vukani Centre for Children with Special Needs.

It does however not stop there as the Department has also set aside R100,192 million for food aid for farmworkers and families who are affected by the Avian Flu.

These few examples once again confirm that with the DA you have a caring, understanding and knowledgeable government, whose priority is the people of the Western Cape.

Mr Deputy Speaker, as we enter the silly season, it is quite unfortunate, but some parents will neglect their parental responsibilities, and it will become

this Department's frontline personnel such as childcare workers, community workers and social workers who have majored in psychology, to receive children who will be in need of care. I thank them for being there to plot the healing plan to address these psychological scars as a result of the trauma that the children might be enduring due to the parents' neglect.

Mr Deputy Speaker, in conclusion, thank you to the Minister, the HOD, the Department for the unwavering commitment to improve the lives of our vulnerable groups. A special thanks to the Standing Committee, the Committee Coordinator, Ms Nomonde Jamce, the Assistant Coordinator, Mary-Anne Burgess, and the media officer, for their support during the year. Thank you.

†'n AGB LID: Mooi, mooi.

[An HON MEMBER: Good, good.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member. The hon member Makeleni, now it is your turn. [Interjections.]

Ms P MAKELENI: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Let me start by thanking the Department for the hard work and for being patient with us when we are giving them a tough time in the committees.

Minister Fritz, you are correct. We will leave no stone unturned. We are going to ask those critical questions, and we are going to make

recommendations where necessary.

Mr Deputy Speaker, in the Western Cape social ills, namely poverty, unemployment, gangsterism, teenage pregnancies, drugs and substance abuse, etcetera, are not by accident but by design. In order to fight them and overcome, we need a strong committed government. Unfortunately this is not the priority of the present DA-led Government. These Adjustment Estimates are a testimony to that.

Everyone must be worried and concerned when not even a cent is utilised optimally in this Department, in particular when it is meant to provide services to poor children and families. It is therefore not acceptable for this Department to rollover R240,000 of the equity share from the main budget.

Furthermore, R240,000 is related to training and capacity by non-profit institutions. What remedial action is taken against the NPIs? How is the Game-Change affected by the non-delivery of the required services?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: I will tell you how.

Ms P MAKELENI: This adjustment shows a combined R339,000 which become available due to the change from financial leases to operating leases. There is a combined understanding of more than R14 million due to internal promotions, resignation, retirements and delays in the recruitment process, but these are not qualified. No one can say how many employees were either

promoted, resigned or retired per sub-programme.

This does not reconcile with the fact that there has been a cry for additional staff to be employed, especially social workers and home caregivers. Then how come that many of the sub-programmes could save or underspend from this, the very same?

In contrast, the funds are shifted to fund shortfalls for:

- Computer software for the visually impaired.
- Shortfall for a donation made in lieu of hardship and social ills.
- Shortfall for audit fees.
- Provision for payment of live gratuity.
- Shortfall of post prioritisation and field.
- Registration of new and existing SED facilities.
- Consumer Price Index.
- Increases to outsourced services and security services.
- Shortfall for labour settlement.
- Shortfall NGOs [Inaudible.] engagement.
- Shortfall of capital equipment.

We wish to restate our view, that many, if not all, of these programmes should have been adequately budgeted for during the Main Budget and equity share allocation.

The Adjustment Budget should be utilised for priority programmes and unforeseen circumstances that have budgetary implications, namely floods, wildfires, catastrophic climate change, etcetera. There is a need to quantify what the R1,4 million will actually be used for in maintaining current base [Inaudible.].

The R3,9 million will be handed over to consultants and/or service providers. This is open to abuse of taxpayers and the public purse, and unfortunately we are not comfortable with this.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Nonsense.

Ms P MAKELENI: When examining the expenditure trends, we notice that expenditure was lowered in administration, social welfare services, restoration services and development of and research due to unacceptable pay progression and performance rewards.

Many NGOs and non-profit institutions operating in predominantly poor black communities are unregistered and not supported by this Department. Only those who are singing from the same hymnbook as the DA survive the day. We saw this during the havoc of fires in the Southern Cape and Imizamo Yethu, where fieldworkers from the NGOs wore DA t-shirts while they were rendering services to the victims, in the name of the NGOs. [Interjections.]

The Adjustment Appropriation does not focus on the crisis faced by foster



parents because many of them are pulling out of the system. The most vulnerable section of the community are people living with disabilities. Yet in the Annual Report of 2016 and '17, only 1,702 people are assisted with residential facilities in the province. Many people with disabilities are left destitute and vulnerable. We visited protective workshops where we saw that they are without adequate equipment and material which are necessary to render the required services. This results in the failure and has an adverse effect on the young people accessing this programme. Yet this appropriation is silent on them.

We know that there are only eight Youth Cafés in the province, situated in the City of Cape Town, Oudtshoorn and George. All other municipalities are without Youth Cafés which is inadequate and unacceptable.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Give me the budget and we will make more.

Ms P MAKELENI: Young people above 24 years old are excluded from the already limited projects and are therefore neglected. For an example, there are no focus programmes on youth development and children's nutrition beyond MOD Centres and Youth Cafés.

The Appropriation Adjustment continues to neglect women development, and does not pay appropriate attention to gender discrimination. Instead most of the monies go to the Government Garage, which is not the main service

delivery mandate of this Department.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Social workers [Inaudible.].

Ms P MAKELENI: In conclusion, we do not support this Appropriation Adjustment until it addresses the core mandate of this Department. I thank you. [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Minister Fritz, it is your turn again.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Thank you. You know, I look at this Blue Book and sometimes I really have a laugh. I genuinely have a laugh because just on the last point, the hon member, with absolute respect, and I really like the hon member's passion ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: We know that.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: I really like her passion, but how does she expect the social workers to get to their points? Must they hitchhike on the N1 on Minister Donald Grant's roads?

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: With all the tollgates? They must use gigi's, or must they get bicycles? Perhaps bicycles is a good point.

[Interjections.]

So please, man, please let us be logical when we argue these points. You know, the hon member, and I really want to now – this is a very personal point - speak through the Deputy Speaker to the hon, but the hon member knows I have a lot of respect for her.

I had this huge awards evening of youth the other night. There were almost 500, 600 people. I invited the hon member to come see, in real time, not reports of committees ... [Interjection.] to come and attend the event. I must say hon member Gopie attended it and she can attest to how successful the event was. But that is real development. Reality, not little jokes, not little nonsense that we talk in this House. [Interjections.]

I just want to also, hon member, tell you the R240,000, and I really want to say this to you, it is in lieu of our Game-Changer for our Parcel Care.

Now do you know how many children are exposed after school because their parents are working class parents? They do not have places where they can pay for them to go to after school, and you know the R240,000 goes to all of those Parcel Care Centres where children after school go into a safe environment. They can do their homework. We did an independent audit – you complain about those consultants, but we had to get independent people to do it, because Government – †jy weet mos hoe hulle lieg. [you know how they can lie.]

The one point about the independent auditors, that they found – do you know what they found? That we have some of the best performing after care centres. [Interjections.]

So our children would have been murdered, would have again been shot in Lavender Hill, they would have been raped if we did not have those Parcel Care Centres. So remember that, and these are working class people's children. I know you can afford that our children go to all these little middle class nice places. Those are working class children that are most vulnerable. [Interjection.] Please, hon member, have a heart for our working class.

Ms P MAKELENI: I stay there in Khayelitsha.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Please. The other point I just want to also make to the hon member; you know, like in any place where people work and when people have enough experience, they get promoted. They apply for this promotion. They get promoted and that leaves another vacant post somewhere.

We wish we can really appoint all our 300 unemployed social workers in this province and, you know, that I am really, really worried about our social workers. But, you see again, and I do not want to always criticize the National Department, but they start things without looking at the bigger picture and they do not look down the line. They give bursaries to everyone, so everyone gets the bursaries. Down the line there is no more posts for these

poor social workers.

We are now working on a way of getting volunteerism and a lot of social workers are actually volunteering. I know you are anti-volunteerism, but there is a nice spirit of volunteers. The ANC is against it [Interjections.] because you do not pay volunteers [Interjections.].

Ms P MAKELENI: [Inaudible.] volunteers.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Anyway, let us go on.

†n AGB LID: Hulle *cheat*.

[An HON MEMBER: They cheat.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Also, hon member, I want to make this point about “only DA”. You know, if anyone comes to me and they say to me, “I apply for funding because I am in the DA,” †dan skop ek hom uit by my deur. [then I kick him out of my door.] I kick him out of the door.

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Because no one must come with little party affiliations and think they are to get [Interjections.] some form – no, I tell you that [Interjections.], I tell you that. Ask some of the NGOs, we kick them out, I promise you that. [Interjections.]

So I will give you the undertaking that all those 2 000 NGOs that we fund are people from all spectrums, and whether they are blue, whatever colour, they are funded [Interjections.], and that is the point. Unfortunately one must comply, Madam, I know you do not believe in law and order and you do not believe in the rule of law, but unfortunately we must comply [Interjections.]. Not you, your party. [Laughter.] †Daarvoor het julle vir Zuma nog nie *ge-charge* nie. [You have not charged Zuma for that yet.] That is the reason.

Finally, Mr Deputy Speaker, I also want to say thank you to Dr McDonald for a brilliant job, with his senior staff sitting at the back. The ladies who are looking very serious, really [Laughter.]. I want to say to them thank you for doing a good, good job. You we get constant clean audits every year [Interjections.]. It is great. Continue the great work, and please say thank you to every social worker, to every administrator, to everyone for the work that they do. [Applause.]

Mr Deputy Speaker, I want to also use this opportunity to really thank my persons and my Ministerial staff and I want to perhaps use one person. They pulled off our Ministerial Youth Excellence Awards, and Lee-Anne Langeveld was the person, the project manager, with every single one of the young persons, called Lazola, Chriselda, Carl, Akeefah, Bernidine, Francis and Mawethu.

