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PROCEEDINGS OF THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT

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The House met at 14:15

The Speaker took the Chair and read the prayer.

The SPEAKER: You may be seated. [Interjections.] Order please! Good afternoon members. Guests in the gallery, welcome to this sitting. I just need to apologise for the fact that I am recovering from a really bad cold so my voice might not resonate as well as I would want it to but please bear with me. We will just allow the chief, the leader on this side to settle down and then we will proceed.

Thank you. We now proceed, members, with the business of the day and the first business in Interpellations as printed on the Question Paper and the first Interpellation I recognise the hon, the Premier. Madam Premier.

INTERPELLATIONS

Planned programmes: implications of drought and disaster

1. Mr Q R Dyantyi asked the Premier:

- (1) What is the implication of the drought and disaster declaration on planned programmes;
- (2) Whether a decision has already been taken to review the strategic plans and annual performance plans?

The PREMIER: Thank you very much Madam Speaker. There is a lot of information to get through in the course of this interpellation. I will do my very best.

In terms of the disaster declarations two classifications were made, the first being a hydrological disaster where four municipalities have been declared, namely the City of Cape Town, Bitou Local Municipality, Knysna Local Municipality and Theewaterskloof Local Municipality.

In the case of the agricultural disaster incident the following areas were affected: Central Karoo and the West Coast Districts, Cape Winelands and Eden District Municipalities. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please.

The PREMIER: To date all the required assessments and verifications were completed by the National Disaster Management Centre and await final confirmation.

While dealing with the challenges associated with the drought, the province experienced a severe storm which was further compounded by the Knysna fires. In light of the disaster declaration and the severe storms and fire damage the Provincial Cabinet allocated R75 million in emergency relief to various Departments in support of specific projects.

In addition, the Department of Agriculture, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning and the Department of Local Government have been tasked with driving most of the drought related projects in the province. To this end the Department of Local Government reprioritised R10.6 million which was earmarked for governance and service delivery related projects towards drought relief projects.

This funding was allocated towards the following types of projects:

- Equipping and refurbishing boreholes;
- Water-source development projects;
- The augmentation of bulk water supply, and
- The appointment of groundwater specialists.

The criteria used to prioritise support money placed emphasis on drought

related projects. As such the R10.6 million was reallocated towards drought projects. In the process projects that were prioritised as less critical in nature were placed on hold and will be considered for support should further funding become available.

The affected functional areas of reprioritisation are on the governance and service delivery projects within the municipal infrastructure environment. The Department of Local Government is in the process of reviewing other existing governance projects and plans with a view to allocating support funding towards drought priorities.

An amount of R15 million of the R75 million emergency funding was allocated to the Department of Local Government. The R50 million was used for the aerial fire-fighting in the Eden District and drought relief projects.

The Department of Agriculture has undertaken similar reprioritisation with plans and budgets towards providing amongst others, fodder to farmers. The prioritisation of funds towards water augmentation and drought interventions have impacted on existing plans and programmes to the extent that some of these must be kept in abeyance. Provincial Government officials are also meeting with the National Treasury to highlight the impact of the drought and disasters on programmes, plans and budgets.

Have I still got time of my two minutes, Madam Speaker?

The SPEAKER: Yes.

The PREMIER: I have. With regard to time... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Sorry Premier, I am just checking with the Table. Time please. Your time has expired.

The PREMIER: I thought so. I checked my watch. I thank you. [Time expired.]

The SPEAKER: I see the hon member Dyantyi. The Table staff will be guiding me regarding time. Thank you.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Thank you very much hon Madam Speaker, and thank you to the Premier for this response on this interpellation, but I wanted to thank you even more, Madam Premier, on your response because I am so happy that you are back in the House. I really want to thank you for that. Welcome back! Because after you have declared this disaster you were hardly here, so I really am happy to engage in this. [Interjections.]

Mr D JOSEPH: The Premier was working very hard.

The SPEAKER: Order hon. Order please, members. Can I just, if you could take your seat hon member Dyantyi.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Thank you.

The SPEAKER: If I could request that we have order. Interjections are allowed. There seems to be a sound challenge which we are working with, but hon member Dyantyi, if I could ask you to kindly address the Chair please, if you do not mind, in delivering your statement. Thank you.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I do not mind, I think I do not. I have no problem looking at you. I think I will do that.

The SPEAKER: Thank you hon member Dyantyi. [Interjections.] I shall in turn look at you too.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Thank you. I think all I was saying, just to thank the Premier, that it is one thing to declare a disaster, it is just another to take care of your own declaration. I must make the point that in terms of Section 57 of the Disaster Management Act, when you declared that disaster that you needed to ensure that the prioritised plans are done in the APP.

I have listened to your input. It is very clear that from the point when we ask Treasury and the Department none of them was able to give us any changes in terms of that. Today you are coming here, nothing also from you, all we are hearing is this thing is being done months after that. So that is very peculiar in terms of that. It says to me this best run Government of the Western Cape has done a declaration but it is not ready to drive and implement that.

It is also very clear, hon Premier, that besides the R75 million which you have broken down in those municipalities, I am getting less of in terms of the question, the implications of that. Let me share with you, the City of Cape Town financially said to us they are going to be spending R2 billion currently and R1.3 billion in the medium. This is just the City of Cape Town. You are not talking about the other five municipalities that you have said are under high risk. These are the financial implications that she is not telling us anything about. I gather from you and I want you to confirm this. So you are saying to us your declaration has not impacted whatsoever on our APPs, on those prioritised plans, because you have said “boggerôl” in terms of that, nothing whatsoever, and then... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please, hon member Dyantyi kindly take your seat. Chief Whip Wiley.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Why is he rising? Just ask him.

The SPEAKER: Order please. Hon member Dyantyi, take your seat please.

Mr M G E WILEY: Well, it has already been pointed out by the Leader of Government Business that the expletive by the hon member, it is totally unwarranted and unparliamentary. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: What is that?

Mr D JOSEPH: It is unparliamentary.

Ms P Z LEKKER: It is unparliamentary or unwarranted? Could you please clarify?

The SPEAKER: How many speakers do we have in the House today? Please! Hon member Dyantyi your comment around “boggerôl” is considered to be unparliamentary.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Did you consider that, you or they?

The SPEAKER: No, I am saying, it is considered to be “boggerôl”
[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Considered by who? Who said that?

The SPEAKER: So I am asking you... (intervention)

Ms P Z LEKKER: The second Speaker of Parliament.

The SPEAKER: Would you kindly withdraw the “boggerôl” statement please.
Thank you.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Hon Madam Speaker, the Premier has done absolutely nothing, zilch! I will withdraw the “boggerôl” [Interjections.]

†Me P Z LEKKER: Jy kan maar sit man!

[Ms P Z LEKKER: You may now sit, man.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: But the fact remains, †sy het niks gedoen nie. [she has done nothing.]

The SPEAKER: Okay, take your seat please. Hon member Lekker, let me just caution you around your comments.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Die Premier kan maar sit.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: The Premier may sit down.]

The SPEAKER: Chief Whip?

Mr M G E WILEY: Yes Madam Speaker, the Rules are very clear on these matters, it is that when the Speaker rules on a matter... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: It is done!

Mr M G E WILEY: There is no discussion about it. You simply withdraw. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Well, there is the discussion.

Ms P Z LEKKER: You are the second Speaker?

The SPEAKER: Thank you. [Interjections.]

Mr M G E WILEY: This grandstanding is completely unparliamentary.

The SPEAKER: So let us - there seems to be a fair amount of tension in the room around who wants to be the Speaker.

Ms P Z LEKKER: Uh-huh, thank you Speaker.

An HON MEMBER: It is the Chief Whip!

The SPEAKER: Let us be very clear, that in terms of Rule 41 it is my duty to maintain... [Interjections.] Well, I do not know who is fighting between hon member Lekker and whoever... [Interjections.]

Ms P Z LEKKER: And hon Wiley.

The SPEAKER: Let us just, members, let us remain calm. Let us bring some dignity and decorum to this discussion so we can continue. You may proceed hon member Dyantyi. [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: We suspect they want to remove you.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Dyantyi, hon member Magaxa if there is anything that you would like to tell me you can do so after the sitting.

An HON MEMBER: He told you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Hon Madam Speaker, I am interested to hear what the Premier would say on this issue, the point I am making is that the Premier was only grandstanding in declaring this disaster and we have received nothing in terms of actions from herself as the Premier and the two Departments that are critical which is Treasury and also Local Government...
[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Dyantyi, thank you, your time has expired.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: ...but she is the head of this Government. [Time expired.]

The SPEAKER: Your time has expired. Please take your seat. Thank you. I see the hon, the Premier.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Please answer now.

The PREMIER: I am very glad I had the opportunity to make the hon member Dyantyi happy, Madam Speaker, and he made me very happy by the normal

kind of response that I get from the ANC, which shows that they have not listened to anything I said in my first response... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: No-no, I did.

The PREMIER: But they are just reading from a pre-prepared paper, and he says we have done absolutely nothing except all the things that I said were being done in the first part of my answer, which is absolutely absurd, and if he has questions about Cape Town's budget he must please ask his Leader of the Opposition there to put them to the Mayor.

I cannot answer questions for the Mayor and about other people's budgets, but the disaster declaration does give me a lot of power to reprioritise them and I will tell you what I have done. I will continue telling you what I have done and hope that I can get through all of this and I have obviously done it in direct coordination and cooperation with all the MECs and the Ministers in this Government and with the cooperation of Local Government to the Premier's Coordinating Forum who all got together and all discussed this in depth and all agreed on the way forward. Let us start with Agriculture because that is obviously very profoundly hit, Madam Speaker.

With regards to the Department of Agriculture I am informed that the drought and disaster declaration has had a dramatic impact, both internally on the Department's planned programmes as well as externally in terms of the economy and associated implications. It was expected that the impact of

climate change will affect the disaster intensity and spread across the province. The fire season at the beginning of the year highlighted the unpredictability of the severity and volumes of disaster events. Once the officials in the Department work on several disasters simultaneously within one financial year, without additional capacity, it always places planned targets under major pressure.

For 2015/16 and 2016/17 the Department of Agriculture has reprioritised its budget and has made R80.03 million available for drought relief assistance from its budget. Although some areas did get rain during the current winter the dam levels are still very low and water shortages may be experienced during the next summer should we not get additional rain for what remains of the winter.

The SPEAKER: Hon Premier, your time has expired. Thank you.

The PREMIER: Thank you. [Time expired.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Dyantyi.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I put it to you, hon Premier, that as a result of your inaction as the Provincial Government, the inaction of the City of Cape Town and other municipalities, today you have added the burden on the taxpayers. If the City of Cape Town - no, listen, do not frown! Listen to me! It is going to help you to listen to this. If the City of Cape Town is going to spend

R2 billion currently and an added R1.3 billion, that money is going to be absorbed from the taxpayer's money because they are now going to increase rates and all other things.

Now this is as a result of the Government that was forewarned years ago about the drought and did nothing, so today, I want to put it to you and I want you to take responsibility when you respond back, that when the tariff is going to be increased in the City of Cape Town and other municipalities it is as a result of the DA Government that did not do anything on the planning, because you are speaking about climate change. Climate change tells you about how to do things in a forward-planning manner. You did nothing about that.

Let me take you through, again, the Department of Local Government visited respective municipalities and they categorised the municipalities, your high risk, medium and low. There are about four high risk municipalities of Beaufort West, high risk meaning that they have got less than 90 days of water as we speak. Beaufort West... [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Who was in charge there?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Bitou, Kannaland, Knysna.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Who was in charge?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Now this Provincial Government and all of these - you have done nothing. We are going to be pushy and you are going to heighten emergency because you have not doing anything. 90 days - in 90 days time, which we are already in the idle of that, you would have no water in Beaufort West. You would have no water in Kannaland. You would have no water in Bitou and in Knysna. [Time expired.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Dyantyi, your time has expired. Kindly take your seat please. [Interjections.]

Mr M G E WILEY: And what does the National Department of Water Affairs do? [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Dyantyi, kindly take your seat. I see the hon Mitchell.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: It is not you Premier; it is your other young blood, hon Mitchell. [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: Sorry, hon member Dyantyi, kindly manage yourself please.

Mr D G MITCHELL: Yes, can you please - can the hon member Dyantyi please withdraw that because it is unparliamentary.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Hon Mitchell, yes, honourable.

Mr D G MITCHELL: I am a hon member like he is.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Mr D G MITCHELL: Madam Speaker, first and foremost the drought declaration in the Western Cape Province is merely an administrative task...

[Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is what you have stated... [Interjections.]

Mr D G MITCHELL: ...collated and submitted by the Premier to the National Drought Emergency Fund to release additional capital for use to combat the effects of the drought as a freak incident. The funds released to the province are additional to the approved departmental budgets and because the funds may not be enough certain planned programmes may have to be reprioritised.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: It is not done, that is what I am asking. There is nothing that has been done. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Keep quiet now.

Mr D G MITCHELL: Madam Speaker...

Mr M G E WILEY: You are behaving much like... [Interjection.]

Mr D G MITCHELL: Madam Speaker, the hon member Dyantyi is going on about Beaufort West but he fails to inform this House who governed Beaufort West...

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Hear-hear!

Mr D G MITCHELL: ...and where we inherited the mess that we are in.

An HON MEMBER: Exactly!

Mr D G MITCHELL: So in his response can he please inform the House who governed Beaufort West until the other day. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I will argue just now, in case you have forgotten.

Mr D G MITCHELL: Madam Speaker, this is precisely why the National Drought Emergency Fund exists to ensure that service delivery continues without a national disaster eating away at the provincial budget. Madam Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to commend the Premier of the Western Cape...

An HON MEMBER: For what?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: For doing nothing! [Interjections.]

Mr D G MITCHELL: ...for taking the leadership to fixing the national ANC's mess and it is their responsibility... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Your time has expired, hon member Mitchell, thank you.

Mr D G MITCHELL: I thank you. [Time expired.]. [Applause.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Let me rise on that point, I can never... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Have I recognised you or are you just rising?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Oh okay.

The SPEAKER: Sorry, let us - do not run ahead of yourself please, hon member Dyantyi. I now recognise you, it is your turn to speak.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Thank you hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Let me rise on that point. The Disaster Management Act and the national disaster, Treasury nationally, the Department of CoGTA is not going to release money when you have no plans tabled in front of them

and we hear in this House they are not ready for that, so you can never even start blaming the slowness and all of that because you must start with your Premier, the hon Premier here and all of her Departments, that they are not doing their work. They are busy gallivanting the world, travelling, instead of focusing on the issues of ground and disaster in this province. [Interjections.] So you are not going to have just manna coming from heaven, people doing what you are supposed to do yourself as the Premier of this province, because you just do not have time to be hands on... [Interjection.]

Mr D G MITCHELL: Where is the National Minister?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: ...to govern this province. It seems that you have already taken a decision... [Interjection.]

Mr D G MITCHELL: Where is the National Minister?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: ...that says: "it is my last years, let me tour the world." That is what we are hearing, but let me go back to this particular issue, hon Speaker... [Interjection.]