They did a great job in pulling off brilliant, brilliant Ministerial Youth Awards, where the Premier had the honosur of speaking and we say – not we

had the honour - we say the Premier had the honour [Interjections.] of speaking at our Youth Awards, because she saw youth development in practice, and I really want to say thank you also to the House, and I want to say thank you to the hon members from the Opposition and our own members, and the Chairperson – if she can pay attention – Chairperson, for your work and the way that you are managing the Committee [Interjections.] because I see the choir, the Christmas choir here at the back is distracting my member.

Thank you for the work that you are doing. We really, really appreciate it, because we must be held accountable. I want to just make that point. Thank you for holding us accountable and that we can account to the nation. Thank you very much. [Applause.]

†'n AGB LID: Hoor-hoor!

[An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!]

[Debate concluded.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: That concludes the debate on this vote. The Secretary will read the fifth Order.

The SECRETARY: Debate on Vote 6 – Health – *Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill* [B 6 – 2017].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see the Minister Mbombo.

†UMPHATHISWA WEZEMPILO: Inkulumbuso yeNtshona Koloni umama uHelen Zille, uSekelaSomlomo, namalungu abekileyo ale Ndlu, nabacholacholi zindaba, ndiyanibulisa ngale njikalanga.

*[Translation of isiXhosa paragraph follows.]*

[The MINISTER OF HEALTH: The Premier of the Western Cape, Madam Helen Zille, the Deputy Speaker, honourable members of this House and members of the media, greetings this afternoon.]

†Today I present to this House the Adjustment Budget of the Department of Health for the 2017/2018 financial year, but before I go any further; today is 1 December and it marks the commemoration of World Aids Day across the globe. In commemorating the day, I have just come now from the Delft Community Health Centre, activating the HIV programme where we are providing a range of services to the community. Our focus this year is men, where we say wise men know their health status.

So it is not only about the men in Delft or with men in the health facilities, but all men, inclusive of men who are here in the House. We are giving this message: please, take responsibility, know your status, condomise, medical circumcision. We know that it works. For those, all men and everyone else who are on treatment, take your treatment and more specifically because we have got 2 000 new HIV infections coming from young girls, especially school girls, because of the age, the generation gap. We are saying hands off



our young girls.

Now coming back to the subject at hand. The Department of Health receives the biggest slice of the budget which amounts to R21,699 billion, which is a clear demonstration of how serious this Province is about healthcare delivery to those who need it most.

Mr Deputy Speaker, despite Health having the biggest slice of the budget, we are faced with many challenges, which I am going to list. I am not going to dwell on them.

- We know of the service pressures related to waiting times.
- Staff shortages.
- Budget cuts.
- The drought and water crisis. As you know, if we reach Day Zero, the people who will be affected most are the most vulnerable, which are the patients who are in our hospitals.
- IT infrastructure backlogs and cyber security.
- Aging infrastructure.
- Staff safety.
- The growing cost of medicine.
- Unfunded mandates. We have seen the pressure related to forensic service pathology in terms of the increase in homicide related gunshot wounds, the comorbidities of disease where people now present with more than one disease.

So we are in a fragile position faced with a growing population standing at 6,5 million, with 75% of that number dependent on the public health system with many people presenting with a complexity of disease.

We have prioritised staff safety where, for example, we have got to revise our plan where we have identified working with the City of Cape Town. We launched this plan to focus on everyone else using the City's Transport Management Centre. The details will be provided later in our Budget Speech of 2018, but now I want to table the Department of Health's budget for the 2017/18.

There has been a reduction of R12,7 million from the Main Appropriation, and this includes the rollovers of:

- R26,840 million, which is in respect of the Global Fund due to the late signing of the new grant, which was about R14,6 million.
- The R10,3 million in respect of the bursaries due to the Fees Must Fall campaign, where the students now ended up not being able to submit the necessary documentation for registration.
- The R1,8 million related to the EPWP transfers, related to the procurement process for a training provider.
- Other adjustments include the R39,6 million which is divided into:

- Shifting to Vote 1, related to the Department of the Premier to fund the ICT requirements of the Department of Health Infrastructure projects.
- Also the R515,000 shifted to Vote 10: Department of Transport and Public Works to extend the lease of tuition facilities at Boland. Further Education and Training.

So in closing, I just want to thank the Department of Health. Specifically the HOD and the top management, and also all others, not only in the Metro but in all of my five rural districts.

I also want to thank the patients themselves, especially for some of them who are together with us, supporting and even joining the protests or the walks, raising awareness around staff safety; the Ministry Department for working 24 hours as they already know that there is more than 24 hours in day; our health professionals. I have got more than 10 categories of health professionals, from nurses, doctors, and all of those. I just want to thank them. I know that it is tough, but for the mere fact is that they put more than their 150% into what they do.

The Standing Committee Chair, my MPs from the colleagues on both sides, I just want to thank them. I am looking forward to a vigorous debate again next year. I hereby table the Budget. Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you Minister Mbombo. The hon member Lorraine Botha.

Ms L J BOTHA: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Today we observe World Aids Day, and thank this Department for the initiatives by them.

Mr Deputy Speaker, as much as the Department of Health has a decrease of R12,7 million in its budget, I am convinced that the DA led Western Cape will continue to deliver its person-centred quality care across all our facilities in the province, and I therefore support this Vote.

This is so because the Western Cape Department of Health has consistently shown that it is delivering quality health care to all those that use its services in the province.

Mr Deputy Speaker, given our water crisis and the understanding that health is a critical service, I am pleased with Minister Nomafrench Mbombo and her Department for reprioritising R33 million to deal with the impact of this drought.

I am also looking forward to other projects such as the Catch and Match and eVision that the Department has introduced to further improve the delivery of health services during the 2017/18 financial year.

Mr Deputy Speaker, as we draw nearer to the festive season, I want to

acknowledge our doctors, nurses and especially our EMS personnel, who will be on the frontline to assist with the traumas as after effects of the silly season in our communities and accidents on our roads. I thank them for the hard yards that they will cover, and to the SAPS as well, who will in some instances render the safety support to the EMS personnel. I once again appeal to communities to support our EMS personnel in order for them to render the services so much needed at the time in our communities.

To the Minister, the HOD, all frontline staff members, to the Committee, the Committee Coordinator and the media office. I would also like to express my sincere gratitude for all the support rendered during this year. I thank you.

†Mnr L H MAX: Mooi. [Tussenwerpsels.]

[Mr L H MAX: Good. [Interjections.]]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. The hon member Gopie.

Ms D GOPIE: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. From my side, we honour all those who work to treat and reduce HIV and Aids. We also salute those millions living positively, knowing their status and taking their medication.

On this World Aids Day, the theme is ‘Right to Health’ and the slogan is ‘Everybody Counts’. Let us all work to make this real in our lives, break the silence, take those suffering from back rooms and bring them into the open to break the stigma. Let us all help to care. It is their right and everybody’s

duty.

Let me get my teeth into the Budget Adjustment. Why is almost R13 million taken away from this key budget? And why is almost R27 million rolled over for the delays in filling of posts, for bursaries and training?

Mr M G E WILEY: You asked these questions in Committee I suppose?

Ms D GOPIE: Mr Deputy Speaker, as the MEC has already alluded to, Health takes the biggest slice of the money from the Western Cape budget cake. It serves the most vulnerable and poor, yet this Government takes millions away from the Health budget in a time when more people are in need of treatment for serious wounds as a result of the wild drug and gang wars.

There are many serious problems in this budget. One such problem is spending too much money on Metro District Health Services. This means only one thing: There was not enough money in the Main Budget. This is bad budget management.

There is also an almost R12 million run-up because a delay of transfer from the Western Cape College of Nursing to CPUT. This process takes too long now. R11 million goes to non-profit institutions for male circumcision.

Big amounts of money are shifted to stationery, advertising and promotional items. Why was it not done in the Main Budget? Some staff posts will now

also be funded, like a medical manager at Vredendal Hospital and a secretary for Mitchells Plain District Hospital. These could have been in the Main Budget.

There will also be R5 million for the shortage in home-based community care workers. This is good, but shows too little was provided in the first place.

The R5 million for higher education institutions to fund the Groote Schuur neuro-science project to repair and sustain the heritage value is another project that could have been done in the Main Budget.

Something that is not addressed anywhere properly is the mysterious and secret complaints mechanism that is put in place to protect the MEC from criticism.

Every day we read in newspapers about the most horrible lived experiences of people who received bad treatment and services. We never see the outcome of any investigation or the result of the complaints mechanism's work. It only reports to the MEC and never to this Legislature in order to give us a fair view of what is going on when things go wrong. I thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member. The hon Minister to respond.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Thank you, hon Chairperson, for your words and also for supporting the Budget and also I want to thank hon member Gopie for supporting the budget because she has just alluded to that. [Interjection.] Yes, thank you very much.

Because it is the end of the sitting, I do not want to waste much time because, for example, on the complaints mechanism. The Standing Committee did ask for it and then we presented ... [Interjections.] and we presented to the Standing Committee in terms of the complaints. And also the issue of the Metro district, I thought it is obvious that as 75% of the population of the Western Cape are in the Metro, therefore it makes sense to spend much on the Metro.

But lastly, in conclusion, I have already thanked people but I just want to caution creating awareness because all the social ills end up being absorbed by Health. Road safety – for people travelling, please travel safely. Do not abuse alcohol because it will end up that I have to despatch the EMS or forensic pathology if there is a need for such. Please take care of that.

With homicide deaths due to mostly gunshots, please take care. We encourage you to be the eyes and ears so that we can reduce such deaths because it becomes a pile-up in our mortuaries.

Also to support specifically the medical interns who are still waiting to be placed for next year. As you know, it is a national competency, they are



using their own systems in terms of placing them. I just hope that they will make it a point that they resolve the problem because there are still people who have not been placed; the Province has absorbed more and also they take even more than they are supposed to take.

And also, again, we are still in the 16 Days of Activism. We know no-one is left behind, please take care, do not be silent. I just want to echo your words, that I must not be silent. We need to report all of those.

Also we are approaching the International Day of Persons with Disabilities. It is necessary to note that they are people too, we need to consider such.