Mr D G MITCHELL: And Nkandla. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: ...and make the point that we are going to watch this space for as long as all what you do is a peer exercise to stand up on the Table Mountain and say this is what you are going to do and yet you know

you have not done anything about that. We are going to be watching the space... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: You always watch the space.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: ...and we are going to be monitoring and making yourself very accountable on these issues. I thank you Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you hon member Dyantyi. I now recognise the hon, the Premier.

†Mnr D G BMITCHELL: Absoluut!

[Mr D G MITCHELL: Absolutely!]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Now you have the chance to respond.

The PREMIER: Yes.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: And put everything there.

The SPEAKER: Please do manage yourself, hon member Dyantyi.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Yes, you are so loud.

The SPEAKER: It is early in the day for you to be misbehaving.

Mr D G MITCHELL: He is in campaign mode. [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: Ja, he is... [Interjections.] A leadership contest is coming up in the party of the hon Leader of the Opposition that he is campaigning here.

Ms P Z LEKKER: You have not yet finished with your own campaign.

The SPEAKER: Order please.

Ms P Z LEKKER: You have your own issues with... [Inaudible.]

The PREMIER: The hon member Dyantyi will recall that there are two components to his question. The first is about implications. Now there are many, many implications and as I said at the beginning this is going to be a long answer because there are many implications and I have not yet got to the second part which is where the decision has already been taken to review the Strategic Plans and Annual Performance Plans.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: So what are you waiting for? Please come to it.

The PREMIER: Because you are asking two questions in a very short time and I am going through the very comprehensive answers that there are.
[Interjection.]

†Me P Z LEKKER: Asseblief tog!

[Ms P Z LEKKER: Oh please!]

The PREMIER: So now Madam Speaker, the City of Cape Town has reprioritised its budgets very substantially but I cannot speak for the Mayor. She held a major press conference in which she declared all of their plans and put everything on the table including the fact that they had a very clear water plan, but the problem was that it was premised on what the meteorologists told them would be the minimum amount of rainfall and indeed that amount has been halved since that prediction was made, so they were sitting with a situation that was almost impossible to plan for.

Secondly, when we inherited the complete mess of the ANC Government in Beaufort West and we realised they were running out of water without any plans at all, what we immediately did was look at black-water recycling and we are at the point now where they run a programme which I think is rather unfortunately called “from the toilet to the tap”. Well apparently that water is highly drinkable and there is nothing wrong with it. So in fact this Government has saved the people of Beaufort West from a genuine crisis.

An HON MEMBER: Really!

The PREMIER: But I am still speaking on the implications for the Department of Agriculture. The real crisis lies with the animal farmers who do not have fodder to feed their animals.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Exactly.

The PREMIER: Despite the reduction in stock numbers they are still required to keep their breeding stock alive to conserve their genetic material. Being winter there is very little growth taking place in the areas that did get some rain and the estimate is that animals will have to be supported for at least an additional five months. That has profound implications.

The funding spent to date supported 1674 smallholder and 2471 commercial farmers with fodder in the declared drought municipalities, Witzenberg, Drakenstein, Kannaland, Oudtshoorn and district municipalities the West Coast and Beaufort West.

The SPEAKER: Sorry Madam Premier, your time has expired.

The PREMIER: Alright, well I have got a whole thesis of what we have done.
[Time expired.] [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You can forward it. Please forward it.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Dyantyi, if you need to speak to the Premier you do it through the Chair please. You are acting like a naughty little boy today.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Yes.

The SPEAKER: Please! I know it might be seen to be... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Can I address you?

The SPEAKER: You may address me but your behaviour is bordering on that of becoming disruptive.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Kindly, hon Speaker, withdraw the “little boy naughty” comment.

The SPEAKER: You are not a naughty little boy hon member Dyantyi.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Thank you.

The SPEAKER: I shall withdraw that unapologetically. That concludes the first interpellation.

[Debate concluded.]

The SPEAKER: We are all grown up now. We are going to move to Interpellation number 2, and I see the hon, the Minister, Minister Marais.

Happy Valley, Eerste River: social cohesion and cultural tolerance

2. Ms P Z Lekker asked the Minister of Cultural Affairs and Sport:

Whether her Department has any plans in place to foster social cohesion and to promote cultural tolerance in the community of Happy Valley, Eerste River, and in the surrounding areas; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: Thank you hon Lekker for this interpellation. Our Department aims to create social inclusive and tolerant communities through the initiatives or programmes implemented. It is therefore important to note that social inclusion and culture tolerance requires the commitment and cooperation of all spheres of Government and the whole of society approach.

The work executed by a department has a demographic reach across all communities which ranges from arts, culture, language, heritage, museums, libraries, archives and sport, all of which functions and co-functions to foster social inclusion and cultural tolerance.

Through our programmes we strive to be inclusive and embrace diversity whilst creating an understanding of and respect for all practices within our realm. To achieving this end we have rolled out our oral history initiative in the Metro which aims to promote culture tolerance through creating a platform for untold personal histories to be shared with the wider community and documented in our archives; libraries and museums to be preserved for

present and future generations. Experiences are not exclusive to one community and we recognise that communities are not homogenous but the effect of past experiences has similar impacts on the landscape of the Western Cape. Therefore libraries play a significant role as the social hubs and spaces of safety in our communities. In the area in question the Western Cape Library Service supports Eerste River Library, Macassar Library, Melton Rose Library and Mfuleni Library.

The National Heritage Resource Act mandates the Provincial Heritage Resources Authority to manage cultural places of significance. That forms part of the national estate. In this regard my Department assisted members of the Cape Korana Cultural Community which has members in Happy Valley and Eerste River areas, in capacitating the community to understand the process to be followed for the declaration of heritage objects. The entire responsibility, Heritage Western Cape ensures the identification, protection, promotion and management of heritage resources of significance, is given due to consideration and attention to ensure it gives effect to the intentions of the National Heritage Resource Act.

Further, the Department makes available cultural facilities under our management to embrace the diverse cultures of our province through the programmes they execute. In particular from the Eerste River Community we accommodated groups that varied from the International Koran Academy, Muslim community to primary schools.

The SPEAKER: Thank you Minister. I see the hon Lekker.

Ms P Z LEKKER: Let me first thank the input from the MEC, but MEC, if you zoom down to the community of Happy Valley, 70% of the community is unemployed. In that same community there are no facilities at all and I would like to check in the spirit of bringing and fostering good relations, is there perhaps any plans taking into account that it is a previous farming community, are there plans of perhaps bringing a mobile library into the area because indeed for them to go into Mfuleni or Kleinvlei or Eerste River, they need to get a taxi and if they are unemployed, most of them, would it not be an opportunity for your Department to bring those facilities closer even if it is a mobile library where learners will get an opportunity to experience what it is to make use of a library where they would be able to exchange in terms of their cultural activities.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. I see the hon Lennit Max.

Mr L H MAX: Madam Speaker, I just want to say to the hon member Lekker it was at all times, all relevant times, this DA-led Government of the Western Cape's aim to create an open, a fair and opportune society... [Interjections.] ...and we all believe to continue to believe in building inclusive communities. Now it is a pity that the hon member focuses on one area but this DA-led Government focused on the broader communities.

We are not tunnel-visioned and with this limited budget, so to show

commitment to this cause the Department of DCAS, the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport, actually advised the Minister to establish the Western Cape Cultural Commission.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Ja, ja.

Mr L H MAX: And advise the Minister on the preservation, promotion and development of Arts and Culture in our communities. Now this commission is established by people chosen from the communities. It shows you the communities took ownership of their future. On top of that, 181 MOD Centres were established by the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport to encourage people to involve and create opportunities for youngsters to participate in these programmes. [Interjections.]

Now when we make an effort to understand and appreciate each other's differences it will definitely help us to achieve an inclusive and cohesive society and therefore I urge hon member Lekker to encourage... [Interjections.]

Ms P Z LEKKER: Do you know how inclusive it is [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: Order please, hon member Lekker.

Mr L H MAX: ...to encourage people in these areas... [Interjections.]

Ms P Z LEKKER: You have never been there.

Mr L H MAX: ...to participate in these activities and to seize opportunities created by the DA-led Government of the Western Cape under the competent leadership of Minister Anroux Marais. [Time expired.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Max, thank you, your time has expired. [Interjections.]

Ms P Z LEKKER: Your time is up. [Interjections.]

†n AGBARE LID: Hoor-hoor-hoor!

[An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear-hear!]

The SPEAKER: Members, may I just ask, hon member Lekker, if you need to pose a question to the person, the idea would be to ask it through the Chair, not to do the dialogue, and hon member Dyantyi, at the cost of being called something little again please manage yourself. [Laughter.] I now recognise the hon member Lekker.

†n AGBARE LID: Die lekker Lekker.

[An HON MEMBER: The *lekker* Lekker.]

Ms P Z LEKKER: No. Thank you Madam Speaker. [Interjections.] [Speaking in vernacular - 00:34:40.] [Laughter.]

Perhaps for one to understand exactly what it means to be inclusive one needs to go into the area and be with the people and amongst the people and if you are looking at the community of Happy Valley, it is an inclusive community where you find people from different cultures interacting with one another, but that is neither here nor there. It is important though to understand that this Provincial Government's PSG speaks to issues of safety. It also directly speaks to making sure that our communities are healthy and further understanding that communities, for them to be living in a happy environment we need to increase wellness and attacking social ills, and therefore primary to that would be making sure that there are job opportunities created for people in order for them to be able to have a meaningful partnership with the various Government Departments, including all of Government Departments. Therefore Chair, it brings us to a question and an understanding that for us to be able to attack social ills we need to make sure that all of Government Departments work together and I would like to check from the office of the Ministry as to whether there are any opportunities, particularly job opportunities, that were created through the EPWP for the community of Happy Valley, and I maintain once again that to speak about Happy Valley it becomes a very concern because it is a marginalised community which at all times we need to speak for all those communities that have not been catered for. I thank you.

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

Mr B D KIVEDO: Thank you. Thank you Madam Speaker. Hon fellow

members, support staff, members of the media and our distinguished guests in the gallery, Madam Speaker, it is becoming increasingly important that community members must play an increased role in taking ownership of the spacious and take advantage of the inclusive programmes made available through the Western Cape Government. I would like to congratulate Minister Anroux Marais and her Department for her focus on expanding sports, the arts and cultural programmes to Happy Valley, Eerste River and surrounding communities.

Let us also on the focus the significant roles libraries play as social hubs and points of access to various economic opportunities in these areas. Not only have these libraries helped expand various economic opportunities to the people in these areas, but the library has more effect on reading, than phonics [Inaudible.]

Being able to have a wide range of books that appeal to different interests, will do more to drive literacy than some of the Government's strategies.

The SPEAKER: Thank you hon member Kivedo.

Mr B D KIVEDO: I thank you. [Time expired.]

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

Ms P Z LEKKER: Thank you Madam Speaker. Lastly Madam Speaker, I am

very much interested in understanding when you are speaking of members of Happy Valley who are forming part of any activities that are taking place from this Department? I would want to check. Has there been any activities, cultural activities that have been explored into the community directly by this Department and if there is, Madam Speaker, can we get some information as to how has this been rolled out into that very same community, understanding the material conditions of those people of Happy Valley.

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

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: Thank you Madam Speaker. Thank you for bringing it under my attention about the cultural activities in Happy Valley. I will provide the information. I will get the information. I do not have it with me but I will provide it to you and then with the libraries, with pleasure, we will look into that as well. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. That concludes Interpellation 2.

[Debate concluded.]

The SPEAKER: We now move to Interpellation 3. I see the hon, the Minister of Finance, Minister Meyer.

City of Cape Town: recent tariff increases

3. Mr Q R Dyantyi asked the Minister of Finance:

Whether he and his Department support the recent tariff increases by the City of Cape Town; if not, what has been his (a) response to and (b) intervention in the matter?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Thank you hon Madam Speaker, and thank you for this interpellation. I know the hon member has asked this question with a particular approach and I will deal extensively with that approach.

Firstly, the Provincial Treasury annually assesses via the Local Government MTEC process a municipal budget as stipulated in Chapter 4 of the Local Government Municipal Finance Management Act 56 of 2003 as well as the Municipal Budgeting and Reporting Guidelines Regulation Chapter 5 of the Local Government Municipal Systems Act 32 of 2000, as amended.

Madam Speaker, that is the legislative framework; let me now deal with the principles involved in this question. Interaction during the LG MTEC process focussed on whether the draft municipal budgets comply with the three broad areas of principles.

- Firstly responsiveness, whether the draft budget is appropriately responsive to the economic growth objectives and the socio-economic needs of the community, as measured in the socio-economic profile of the Local Government, as prioritised in the IDP and Local Economic

Development Strategy of the Institution.

- The second principle, Madam Speaker, in assessing the budget is the sustainability, which assesses whether the municipality has sufficient revenue and adequate corporate stability to fund and deliver its budget; and
- Thirdly, the credibility, whether the municipality can execute and deliver on its budget realistically and its ability to spend.

In the context of sustainability we have developed a particular model to assess firstly the corporate governance sustainability. Secondly, we are also assessing the fiscal sustainability of the Municipality and thirdly we assess the economic sustainability and lastly we assess the public value sustainability when we assess the budget.

Now in terms of the real actual assessment, Madam Speaker, the tariff increase proposed by the City were assessed in terms of the Budget Guidelines and inflationary limits set by the National Treasury and guidelines set by other Regulatory bodies such as NERSA. Both the Provincial Treasury and the National Treasury provided extensive commentary on the City of Cape Town's budget and associated documents. The 2017/18 tariff increases were assessed against key parameters in the context of the entire City's budget and associated documents and in this we followed a very holistic approach.

The tariff increases for electricity and property rates were below the consumer price index, the CPI projections for the City of Cape Town. The current drought conditions and water restrictions implemented originally a Level 3B at the time and currently a Level 5 in the City of Cape Town which impacted on the tariff increases for water and sanitation. [Time expired.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you Minister Meyer. Your time has expired. Thank you. I see the hon member Dyantyi.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Baie dankie agb Speaker. Jammer, LUR, [Thank you Madam Speaker. Sorry, MEC] I can give you my time because he has not answered the question.

The SPEAKER: Speak to the Chair please.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Thank you very much for the response so far. I cannot falter that response. I like those three elements, credibility [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: We are glad you like them.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You know, sustainability, responsiveness. All that he has said; he said they have provided comprehensive commentary to the City of Cape Town. The question was did you support the tariff increase in the City of Cape Town?

†Hy hardloop weg. Jy moenie hol weg nie, asseblief. Kom terug na die punt. Die punt is, het die LUR saam met u Departement die *increase* ondersteun in die Stad Kaapstad? Kom op daai punt.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[He is running away. You must not run away, please. Come back to the point. The point is, did the MEC along with your Department support the increase in the City of Cape Town? Come to that point.]

He does not come to that point and therefore, hon Speaker...

The SPEAKER: Hon member Dyantyi, hon member Dyantyi.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: May I proceed, so that you do not disturb me.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Dyantyi before you proceed - no I am not. You indicated that the Minister is running away. He had run out of time. He was not running away.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: He should have gone straight to the point.

The SPEAKER: He ran out of time. Thank you. Proceed.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Please add on to my time, Madam Speaker, please. You

see the City of Cape Town is fast making it unaffordable for working class and ordinary people to leave. This is evident in the ongoing municipality-induced sharp hikes for rates, tariffs, taxes and services, especially the hidden and double taxation on services that are adding to this dilemma.

This year Cape Town went behind the back of the ratepayers or residents, in spite of that comprehensive commentary that you gave them to request from the National Regulator NERSA for an increase in electricity prices above the cap set for municipalities. This shows quite clearly that Cape Town's DA Municipality is pushing the limits in order to fill the City's coffers at the expense of the mainly middle-class people. It is precisely the complaint by middle-class residents that Cape Town under the DA taxes them out of their home but do not render the services in return. Here many cite potholes and bad roads as an example. In fact in many instances the residents must establish a municipality within a municipality, called an improvement district below that, with more tax in order to pay for the services they already paid the municipality to deliver, but do not get. It includes safety, maintenance, cleaning, upkeep of plants and trees and general tasks the municipality should have taken care of.

Cape Town has in the past even loaded things like sewerage with surcharges which was illegal and it had to be regularised to proceed with the collection thereof. So the Minister, instead of answering in this House and telling what his Department did, he is going around. I would like him to come back and answer. I pause.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: You can ask them in the City.

[Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I pause.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: You can ask them in the City.

[Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: We have got to deal with the leader. Do not bring your faction stance.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Well, go there!

[Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I pause.

An HON MEMBER: Where is everybody?

The SPEAKER: I am watching you pause, and I am watching what is playing out here. It resembles something that is not called "parly". I now recognise the hon, member Joseph.

Mr D JOSEPH: Thank you Madam Speaker, thank you Minister for the response on the question. Municipalities are a separate sphere of government.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Asseblief!

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Oh, please!]

Mr D JOSEPH: They have the authority to increase the tariffs on an annual basis.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Jy kom nie met daai storie nie! Asseblief!

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: You do not come with that story. Please!]

Mr D JOSEPH: Hon member Dyantyi as the previous MEC should know that.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Ek weet beter as daai!

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: I know better than that!]

Mr D JOSEPH: The process starts with officials preparing proposals based on economic research which affects the Metro employment, unemployment, social circumstances of the residents and affordability. This means that the socio-economic situation of each and every resident is taken into consideration before this process is undertaken. This process is followed by a concept budget which is then followed by a public participation process which is very important. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Joseph, kindly take your seat please. I just need to call the Minister Fritz and member Lekker to order please. They are engaging in some kind of distracting behaviour. Could I request please,

members. You may proceed, member Joseph. I must apologise for the interruption.

Mr D JOSEPH: Thank you, thank you Madam Speaker. This process is then followed. It is followed by a financial budget proposal voted in by the council after comments were received by the public is taken into account and the Municipal Acts and Bylaws are applied. This process is followed and of course it ensures that service delivery will continue. That is the primary task of the City of Cape Town, and the table of proposed increases are as follows: There was a 5% increase in property rates in the 2017/18 year; 3.34% in electricity; 6.51% in refuse and 8.32% in disposal. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Leave those... we do not need them. Do not waste your time.

Mr D JOSEPH: These are average increases which indicate the only area that comes in is the water tariffs due to the situation as sketched by the Premier and yourself, which in certain level and tariffs is applied for.

This member who asked this question, Madam Speaker, is playing politics with people.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is what you think but we will tell you just now.

Mr D JOSEPH: The public has responded to the City of Cape Town in terms

of the advert. They have responded. [Interjections.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Wag 'n bietjie!

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Wait a minute!]

Mr D JOSEPH: They have made their comments and I am sure the City will take that into account going forward. I thank you.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Jy kan maar nou sit, ja.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: You may sit now, yes.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Dyantyi.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Thank you Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: I am recognising you to speak, but I am also going to address you in terms of your interjections and how close you are to Rule 44 if you continue to persist in that manner.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: As long as you watch my time, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: So now you may proceed.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Now I am starting.

The SPEAKER: You are starting now but please manage yourself.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Thank you. Where municipalities go outside of the norm Treasury and Provincial and National level must be consulted or buy into such increases. The fact that the escalations went through and are unchallenged means only one thing, Treasury at this level has to support it. So hon MEC Meyer, please tell us, did they, the City of Cape Town, defy you as Provincial Government? Perhaps as part of your factions because that City is led by Mayor De Lille so they did not do what the comprehensive common view gave them because they did not do that or tell this House that their increases have our own blessings who did that.

What is even more shameful is how Deputy Mayor, the real Mayor of Cape Town, Ian Neilson has told concerned business people about steep upsurges of tariffs and rates that if they do not like it, listen to this - "they know what to do - move away!" That is out of the Cape Colony of No Hope basically, but let us look at the rates and taxes outside of the Cape Metro. In many cases the rates for an average middle-class household in Cape Town is up to double and three times as much in other so called DA-governed areas like Napier, Grabouw and the Weskus, the Central Karoo and even the Southern Cape. Let us look at the other metros where the DA is now suddenly in control, thanks to an unholy relationship with the EFF and UDM, like in Nelson Mandela where rates and tariffs shot up and is now double what it was. The base rates are now the highest in the country. This is where the DA rules, the best-run governments, so we are sharing those kind of examples,

and people are told to shut up and pay. They have to pay. Period!

This is what this DA Government does to the ordinary citizens in this province and other parts of this country. [Time expired.]

The SPEAKER: Your time has expired, hon member Dyantyi.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Ek kom terug, ek kom terug.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: I am coming back, I am coming back.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you. I recognise the hon Mackenzie.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Thank you Madam Speaker, thanks for hon member Dyantyi. He is indeed right - the taxpayers are being taxed out of their homes... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: By the DA yes, by the DA.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: But let me tell you the reasons there. As you know, the National Department of Water and Sanitation is bankrupt. In fact they are literally leaking billions and that is why the City of Cape Town and the Western Cape Government had to make up the shortfall, for example in Clanwilliam where money that was supposed to be paid on maintenance is now going to that shortfall by the Provincial and City Governments. So if the hon member is really genuine about this matter he will agree with us and

march with us to Parliament for Minister Mokonyane to resign.

An HON MEMBER: Exactly!

Mr D JOSEPH: Ja.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Similarly with the electricity matters. The Minister would know that the billions looted by the Guptas, [Inaudible - 00:51:48] friends, the hon Zuma, the City and several other municipalities now have to make up that shortfall by increased taxes due to the fact that the hon President has appointed... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Oh, you are so cheap!

Mr R D MACKENZIE: ...this hon appointed the Guptas as they know, so if the member is really honest with himself, he will march with us to demand the resignation of Minister "Gupta" Gigaba and Minister Mokonyane who have literally bankrupted the City, so Zuma is taxing the middleclass out of their homes... [Interjections.]

Ms P Z LEKKER: You have nothing to say other than Zuma... [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: Your time has expired. [Interjections.]

Mr R D MACKENZIE: ...by their behaviour and their mismanagement of their

Departments and if he is really sincere he will agree with us.

The SPEAKER: Thank you honourable.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: That is where the problem lies. [Time expired.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you hon Mackenzie. [Interjections.] [Applause.]

Ms P Z LEKKER: It was not Zuma. He is not the Guptas.

†n AGBARE LID: Gooi kole! [Tussenwerpsels.]

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

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Baie dankie, agb Speaker, baie dankie.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Thank you, Madam Speaker, thank you very much.]

†n AGBARE LID: Jou kole is dood!

[An HON MEMBER: Your coals are extinguished!]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Baie dankie Speaker. Daai was 'n baie swak poging van daai lid. [Tussenwerpsels.]

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Thank you, Speaker. That was a very poor effort from that member. [Interjections.]]

The SPEAKER: Order, please members.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Daai was 'n baie swak poging. Hy het probeer om die antwoord te gee maar hy is baie verkeerd. Hy is orals. Die punt is maar ek respekteer vir hom want hy het iets gedoen wat die LUR nie kon doen nie -.

[Translation of Afrikaans a paragraph follows.]

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: That was a very poor effort. He tried to give an answer but he is very wrong. He is all over the place. The point is, but I respect him because he did something the MEC could not do -] to admit. He admitted on behalf of the DA that yes, we did this, and then he gave other reasons. [Interjections.]

At least I respect him for that admission which is very good. And I hope now the MEC when he closes he will come to the answer.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: I do not take instructions.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Tell the people of the Western Cape, tell the citizens of this province, of this city... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: ...that the load of increased tariffs and rates the DA Government has supported that this province and the City of Cape Town are in cahoots to give them hell in terms of their pockets. Please tell this House.

[Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: But do not forget it is a race issue. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I pause. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please members. Before we begin, the display of posters we know is allowed, but if it becomes disruptive to proceedings, I am going to have to call you to order. So I see posters, I cannot see the content, it is not coming my way but let us just not reduce the decorum of the House. I now recognise the hon, the Minister, Minister Meyer. You have two minutes Sir.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: We will now listen to the answer [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Madam Speaker, thank you very much.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Beweeg aan!

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Move on!]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: I think what this motion does, is that it - this motion or rather the interpellation by the hon member Dyantyi...
[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please, hon member Dyantyi!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: The ANC councillors in the City of Cape Town must note that Richard Dyantyi, who wants to become Provincial Leader, has just moved a motion of no confidence in them. That is why he is bringing the interpellation here. He has no confidence in the councillors in the City of Cape Town. [Interjections.]

I also agree that corruption caused by the ANC is now affecting the Local Government equitable share and State theft is coming home to roost in many different places.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Your answer!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: I think the hon member was a MEC for Local Government. [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: [Inaudible.] Answer!

The SPEAKER: Order please hon member Dyantyi.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: He was a member of this Cabinet. He should know how Local Government operates but sadly it seems he has failed that particular responsibility. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Answer that one... [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: But I am particularly happy to report he asked me... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Get off of that horse!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: He simple does not understand State craft. He asked me did I support it. The budget was tabled in that House. I am not a member of that House so that is the place where you support a budget. I made some extensive comments on the budget.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Asseblief!

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Oh, please!]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Some of those were technical; some of those were taken into consideration. That is the place where you support or not support. I am not a member of a council. If he wants to become a councillor we can redeploy him so that he can make a statement that side. I think we should, the hon Leader of the Official Opposition should redeploy Richard Dyantyi because he has just reduced himself now to becoming a councillor. That is the place where you support or not support a particular tariff increase. But let me give you what his Government has said about this increases. [Interjections.]

The National Government, the National Treasury of Richard Dyantyi, they have indicated that they are very happy with the agreement of this tariff

increases, but I think we need a rather political debate and that debate should take place in that chamber where we are going to redeploy Richard Dyantyi.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: I think he is confused.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Hulle is uitgevang! Die DA is uitgevang.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: They were caught out! The DA has been caught out.]

The SPEAKER: Members, that concludes Interpellations.

[Debate concluded.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Dyantyi, at the cost of feeling that I am picking on you, your constant interjections are bringing you very close to Rule 44 and if you continue in this way I am going to have to ask you to withdraw from the Chamber if you are not going to manage yourself. So I am giving you a fair warning, and similarly to any other member who does a running commentary when it comes to interjections.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Hopefully not intimidating.

Mr K E MAGAXA: That is DA's best.

The SPEAKER: I am not threatening or intimidating. I am cautioning you, let us work with each other. [Interjections.] Hon member Magaxa, we are now going to deal with Questions on the Question Paper and you will have an opportunity to speak in just a minute. So if we may, I will now recognise the hon, the Premier.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

New question to the Premier:

International trips to Ghana, Vietnam and Thailand: reasons for

1. Mr K E Magaxa asked the Premier:

- (a) What were the reasons for her international trips to (i) Ghana and (ii) Vietnam and Thailand; (b) what was the composition of the delegation, (c) what was the cost breakdown related to each trip and (d) what were the impact or gains of each visit?

The PREMIER: Thank you very much indeed, Madam Speaker. This is a question about two trips in four parts each, so I will respond in that way.

(a) Firstly. I had a trip to Ghana and the reasons were:

- (i) To address the opening session of the 5th African Network for

Evidence-to-Action in Disability Conference. Now that is an African network that deals with disability issues and because South Africa and especially the Western Cape is so comparatively advanced in dealing with disability issues we feel it is very important to put that issue on the agenda across the continent because many people with disabilities are neglected and marginalised in too many countries.

- (ii) Secondly, the reason was to promote the Western Cape as a preferred trade, tourism and investment promotion destination in line with the Western Cape Government's International Relations strategy which highlights Africa as a key geographical area for investment, trade and tourism, and of all the African countries at the moment, Ghana is showing very great promise. They have just had a democratic election in which the old government was replaced and they aim to become the most business-friendly and fastest growing country in Africa and it makes a lot of sense for us to make contact with them. We have a growing economy, whereas what we need most of all is to turn our economy around and enable it to grow. So of all the countries in Africa we thought that was the best one to target, as it proved to be.

- (b) The delegation included myself and I was away for six days; Dr Laurine Platzky, the Deputy Director-General of Strategic Programmes, including International Relations, who was away for six days; Mr

Bertram Ariefdien, who is the Deputy Director of Protocol in the Department and he led an advance team and he was away for 11 days, and it really works to have an advance team, because you can get the programme really well planned, you do not waste any time. The routes are travelled so you know how long it is going to take, where you can save time, because these days are really packed and you have to make sure that you get all of your appointments into the time available; and then Ms L Mqikela, who is the ASD International Relations, Department of the Premier, and she was also away with the advance team for 11 days.

(c) Then the costs breakdown, based on the submission. The total cost of the visit for four people for the Western Cape's participation in the Ghana mission was R388 643.80 and this was the cost for four Western Cape Government delegates for a period of between six and 11 days, two each, and includes an amount of R57 360.00 we donated to AfriNEAD South Africa for their participation in the Disability Conference.

(d) Then the gains and impact:

(i) Firstly there was promotion of the importance and learning about the latest developments on the African continent in relation to the rights and programmes of people with disabilities. It was a very, very important discussion and we met the Minister responsible and we compared notes and insights and we hope to continue supporting

the work on disability across this Continent.

- (ii) Promotion of the Western Cape as a preferred trade, tourism and investment destination and encouraging increased inter-African trade, tourism and investment through reinforcement of political support. It was very interesting how many South African companies are already in Ghana and how much investment has already happened there, and the ties between our two countries are strong but can be much stronger, so as I will describe later we brought a strong investment delegation and we had a very major seminar on this particular issue with very positive results.
- (iii) Then the third gain and impact was exposing the Western Cape companies to the opportunities available in the Ghanaian market and as I said 18 companies participated in the mission, which is very significant.
- (iv) Five companies that took part in the mission have so far signed declarations totalling R112 million; so that is a huge return on investment of just over R380 000 which included the donation to AfriNEAD.
- (v) One company signed an Outward Foreign Direct Investment declaration to the value of R35 million. A total of 35 jobs are to be created and 63 retained over the next five years. So we felt that

that was very well worthwhile.