And lastly, use the Hotline that we have where you can just use a Please Call without necessarily having airtime, encourage in sharing that information, or use the 086 number because there will be a lot of emergencies around our emergency care. So in case people are on the street and all of those that have accidents, use that number.

Happy holidays, see you next year. Thank you. [Applause.]

[Debate concluded.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: That concludes the debate on this Vote. The Secretary will read the sixth Order.

The SECRETARY: Debate on Vote 8 – Human Settlements – *Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill* [B 6 – 2017].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see the hon Minister of Human Settlements.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Thank you very much, Mr Deputy Speaker, Madam Premier, Cabinet colleagues, hon members of the House, ladies and gentlemen.

Let me first also say to all seven million people in South Africa who are living with HIV and AIDS that indeed it is not a death sentence. If you live healthily and responsibly you can certainly live a very long life.

Let me also take this opportunity and congratulate the Department of Human Settlements for being awarded as the best department in the country at the Govan Mbeki Awards that were held last month and also for winning the award for the best social housing.

I want to perhaps pause here and thank the team under the leadership of HOD Mguli and all the Human Settlements family for the sterling work that they are doing under a lot of pressure.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the Adjustments Budget for 2017 for Human Settlements is an increase from R2,543 billion to R2,593 billion, which is an increase of just under R50 million. This amount will be divided as follows:

It will be given to a number of municipalities that are struggling because they are not getting enough MIG funding, but I do want to also say that part of this budget will also deal with the drought challenges that we are facing. Because drought is not unique to Western Cape or Cape Town; we do know that about 130 mega cities globally were affected by it in the last seven years due to climate change and my Department will spend R6,5 million this year for water saving measures on projects, including rain water harvesting, boreholes/well points and consumer education. And a further R100 million will be rolled out over the MTEF period because we understand the importance of planning now for this particular challenge.

Mr Deputy Speaker, many municipalities are faced with a challenge of bulk infrastructure, as I said, because the Municipal Infrastructure Grant, or MIG, is not enough. We will also be assisting elderly people in a number of areas like Beaufort West, Mossel Bay and Gugulethu to construct toilets because many of these people are very old and they live in houses where toilets were built very far from their houses. So what we will be doing, we have put R4 million aside to construct these toilets inside their houses.

We will also be funding electrification in some of our projects like Forest Village, Breede Valley, Belhar and Cederberg due to funding shortfalls by the Department of Energy. R43,231 million of own revenue from 2016/17 was put aside to assist for the following areas and municipalities. It is going to be George, it is going to be Cederberg, Mossel Bay, Beaufort West. As I said, we will be assisting them there with bulk and outside toilets; it is going to be

Witzenberg, Drakenstein, Breede Valley, Overstrand, Swellendam, Matzikama, Langeberg and Gugulethu, as I said.

This Adjustments Budget also corrects an allocation of R22,302 million to the Housing Development Agency, appropriated as transfer payment to goods and services.

Minor shifts have been done amongst programmes to ensure that staff are paid under the correct programmes, Mr Deputy Speaker.

An additional R12 million was allocated towards municipal services or rates as part of a project in conjunction with Provincial Treasury, National Treasury and municipalities to pay all outstanding Government debt. As we have heard, many municipalities are owed billions by a number of Government departments and I think we are playing our part in making sure that we pay our debt as this Department.

R9,653 million was allocated to write off the irrecoverable debt of Ibuyile that was overpaid by Thubelisha Homes, who are now in liquidation. This was recommended by the State Attorney as the company was also liquidated four years ago.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I would like to table the Human Settlements Budget for 2017. I thank you. [Applause.]

†Die PREMIER: Mooi.

[The PREMIER: Well done.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister. Hon member Maseko?

Ms L M MASEKO: Thank you very much, Mr Deputy Speaker. As a responsible DA-led Western Cape Government, we are fully aware of our responsibility to fulfil our constitutional housing mandate in this province. This is one of the reasons why the Western Cape Department of Human Settlements is aiming to provide settlements that offer good basic and socio-economic services, that offer a range of rental and ownership options that respond to the variant needs and incomes of households, while also consistently improving settlements through joint citizen and Government efforts, which are supported by private sector contributions.

To achieve this might seem daunting, but it is not impossible. I say not impossible with the greatest pride as the Western Cape Department of Human Settlements have, over the last three years, exceeded their housing delivery targets. As a reminder to this House, these are the facts.

During the 2014/15 financial year our aim was to deliver 10 357 houses; we delivered 10 746.

During the 2015/16 financial year our aim was to deliver 10 840 houses; we delivered 11 640.

The 2016/17 financial year, our aim was to deliver 11 134; we delivered 11 283.

Let me therefore welcome the adjustment made to the Department's 2017/18 budget, which has increased from R2 543 587 billion to R2 593 318 billion. This amounts to an adjustment of R49 731 million. This equates to 18 000 housing opportunities during the current financial year.

Mr Deputy Speaker, we have been consistent in giving deserving and qualifying residents an opportunity to improve their lives. I must, however, say that it is a pity that the budget in the Western Cape is so limited, as I believe that we would be able to achieve a lot more. Unfortunately this is something that is not in our control. We will, however, not cease in ensuring that residents have access to liveable, accessible, safe, resilient and multi-opportunity settlements.

Just to give the House a few examples of what we mean, we have the Govan Mbeki award winning Belhar Social Housing Project, we have the impeccable Bellview and the [Inaudible.] projects in Eerste River and not to forget that we were the first province, which of course is DA-led, to provide houses to military veterans.

As the Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Human Settlements, my Committee and I have to ensure that the Department under Minister Bonginkosi Madikizela is fulfilling their constitutional mandate. We have to

ensure that as the Department sets their targets, they are achieved. We have to ensure that the Department functions and operates within the fiscal framework and, among others, that there is no wasteful expenditure.

Given our current drought, we have to ensure that the Department is also contributing to water-saving efforts, especially where construction is underway. It does, therefore, please me to note that all projects under the Department are using grey water for building.

Beyond this, I have to commend Minister Madikizela as his Department are allocated 6 500 000 for additional water-saving measures, which is largely related to rainwater tanks, gutters and downpipes as part of housing projects.

Mr Deputy Speaker, it is a known fact that the DA-led Western Cape Government is financially sound.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Hear-hear!

Ms L M MASEKO: That means it manages money well. [Interjection.] In addition to this, we are fully aware that the Department of Human Settlements is exceeding its targets ... [Interjections.] and they have constantly done so over the last three years. In fact, at the recently held national Govan Mbeki Awards, the Western Cape Department under Minister Madikizela received the award as the best performing department. [Interjections.] Let me repeat that. The Western Cape Department of Human

Settlements is the best in this country. [Interjections.] The reality is ... [Interjections.] oh, I will repeat again: the Western Cape Department of Human Settlements is the best in this country. [Interjections.]

The reality is that our world is changing. There are huge uncertainties with climate change, resulting in high temperatures and reduced rainfall, along with fiscal constraints and social inequalities. [Interjection.] This is why we need to adopt innovative strategies to address these issues in our service delivery. I am, therefore, especially pleased to note that the Department is currently actively working on making better choices through what is termed green procurement, a procurement process that, in its entirety, takes the environment, its impact on the construction sector and the sectors' impact on the environment into account to ensure that neither has a negative effect on the other. [Interjection.]

Among the many principles are: reducing water and energy consumption, minimising waste generation and providing high quality living environments, services and houses.

Mr Deputy Speaker, it is going to take a collective effort to combat our current water crisis and the fact that the Department is already contributing to water-saving initiatives and seeking to improve in this space, tells us that the DA-led Government is not idling in this matter but is being proactive in addressing this issue. [Interjection.]



Allow me to thank the Standing Committee for being committed and fulfilling their oversight role. One thing that I have learnt in this portfolio is that we are a family and I would like to once again express my sincere condolences to the Department for their loss in 2015 of Kelly Theunis and also earlier this year the loss of Thuli Matthee. May their souls rest in peace. I want to say to them that we will ensure that the Department carries on where they left off.

As a committee we appreciate the robust engagement with the Department as well as their transparency. I would like to therefore express my sincere gratitude to Minister Madikizela, the HOD Mr Mguli and the entire Department for their unwavering commitment to the communities of the province.

I wish the entire Department and the Committee a blessed, joyous festive season and a prosperous year.

In conclusion, the DA in the Western Cape will continue to forge ahead and is committed to fulfilling its mission of creating integrated, sustainable communities which every single resident can be proud of and enjoy. Once again, as the DA we support the Western Cape Adjustment Appropriation Bill, Vote 8, of Human Settlements. I thank you. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member. The hon Davids.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I was in the Standing

Committee meeting, I did ask questions and did not get the right answers, so I am here today. [Interjections.] Yes. Mr Deputy Speaker, hon members of this House, hon Premier, I think this is our last day for the year so I can take a grandstand. I am not going to be nice; I want to start off with hon member Maseko. You know we went to Wits, we went to Rwanda, hon member Maseko. We got a lot of information how to do oversight but I do not think one of the Standing Committee Chairs of the DA did oversight over those two days. [Interjection.] Not one of you, because oversight is to be critical but also to say when there is good. All of you have only focused on what is good, you did not have any criticism and if you have criticisms, the MECs will then know ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Ms S W DAVIDS: ... how to do ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Hon member, just one second. Hon Chief Whip?

Mr M G E WILEY: I am not sure that this has got anything to with Human Settlements... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order! [Interjections.] I am listening carefully, I am not sure what she is referring to but if it [Interjections.] Order! If it relates to the vote in the Blue Book it is fine, I will listen

carefully, the hon member may continue. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Because, Mr Deputy Speaker for me it is about whether the Department did good or whether the Department did wrong, because my critique must then help them to do right.

The Adjustments Appropriation does not speak to the shortage of housing in the province. We know, hon MEC, that houses were built up. During 1970 and 1990 there were no houses built in South Africa, we know that. So that alone gives you a big shortage, but many communities such as Imawethu, Thembaletu, Khayelitsha, Blikkiesdorp and elsewhere are becoming permanent residents there.

Informal settlements like Kanana, Barcelona, Europa, Marikana near Philippi and many others in the rural areas, like Witzenberg, Drakenstein, Langeberg and all of them that are already 30 years, like the Chester Williams Camp in Drakenstein is 30 years old.

An HON MEMBER: It cannot be 30 ...

Ms S W DAVIDS: Chester Williams is 30 years old, the camp, and many – we did not know Chester Williams when he became popular, we knew him when he was a rugby player in primary school already.

An HON MEMBER: Oh.

Ms S W DAVIDS: So just keep quiet there. [Interjections.] And population communities with no proper road infrastructure, poor street lighting and sub-standard sanitation and no toilet services. You get into an informal settlement, hon member, you will get people that use the toilet outside because there are no toilets; you will get people that drink dirty water because there is no water.

So if we are speaking about those communities we must be clear; if we say in our Human Settlements Department we have a budget to upgrade informal settlements, how long are those people going to wait for the upgrading? [Interjection.]

The mere R6,5 million allocation towards housing development is ring-fencing for additional water-saving measures, not additional houses, as the overwhelming needs require because if you do your IDP you get the need, you budget according to your need. The need out there is not water now, the need out there is housing, because if you go into the ... [Interjections.] Yes, yes! Go to the rural areas, you will see the people in the informal settlements and in houses are messing their water. Go and do what you must do, go and do education ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Ms S W DAVIDS: ... over water, go and do education over water, go and look for your leaks because there are a lot of leaks. Go to the municipalities; you

will hear what the measurement of their water leaks is in the municipality.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: The people with houses ... [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Meanwhile there is an expenditure decrease of R132 million or 14,8% due to certain social institutional projects not implemented. Even transfers and [Inaudible.] are funded by Human Settlements, development grants recorded under expenditure of R153 million for similar excuses.

We were not surprised to learn that the hon Premier Helen Zille blames the poor for the housing crisis. However, we are relieved by an article from *Daily Maverick* on the 10<sup>th</sup> March 2017 which places her in her place. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Hon member, just one second. [Interjections.] Hon Minister?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Is the hon member prepared to take a question? [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Davids, are you prepared to take a question?

Ms S W DAVIDS: No ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Davids, can I just say from the Chair's side, it is difficult for the Chair to at all times know whether you are in fact referring to figures in the Adjustments Estimate. So if I stop you then I want clarity on which specific vote or environment you are referring to, because it appears to me that you are making a general speech now on housing. [Interjection.] But if you can relate it to the Blue Book then it is fine. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: The first ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Because that is what I could follow, I could follow that clearly but the rest is more difficult. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: I will give the pages.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Okay, we were not surprised to learn that the hon Premier Helen Zille blames the poor for the housing crisis.

The PREMIER: That is a fabrication.

Ms S W DAVIDS: However, we are relieved by an article from *Daily Maverick* on 10 March 2017 which places her in her place. [Interjections.] She was educated and asked to desist from referring to landless people

occupying vacant land as invaders. This goes to the heart of the DA administration and its failure to proactively address the shortage of housing in the province.

Residents who have been staying in suburbs like Woodstock, Salt River, Bo-Kaap and others for many decades are facing evictions daily and this Government is unable to protect them from the private developers and their associates. This led to the formations, like Reclaim the City, to spearhead a major campaign focused on use and disposal of prime public land in and around the inner city, for affordable housing including social housing.

The rural farm dwellers are not spared from these abject living conditions and are often evicted by farm owners and thrown along the road. It happened yesterday again.

Municipalities and Provincial Government ignore their plight in the many instances that were raised throughout the year in this Chamber but when the opportunity arose, this Department elected to bypass them. Grown-up [Inaudible.] from a farm worker. The 1997 Extension of Security of Tenure Act, ESTA, has not secured them total rights as they are the owner of the property and still at the mercy of the farmer. The quality of housing is not determined by them and this feeds into the patriarchal systems on farms. Their adult children have to obtain, to leave home as there are no alternatives and that is happening, hon Premier, daily in the rural areas.

There are a lot of unfinished housing projects throughout the province. This Department is always found wanting, with no tangible response when confronted with this unfortunate housing crisis in the different municipalities.

I just want to say thank you to the Department for the money that they are going to give to the municipalities to extend their MIG funding for the bulk services. I thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Davids. [Applause.] The hon Minister to respond.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Thank you very much, Mr Deputy Speaker, Chairperson and the whole Standing Committee. I also want to take this opportunity to thank you for keeping us on our toes as the Department of Human Settlements and for always asking the right questions.

And also I want to thank you, hon Chairperson, for your guidance and direction of the Human Settlements. I must say that you are one of the few people who understand the complexities of this Department. [Interjections.]

I am not going to waste a lot of time, Mr Deputy Speaker, responding to each and every issue but I do want to say to hon member Davids ... [Interjection.] that all the areas that you are talking about, your Barcelona, your Dladla, I am sure you are aware – if you are not aware then I would be very surprised –



those areas are part of our catalytic projects now. The Airport precinct covers all those areas, so we are busy there.

And also if you look at the Upgrading of Informal Settlements Programme again that you mentioned, I am sure you are also aware that all the provinces are expected to report on that particular indicator to the Presidency. If you look at that report, the only department that is green is this one. All other departments in other provinces are either amber or red ... [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: My oversight [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: ... which is a clear indication that we are doing very well in terms of that particular target. I was dumbfounded, I must say, when you were saying that in the middle of the crisis that we are facing in this province, that prioritising water should not be something that we do. In fact, it is something that we should be doing, all of us as departments. Really I am not sure whether you heard yourself when you said that.

Now the invasion; again I am very surprised that you want to condone land invasion. We are living in a constitutional democracy, ma'am, with laws. No-one is allowed to just occupy land without following due processes. Now, if that is the ANC position now, you must tell us ... [Interjections.] that you are condoning lawlessness now in this country, people must just invade land. [Interjections.]

Again on social housing, we are doing better. We won the award, as I said, we won the award as the best department in the country on social housing.

So the last thing that I want to say is that ... [Interjections.] the last thing I want to say, if you talk about incomplete houses, I mean I have been saying this on a number of occasions in this House, that I inherited this mess from your administration, by the way. When I took over this Department there were 42 incomplete projects – not houses, projects. We then classified those projects as blocked projects. We unblocked them. They affected more than 200 families. We spent more than R200 million unblocking those projects and we are still dealing with that mess. So what we are dealing with is the mess that your administration left us with. There hasn't been any blocked project under this administration.

So under the current concerns, Mr Deputy Speaker, I can safely say that this Department, and the indication is there for everyone to see, we have done very, very well. But of course the demand far outweighs the supply because of the fiscal challenges that we are facing. Thank you very much.

I do want to take this opportunity once again and wish everyone a very good festive season. It has been a very long year and a very challenging year. To all the colleagues, our Opposition colleagues, my colleagues on this side, I wish you a safe journey and please come back in one piece because South Africa and the Western Cape still need us.

Mr C M DUGMORE: You still .. [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Thank you, yes. Yes, I will be. Thank you very much. [Interjections.]

[Debate concluded.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister. Order. [Interjections.] Can I just remind hon members, before we suspend for business, that – order – that the Speaker’s luncheon hosted by the Speaker will start in the dining room at 12:30. We now suspend business and resume at two o'clock. Business is suspended.

[Business of the House was suspended at 12:28 and resumed at 13:30]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Secretary will read the next Order, the seventh Order.

The SECRETARY: Debate on Vote 2 – Provincial Parliament – *Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill* [B 6 – 2017].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see the hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Hon Deputy Chair, hon Premier, Cabinet Ministers, hon members, guests, thank you for the opportunity to present the Western Cape

Provincial Parliament Adjustments Estimate for 2017/2018.

The Western Cape Provincial Parliament Adjustments Budget remains the same as the main appropriation of R178 828 000, which includes the direct charge. No additional funding has been requested by WCPP. However, there are shifts between programmes and within programmes.

Chairperson, members are aware that a cap has been placed on staff funding through the entire public sector to ensure that WCPP is supported by an optimal organisational structure to support the service it renders. We have embarked on a functional enhancement process which will conclude in March 2018. The main aim of the exercise is to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of processes and procedures across all functional areas of the entire operation.

As a result of the above, fully funded vacancies have not been filled, or have been filled later than expected, resulting in an under-spending of R6,759 million. An amount of R640 000 has been shifted from Compensation of Employees in Programme 1 to Secretarial and Constituency Allowances in Programme 2. This additional funding is to cover for the higher than anticipated increase of members' constituency allowances payable to political parties.

Besides shifting the R640 000 to Programme 2, an amount of R4 million is shifted to Goods and Services to cover costs in respect of Microsoft licences

and the implementation of the ERP system, which amounts to R2 348 000.

Mr Deputy Speaker, allow me to give an update to the members on the ERP. Members of the Parliamentary Oversight Committee have been informed about the contractual challenges that we have been experiencing with the service provider implementing the ERP system. These challenges, unfortunately, caused a delay in the Go-Live date for the ERP which was scheduled for 1 October 2017.

I am happy to report that these challenges have been successfully resolved and the ERP will continue to be implemented with a revised Go-Live date of 1 March 2018.

The next biggest shift amounts to R1 128 000 to make provision for network hardware as well as audiovisual equipment. An amount of R757 000 has been shifted to provide for the acquisition of closed circuit television camera equipment as per the SAPS Security Appreciation Report, as well as the refurbishment of the members' lounge.

In the legislative sector under the auspices of the Speaker's Forum and the Secretaries Association of the Legislature of South Africa, otherwise known as SALSA, the previous forums have been replaced with four clusters with sub-components. As a result of this and the proposed introduction of the new Legislative Sector Bill and the roll-out of FAMPLA, amongst others, there has been an unforeseen increase in the number of meetings which staff are

required to attend. As it is important for WCPP to be represented in these forums, an amount of R419 000 has been provided for to supplement the travel budget.

An amount of R162 000 is included in the Adjustments Estimate to provide for the Women's Dialogue convened under the auspices of the branch of the Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians.