I also had the opportunity there of meeting senior political leaders; not only Otumfuo, who is the King and who is a very wise and well respected monarch, but equally mayors and the equivalent of regional governors, and I was fascinated to hear how they are driving economic growth up and unemployment down with some considerable success and perhaps one of the most fascinating discussions that I had of all was how they have managed to really reverse the HIV/Aids pandemic with such marvellous success and with a fraction of the resources that we have.

So it was a very important learning experience, and believe me, Ghana is on the up-and-up. I met a couple of their Cabinet Ministers from education to trade and industry, and I could not have been more impressed with their insight, their vision, their leadership capacity and their articulacy, and at one of our seminars the Deputy Minister of Trade and Industry was the keynote speaker, and I thought to myself if the Deputy Minister of Trade and Industry is this good, I wonder what the actual Minister is like, and that was very-very impressive.

Then Vietnam and Thailand. The reasons: Thailand and Vietnam are two of the fastest growing economies in the world. In fact, all the economic predictions are, Madam Speaker, that by 2020, Vietnam will be the fastest growing economy in the world, and they have had five year plans on a regular basis. I am amazed to see, and I spoke to several people's committees as they

call them there, how they achieve their plans and reach their plans, and they are now on 8% economic growth, and the plan is by next year to be on 9% economic growth, and the year after that to be on 10% economic growth, and they spell out very-very clearly plans to achieve that.

So both Thailand and Vietnam are members of the rapidly growing economic region of Asean countries, which will have a middle-class of more than 200 million people by 2030.

Now you have got to understand what having a middle-class of 200 million people will mean. They are all people who come into a market where they can develop a taste for wine, for our export products, for our fruit and crucially for tourism. When people are in the middle-class and the exchange rate favours their currency as much as the Asean countries' exchange rate favours them, they are going to come on holiday to places where they get good value for money. As you know, tourism is one of the things that really drives job creation in our province, and what I learnt very much there, was that other countries are doing a fantastic job of promoting their industries, their destinations and their products.

So while the Western Cape is number 2 in those countries for the fruits we produce, we are only number 6 as far as our wines are concerned, and the country that beats us consistently is Chile. Why? Because they have a constant presence there, and that is one of the reasons, it is not the only reason, but I learnt just how much other countries who compete with us in the

global marketplace, know that 200 million people in the middle-class have to be prepared for, and that market has to be tapped very early on, because once people get loyal to a brand, they often stick with that brand, and South Africa has to be there competing.

In particular, the Western Cape Government delegation focused on attending and opening the South African displays at the Food Hotel Thailand exhibition, to showcase Western Cape products, including Halaal products. That was very nice, because we had our wines being tasted there, and our Halaal products together being exhibited there, and we even had export products such as a capsule for cleaning coffee machines, getting really broad-based interest from the entire industry, and I am delighted to say that we won gold in the superior wine category twice.

Now when all of the industries are there, the hotels and other industries are there at the show and it is a huge show, when it comes to the judging and people are all standing around, they hear Mullineux wines and Van Loveren wines winning the top accolades in superior wine quality, and people say, “Well, we need to look at these wines,” and especially with the exchange rate it is very-very favourable for them to do so at the moment.

Then we promoted tourism, trade and investment opportunities in the Western Cape, in collaboration with the South African embassies in Bangkok, Hanoi, with the Vietnamese Chamber of – Bangkok and Hanoi. Obviously they are two different countries, and with the Vietnamese Chamber of Commerce and

Industry in Hanoi and Da Nang, by co-hosting tourism, trade and investment seminars, and all of them were packed, Madam Speaker, where they know very little about South Africa.

Specifically we highlighted relevant opportunities in the Western Cape, supported by sectoral presentations, trade and investment statistics, answering questions from importers, distributors, tour operators and potential investors, and they were all there, and to provide an overview of requirements for foreign investors and support services provided by Wesgro, including highlighting key Khulisa projects such as wine and Halaal promotion, as well as the opening of the Cape Investor Centre, and it was a very fortuitous time to be there, because two things have just happened.

Firstly, two days before I was there in Hanoi, Minister Maite Nkoane-Mashabane, the Minister of International Relations, had been there, and she had made a statement that there is room to improve trade between South Africa and Vietnam to the tune of 2 billion Dollars, and she had been on television saying that she had met the Prime Minister of Vietnam to discuss that issue. It was really very important that right in the slipstream, and while people were still talking about that, we were there, presenting our products and how we could start fulfilling that target that our National Minister of International Relations has put on the table.

So it was lovely that we could then say okay, right now as well, we are opening the Cape Investor Centre, and the acting Premier, Minister Alan

Winde, was there, and we really could get the best possible promotion of the Cape Investment Centre, which is a one-stop shop for all investors at the seminars, with all the contact details, the names and everything.

Thirdly, to provide a platform to meet local companies that have been or are interested in trading, making investments, shooting films, and increasing tourism in the South African economy with a focus on promoting the Western as an investment destination of choice.

Fourthly, to leverage off the recently undertaken high-level political visits between South Africa and Vietnam, and it was not only Minister Maite Nkoane-Mashabane, it was also Deputy President Cyril Ramaphosa who had been there, and it is very useful to fortify those links.

In the Asean countries it is important to link with politicians and to build that kind of confidence over time, and most certainly many people raised with me the fact that they had seen Deputy President Ramaphosa before, and also seen Minister Nkoane-Mashabane, and now they were seeing us, and you could just see this interaction developing and the bonds solidifying.

We also highlighted and advanced the export trade opportunities, particularly for agricultural products in Thailand and Vietnam, and then crucially in Thailand, we visited the Eastern Economic Corridor.

Now the Eastern Economic Corridor is going to be one of the fastest growing

regions in the world. It is being expertly managed, really well promoted, the incentives packages are extremely interesting and innovative, and it is an excellent model for our Western Economic Corridor that we are seeking to develop in the West Coast. We had a fascinating day of seminar around the Eastern Economic Corridor, and in fact the new Honorary Consul for South Africa in that part of Thailand, Mr McDonald, was there with great enthusiasm to build these links between the two economic corridors.

We also wanted to support Fruit SA and further opening market access for fruit in general, but oranges and grapes in particular for the short-term. Currently there are phytosanitary issues. Our National Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries needs a little bit of encouragement to get on with that, because there are very-very big opportunities for those two export products in that market.

Then we also prepared for Wesgro to organise a delegation of Western Cape businesses to attend the Food and Hotel Vietnam Exhibition in 2019. Exactly the same kind of exhibition with all the hoteliers and all the tourism industry people that we had in Bangkok, we now want to also have in Vietnam, because these are the growing tourism markets with disposable income.

Then learning about research and programmes to reduce alcohol harms in Vietnam and Thailand as part of the Global Alcohol Policy Alliance, and not to mention HIV/AIDS. Madam Speaker, I am so impressed at the extent to which countries like Thailand, Vietnam and Ghana manage behaviour change in their societies. It is quite extraordinary.

Thailand is known as the sex capital of the world. People go to Thailand, I am afraid, for sex tourism often. Yet they have brought their AIDS rates right down, and they could explain to me the strategy and how they achieved it, and I was very-very impressed. Again, on the fraction of the resources that we have. Exactly the same in Vietnam. I could not believe it. In Vietnam, according to the calculation I did, because they gave me all the statistics, 0.03% of that population is HIV positive. It is quite extraordinary.

Then we learnt about the extensive and successful programmes of the Thai Association for Cooperative Education with Thai Universities of Technology.

Now this is a major breakthrough. In the past we have often gone to Germany to learn about *duale Ausbildung*. That is a system in which people study and work at the same time, and we have based our apprenticeship game-changer largely on that model.

What I learnt in Thailand was how they adapted the German and Swiss and Austrian model for their circumstances, and why they did so, and it has given me very important insights, I wrote up all of the notes, and we are going to be tailoring our apprenticeship game-changer accordingly. A very-very important set of lessons.

Then we also visited a major global plant to see how work is integrated with learning, where graduates are ready to move straight into the workplace and the potential for partnerships with the Cape Peninsula University of

Technology.

Now this was one of the most interesting meetings, because they explained to us how they partner with academic institutions and students, and it was delightful to see a Mr Thato Poi, who comes from the Free State in South Africa, as an intern there, as an apprentice there, and he gave us a brilliant exposition of his research that has led to a mechanism that will enable the testers of the technology to be tested themselves for the reliability of the outcome, and they are very-very impressed with the quality of the students that we are sending them from South Africa, and it was lovely to see Mr Poi there.

It was also important to learn, and I think this will be an interesting thing for Minister Schäfer, which I must still share with her, the extent of the focus on English in Ghana, in Thailand and in Vietnam. In Vietnam children are required to take English for two hours per day, because they say if we want to grow this economy and become an international player, we have to speak the language of the international economy, and they focus on English and a number of our teachers and young people who one meets in both Thailand and Vietnam on their English Learning Programmes and teaching English as a foreign language, is a really insightful thing to see.

The delegation was myself, I was away for 11 days, Dr Platzky again, away for 11 days, Mr Hadley Blake, the Deputy Director, Protocol in the Department of the Premier, and he and an advanced team of one other person,

Ms Phathutshedzo Mabuda, was away for 18 days. The total cost of the visit for the official delegation was ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please.

The PREMIER: ... R518 436.32 for four people for between 11 to 18 days. [Interjection.]

Ms P Z LEKKER: [Inaudible.]

The PREMIER: Now you want to talk about the gains and the impacts... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please.

The PREMIER: You asked the questions... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order, members, a question [Interjections.] – Order, please. [Interjections.].

The PREMIER: Well, I am terribly sorry... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Premier... [Interjection.]

The PREMIER: ... you asked a question about three destinations in four

categories.

The SPEAKER: Hon Premier, kindly... [Interjection.]

The PREMIER: So you are now going to get the answer.

The SPEAKER: Hon Premier [Applause.], kindly take your seat. Hon members... [Interjection.]

The PREMIER: I have not finished.

The SPEAKER: No, you are not finished. [Interjections.] If I may address you. A question [Interjections.] – I am really not worried who is fighting in which faction right now. A question was posed and the hon Premier is answering the question. I think it would only be respectful to acknowledge the response in order for the follow-ups.

It might seem detailed, but let us be patient, and let us reduce the buzz that is going on. Something has been triggered and there is in and out and movement. Let us work together. Hon Premier, you may proceed. I am asking the House for cooperation.

The PREMIER: Thank you very much. [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Olivier, you are going to get very close to Rule

44 very shortly too. [Interjections.] You have asked a question. Hon Premier, you may proceed with your response.

The PREMIER: Thank you very much. In fact, this is the brief response [Interjections.]. I have edited it very substantially, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Olivier, I will welcome it if you would cooperate, thank you.

The PREMIER: The gains and the impact. Let us take a look at Thailand. Wesgro facilitated and coordinated a delegation of five Western Cape exporters and stakeholders, to attend the Food and Halaal Thailand Trade Exhibition in Bangkok. I opened the SA Food and Hotel Pavilion at that exhibition, and we attended the awards to the South African wine makers, and I did media interviews and photos and TV opportunities. I was on television four times... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: [Laughing.]

Mr D JOSEPH: Order.

The PREMIER: ... during the visits to Thailand and Vietnam, and that is very important, because you can talk about South Africa, you can talk about [Interjection.] – ja. I was on ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Olivier... [Interjection.]

The PREMIER: ... television four times. Twice in Vietnam, twice in Thailand, talking about South Africa, talking about our fruit and wines and our tourism and other things, and allaying people's fears, because they have a perception of South Africa that I tried to allay very much.

Then we met 50 potential Thai tourism, trade and investment companies, because they attended the Tourism, Trade and Investment Seminar, and we had a long question and answer session, which was very useful.

Then we had commitments hosting joint investment awareness workshops with the Thai Bureau of Investment. I also met Thai Airlines, and they sent a very senior delegation to come and meet us. The Vice-President of Thai Airlines came to speak to us, because we are looking at, in their next round of prioritisation, trying to secure a direct route from Bangkok to Cape Town because it is a very good holiday destination. Currently they get 80 000 South African tourists every year, and we only get 8 000 people from Thailand coming, and there really is scope... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order.

The PREMIER: to balance that out.

The SPEAKER: Sorry, hon Premier, kindly take your seat. Hon member

Magaxa, you are raising on a point of order?

Mr K E MAGAXA: Yes, on a point of order, Madam Speaker. I just want to check if you think that the – addressing to you, Madam Speaker – the hon Premier is responding on the questions, because the questions [Interjections.] are clear here. [Interjections.]

The last question is talking about what the impact was. I know she has answered the other three but the specific question, number 4(d): What were the impacts and gains of each visit? And to me... [Interjection.] she is not doing that. She is just telling us about how she enjoyed herself there.

An HON MEMBER: No.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Magaxa...

Mr K E MAGAXA: ... I do not think it is in the interests of this sitting.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. I think you are raising a debating point. If you look at the very first part: What were the reasons for her international trips? The hon Premier is providing, as far as I can hear, a comprehensive response to all four parts of your question. Sadly, you are going to have to listen to it to get to the end where the hon Premier deals with the impact.

I cannot control the response, but in terms of the four points that are raised,

there is certainly relevance in terms of how the hon Premier is responding.

[Interjection.] Thank you.

Mr K E MAGAXA: All that we want now is... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Magaxa, the Premier is responding...

[Interjection.]

The PREMIER: Well, I am talking about the impact because this is a significant commitment to facilitate... [Interjection.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Magaxa... [Interjection.]

The PREMIER: ... Western Cape exporters ...

The SPEAKER: It is your question.

The PREMIER: ... into Thailand and Asean ... If they do not... [Interjection.]

If they do not think that appearing on television has an impact, let me tell them they are quite wrong, because when you get on television, you speak about how wonderful South Africa is, how people can come here for affordable holidays, how people can drink our wonderful affordable wines, etcetera, etcetera. You are putting us on the map and that is an impact.

Then a Thai TV drama comprising 12 series, is going to be shot in Cape Town, and we were very pleased to be able to liaise with the people to make sure that happens, because we get a lot of revenue from being a location for films, and of course as soon as there are films on location in Cape Town, it creates that kind of big impact around creating tourism awareness and a destination in its own right.

Then the Air Access Unit I have already spoken about, and then the extraordinary benefits we had from the Eastern Economic Corridor. So I will not go into that again.

Vietnam was particularly amazing. We had six Western Cape exporters and stakeholders in the wine, fruit, fruit juices, as well as provided a platform for five Western Cape exporters, Rooibos tea, honey, coffee-cleaning capsules, chocolates, dried fruit, confectionary products and canned fruits, to access and be exposed to the potential in the Vietnamese market.

18 potential Vietnamese Tourism, Trade and Investment companies at the Tourism, Trade and Investment seminar were all very interested in promoting in South Africa.

I have just mentioned the Vietnam Air, so that was also important.