In an effort to develop and grow the depth of procedural knowledge and expertise amongst the procedural support staff and to ensure processes of continuous improvement in the provision of support to committees and the House, an amount of R130 000 was provided for three staff members in the Committee Section to attend a course at the International Centre for Parliamentary Studies in London. Amongst others, the staff were exposed to best practices on the following: servicing committees effectively; how to set up and conduct a parliamentary inquiry, including the treatment of evidence and reporting on outcomes; working with the media, measuring the impact of parliamentary committees and relating and interfacing with departments effectively.

Upon return, these staff members have provided feedback sessions to their colleagues within their division and more internal workshops will be rolled out as part of internal training and process improvements.

I wish to point out the following of some of the areas within our core

business where we are steadily progressing in implementing our plans for the period 2017/2018.

Firstly, the Rules Review Sub-Committee has advanced in their task of interrogating and improving the structure and content of our Rules. It is hoped that this task will be finalised at the beginning of the new year and that we should be able to approve the revised Rules by the end of the financial year.

The quality of administrative and procedural support for the business of the House and committees has remained of a high standard, ensuring that meetings and related oversight activities are effectively planned, organised and executed with very little, if any, disruption in the service.

Thirdly, in advancing our public participation mandate and in line with our strategy, we continue to participate in legislative sector activities, including the 20 years celebration of the Constitution Project. To this end, we have hosted a very successful Youth Parliament and a Women's Dialogue, we have supported committee outreach initiatives to involve the public in the legislative process, to name but a few examples of support provided for.

We had hearings on the attacks on EMS personnel, hearings on the Western Cape Housing Amendment Bill and hearings on the Western Cape Road Traffic Administration Amendment Bill.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to talk about the water crisis, which may have an impact on the business of Parliament. Hon members are aware of the current status of the water situation within the province, it has been dealt with extensively the last two days, and we take cognisance and appreciation of the planning efforts by the province to ensure business continuity.

From Western Cape Provincial Parliament's perspective we have already commenced on an awareness campaign regarding the saving of water. The Secretary and his team are currently developing our own business continuity water scarcity plan. The programming authority is also looking at parliamentary business plans in this regard.

In conclusion, Mr Deputy Speaker, I wish to thank the Parliamentary Oversight Committee, under the chairmanship of the hon member Wiley, for robust oversight and interrogation. I also wish to thank the Secretary, Dr Lawrence, and the entire team of staff at WCPP for their commitment, their loyalty to the institution and they work and they deliver. They are a lean, mean machine but they make this institution proud.

And then lastly, but not least, Mr Deputy Speaker, I wish to thank you for the guidance afforded me and the support that you have given me over the last reporting period. I thank you. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Madam Speaker. The hon member Uys.



Mr P UYS: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Mr Deputy Speaker, I must really thank you for being here ... [Interjections.] because the only reason I believe you are here today is because of this specific vote; you were in bed, you were very ill so it must be some emergency for some people to have you here today.

First of all, I would like to say if we look at the speaker's list here, it is not as the normal speaker's list that we have seen with the other 13 Votes and there is also a specific reason for that, I believe, Mr Deputy Speaker. We normally see the Executive Authority, then the Chairperson of the specific Standing Committee, in this case the POC, and then of course the ANC. But today you will see, if you look at the order, the DA is right at the bottom. There is a specific reason for that. Hon member Wiley is not addressing the budget itself, he really wants to address what I am going to say. [Interjections.] So there are two of them and let us give them an opportunity to do that. They are very scared, very scared. One, two, three. [Interjections.]

Mr Deputy Speaker, let me continue, let me continue.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr P UYS: Mr Deputy Speaker, the total amount that we appropriated was R137,7 million, as the Speaker indicated. That was in the Main Budget. If we look at the Adjusted Budget it is exactly the same amount.

Today I would like to refer to the poor planning of the budget and highlight some of the substantial under-spending within certain areas and the non-allocation or under-budgeting in certain areas.

R7,4 million was under-spent in the filling of vacant positions, with the resulting impact on delivery in the institution and more pressure on the existing staff. And I would like to get back to the issue around vacant positions, specifically vacant positions in the office of the Speaker.

More additional funds, of R2,34 million were shifted to the implementation of the ERP system. This Enterprise Resource Planning System, with a price tag of over R16 million and that is ever-increasing, was set by yourselves, hon Speaker, to go-live, not as you said here, go-live on 1 April 2017. But of course you missed that date and then the new go-live date was set for 1 October 2017. Now we know what happened on 1 October as well, you missed that deadline as well. And then of course a new deadline was set for 1 January 2018.

Today, for the first time, we heard – and we did ask you that question in the Parliamentary Oversight Committee but you did not commit to any date or timeline – now today we hear the new one, one year later, it is 1 March 2018. I am very concerned about that and the delay of one year in terms of the implementation of the ERP.

Madam Speaker, I think you owe this House an explanation, not the one that

you tried to give here this afternoon but really reflect on the timelines, further cost that has not been budgeted for because we see in every single budget there is a growing amount there and specifically in terms of the contractual risks. What was the problem? Was the contract not watertight? Did you really not negotiate this well with the service provider or was it really the service provider that was at fault here? And if that was the case, what were the penalties introduced in terms of that? So is the service provider actually being penalised on maybe a quarterly or monthly or a daily basis for non-implementation? If not, the blame is fully in your hands, of course, and I think that is exactly the case.

Mr Deputy Speaker, R1,88 million is now shifted to the acquisition of network switch modules, audiovisual equipment, funding for CCTV cameras and upgrade of the lounge. And the question is, and we see none of those issues in the Main Budget: why was it not budgeted for and why was it not budgeted properly and why was it not planned well?

So all of the shifts that we see are shifting to something that was not previously budgeted for and I think that is a wrong approach in terms of the budget.

Madam Speaker, why did you not properly budget for the Functional Enhancement Programme? And you refer here to the Functional Enhancement Programme that will kick in, in March next year, also a very long delay. Another word for the Functional Enhancement Programme is your

organisational restructuring. There was already a budget of R700 000 given to an organisational restructuring process. There is an additional amount of R308 000 that has now been added.

Maybe you must also tell us who the consultants are that are doing the work. It seems like it is very high, even if you used the Department of the Premier, with some expertise there, and if they helped you in your organisational restructuring, even referring to Parliament and other legislatures in that regard.

Mr Deputy Speaker, there was also reference by the hon Speaker to the Women's Dialogue. The Women's Dialogue was a one day dialogue here at the Legislature, it was on a Saturday. And the question would be, and there is reference to an additional R162 000 for that - and really I think that is well and way over the top - and we will need to get some explanations that we did not get in our Parliament Oversight Committee.

Madam Speaker, earlier this year you said you have a draft agreement between yourself and Provincial Treasury and I think it is very important that you reflect on that because you said that is going to reflect and relate to the budgetary process, really trying to distinguish between the legislative side and, of course, the executive side. And the question to you at this stage would be then: was the draft finalised between yourself and the hon MEC of Finance and what does this entail, and was the agreement taken into consideration? And I think that is very important before presenting this

adjustment to the House here today.

I do not see in this Adjustments Budget, although the hon Speaker just reflected on it now, that you identified any key risks, for example the water crisis. And I am referring to the Adjustments Budget that we are busy with now. I have seen it in all the other departments, or most of the other departments, we have seen it in the budget speech of the hon MEC and we even saw this in the reallocation of money of all budgets to top-slice money, but I do not see this happening in Vote 2.

This adjusted budget does not allow for any immediate or any short-term interventions in the planning as a response to the water crisis. And maybe you must also just enlighten us around that, what you are doing around that in terms of the water crisis, as you correctly referred to as well.

On 15 October 2017 there was a report in the *Sunday Times*, and this is in this financial year, reported on and quoted from the Auditor-General of South Africa's management report and management responses thereto for the Vote: Provincial Parliament. This referred to irregular expenditure in the office of the Speaker, the so-called polony gatsby stuff, as you know. [Interjection.]

But that is one issue. I want to really get to the Department and the transparency and the guidelines that are in place here and that is important to reflect on, Mr Deputy Speaker.

I then wrote to the Secretary of Provincial Parliament, Dr Lawrence, regarding a copy of the management report and I think that is just the right procedure. After discussing this with the Auditor-General, the Auditor-General said no problem, ask the Department, ask the Secretary for Parliament for that.

Mr M G E WILEY: How much money [Inaudible.]

Mr P UYS: On 22 October, Mr Deputy Speaker, this Secretary informed me ... [Interjections.] I am getting to that.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr P UYS: On 22 October ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. You may continue.

Mr P UYS: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. On 22 October, the Secretary informed me that he is not going to make the report available to me. No transparency, no openness and again the closing down of accountability.

I then, on 31 October and that is the next step – and you also believe in the rule of law – had no other choice but to request it in terms of the Promotion of Access to Information Act. To date, Mr Deputy Speaker, no information received. Again, where is the openness, where is the transparency and where

is the accountability?

And the question now is very important; thus arises the question: what is hidden, Madam Speaker? It is not only the polony gatsby that we referred to, that was just part of the sensation in the newspaper. [Interjections.] What I am asking: what is in the report and why do you not want to make that report that is not a confidential report, that is not a secret report, available? And I believe it is quite a substantial report as well. [Interjections.]

I continue to say that, Madam Speaker – and I want to specifically get to the vacant position in the office of the Speaker. Mr Deputy Speaker, on 27 October 2017 in the Parliamentary Oversight Committee I asked you to explain whether a person ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr P UYS: ... whether a person whose name I gave to you was appointed and consequently fired or left very quickly as receptionist and registry clerk in your office, Madam Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Hon member, your time has expired. Just finish the last sentence. [Interjections.] Your time has expired already but I will give you the opportunity ...

Mr P UYS: Last sentence. I will get another opportunity. I want to thank the

staff for their commitment and the role that they play. Thank you.  
[Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Uys. [Interjections.]  
Order. In the absence of – order, order! In the absence of hon member  
Joseph and hon member Christians, I again see – no, I see hon member Wiley,  
the hon Chief Whip. Hon member Wiley?

Mr M G E WILEY: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I have no intention of  
replying to the hon member Uys and his R48 scandal, despite his conspiracy  
theory.

Mr P UYS: You know it is much more than that.

Mr M G E WILEY: Mr Deputy Speaker – you are quite right, it is much more  
than that. I would like to turn you to page 19 of the Blue Book, Vote 2, and  
the aim of the Provincial Parliamentary Administration is to provide quality  
parliamentary and corporate services to enable members to fulfil their  
constitutional functions and to facilitate public involvement in parliamentary  
affairs.

I then want to read to you, please, the following and this is an excerpt of the  
Code of Conduct for Members of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament:

“We, the Members of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament:



recognise that we are accountable to the electorate and have a duty to instil and maintain public trust in democratic institutions;

- (b) affirm that members of the Provincial Parliament have an obligation to perform their duties conscientiously, with honour and dignity, to be true and faithful public representatives, having due regard for the common good ...”

That is under the preamble. I refer you to Chapter 2, (3) (1) ... [Interjection.]

Mr P UYS: It is out of the Blue Book.

Mr M G E WILEY:

“Integrity

A Member shall ensure at all times that the dignity, credibility and integrity of the Provincial Parliament is maintained.

(4) Accountability

A Member –

- (a) is accountable to the public for his or her decisions and actions and must submit himself or herself to whatever scrutiny is appropriate to his or her office.”

And so it goes on. In (d) it says:

“shall avoid improper use of any payment or allowances ...”

[Interjections.]

And so on and so forth. I just want to read one other aspect and that is general obligations ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr M G E WILEY: ... which is 3(a). [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order.

Mr M G E WILEY:

“A Member shall at all times in the exercise of his or her duties adhere to the principles set out in paragraph 2 of the Code of Conduct and shall:

(1) conduct himself with dignity...”

[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Hon Makeleni, order.

Mr M G E WILEY: "... and integrity."

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Just one second. Allow the hon member to continue. I am listening very carefully and I am hoping the hon member brings it back to the Blue Book. [Interjections.]

Mr M G E WILEY: It comes straight from the Blue Book. [Interjections.]

"Conduct themselves with dignity and integrity appropriate to his or her office.

Now, Mr Deputy Speaker, to come back to the Blue Book ... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes. [Interjections.]

Mr M G E WILEY: ... if I may. In this appropriation, we are giving another R640 000 to political parties for their constituency allowances and secretarial services, in other words, for them to be parliamentarians. Now, I have read to you now what their role as parliamentarians is meant to be. Now I want to measure that up, this Vote towards them on the other side there, I want to measure it up against the following ... [Interjections.]

Ms P MAKELENI: Uh-uh.

Mr M G E WILEY: The question is: is the rhetoric spoken by the ANC in this House a reflection of what they say outside of it, because we fund them. I will give you a couple of examples of what they said recently ...  
[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order. Just take your seat, hon member.  
[Interjections.] Order. I have given the back bench there enough time now to make interjections. Now it is going over to a running commentary. Hon member Makeleni, allow the hon member to continue. I will decide whether he is out of order or not. [Interjections.] Hon member, please continue.

Mr M G E WILEY: Mr Deputy Speaker, I am speaking directly to the taxpayers' money that is going to fund members according to a Code of Conduct to which they swore in front of the Bench, in front of a Judge there. That is what I am talking to. [Interjections.]

Now, twice the Chief Whip of the ANC has intimated there is no water crisis. Hon member Davids repeatedly said that again a few minutes ago in this House, there is no water crisis and that it was not a priority. Yet we all know there is a crisis and it has been repeatedly stressed in this budget by the Minister in justifying the reallocation of funds in the budget.

The history of how this Government has for years tried to warn and get the buy-in from our National Government of the pending crisis, with little or no assistance; on the contrary, the representative Mr Khan of Water Affairs,

nationally, said in February: there is no crisis in the province, there is no emergency, in February of this year. [Interjections.] Even now in this Budget, in spite of a declared state of provincial disaster months ago, there is no assistance from National Government. On the contrary ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr M G E WILEY: How is this possible? Hon member Dyantyi said – I am speaking about the members who we are paying money to, Mr Deputy Speaker. Hon member Dyantyi, on the other hand, had the temerity to accuse this Province of only spending less than R100 million on the problem when he knows full well that water provisioning and storage is a national function. [Interjections.] He also knows that this Government is the most fiscally prudent and had to endure two rounds of austerity which saw significant budget cuts. We are probably the only legislature in the country to have done so. [Interjections.]

I could give you other examples. The crime-related situation ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr M G E WILEY: ... a national function, and yet the hon members, hon member Dijana earlier on today said that we are responsible for the crime and we have blood on our hands. The result of the Auditor-General is questioned

continuously by the hon members on the other side of the House. The effects of the Avian Flu are questioned continuously, despite having a devastating effect ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr M G E WILEY: ... on the poorest of the poor and the least able to defend themselves. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Hon member Wiley, before I see the hon Beerwinkel – order, order! Before I see the hon Beerwinkel, hon member Wiley, I have listened carefully now, I think you have now gone over the edge of ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: ... the Parliamentary Vote.

An HON MEMBER: A long time ago.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I allowed the debate on the water because the hon member Uys spoke about it as well, so I allowed that part but when you came to Avian Flu and all the others, that is a generalisation of things which are not necessarily related to this particular vote. Hon member Beerwinkel?

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. You have covered what I basically wanted to say, but when will this Chief Whip learn to lead by example? He is forever jumping up and down ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: ... for other people.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. [Interjections.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: He is totally irrelevant now, nothing to do with what is in the Blue Book.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Hon member Beerwinkel, I have already ruled on that point. Please continue, hon member Wiley.

Mr M G E WILEY: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Has the time not arrived that we hold our own members, for whom we pay taxpayers' money, to account for their utterances, especially when it puts people's lives at stake? This is not new to the ANC; President Mbeki's denialism cost hundreds of thousands, if not millions of lives. [Interjections.]

The ANC rhetoric in this House is now a verifiable threat to public safety and it feels little for its own citizens or its electorate that puts it there to pay their salaries. Can we continue to fund them without them being held to account?

An HON MEMBER: No. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order.

Mr M G E WILEY: In conclusion, Mr Deputy Speaker the DA supports this Adjustments Budget. [Interjections.] Lastly, Mr Deputy Speaker, I would like to thank each and every member of the Western Cape Provincial Parliamentary staff and I am sure the hon members will join me in that. They contribute to a well-run institution and one that we should all be proud of. To our colleagues in the House irrespective, on both sides of the aisle, may I wish you and your families a joyous and peaceful festive season. Until we next meet. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Before I see the – order. Order! Before I see the Speaker, can I just point out, that is exactly the problem that one experiences when you allow the first speaker to go too wide. And I think the hon member Uys also had some latitude and that led to him going slightly wider than that. I see the Speaker now. The Speaker to reply.

The SPEAKER: Mr Deputy Speaker, allow me to thank the hon members who



have participated in this debate, and also the hon members of the Parliamentary Oversight Committee with whom we have engaged previously on the Adjustments Estimates. As Speaker, I welcome the interest of members in the administration of WCPP and will continue to provide the necessary feedback to hon members, if it is requested, in a manner that is appropriate.

I must say that I am proud of the Administration who are rendering an exceptional service with limited resources and who are not afraid to go the extra mile when required.

I have dealt comprehensively with the matters hon member Uys has raised in the POC as well as in my introductory speech. So I am not going to elaborate on all of the rhetoric. There are two matters which I do though want to speak to which I think is important, and then I will get to the issue of the gatsby, since it was covered. I will tell you the truth and the whole truth.

So in response to hon members Uys' question regarding the increase in the Functional Enhancement Project budget. We initially budgeted R810 000 and that was meant for organisational design, business process design and the resource-loading project. This then expanded to include a sustainable remuneration framework and an IT assessment for on-site requirements and future-looking technologies.

The formal tender is in due process. Governance structures have been established and the Project Charter adopted. WCPP has launched its

communication plan and the first contact sessions have taken place. The process will continue until 15 December and resume on 8 January 2018. Hon members will be appraised on their return in February 2018.

Regarding the matter of the budget for the increase of the ERP. We originally budgeted for the implementation of the ERP in the 2016/2017 financial year. But due to the delay in implementation the committed funds were not spent. We did not increase the budget in this financial year with a rollover but rather opted to distribute the funds over the 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 financial year. WCPP used the under-spending of the 2017/2018 financial year to cover the costs for the implementation of the ERP system.

Mr Deputy Speaker, allow me just highlight the fact where hon member Uys talked to the format of Vote 2. We are no longer governed by the PFMA, which requires a different approach. We are governed by FAMPLA; all legislatures are governed by FAMPLA. It is a completely new set of rules, so it does not require us to be compliant.

However, we have established a brilliant relationship with Treasury and we maintain that relationship. So we do indeed have a draft protocol document with the Minister of Finance and we continue to follow Treasury protocols even though we are not required by law to follow them. So we are running a dual process in terms of our finances.

Then the issue of the gatsby. Mr Deputy Speaker, I would like to, through

you, request the hon member Uys to help me understand ... [Interjection.]

Mr P UYS: I will help you.

The SPEAKER: ...his need to question and unpack facts that are known to him.

Mr P UYS: Not the gatsby.

The SPEAKER: For a seasoned politician, I fail to understand his need to run to the media whenever there is a matter that he cannot understand, but it is basically that he cannot get his way with. The sheer hypocrisy of the hon member Uys in his double-speak never ceases to amaze me.

Ms P MAKELENI: Double-speak?

The SPEAKER: Let us talk to a point raised by the hon member Gillion on 16 November, when she commented on the alleged irregular spending of petty cash money on a polony gatsby and her comment was “how honourable is this”? Well let me talk to the R45 gatsby that the hon members Uys and Gillion are trying to make a meal of. [Interjection.]

He ran to the media and tried to manufacture outrage. Sadly the hon member Uys and a certain media house is silent on the real facts that affect our budget; that of a certain member who claimed R47 714.96 in one month for

travel and entertainment. This same member, over five months, utilised R123 936.34 for travel and entertainment. Now that, you compare a R45 gatsby to that ...[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

The SPEAKER: No, no. And then I have it on good authority ...[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Madam Speaker, excuse me. Order. I am listening.