The commitment undertaken by the Vietnam Ministry of Trade to visit South Africa in March to inspect our oranges and grapes, and that is very-very

important, because once they have come here, and we will create and do a good programme for them, and they have looked at our oranges and grapes, I am sure we will open that market for our oranges and grapes as well.

Lastly, I went to Da Nang. Now anyone of roughly my age will remember Da Nang from the news in the late 1960's early 70's. It was a place that was nearly bombed off the map by the Americans. They used Agent Orange there. It was a terrible, terrible situation, and today that city has resurrected itself and is a real focus for renewal, for tourism, for trade and for development, and all of this has happened through roughly an open market, where everyone drives a business of one kind or another, very low unemployment, and the biggest irony of all is that they call themselves the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, but they are the dead opposite. Thank you.

HON MEMBERS: Well done.

[The Deputy Speaker takes the Chair]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. The hon member Magaxa first.

Mr M G E WILEY: Which part did you understand?

Mr K E MAGAXA: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Mr Deputy Speaker...

Mr Q R DYANTYI: *Baas* Wiley.

Mr K E MAGAXA: I want to ask a follow-up question. How do...
[Interjection.]

Mr R T OLIVIER: Can she repeat?

Mr K E MAGAXA: How does the hon Premier reconcile... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You were hoping there was not going to be follow-up
[Inaudible.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: ... her attendance... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You must be very... [Interjection.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: ... at this African disability network? How does she
reconcile that with the firing of a disabled worker in her public
administration in the Department of Public Works, whom the Court ruled in
his favour... [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: That is a new question.

Mr K E MAGAXA: ... who has been working here for five years...
[Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Sit down. Sit down.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order, order. [Interjections.] Order! [Interjections.] Order! Hon member Magaxa, just take your seat. Hon Chief Whip.

Ms P Z LEKKER: There is only one Speaker here.

Mr M G E WILEY: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. As we can obviously hear, firstly this is a statement. The problem... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: It is not a statement, sit down. [Interjections.]

Ms P Z LEKKER: Are you telling the Deputy Speaker... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Please, come to order.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: On what point are you rising?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr M G E WILEY: Secondly, it is not even vaguely relevant to the original question. [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, I am listening very carefully. Hon member Magaxa, I could not see the relation, but get to the point. Ask the question relating as a supplementary to question number 1. Is that related to Question

1?

Mr K E MAGAXA: Let me remind you of the input of the hon Premier so that we can understand the relationship. The hon Premier attended an African Disability Network.

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

Mr K E MAGAXA: And she said she was invited, because of the role they have played in this Government in that area. Now I am asking a follow-up question: How does she reconcile her Department, which is the Public Works Department, which has fired an employee who is disabled, and the Court ruled in his favour, but the same Department which is supposed to be very sympathetic to disabled people... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Magaxa. You must get to the point. Can I just say as a general rule, a guideline? The supplementary questions must be in concise form, first of all. Secondly, it must relate to the original question or to the reply.

Now I did not listen to the full reply, but I take it that there is a correlation between the reply of the hon Premier and what you have just asked. Hon Premier, you are at liberty to reply to that question if you want to.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: She is rolling out the wine [Inaudible.].

The PREMIER: Mr Deputy Speaker, I must disagree with you, I do not think there is any connection, but if you have... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Answer the question. You are not debating [Inaudible].

The PREMIER: ... if you have ruled that there is, I am certainly prepared to respect your ruling.

I never, ever get involved in disciplinary cases, so I do not know at all... [Interjection.] what case the hon the Leader of the Opposition is referring to. He must rather put that case to Minister Donald Grant, and his Department can get the information required in the reply, but being passionate about issues related to disability, does not mean to say, as the hon member Magaxa seems to imply, that that exempts people with disabilities from any rules in this Government. Not at all.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Premier. I see the hon member Mitchell.

Mr D G MITCHELL: Thank you. Mr Deputy Speaker, can the hon Premier inform this House if she used this opportunity to assure international investors that investing in the Western Cape... [Interjection.] is an investment in corruption-free governance under this DA led administration, which is in direct contrast to the National ANC Government?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is very sweet. Very sweetheart.

The PREMIER: The hon member Mitchell raises a very important point.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I knew.

The PREMIER: The perception of South Africa internationally is really bad at the moment. People see us as a haven for corruption, they see us as a place of violent crime, they see us as a place... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: [Inaudible.] in the Western Cape.

The PREMIER: ... that has abandoned President Mandela's legacy, and the country that was once the posterchild for a transition to democracy, is now being seen as a country to avoid because of the problems generated nationally.

We do feature on television there, but usually for all the wrong reasons, and I had to spend a long time talking to ... [Interjection.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: [Inaudible.] those long visits.

The PREMIER: ... people, especially the tourism promoters, about whether they could safely send people to South Africa.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon member Mitchell, I see you again.

Mr D G MITCHELL: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. To the hon Premier, is it true that the Western Cape is home to the country's fastest growing economy with the lowest unemployment rate and the smallest number of discouraged work seekers due to the international relations built by this Government? [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: No, no.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Premier, again that is a question which may relate to the original question or the reply maybe. Hon Premier, do you want to respond?

The PREMIER: Well, the reason that I think it does relate, is because he is asking [Interjections.] what were the benefits? Was this a benefit? [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

The PREMIER: Was this a benefit? So it is a completely valid question. I think if it was not for the perception that international investors have of the Western Cape, our economic crisis would be much greater and our unemployment would be much worse.

It is a really tough job to tell people that South Africa is not what they now perceive it to be, and it is very important that we undertake that job.

Now it is quite amazing that given the amount of urbanisation we have had in the Western Cape, we still have the lowest unemployment and the fastest growing economy.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Come on.

The PREMIER: But that is nothing for us to feel particularly proud about, because if we want to deal with unemployment, we have to grow at Vietnamese rates, and I learnt a lot about what growing at Vietnamese rates of growth requires, and that puts us in a good position as far as we have any discretion at all in terms of economic policy to do what we can here, but also to persuade South Africans that while we continue having a corrupt, dysfunctional and rent-seeking National Government, there is going to be no hope for growth and jobs.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Magaxa, the last opportunity.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Mr Deputy Speaker, could I – I am just asking the hon Premier, am I correct that your attendance at this African Disability Network, your presence there was just hypocrisy and propaganda in light of the reports, including the statistics we were provided by Statistics South Africa, that this Government has not met the requirements for a long time for the employment

of disabled people.

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

The PREMIER: No, I absolutely do not think it shows any hypocrisy on my part at all, because I do not agree with the premise of the hon the Leader of the Opposition, and we have done an enormous amount in regard to disability. We have a Disability Desk that is doing quite extraordinary work, and we are very committed to the empowerment of people with disabilities, and indeed I went to share a lot of the things that we do, and a lot of the things we can do, because we have a better institutional base than many of these countries, but we must not think for a moment that we are going to stay ahead.

Those countries have recognised what they need to do to become the best in Africa, and boy, are they doing it, and we better stop resting on our laurels.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. We move on to the next question. Question 3 standing over. Hon Simmers to Minister Bredell.

Question standing over from Thursday, 14 September 2017, as agreed to by the House:

SALGA: contributions to local governments, impact of

3. Mr T A Simmers asked the Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:

- (1) Whether the success and impact of contributions of the South African Local Government Association (Salga) to local governments are measured; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) what is the annual operational cost of Salga;
- (3) what is the estimated percentage of time lost to service delivery by councillors who attend Salga working groups and forums?

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Baie dankie, mnr die Adjunkspeaker. Baie dankie aan die agb lid vir die vraag.

SALGA verrig hoegenaamd geen impakstudies in die munisipaliteite en het nog nooit dit gedoen nie.

Die tweede gedeelte: SALGA het 'n totale bedrag van R68 468 841 uit die Provinsie se lidmaatskaphoofde geallokeer tydens die 2017/18 finansiële jaar. Die provinsiale begroting vir die Wes-Kaapse kantoor is gelykstaande aan R35 078 063, en die balans van R33 390 778 word aan die nasionale kantoor as heffings of heffingsgelde betaal.

Die derde gedeelte: SALGA het 10 werkgroepbyeenkomste, met 'n verteenwoordiger van elke munisipaliteit per werkgroep. Die 10 werkgroepbyeenkomste vind kwartaalliks plaas, en beloop gemiddeld drie tot vier ure per dag oor 'n tydperk van vier dae. 'n Bywoningstoelae van R962, sonder BTW, word aan elke individu betaal. Daarby dek SALGA die vervoer- en verblyfkostes. Indien die byeenkoms verder as 'n beperkte aantal kilometer buite die Stad Kaapstad gehou word, vergoed SALGA die Raadslede direk. Dankie.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Thank you to the hon member for the question.]

SALGA does not conduct impact studies at all in the municipalities and has never done it.

The second part: SALGA allocated an amount of R68 468 841 from the Province's membership fee during the 2017/18 financial year. The provincial budget for the Western Cape office is equal to R35 078 063, and the balance of R33 390 778 is paid to the national office as fees.

The third part: SALGA has 10 work group meetings, with a representative of

each municipality per work group. The 10 work group meetings take place quarterly, and run for three to four hours on average for a period of four days. An attendance allowance of R962, excluding VAT, is paid to each individual. In addition SALGA covers the transport and accommodation costs. If the meeting is held further than a limited number of kilometres outside the City of Cape Town, SALGA compensates the councillors directly. Thank you.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No follow-up questions? Hon member Simmers?

†Mnr T A SIMMERS: Eerstens, ek wil net die Minister bedank vir sy deursigtige antwoord. Ek wil net vir die Minister vra, u het nou gereageer op punt nommer 2, die koste van hierdie, kom ons sê maar aktiwiteit wat SALGA verrig, maar gegewe die kwynende fiskale omgewing waarin ons funksioneer op plaaslike regeringsvlak, Minister, voel u nie hierdie bydraes asook hierdie dae wat verlore gaan het 'n massiewe impak veral op ons kleiner landelike munisipaliteite op die oomblik nie?

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[Mr T A SIMMERS: Firstly, I just want to thank the Minister for his transparent reply. I just want to Minister, you have now replied to point number 2, the cost of this, let us say, activity conducted by SALGA, but given the ailing fiscal environment in which we are functioning at local government level, Minister, do you not feel that these contributions as well

as the days being lost, at the moment have a massive impact on our smaller rural municipalities, especially?]

†Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Minister Bredell?

[The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister Bredell?]

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Mnr die Adjunkspeaker en die agb lid, ek stem 100% saam. Ek dink die syfers is ongesond. As jy R68 miljoen in betaal in 'n *kitty* en dan kom net 35 terug, dan is daar 'n ernstige vraag daaroor. Dis die eerste een.

Die tweede een: Ek is ongemaklik oor die dagtoelae, want raadslede kry 'n salaris om hulle werk te doen. Dit is so goed ek word betaal om 'n Minmec vergadering by te woon, en ek dink as Staande Komitee en myself moet ons hierdie ding debatteer. Ons moet vir SALGA nooi om 'n tafel. Ek dink ons almal het die verantwoordelikheid om die beste te doen vir die mense daar buite, en ons moet die vraag ook stel en vra aan SALGA oor hulle rol wat hulle moet speel, die rol wat die Provinsie speel, die rol wat Nasionaal speel. Ons kan nie nog 'n regeringsfeer bekostig nie.

So ons moet hierdie goed bymekaar trek. Ek is baie bekommerd dat ons raadslede te veel ure buite hulle rade spandeer, en te min ure daar binne. Dankie.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Mr Deputy Speaker and the hon member, I agree 100%. I think the figures are unsound. If you pay R68 million into a kitty and only 35 then returns, then there is a serious question about it. That is the first one.

The second one: I am uncomfortable about the daily allowance, because councillors receive a salary to do their job. It is as good as me being paid to attend a Minmec meeting, and I think as Standing Committee and myself, we have to debate this issue. We have to invite SALGA around a table. I think we all have a responsibility to do the best for the people out there, and we have to also ask the question and ask SALGA about the role they have to play, the role the Province has to play, the role Naional has to play. We cannot afford another sphere of government.

So we have to pull these things together. I am very concerned that our councillors are spending too many hours outside their councils, and too few inside. Thank you.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. We then proceed to the next question. New questions. Question 2, hon member Joseph to Minister Meyer. Minister Meyer?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is a wonderful sweetheart.

New questions:

Integrated Financial Management System (IFMS): progress

2. Mr D Joseph asked the Minister of Finance:

(a) What progress has been made with the *Integrated Financial Management System (IFMS)*, particularly relating to the Western Cape being one of the pilot sites and (b) what impact does the IFMS have on supply chain management and on future plans with the current legacy system?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Thank you very much, Mr Deputy Speaker, and thank you to hon member Joseph for this question.

The Western Cape Government currently operates a large number of transversal systems, administering its corporate services, supply chain management, human resource management, financial management, payroll and business intelligence. Many of these systems, however, are based on aging technologies. Furthermore, these systems are not fully integrated and there are duplicated functionalities across these systems.

In aid to the abovementioned challenges, the National Treasury has embarked on an initiative to replace these transversal systems with an integrated

financial management system. The IFMS programme is a joint initiative between the National Treasury, Department of Public Service and Administration and SITA, the State Information Agency, to modernise the management and execution of the back office processes in public service, excluding public entities, local government and intelligence agencies, in the following domains:

- Financial management;
- Human resource management;
- Payroll management;
- Supply chain management; and
- Business intelligence for the above domains.

The National Government first approved the development of the IFMS on 14 September 2005. Given the challenge it experienced in implementing this project, the National Cabinet endorsed an amendment to the project scope, implementation time and the budget for this project on 18 November 2013. The National Treasury has concluded a contract to purchase software licences for the integrated financial management system programme, with Oracle Corporations. This decision brings Government closer to fully implementing the original resolution to replace the legacy systems countrywide.

To this effect, the National Treasury has since issued a number of Treasury practice notes. The latest, also in National Treasury Structure number 5 of 2017/18, which effectively communicates a moratorium placed on

Government Departments in acquiring enterprise resource programme solutions. That is the system software service that might result in a duplication of the functionality of the IFMS models, covering the domains as I mentioned.

It has been asserted by the National Treasury, that the project may be implemented only in the year 2021 - may I add, when there is a new government in South Africa - financially here in the lead sites, however, the timelines are constantly moved, which creates a level of uncertainty. The Western Cape Government was selected as lead site for the eventual implementation of the IFMS. It is the intention of the Western Cape Government to participate in the IFMS in order that we can capitalise on the latest technological advancement, provided it is free from corruption.

In the Western Cape Government we also face unique challenges in the inefficiency in the legacy systems now. We are aware of the promise that was made about the IFMS, which was meant to resolve these challenges, but the Western Cape Government is concerned about the length and the duration, and many of these issues that were raised, given the long history of this particular project, we have therefore considered three options:

1. To do nothing and wait for the IFMS until it eventually arrives.
2. To procure a new system to deal with the challenges of the legacy system.
3. Or evergreen, as we call it, to upgrade the legacy system by doing an

incremental implementation or improvements on the legacy system.