The SPEAKER: That is ...[Interjection.]

Mr P UYS: Hon ...[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Order.

Mr P UYS: Mr Deputy Speaker, ...[Interjection.]

Ms N D NKONDLO: If you have [Inaudible] that member, you must come to Parliament and report.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon member Nkondlo. I am listening to your Chief Whip.

Mr P UYS: I am very concerned that the Speaker is using privileged information only to her, only to her, that she has got access to and she is trying to give it to us. I think you must stop with that. Nobody has got access to that information so nobody can say it is correct or not. I think it is wrong to misuse her office, Chairperson.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Hon Speaker, you must help me whether that information is still privileged or whether it is open? If it open it is fine.

The SPEAKER: Mr Deputy Speaker, the matter is now squarely in the public domain. A case has been registered at Cape Town Central. We have provided this information, so it is available to Joe Citizen. And I believe the hon member Uys is bleating about transparency and accountability, so let us start talking about ...[Interjection.]

We create outrage over R45 for a gatsby yet we defend ...[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: That is not ...[Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: ... yet we defend trips to Driefontein that never, ever happened. So let us not go there.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Madam Speaker, just one second.

The SPEAKER: Then let us talk ...[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Just one second. Hon member Tyatyam, is it a point of order or a question?

Mr S G TYATYAM: I just want to ask, Mr Deputy Speaker, when was this information ATC'd?

An HON MEMBER: What?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I cannot give you that answer. Maybe the Speaker can assist, whether ... [Interjection.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: It was never.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: ... whether it was ATC'd. But that is not the point, it has taken another ... [Inaudible.] [Interjections.] Madam Speaker, you may continue.

The SPEAKER: There is no need for an ATC. The matter – there was a report, it was dealt with. The matter was then handed to SAPS and it was information that is available; we can do a PIA on it and you can get the information. So it is not a secret; it is out there.

Mr P UYS: Only for you.

The SPEAKER: Then let us talk about the irony of the journalist who

interviewed me at length in the seat here regarding the hon member's claims, yet he dedicated just one line ...[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Madam Speaker, just one ...[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: ... to this blatant abuse of taxpayers' money.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Madam Speaker, just one second. There is a – is it a question or a point of order?

Mr R T OLIVIER: Mr Deputy Speaker, can I address you on the same issue. A member of Parliament underwent a process which according to the Speaker is public information. As members here we do not have that information at our disposal. How can the Speaker therefore in this august House then address the issue. The point is ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon ...[Interjection.]

Mr R T OLIVIER: ... it is information at our disposal, as the Chief Whip is saying, which we do not have ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I hear you, hon member Olivier. I have already asked that same question to the Speaker. She assures me it is in the public domain, so I must accept the Speaker's word for that. Madam Speaker, you may continue.

The SPEAKER: Mr Deputy Speaker, the irony is that the journalist who interviewed me at length regarding this member's claim dedicated just one line to this blatant abuse of taxpayers' money and ... [Interjection.]

Mr P UYS: Who is this journalist?

The SPEAKER: ...and the journalist wrote,

“Meanwhile ANC MPL, Sharon Davids, is facing charges for allegedly inflating her travel claim.”

That is all he said.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Madam Speaker, sorry, there is another point of – a question. Hon member Makaleni?

Ms MAKALENI: Mr Deputy Speaker, can I raise an order?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Order.

Ms MAKALENI: We are in the middle ...[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! I cannot hear you. Your hon members are making a noise.



Ms MAKALENI: Thanks, Mr Deputy Speaker. We are in the middle of Adjustments discussions and we have now derailed completely out of it.

An HON MEMBER: No, no, no.

Ms MAKALENI: Can we at least come back to the Order of the Day?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. I will watch carefully, but as far as I am concerned this matter is related to the Adjustments Budget and the Speaker may conclude.

An HON MEMBER: That is not the Adjustments. It has nothing to do with the [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Madam Speaker, you may conclude if you ...[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Mr Deputy Speaker, so that should have been the real storyline; not a R45 gatsby.

Let us talk about the 16 Days of Activism, since we are in the 16 Days of Activism. Hon member Beerwinkel yesterday just spoke about men disrespecting women. Let me alert the hon members on the other side that I called the hon member Uys to my office regarding a certain staff member who passed disparaging and disgusting remarks. That was some time ago. We

are now in 16 Days of Activism and nothing has been done about it.

Mr P UYS: That is not true.

The SPEAKER: So what can I think?

Mr P UYS: That is not true.

The SPEAKER: The hon member Uys is complicit; †dis 'n skande, sies! [it is a disgrace, sis!] I will be calling on the Multi-Party Women's Caucus ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Order. Madam Speaker, get – order!

The SPEAKER: I am getting back to it, Mr Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Get to the Blue Book, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: I am getting back to my Blue Book and the money we spent on the Multi-Party Women's Caucus. I am going to ask the Women's Caucus to address the matter of intimidation and abuse, not only of female MPs but all females in Parliament and the Western Cape.

Finally, Mr Deputy Speaker, on the gatsby issue. I wish to request ...[Interjection.]

Mr P UYS: I am looking for the memorandum.

The SPEAKER: ...that the ANC purchase this book for the holidays. You see this book ...[Interjection.]

Mr P UYS: Give us the memorandum.

The SPEAKER: ...it is called *The President's Keepers*. Read this book at your leisure. But when you read this book you will really discover what corruption, looting and plundering of the public purse really looks like. A R45 gatsby is nothing compared to what is contained in here. So that is fraud and that is corruption ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Order.

The SPEAKER: Mr Deputy Speaker, so this is the scale and this, Mr Deputy Speaker, ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The SPEAKER: This is the shame of our nation and this is the ANC. There are numerous examples that I can talk to regarding the sheer hypocrisy of the ANC. However, ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Hon member Tyatyam.

The SPEAKER: Mr Deputy Speaker, ...[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The SPEAKER: You know what? We are supposed to defend. We pretend to be corruption busters, but we allow drunken-driving charges to disappear; three of them just disappear into nothingness. We allow computers to get lost. They want to hold the Speaker to account but they cannot hold their own members to account.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The SPEAKER: So I am saying to the hon member Uys, I am willing to engage you if you are big enough and man enough to come and have a cup of tea with me rather than run to Jason Felix and go tell him a load of hogwash, because that is what you do.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: So coming back to 2018. I trust we can build this relationship. I want to ask you, take me into your confidence, like you always say; take me into your confidence, call me up and say ‘Madam Speaker, there is a matter, you know’. These are parliamentary issues.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The SPEAKER: So we can play the game both ways.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, Madam Speaker. Speak through the Chair please and get back to the point. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Mr Deputy Speaker, I am just requesting that the hon member Uys in the POC, in his capacity as the Opposition, not run to the media but that he rather, in the spirit, engage me and we can then clarify matters without him having to speculate whether I ate a gatsby for breakfast or for lunch. Just for the record, Mr Deputy Speaker, I never purchased a gatsby, neither did I eat one. But if I do it will not be a polony gatsby, it will be a full-house from Wembley, not from across the road.

So before ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

The SPEAKER: In closing, Mr Deputy Speaker, I want to say thank you. I need to say thank you to our hon members, I need to say thank you to everyone in this House for your contribution. But I do believe that in the spirit of transparency and accountability, sometimes when I sit in that chair I cannot respond and that is a low blow. Because there are platforms to engage other than when I am in the chair. So today I have opted to take up my rights as an hon member in my bench and I have done exactly that.

An HON MEMBER: Yes ...[Inaudible].

The SPEAKER: I want to say thank you to our staff; Dr Lawrence, to your team, you have done sterling work under difficult circumstances. I want every single staff member of this institution to know that we appreciate them. What I do not appreciate is when they get misled by devious politicians who want to play them at the cost of the institution that they represent. We have a fine institution that we can be proud of and I want to say to everyone I wish you well. I thank you for your contribution. And, Mr Deputy Speaker, thank you very much to you for your guidance once again. I thank you. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. I want silence please before we continue. That concludes the debate on this vote.

[Debate concluded.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Secretary will read the eighth Order.

The SECRETARY: Consideration of Votes and Schedules – *Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill*.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please, I want your attention because then we are going to put the votes now individually. And I am looking at the Chief Whip; are we going to have one declaration voting on all again?

Mr P UYS: Mr Deputy Speaker, yes, one declaration. And I can state upfront that you do not have to waste time, we are not going to support any of the votes.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much. Is there a need then for a declaration on the other side? No. Then we can continue. I then will put the votes one by one ...[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible] declaration?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Sorry. You can have your declaration. Is that – oh, there is another coming? Yes, sure, on behalf of the ANC.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Thank you very much, Mr Deputy Speaker. As has been indicated by our Chief Whip, the central problem which impacts on all these Adjustments votes goes to the fact that we do not have leadership in this province. Even though we have had a new DA leader elected, we know that that leader was the chosen favourite of hon Premier Zille, who herself has actually been so-called ‘hailed over the coals’ for her comments.

So essentially what we have here is no leadership. So when it comes to discussing what the Province should prioritise in regard to budgets, there is no assessment which gets made as to the provincial priorities and what problems have emerged.

So, for instance, we have all witnessed definitely a water crisis and clearly we welcome the measures which are being taken to deal with that. But we have also all witnessed the problem in the majority of our townships where crime, gangsterism, substance abuse and particularly violence at our schools have reached epidemic proportions. Yet when you ask in regard to all these adjustments, whether it is Community Safety, whether it is Education, all you hear is that there is R1 million committed to holding a safety summit. So what we have here is no leadership and no ability to influence and direct this budget in the favour of the poor.

So what is clear to us, Mr Deputy Speaker, is that in reality we have also had this process affected by the very manner in which these debates have been chaired. It is clear to us that the Speaker has been targeted by a faction within the DA and they have been making the Speaker's life incredibly difficult so that she cannot even make rulings. And it started from the day. So that has impacted on the way we have discussed these adjustments, because some of the MECs have simply not responded to questions that we have raised, they have not provided the detail and this is because the Speaker fears to call those particular MECs to account. So we have no leadership, we have a divided DA ... [Interjections].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr C M DUGMORE: We have no priorities being reflected in regard to what is needed in this province ... [Interjection.]



The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Dugmore, just one second. Hon Minister Fritz?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: This hon member is misleading the House. He is talking, it is an absolute untruth, it is a lie he is telling, it is a lie!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister, two things. Order! Two things; that is not a point of order and secondly, misleading is not a point of order, but thirdly, you cannot say it is a lie. So that you must withdraw.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Well, it is an untruth.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You cannot – you can say it is an untruth, yes.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Well, it is an untruth.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. You may continue.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. If the Speaker had asked that hon MEC to withdraw he would have refused because he is not in her faction. So this is the problem that we are dealing with in the way that we conduct these adjustments. So we have no leadership ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr C M DUGMORE: We have no priorities ...[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Just one second. Your time has almost expired. But the Speaker is on the floor. Madam Speaker?

The SPEAKER: Yes, Mr Deputy Speaker. I need to rise on a point of order and clarity. I do not belong to any faction and I am not attached to any faction. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Madam Speaker, similarly, that is not a – Order! Similarly, that is not a point of order; it is a matter of fact.

Mr P UYS: Oh workshop, workshop.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You may continue with your last sentence, your time has expired, if you need to.

Mr C M DUGMORE: So, Mr Deputy Speaker, until we see these adjustments focusing on issues which affect the majority of our province we will never support it; because clearly, in all these adjustments there is no focus on the real issues. [Time expired.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member. Your time has expired. Order! There is no declaration from the other side and with the two smaller parties being absent I am going to make a shortened procedure. Votes 1 to 14,

is there a declaration on the Vote? My apologies. Hon Minister Meyer?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. As you know, on 23 November I came to the House to table the Western Cape 2017 Medium Term Budget Policy Statement and the 2017 Adjustment Estimates.

Mr Deputy Speaker, in summary; the adjusted ...[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister Meyer, just one second. Are you doing the Third Reading now?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Yes.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No, no, we are not there yet.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: I apologise.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I am still putting the individual votes. But instead of putting it individually I am going to put Vote 1 to 14 as a package. There is an objection against all of them on the ANC's side and the DA is in agreement. So we just dispose of 1 to 14 Votes. [Votes 1 – 14 – ANC dissenting.]

I will then put Clauses 1 to 3 of the Bill. No objection?

HON MEMBERS: No.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Agreed to. No objection. I put the Title. No objection?

HON MEMBERS: No.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Agreed to. The Secretary will read the ninth Order.

The SECRETARY: Finalisation – *Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill*.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Before ...[Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Deep apologies, hon members. I apologise.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Order! Hon Minister Meyer, just one second. The Schedule must still be put as well. There is an objection to the Schedule?

HON MEMBERS: Yes, objection. [ANC dissenting.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The DA supports that. So therefore the Secretary will now read the ninth Order. Secretary, read again.

The SECRETARY: Finalisation – *Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill*.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Now it is the hon Minister Meyer's opportunity. [Applause.] Order. Order. Allow the hon member now the free time.

The FINANCE MINISTER: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker and hon members. Thank you for this opportunity to submit the Third Reading debate.

Mr Deputy Speaker, as you know, on 23 November I came to this House to table the Western Cape Government's Medium Term Budget Policy Statement 2017 as well as the 2017 Adjustment Estimates. In summary; the adjusted budget makes provision for additional net spending amounting to R284,7 million bringing a total budget, the Main Budget of R59,4 billion to R59,716 billion.

Both the Medium Term Budget Policy Statement and the Adjusted Estimates of Expenditure were tabled at the Parliamentary Budget Committee for approval. The various budget votes were also extensively discussed in the relevant Standing Committees.

I wish to thank the hon members for participating in the various debates on the respect of budget votes. I wish to extend a special word of thanks to hon Premier Zille and my Cabinet colleagues for their support and understanding of the difficult fiscal environment.

Mr Deputy Speaker, in putting together these Adjustments Estimates of expenditure our accepting officers, our CFOs and senior managers have once again proven their financial expertise and commitment in dealing with the financial constraints facing this Government while at the same time remaining committed to achieving strategic objectives of the Western Cape Government.

Mr Deputy Speaker, this was the first year that we have also extensively delved on a different platform through the separation of powers with the budget of the Provincial Legislature, Vote 2, as indicated by the Speaker.

I would also like to express a special word of thanks to my accounting officer, Mr Zakariya Hoosain; the head of Budget, Fiscal and Economic Services, Mr Malila, and the staff of the Provincial Treasury for their hard work. I would also like to thank all the Standing Committees, the committee clerks of the various committees, our Speaker, Deputy Speaker, Secretary of Parliament, our Deputy Secretary and our staff of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament.

Thank you to all the executing authorities also for the work and liaison with the various budget committees. Thank you to all our staff of the Western Cape Government for an outstanding performance during this year.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I now move that the Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill 2017 be finalised.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. There is no list of speakers. Are there any objections to the Bill being finalised? There is an objection. The ANC's objection will be recorded. The Secretary will then read the Bill.

The SECRETARY: *Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill.*

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Bill will be sent to the hon Premier for her assent.

As is our tradition at the end of the sitting normally the last day, I will now afford parties or representatives of parties, one per party, to use the opportunity to say a couple of words to the House before we adjourn. If there is a need on the ANC's side, just indicate. Hon member Davids?

Ms S W DAVIDS: Mr Deputy Speaker, thank you for the opportunity. I also wanted to say thank you to the Chief Whip and my colleagues. †Ek gaan Afrikaans praat. [I am going to speak in Afrikaans.]

†'n AGB LID: Ja, ja.

[An HON MEMBER: Yes, yes.]

†'n AGB LID: Mooi.

[An HON MEMBER: Good.]

Me S W DAVIDS: Ek wil net weereens sê dankie vir die geleentheid om vir

julle almal 'n Geseënde Kersfees en 'n veilige vakansie toe te wens. Maar eerstens voor ek dit sê wil ek net sê dat ons almal weet dit is die geboorte van Jesus Christus en ons almal weet dat ons gaan in daardie seisoen in, maar die belangrikste is ken ons vir Jesus Christus? Ken ons vir Jesus Christus? Weet ons dat Jesus Christus is daar om als vir ons te doen? As ons opstaan in die oggend dan sê ons dankie vir Jesus Christus vir die geleentheid om vir 'n dag deel van die lewe te wees, want die werk wat ons doen is 'n verskriklike werk, dit is 'n werk vol stres en dit is 'n werk vol van beledigings vat en jy moet jou net so skud en sê ek lê by Jesus Christus se voete in die Here. So as julle die vakansie ingaan, seëninge vir julle families, seëninge vir julle, vir almal. Dankie. [Applous.]

*[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]*

[Ms S W DAVIDS: I just want to again say thank you for the opportunity to wish you all a blessed Christmas and a safe holiday. But before I say that I just want to say that we all know it is the birth of Jesus Christ and we all know we are going into that season, but most important, do we know Jesus Christ? Do we know Jesus Christ? Do we know that Jesus Christ is there to do everything for us? When we get up in the morning then we say thank you to Jesus Christ for the opportunity to be part of life for a day, because the work we do is a terrible job, it is a job full of stress and it is a job full of tolerating insults and you have to just shake yourself and say I am lying at the feet of Jesus Christ in the Lord. So when you enter the holiday, blessings to your family, blessings to you, to all. Thank you. [Applause.]]



†Mnr M MNQASELA: Mooi.

[Mr M MNQASELA: Good.]

†Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Baie dankie, agb lid.

[The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you hon member.] The hon Minister Madikizela?

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Mr Deputy Speaker, thank you very much for the opportunity. Let me also add to my colleague on the other side. To the ANC, I just want to take this opportunity, perhaps start by thanking all the staff members of the Western Cape Government for the dedication and commitment that they have shown throughout the year to make our work a bit easier as members of Parliament.

I would then like to take this opportunity to wish all my colleagues, starting with the Opposition members, because we all understand, Mr Deputy Speaker, that we might differ in this House but I think all of us are South Africans first and we do the work that we do because we love South Africa. And I think the country needs us more now than ever. While we might have our differences it is important to understand that and first and foremost that we are South Africans.

So I just want to say to my colleagues, for all the support throughout the year that you have given to the people of this province and the work that you have been doing to improve the lives of the citizens of the Western Cape, I want to

wish you well. You must take a well-deserved rest because I think come next year the people of the Western Cape will need us more than ever before.

And lastly, Mr Deputy Speaker, I do want to take the opportunity and wish the African National Congress a peaceful congress in the next few days. Because the success of that congress is very, very important in our constitutional democracy. We might differ, as I said, as different political parties but we must all strive for one thing, to make sure that our democracy is entrenched and we succeed as a country. Thank you very much.  
[Applause.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Hear-hear!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. From my side also I would like to thank you all for another successful and productive year, not only here in our plenary sittings but also in our various committees; particularly I want to mention the hard work of our committees that include members and staff, because our committees are really the drivers of our activities here, the engine room of Parliament and often not in the public eye.

In this year we had around 230 meetings of our various portfolio and other House committees and despite the challenges that we as a small legislature face with the limited number of members that are available to serve on committees, our committees operated smoothly and effectively.

I wish to thank you all for your diligence in taking the work of our institution seriously, and to ensure that the laws that are made here are in the best interest of our people, and also to ensure that oversight does not simply remain an empty phrase but in fact becomes a rigorous process of keeping the Executive accountable.

Thank you also to our loyal staff who once again rendered high-calibre services and for creating the opportunities and environment for our members to be able to fulfil their roles optimally. Special thanks also to our Chamber staff. May you all, together with your families, enjoy a well-deserved break, travel safe and return re-energised for 2018, which no doubt will be even more taxing than this year as we close in on the end of our parliamentary term. Have a joyous Christmas and may God protect us all and may God bless us all.

That brings us to the end of business of the day, of the Fourth Session of the Fifth Parliament. The House is adjourned. [Applause.]

The House adjourned at 14:28.