Well, the Western Cape Provincial top management had a long discussion about these particular options as early as last week, on 12 September, and agreed that doing nothing or procuring a new system, may prove to be too costly for the province, and thus, as endorsed, that it evergreen or update the current legacy system.

Now in practice, Mr Deputy Speaker, what this implies is that the evergreen legacy system - to complement it with modern and up to date technologies in order to enhance the capability of the legacy systems. It is the view of the Western Cape Government to make use of the existing investment made by the National Treasury to the Oracle Corporation, by using some of the Oracle models available, and then to migrate it into the legacy systems to actually mitigate some of the weaknesses that is current in the current system.

So that is what the approach will be. We will not wait for it to eventually arrive, but we will also not purchase new, because it is too costly, so we go for a middle-of-the-road system. We say there are current weaknesses in the legacy systems, the Oracle has certain modules that we can capitalise and migrate it into the legacy systems, which will not come at a big cost.

So that is what we are going to do. We think it is much more functional in terms of that. So that is our particular response, hon member Joseph.

†Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Agb lid Joseph?

[The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Joseph?]

Mr D JOSEPH: Thank you, Minister, for the answer to the question. I want to make a point on the cost of a pilot project, what is the timeframe? Because pilot projects in National Government or initiated by them, just sometimes go on-and-on, and it would have cost implications for the Western Cape. So my question would be the timeframe.

Then the other point related to that would be the protection of Western Cape Government property while this pilot project is running, and I would ask the Minister also to... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Joseph, you are entitled to one follow-up question. You have already slipped in two there. I will allow you the two. Minister, you may respond to that.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Mr Deputy Speaker, yes, pilot studies. We were elected as a pilot study. Pilot studies normally have a duration of three years. We are, in this province, particularly keen to pilot things before we roll out comprehensively. We have learnt from the National Traffic Information System, NATIS, where the National Government had a national system which they did not pilot, they rolled it out nationally, and it was a national disaster. The Western Cape does not roll out any mega systems, like IFMS, because these are systems that if anything goes wrong, it will have a

huge impact on data security and data stability within the financial systems.

One of my key priorities in this Government is to protect the financial integrity of our financial systems, but also, more importantly, Mr Deputy Speaker, given the question of the hon member Joseph, this Government has also recently had tabled before us a data security study, and is also currently busy with developing a digital strategy, and some of this documentation will soon come before the Cabinet, because we have realised that one of the top 10 risks, as indicated by the South African Institute of Risk Managers, is data security.

So we are concerned about it, but we will follow an incremental approach through a pilot study, because that way you can fine-tune the sort of things that you want to rectify before you roll out massively.

I think we have opted for the best solution. We have looked at what we call a cost benefit analysis, and the option that we have selected is in the best interest of the Western Cape Government.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Joseph?

Mr D JOSEPH: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker, in the light of all this corruption that is under investigation throughout the country, I would like to ask the Minister to ensure and investigate that the Guptas are not part of the behind the scenes with this pilot study, thank you. [Interjections.]

Mr R T OLIVIER: [Inaudible.] wasting time.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Mr Deputy Speaker... [Interjection.]

Mr R T OLIVIER: Time waster.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: I know that in one of the previous meetings that I attended, the Independent Electoral Commission is currently considering a new IT system to run the elections in 2019.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: God help us.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: I am also concerned that the Guptas are interested in that ICT contract, and I am also very worried, because we do not want to give the Guptas any access to the ICT network of this Government, because that will give the Guptas access to the payroll, it will give the Guptas access to your pension, hon member Dugmore, and we certainly... [Interjection.] we certainly do not want the Guptas to access Lekker's pension and we certain do not want the Guptas to enter the Pastel system. We also do not want the Guptas, through the ICT system, to access the Government Employees Pension Fund and the staff here sitting in Parliament.

We want to make sure that our systems and the integrity of our financial systems protect the salaries of our staff members. We have got 80 000 staff

members, we have 1 million civil servants, and certainly we know that they invest their pension in the Government Employee Pension Fund through the PIC, Public Investment Corporation, and, hon member Joseph, we want to ensure, through a proper system, and that is why we are looking clear that the Guptas do not touch the ICT system of the Government Financial Information Systems, because hon member Olivier just told me I must make sure that his pension is secured. [Laughter.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Dugmore?

Mr C M DUGMORE: Thank you very much, Mr Deputy Speaker. I would like to ask a follow-up question, and I would like to ask MEC Meyer, as the Minister of Finance, and ultimately responsible for procurement, if he can give this House a commitment that no company linked to the Guptas, during his term of office, have ever received an ICT contract of any nature.

Mr M G E WILEY: How would he know that [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister, if you can respond to that?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Mr Deputy Speaker, as a seasoned Deputy Speaker, you know that this is a new question, and I would very much appreciate a question from the member in writing.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Dugmore, you can use the last

opportunity, but as a seasoned Deputy Speaker, I would say to the Minister that the onus is in your court to decide whether you want to respond to it or not. Hon member Dugmore?

Mr C M DUGMORE: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. A quick point of order. The reality is that in the response of the MEC he started talking about... [Interjection.]

Mr M G E WILEY: That is not a point of order.

Mr C M DUGMORE: ... the Guptas and so on, and I think therefore invited a follow-up question of that nature.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Ja, no, that may be so, but in the last instance the Minister's response is at his discretion. He can decide if he wants to respond and in which way he want to respond. So the Minister has already responded to that. Can we then move on to the next question? There is a fourth opportunity, you want to use it?

Mr C M DUGMORE: Yes, I would just like – is it the last follow-up question?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, it is the last one.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Okay. I would like to ask the MEC, in regard to the

answers that he has given to the question of the hon member Joseph, who, together with me, also serves the Hessequa constituency and chairs the Finance Committee, whether he could indicate to us what are the costs associated with implementing the IFMS, and whether any consultants are involved in implementing this programme, or whether it is completely in-house by officials of the relevant department?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister, if you want to respond to that, you are free.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Mr Deputy Speaker, there was a comprehensive presentation that was made to the Standing Committee by my officials in this particular regard. This is a national project and obviously the National Department, the National Treasury, make use of consultants in terms of the rollout of this particular project.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: We then move on to the next question, which is Question 3, Hon member Max to Minister Marais. I see Minister Marais.

School sports and sports federations: working relationships

3. Mr L H Max asked the Minister of Cultural Affairs and Sport:

Whether her Department has ensured that there is a close working relationship between school sports and sports federations across the

province; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

†Die MINISTER VAN KULTUURSAKE EN SPORT: Baie dankie agb Max vir die vraag.

Wat die 16 prioriteitskodes betref het die Direktoraat Sportontwikkeling van die Departement van Kultuursake en Sport bystand verleen met die belyning van skoolsportstrukture om versoenbaar te wees met die federasiestrukture op distriks- en provinsiale vlak. 'n Aantal vergaderings het plaasgevind waar die volgende benadruk is:

1. Skoolsportstrukture moet in lyn gebring word met en rapporteer aan die onderskeie federasiestrukture; en
2. Die aanstelling van tegniese beamptes bly die verantwoordelikheid van die federasiestrukture.

'n Meer intieme werksverhouding met die Wes-Kaapse Provinsiale Sportkonfederasie, waarby provinsiale federasiestrukture geaffilieer word, is gevestig met gereelde kommunikasie en interaksie wat plaasvind.

Die laaste interaksie het op Saterdag 19 Augustus 2017, plaasgevind, waar die Departement van Kultuursake en Sport deur sy Departementshoof, Hoofdirekteur Sport en Ontspanning, Direkteur Sport en Ontwikkeling, sowel as die Adjunkdirekteur Skolesport, verteenwoordig is. Twee beamptes van die Departement, naamlik van die Direktoraat Sportbevordering en

Direktoraat Sportontwikkeling, dien ook op die struktuur se uitvoerende bestuur, en in ex officio hoedanigheid.

Daarbenewens het DKS 'n provinsiale skoolsportwinkel op Vrydag 15 en Saterdag 16 September 2017 gehou. Afgevaardigdes van sport se 16 prioriteitskodes het hierdie werkswinkel bygewoon, terwyl die Wes-Kaapse provinsiale struktuur en vier van hulle ses distriksportrade ook teenwoordig was. By hierdie werkswinkel is die volgende tersaaklike onderwerpe bespreek, en 'n besluit aangaande elk van die onderwerpe is gemaak en goedgekeur:

1. Die interskool-ligas;
2. Die volgende vlak deelname;
3. Die skakeling tussen skoolsportkodes en hul betrokke federasies; en
4. Die rol van die Wes-Kaapse Provinsiale Sportkonfederasie en hul distriksportrade.

Baie dankie.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: Thank you, hon Max for the question.

With regard to the 16 priority codes, the Directorate Sport Development of

the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport rendered support in aligning school sport structures to be compatible with the federation structures at district and provincial level. A number of meetings were held where the following was emphasised:

3. School sport structures have to be aligned with and report to the respective federation structures; and
4. The appointment of technical officials remains the responsibility of the federation structures.

A more intimate work relationship with the Western Cape Provincial Sports Federation, to which provincial structures are affiliated, was established with regular communication and interaction taking place.

The last interaction took place on Saturday, 19 August 2017, where the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport was represented by its Head of Department, Chief Director of Sport and Recreation, Director of Sport and Development, as well as the Deputy Director of Schools Sport. Two officials of the Department, namely from the Directorate Sports Promotion and Directorate Sports Development, also serve on the structure's Executive, and in an ex officio capacity.

In addition, the DCAS held a provincial school sport workshop on Friday 15 and Saturday 16 September 2017. Representatives of sport's 16 priority codes attended this workshop, while the Western Cape provincial structure

and four of their six district sports councils were also present. At this workshop the following relevant issues were discussed, and a decision regarding each of the issues was taken and agreed to:

5. The inter-schools leagues;
6. The next level participation;
7. The liaison between school sports codes and their respective federations;
and
8. The role of the Western Cape Provincial Sports Confederation and their district sports councils.

Thank you.]

†Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Daar is 'n opvolgvraag. Agb lid Olivier?

[The DEPUTY SPEAKER: There is a follow-up question. Hon member Olivier?]

Mr R T OLIVIER: Thank you, hon member Max. [Interjections.] Mr Deputy Speaker, just to check with the Minister, is this relationship of school sport and sports federations in terms of processes moving forward. Is there any timeframe as to when school sports will be in line with your sports federations?

†Die MINISTER VAN KULTUURSAKE EN SPORT: Baie dankie, agb lid Olivier. Op die oomblik is hulle besig om die MVV tussen Nasionaal se

Onderwysdepartement en ons Departement te hersien, en ons het nie 'n spesifieke tydlyn nie, dit hang af van ons Nasionale Minister, maar dit is in die proses.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: Thank you, hon member Olivier. At the moment they are busy revising the MOU between National's Department of Education and our Department, and we do not have a specific time line, it depends on our National Minister, but it is in the process.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: A second follow-up, hon member Dugmore?

Mr C M DUGMORE: Thank you very much, Mr Deputy Speaker.

†Ek wil graag vir die LUK vra, in terme van die verhouding tussen skolesport en die federasies as sulks, of daar vordering gemaak word met die voorstel dat daar op 'n sekere dag van die week sport beoefen word? Ons weet byvoorbeeld dat daar gepraat is van 'n Woensdag as die dag wanneer die verskillende sporte beoefen word sodat daar 'n roetine is wat ontwikkel word onder die skole.

So kan ek vra, is daar 'n gesamentlike posisie deur die skole en die federasies, dat byvoorbeeld by skole in die week, skoolsport in die week

beoefen word op 'n sekere dag of nie?

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[I would like to ask the MEC, in terms of the relationship between schools sport and the federations as such, whether progress has been made with the proposal that sports is practiced on a certain day of the week? We know for instance that there has been talk of a Wednesday as the day that the various sports will be practiced so that there is a routine that can be developed amongst the schools.

So may I ask, is there a joint position by the schools and the federations, that for instance at schools during the week, school sports are practiced during the week on a certain day or not?]

†Die MINISTER VAN KULTUURSAKE EN SPORT: Baie dankie, nie op die oomblik nie. Skole kan self besluit watter dag hulle sport wil beoefen, maar ons naskoolse programme staan baie in vir ons sportprogramme in die middag, en ek wil net sê dat die Nasionale Minister het dit as sy doelwit gestel om skoolsport, om sport in skole weer terug te bring, maar ons het nog nie weer enige terugvoer van daardie doelwit gekry nie.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: Thank you, not at

the moment. Schools may decide for themselves on which day they want to practice sports, but our after-school programmes stand in a lot for our sports programmes in the afternoons, and I just want to say that the National Minister set it as his goal to bring back schools sports, sport in schools, but we have not yet had any feedback on that goal.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Dugmore?

†Mnr C M DUGMORE: Ek wil net vra of die agb LUK ... [Tussenwepersel].

[Mr C M DUGMORE: I just want to ask whether the MEC ... [Interjection.]]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: LUR.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: MEC.]

†n AGB LID: LUR.

[An HON MEMBER: MEC.]

†Mnr C M DUGMORE: ... lid van die Uitvoerende Komitee...

[Tussenwepersel.]

[Mr C M DUGMORE: ... member of the Executive Committee ...

[Interjection.]]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Raad.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Council.]

†Mnr C M DUGMORE: Raad.

[Mr C M DUGMORE: Council.]

An HON MEMBER: It is a council.

Mnr C M DUGMORE: Okay. But a Provincial Minister by any other name.

[Laughter.] Okay. That is what the Constitution actually says, the Provincial Constitution, but I think sometimes... [Interjection.]

†n AGB LID: Nee.

[An HON MEMBER: No.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: ... we have problem, because there are provisions of the Constitution, like the Environmental Commissioner as well as the Children's Commissioner... [Interjection.]

†Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Agb lid Dugmore...

[The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Dugmore...]

Mr C M DUGMORE: ... which are never implemented. [Interjections.] So... Okay, but I would like to ask the MEC whether the federations have a particular focus on historically disadvantaged schools where the facilities at those particular schools do not lend themselves to playing particular sports pursued by these federations, and if the Minister can indicate if there is any further progress on supporting the Glendale High School who has an

initiative to build a world-class athletic stadium at the school for the use of the cluster of schools and the communities around Mitchells Plain?

†Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Agb Minister Marais, dit klink na 'n effense nuwe vraag. U is welkom om te antwoord as u kan. [Tussenwerpsel.]

[The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister Marais, it sounds like a somewhat new question. You are welcome to reply if you can. [Interjection.]]

†Die MINISTER VAN KULTUURSAKE EN SPORT: Ja, ons is baie gesteld daarop om in ons skole wat in onbarmhartige omstandighede is, wel programme te hê, en ons werk goed saam met die federasies, en op hierdie stadium is die Glendale in 'n proses, maar ons het werklik op hierdie stadium geen befondsing nie, maar ons praat nog steeds met mekaar.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: Yes, we hold ourselves thereto to have programmes in schools in poor circumstances, and we work well together with the federations, and at this stage the Glendale is in a process, we really have no funding at this stage, but we are still communicating with each other.]

†Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Die laaste gedeelte, agb lid Dugmore.

[The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The last part, please hon member Dugmore.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: I would just like to ask, †ek wil eintlik vra vir die MEC, as sy verkies word as die voorsitter van die DA, of as sy nie gekies word nie, sal sy bereid wees om saam met ons met die Minister van Sport 'n vergadering te hou, sodat wat u gesê het... [Tussenwerpsels.] [I actually want to ask the MEC, whether she is elected as chairman of the DA, or she is not elected, will she be prepared to have a meeting along with us with the Minister of Sport, so that what she said ... [Interjection.]]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

†Mnr C M DUGMORE: ... wat u gesê het in terme van die feit dat hy het 'n aankondiging gemaak oor die sport, maar niks het dan verder gebeur nie. Sal u bereid wees, as u gekies word of nie... [Tussenwerpsel.]

[Mr C M DUGMORE: ... what you had said in terms of the fact that he made an announcement about the sport, but then nothing further happened. Will you be prepared, whether you are elected or not.... [Interjection.]]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

†Mnr C M DUGMORE: ... om saam met ons daardie vergadering te reël?

[Mr C M DUGMORE: ... to arrange that meeting along with us?]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Dugmore, you have made your political point, but the question is raised to the Minister in her executive capacity. Minister Marais, you may respond.

†Die MINISTER VAN KULTUURSAKE EN SPORT: Indien u verkies word as leier, dan kan ons praat. [Gelag.]

[The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: If you are elected as leader, then we can talk. [Laughter.]]

Mr D G MITCHELL: Hear-hear!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: We move on to the next question, which is Question 4. Hon member Dijana to Minister Bredell.

Beaufort West: wastewater

4. Ms T M Dijana asked the Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:

(a) What are the plans, if any, for Beaufort West considering that the dam levels have fallen to 5% and (b) how will wastewater be treated or purified?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker, thank you to the hon member for the question.

The Gamka Dam only contributes to 15% of the water source of the town of Beaufort West. The bulk of the water is abstracted from boreholes, which

contributes 69% of the water supply, and 16% by the Reclamation Plant, which purifies the wastewater treatment plant's effluent to potable water standards. This is sufficient to supply the restricted water demands in the short term.

The following plans are in place to address the water security:

- The implementation of the water restrictions, level 5, are already effected as per the Provincial Gazette 7811, issued under Section 41(1) of the Disaster Management Act, 2002.
- Pressure management is implemented in each zone of the network.
- Public awareness campaigns are ongoing, pamphlets are supplied and articles are updated and are given out weekly to the newspaper and radio stations. Additional efforts are planned for public awareness to increase the impact.
- The public swimming pools will not be opened for summer.
- All operations and repairs of water supply are on high priority, in other words, that any pipe leaks and repairs are getting immediately attention, and so forth.

- All sewer networks, operations and repairs are on high priority. All sewer backlogs are repaired immediately, or leakages are repaired immediately, to enable flow to waste water treatment plants.
- The current emergency relief projects in implementation:

The construction of the Klein Hans River pipeline from the Reclamation Plant to the new balancing reservoir to increase the water storage capacity. The project value at R9 million, of which R7,7 million is funded by MIG and the Western Cape Department of Local Government supplied the additional R1,3 million to complete the project.

Contractors have been appointed for equipping of the existing three boreholes and the Western Cape Local Government supplied the R2 million to complete that project. The municipality has also applied for funding for the equipment of another five boreholes from National Disaster Management Centre. This project will ensure water security in the medium term.

Then the Reclamation Plant purifies the wastewater treatment plant's effluent to potable water standards. This plant was commissioned in January 2011 and has been highly effective since in operation and is often referred to as a flagship for the province. I thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The hon member Dijana?

Ms T M DIJANA: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. My problem is on the development as we know that in Beaufort West there is a shortage of water and also it is earmarked as a high risk, the Beaufort West municipality.

Now my problem is, can the Minister just share with us, which initiatives have you planned for the developments which would take place in Beaufort West, understanding that there is a high rate of unemployment. I am talking about two developments, the Karoo Uranium Project and also the fracking. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Mr Deputy Speaker, I have, in as much detail as possible, explained exactly what we are busy doing; the boreholes and the equipment that we are busy with, the Reclamation Plant and so forth. We must remember we do not sit only with Beaufort West. The whole Western Cape is now declared a disaster area and drought. So, we are working all over.

The big uranium kind of projects and the fracking kind of projects obviously, Government will look into that. It is going to be a national competency to make the call. The Provincial Departments of Environmental Affairs and Local Government will be part of the whole process of commenting authority, of putting ideas forward.

Obviously, if you look at something like fracking water is a big issue, but also sand, also the road infrastructure; the whole fact, will we find gas or will we not find gas; but that is another process, another project and so forth and we keep a close eye on the municipalities involved with all these processes.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Can I just say that the time for questions has already expired but we will finish this question? So, if there is a further follow-up we can have another follow-up otherwise we dispose of questions. Are we then done with the questions? We then move on to Questions to the Premier without Notice and the first questioner is also the hon member Dijana.

QUESTIONS TO THE PREMIER WITHOUT NOTICE:

Ms T M DIJANA: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Hon Premier, considering that the household of the hon Premier gets preferential treatment with resources of water during this disaster drought at the expense of taxpayers, including from the municipality, a stream as well as a well point, borehole, what is the hon Premier going to do to repay some of the expenses for receiving these benefits?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Premier.

The PREMIER: Mr Deputy Speaker, there is no preferential treatment given

to the Premier. If there is plentiful surface water, the benefit of harvesting it and using it for all purposes, falls to the citizens of Cape Town, who then have more municipal water that they can use, that isn't being drained away, so to speak, by the Premier and her residence.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Dijana, do you want to follow-up?

Ms T M DIJANA: As Cape Town City now closes down fresh springs and streams to the poor and public ahead of Day Zero, which is also threatening places like Beaufort West, Kannaland, Bitou and Knysna, will the hon Premier allow people to come and collect at Leeuwenhof some of the wonderful purified water for their use?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Premier?

The PREMIER: The bottom line, Mr Deputy Speaker, is that when this Premier moves out of Leeuwenhof, she is not going to be taking with her the water purifier. It is going to stay on Leeuwenhof, which is a property of the Department of Public Works and will benefit all future people who work and live there. It is also hugely important for us when we have access to water that would otherwise run into the sea, that we use that water.

It would be indeed scandalous if the Premier's residence was allowed to continue using municipal water, while so much water rushes through that property and into the sea, as it does off Table Mountain everywhere. So, the

bottom line is that there is a water point at the gate, from which water, as I understand it, is currently being purified.

I do not know where that is. I have not seen it before. I did not even know it was being installed. I will find out about the feasibility of people coming to that point and getting water from that, because as everybody knows, I have tried to share the facilities at Leeuwenhof as much as I can with organisations for the disabled, with organisations that create jobs for people and a range of other things, and of course they obviously use the facilities there as well and the toilets and the taps, etcetera.

So, I will certainly find out about that because there is a pool of fresh water just outside the premises and if it is feasible and if it is purified, personally I would feel very inclined to say yes.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Dijana, your last opportunity.'

Ms T M DIJANA: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Will the hon Premier declare the added privileges of incumbency she enjoys at Leeuwenhof in the light of her being accused of not setting an example by not saving enough water in an area under severe restriction?

The PREMIER: I think it would be fair to say that there are not many people who put as much effort into saving water for their personal use as me and my family. To the point that people are wondering whether they can sit next to

me anymore. [Laughter.] We are unbelievably frugal with water use and I also have the assurance of the household manager, Mrs Hajira Mohammed and the horticulturalist that water use is restricted to a minimum; that the garden has not been irrigated since March; that when it is irrigated it is only done with natural surface water and the borehole water and the pool has been covered and is filled with natural surface water or borehole water.

Jojo tanks have been purchased so that not even the washing machines have to run on municipal water and we are trying to work for a change in the by-law of the City of Cape Town to ensure that in fact I am able to get Leeuwenhof off the grid altogether.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Next question. Hon member Max?

Mr L H MAX: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Hon Premier, given that the roll out of broadband is one of the Department of the Premier's focus areas, can you explain to this House, how it is going to roll out broadband to ensure that the residents of the Western Cape have access to the internet? Thank you.

The PREMIER: It is going well, hon member Max, through the Deputy Speaker, but there have been some quite serious hiccups that I had really not anticipated. I have learnt to expect the unexpected, but in this case it is very-very sad to see the extent of theft and vandalization of cables that have no resale value whatsoever.

Also, any moving part of whatever sort in the infrastructure for broadband, tends to get stolen in certain areas and more than that, when our contractors are installing the broadband cables, they often get held up and robbed of everything they have got, to the point that some of them refuse to work in certain areas anymore and then you have to put Wi-Fi into those areas without proper infrastructure, which makes the connectivity much less reliable.

Now this is the kind of thing that boggles one's mind when one has been in a place like Thailand or Vietnam or Ghana, because there poor people do not destroy each other's infrastructure. They see it as a stepping stone to improving people's lives.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: But they address their socio-economic problems?

The PREMIER: There is ... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: [Inaudible.] compare.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Dyantyi.

The PREMIER: There is profound poverty in all of those countries. The differences are many and I would love to write about them, but if I do write about them it will be closed down, because South Africans do not like honest debate on tough issues.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Really?

The PREMIER: Yes, really.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Do you really believe that?

The PREMIER: Yes, I really believe that.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: On what issue?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Dyantyi, it is not a time for dialogue now, please. [Laughter.]

Mr M G E WILEY: Has he woken up again now?

The PREMIER: So, those were the unexpected hiccups. Because broadband does not really get full traction without an intensive e-culture and good maintenance, there have been other hiccups in those areas as well, but by and large we have now connected over 1 800 sites, was the latest statistic that I saw and there are 178 Wi-Fi hotspot points and what they call points of presence or POPS, across the province and those have been prioritised in 23 towns across the Western Cape.

Then, we are moving on to Phase 2 of the broadband project, which means upping the 10 megs of access to 100 megs at each point. And in 2022 the

plan has it that we should start the third phase which will up it to 1 gigabyte per site.

So, this is a very ambitious plan. It is very costly, but the entire world is moving into a digital space and if we do not do it, especially our poor communities will suffer, because if the Government does not provide the connectivity, the private sector definitely will not. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Max?

Mr L H MAX: Hon Premier, thank you for that reply. Are there any specific focus areas on which you concentrate and if so, why those particular areas? Thank you.

Mr C M DUGMORE: That is a fair follow-up. [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: Mr Deputy Speaker, we obviously wanted to concentrate on the poorest areas, but as I say those installations were disrupted by thugs and criminals and in many places where programs are just about to start, they cannot start because the cables have been stolen.

So, we do an enormous amount of work to just try and keep the system functional and the irony is that where there is such disruption of the system, the poor become poorer and lag further and further behind, while others soar ahead.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: It is like you are thinking about it.

The PREMIER: I am thinking about it, because it is a terrible-terrible problem [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: [Inaudible.]

The PREMIER: It is a terrible-terrible problem [Interjection.] So, in almost all the small towns from Beaufort West to Worcester we have prioritised those areas. There are 23 of them. I do not know them off by heart, but it is most of them because there are 30 local authorities in the Western Cape. So, it is by far the majority of them and now most people should be able to get access to one or other of the 178 free Wi-Fi hotspots.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Max, your last opportunity.

Mr L H MAX: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Hon Premier, the Department did a lot of work to expand and make access available to our communities in the Western Cape, but how do you think all these efforts and access to the internet, will empower our residents in the Western Cape? Thank you.

The PREMIER: Mr Deputy Speaker, in some countries of the world internet access has now come to be seen as a human right, because so much of the world depends on it and so much of access to knowledge depends on it. I believe that it will soon legitimately be seen as a human right and that we

have to get ahead of the game. In the knowledge economy of the future ...

[Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Do not listen to her, Lorraine, †asseblief. [please.]

The PREMIER: In the knowledge economy of the future, information literacy and digital literacy are going to be non-negotiable skills that everyone is going to have to have. Our residents will be incredibly empowered by much more efficient systems, for example in hospitals; much more efficient road monitoring systems; much more efficient and quality driven education programs; much better access to information of all kinds as a citizen for information, etcetera, etcetera.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You can see she is not ready for questions.

The PREMIER: So, there is an enormous amount of benefit that the people of the Western Cape can derive from this.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. We move on to the third question. Hon member Botha.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: She is being disturbed [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Dyantyi, you are disturbing the House now with all your comments all the time. Hon member Botha?

Ms L J BOTHA: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Hon Premier, can you tell this House in terms of the service delivery protests that we endure almost on a weekly basis in the province, how does it impact on services of this Government to our communities?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: It is a really good question.

The PREMIER: It is a good question.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: But she is not always here, that is the problem.

The PREMIER: And it is really very profound. For example, in Clanwilliam we had a lot of violence and unrest, because of objections to migrant workers from Lesotho. So, that drove those processes there. Now, of course ...
[Interjection.]

Ms P Z LEKKER: [Inaudible.] because they also speak Sotho there.

The PREMIER: Of course, migrant labour and border control have got absolutely nothing to do with Provincial Government mandates. So, because of the National Government's failures in that regard, the entire community of Clanwilliam has to suffer. Then we saw the taxi's bringing Cape Town to a standstill with a lot of violence, primarily over their own internal contest for leadership of SANTACO. Now, that is ... [Interjection.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: That is your total analysis?

The PREMIER: ... completely outrageous that an internal conflict in the taxi association can disrupt the entire city. Then the other thing was that the taxi associations were protesting the impoundment of taxis. Now, if taxis are not roadworthy and if they break the law, we have to take action otherwise people are going to die on the roads in large numbers. And we have to enforce the rule of law, which we will continue doing.

In Hout Bay there was a massive protest around the abuse of fishing quotas to disempower local communities by the National Government, once again. In George, there was a protest about access to housing and it was inflamed by local elements. In Kleinmond there was a massive uprising because a tender was not re-awarded to one of the residents of the area there.

So, all of these things are issues that massively disrupt people's lives, but more than that, Mr Deputy Speaker, they put people off from investing. When you go abroad, people say, we cannot come and invest in the Western Cape, because every second day you are on television with people burning and looting and throwing things and disrupting. And while there are all sorts of other places in the world where they can invest safely and securely and will not have a problem with a corrupt government and with looting and criminality, they would much rather go there. That creates a massive unquantifiable problem for this country and for this province.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Botha?

Ms L J BOTHA: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Hon Premier, in this province we have lived through the Project Reclaim by the Opposition. Would you say then, in terms of this protest that we are reliving, that some of these protests seem to be politically driven with the Opposition trying to destabilise this province?

Ms P Z LEKKER: Can you really stoop so low?

The PREMIER: My honest answer to that question is that I cannot answer it with certainty either way.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Just sit down [Inaudible.].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon member Dugmore.

The PREMIER: I have read reports on this.

Mr C M DUGMORE: You will get yourself into trouble if you say [Inaudible.]. [Interjections.]

Mr M G E WILEY: What sort of trouble is that [Inaudible.]? [Interjections.]
Is that a threat? [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order! Hon member Magaxa, I want to give the Premier the freedom to respond to that question. Hon Premier, you may proceed.

The PREMIER: I have not done direct evidence gathering, but all I can say is that I would not be surprised.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: We are then moving to the next question. Hon member Lekker?

Ms P Z LEKKER: Thank you, hon Premier. Since it came to light last week that a taxi strike by 148 associations could come to the Cape this week, can the hon Premier indicate to us what she, as the Premier, has done to prevent the destruction and disruption of workers and school learners, costing the province millions of rands?

Mr M G E WILEY: You did not listen to her answer in the previous [Inaudible.]

Ms P Z LEKKER: Uh uh, keep quiet man! You are not the Premier.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Hon Premier, if you want to respond to that?

Mr M G E WILEY: Not spoken like a lady.

The PREMIER: Mr Deputy Speaker, the National Police has primary responsibility for crime prevention and when you are disrupting people's lives and preventing them from going to school, which is compulsory, and preventing them from the right to earn a living, you are committing a criminal act and the fundamental failure of the National Ministry of Police, (a) to allocate sufficient resources to the Western Cape, which is now a subject of a Constitutional Court case and (b) the extreme inefficacy of police in certain areas to the point that many of the guns the gangsters and criminals use, actually emanate from the police, is a source of very grave concern.

The police have 22 000 members in the Western Cape and I would like to ask them what they are doing to prevent criminals from disrupting other people's lives, who are trying to go about their business in a law-abiding way.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Hear-hear!

Mr Q R DYANTYI: And the answer [Inaudible.]?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order! Hon member Lekker?

Ms P Z LEKKER: Thank you. I am obviously not surprised by the lack of response from the Premier. [Interjection.] Shut up [Inaudible.].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order, order! Order, hon member Lekker.

Ms P Z LEKKER: I withdraw, Mr Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: That is not parliamentary. Thank you.

Ms P Z LEKKER: I am not surprised by the response from the Premier, for one reason. She is always taking a tour to Pretoria when she is supposed to respond to issues that are affecting this House.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Lekker, get to your question. Make it in a concise form.

Ms P Z LEKKER: My question, Mr Deputy Speaker, would be, did the Premier instruct the MEC for Transport to do anything to avert the chaos in her absence, because she is forever out of the province in any case?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Premier?

Mr M G E WILEY: Is that the best you can do?

Ms P Z LEKKER: That was the question.

The PREMIER: I was in touch with Minister Grant and acting Premier Winde on a consistent basis around this crisis and I am confident that Minister Grant did whatever was possible in the situation and I also know that his intervention, with mediation, played a pivotal role in bringing this crisis to

an end after one day. Otherwise it would have been a whole lot longer.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Hear-hear!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Lekker, your last opportunity?

Ms P Z LEKKER: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Obviously, the response by the relevant MEC was a few hours too late, as this already put a cost to workers as well as to the economy of the province and my question would be, what steps will be implemented by her Government to stop another bad and violent strike from taking place?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Premier?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is your last chance now.

The PREMIER: When I hear the kind of questions posed by the hon member Lekker, it seems to me as if she thinks that we perpetrated the violence and criminality ... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: She did not say that.

The PREMIER: But that is the assumption, because we are almost getting blamed for it. Find the root cause of the problem.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Which you do not do.

The PREMIER: The root cause of the problem is a complete lack of respect for the rule of law ... [Interjection.] and from working through grievances through proper structures and processes. This is a crisis for the whole of South Africa. We have a culture, when people do not get what they want, to simply ... [Interjection.]

Ms P Z LEKKER: Oh, so now you do realise that [Inaudible.]

The PREMIER: ... to simply intervene in the rights of other people to force their case. So, when people argue about housing, they threaten to burn down the school and then they want to burn down the hospital when they have got another problem. And that is where the phrase “you are cutting off your nose to spite your face” comes from.

It would help very much, Mr Deputy Speaker, if the hon the Opposition would make a clarion public call to taxis to deal with their problems through the proper channels and abide by the rule of law. I have never once heard them doing that. Secondly, I think it would be very useful ... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Because you are never here. That is the problem.

The PREMIER: Secondly, I think it would be very useful for us to have a top-level meeting with the police and ask them to send reinforcements to deal

with this particular problem.

Ms P Z LEKKER: And what are your people doing!?

The PREMIER: And – the hon member Lekker asked in an interjection what are my people doing? It would be very useful for the hon member Lekker to read the Constitution and understand who has what mandate, because every area where this province is in trouble is because there is a national mandate that is not being fulfilled, whether it is fishing quotas, whether it is law and order, whatever the National Government is responsible for, fails and we have to deal with the consequences.

Ms P Z LEKKER: Speak for yourself.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. That brings us to the end of Questions to the Premier. We move on to Statements. I see the DA. Hon member Maseko?

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

Ms L M MASEKO: Thank you very much. Mr Deputy Speaker, it goes without saying that the provision of housing is a real priority for the DA in the Western Cape. This is not just a thumb sucking statement, but one that can be backed up by facts. [Interjections.]

Allow me to delve right into the facts which show our success. During the 2014/5 financial year, our aim was to deliver 10 357 houses. We delivered 10 746. During the 2015/6 financial year, our aim was to deliver 10 840 houses. We delivered 11 640. During the 2016/7 financial year our aim was to deliver 11 134 houses. We delivered 11 283.

Our vision is to ensure that residents have access to liveable, accessible, safe, resilient, multi-opportunity settlements. With us clearly exceeding our targets over the last three years, we have once again demonstrated our commitment to giving deserving and qualifying residents an opportunity to improve their lives.

I can only imagine what we would be able to achieve if a larger budget allocation were made to the Western Cape. The DA will continue to forge ahead and is committed to fulfilling its mission of creating integrated and sustainable communities, which every single resident can enjoy and be proud of. I thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. The ANC. Hon member Dijana.

Ms T M DIJANA: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. In the worst disaster drought, severe water usage restrictions, the closing down of springs and streams as well as the approaching Day Zero, when we run out of water for places like Beaufort West, Kannaland and Knysna, the DA still runs away from reality. We are told to pray for rain. Promises were made of

alternatives. What do we see? Dololo! [Nothing].

Some DA leaders say the Cape will not run dry. One of them quoted is the hon Premier Helen Zille. She is now widely quoted after her official home's water use was revealed by the hon Public Works MEC Donald Grant last week.

She attacked all, including the reputations of reporters and publications, to save face for her elaborate use of three sources: A well point, borehole, a newly added water purifier in a stream on the estate at the expense of R93 000 to the taxpayer and of course a metered municipal supply of potable water through three connections.

Her explanations are confusing and incoherent. No wonder she does not appoint the promised environmental commissioner that would check on her usage. But, the lady protests too much. She must stop whining. Lead by example and not excess. I thank you.

†AGB LEDE: Mooi!

[HON MEMBERS: Good!]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The DA. Hon member member Kivedo.

Mr B D KIVEDO: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. We recognise that poverty is a primary obstacle to living a full life for many people living within the

province and our Government remains committed to addressing this untenable situation. A major catalyst, if not the most important catalyst to addressing poverty in all societies, is the need for major investment into the education of one's citizenry, both young and old, both poor and rich.

There is a core philosophy guiding the DA-led Government's policies and programmes. It is based on a holistic approach taken by several other countries that have successfully reduced mass poverty. In order to facilitate such progress, education continues to remain one of the vehicles for improving the lives of people in our province, especially those poorer communities that are in the greatest need.

Mr Deputy Speaker, our Provincial Minister announced earlier this year that over a third of the provincial budget was dedicated to education, over R20 billion to be exact. The vast majority of the educational budget has been dedicated to improving the lives of those in greatest need. Our Government is already ensuring that 478 144 of our poorest learners receive not just one, but two nutritious meals at 1 010 schools every day.

In addition, several initiatives have been undertaken as a measure to eliminate the problems of transportation experienced by rural learners and as a mechanism to alleviate the challenges ...[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order [Interjection.]

Mr B D KIVEDO: ... faced by learners [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Kivedo, finish off. Your time has expired.

Mr B D KIVEDO: ... who have to potentially walk long distances. My last sentence, thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. In spite of budget constraints faced by the WCED, I must commend them for their continuous dedication to improving the lives of all those learners ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr B D KIVEDO: ...in our province especially those living in poorer communities. I thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member. It is a rather long last sentence, but it is done. I see the DA again. The EFF is not here. I see the DA. Hon member Schäfer.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. According to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, South Africa's economy lags behind those of its BRICS counterparts. This is partly due to our country's severe lack of a thriving informal economy, where unskilled and previously disadvantaged citizens can become economically self-sufficient by making a living using the informal skills or trades they possess.

In a country like South Africa, where the legacy of apartheid's education system has left many without a formal education, this could be key to providing millions with an opportunity to lift themselves out of poverty. India and Brazil's jobs in the informal sector currently sit at 50% of total employment, with Indonesia's informal sector making up three quarters of its employment figures. It is worrying to see that only 15% of South Africa's jobs lie in the informal sector, in stark comparison.

Our socio-economic circumstances are not much different from these countries, yet where they have capitalised on their informal economy, we continue to stagnate. In place of a dedicated program to empower citizens to make use of their informal skills and trades in our country's economy, we give them a social grant affording them the bare minimum as they scrape the poverty line. While our welfare system is crucial, it cannot foster an unending cycle of poverty and economic stagnation. We must be economically innovative, and provide opportunity for our informal economy and the millions of citizens it can support, to flourish. I thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. The ANC, hon member Magaxa.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. We are pleased to have been joined by the Premier, who is always absent in the Legislature. She might rush out to some ... [Interjection.] I was disturbed now.

She might rush off to attend to the many troubles the DA encounters or even

hurry to Leeuwenhof to check on her official home's water consumption. I am sure we will soon read of it somewhere. With the hon Zille, one never knows. She might again be captivated by the Guptas to entertain them at a cricket match, [Interjections.] or one short travel to Saxonwold or Dubai to visit the Gupta's, feast on fine food and collect a hefty donation for her party. [Interjection.]

The DA's war in Hamburg continues with more casualties after the shooting of rubber bullets. We are mindful of the fact that hon Madikizela is busy looking for some vacant land far away from that place which belonged to white people.

The province bears with uprisings from Kleinmond to Dunoon. The DA continues to clamp down and close down democracy for the Opposition in this Legislature - watch this space - using its military Chief Whip who is totally displaced in this Legislature. [Interjections.]

It is all done to deflect attention away from the DA's infights and factions. We saw just how divided the DA really is this weekend with the Metro election, where the party split right down the middle. The DA is bad for the Western Cape. We do not need it. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The DA. Hon member Max.

Mr L H MAX: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. It is a known fact that your

ability to read and write can open many doors for you. In fact, this ability goes a long way in helping you to communicate effectively. Earlier this month we commemorated National Book Week and International Literacy Day, and this reminded me of the important role our libraries play throughout the Western Cape.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is a leader reading a statement.

Mr L H MAX: It is here I would like to commend the DA-led Western Cape Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport, who has since the 2013/4 financial year opened 13 new libraries, increasing the number from 353 to 369 across the province.

This is a clear demonstration of how committed we are in ensuring that our residents have access to books, information and all sorts of reading material. Notwithstanding the access to internet, we also have our broadband project that is being rolled out across the province, as the Premier earlier alluded to.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I am further pleased to note the remarkable strides we have made in combatting illiteracy. StatSA's General Household Survey which was released in May this year tells us, 98% of residents in the Western are literate.

We need to ensure that more and more residents have access to our libraries, because not only will this help our people to improve their reading and

writing, but it will instil a love for reading, which in turn will empower our residents. Knowledge is power. I thank you.

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

Mr C M DUGMORE: Thank you very much, Mr Deputy Speaker. It is clear that the inability of the Democratic Alliance in the Western Cape, as led by Premier Zille and MEC Madikizela, to work in a cooperative way to deal with the problems, in particular the safety and security problems affecting amongst others the taxi industry, is ensuring that solutions are not being found, and that rather, short term political gain is the order of the day.

It is clear that all of us believe that enough is enough when it comes to the violence surrounding the taxi strike, but we also believe that enough is enough when it comes to the disruption by a small group of students of institutions of higher learning such as the Cape Peninsula University of Technology.

So, yes, we need to say, enough is enough, but we could be doing so much more if the attitude of Premier Zille and the leader of the DA at the moment, and I want to stress that, at the moment - MEC Madikizela - would be more cooperative, because at the end of the day we are sitting here as Opposition.
[Interjection.]

The DA and the others are sitting as the Opposition in the National

Assembly, but we really need to deal with these particular problems, and we need to ask the question, whether MEC Grant and his Department could not have done more to anticipate and avoid the strike.

The role of the City of Cape Town also needs to be considered, because the information we have received is that the City Police only responded, despite requests from Golden Arrow and others, once a MyCiti bus was actually burnt out on the N2 and not before. So, it is not good enough, Mr Deputy Speaker, to simply blame as much as they are real, the internal divisions in the taxi industry. It is not good enough to simply blame that.

We need to be more proactive and deal with these issues systematically and in a cooperative way, not in a blame and complain way. We know that there was the Ntsebeza Commission, and we welcome the fact that there will be a new commission of inquiry which must ask hard questions of all role players, but enough is enough ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member. Your time has expired.

Mr C M DUGMORE: ... and we need to ensure that this never happens again
Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see the DA. I see the DA. Is there a last person from the DA side? Hon Chief Whip.

Mr M G E WILEY: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the eviction of the Coloured community from Simon's Town to Ocean View. It was called Slangkop in those days. At any other time, this would be a most desirable place to live. Balmy climate, extraordinary views of the Atlantic Ocean fringed by the endless Noordhoek beach, but this idyllic setting has not been matched by reality.

Just last week we debated the influence of armed gangs in our city communities. Ocean View featured prominently in the debate, not just because some of its long-suffering residents of Ocean View were in the gallery, but because it is currently in a state of crisis. 41 murders in 12 months, and that does not count the three murders committed since we had the debate last Thursday. How did this tragedy come about?

As residents in Simon's Town they were peaceful and full members of that community – artisans, fisherfolk and merchants. The photos of that time show proud members of sports clubs, church choirs and generally family men and women at peace with life.

My experience with them is that they remain “good” people, but their circumstances have changed. Over and above the disastrous effects of the totally unwarranted and inhuman act perpetrated by the government of the time, there have been other factors that have negatively impacted on this community.

As traditional fisher folk, the ongoing denial of ready access to the sea by the ANC Government is like denying a farmer access to his land. The insistence of the ANC Government to apply national demographics to recruitment in the Navy, has denied many thousands of coastal citizens, who understand the sea, from careers in that service and more importantly from learning a skills trade in the dockyard workshops. Remember, both these employment opportunities were at their doorstep before.

As a result, unemployment is very high today and a refuge in drugs and alcohol is rife. Gangs exploit this opportunity, not least because Ocean View is geographically isolated in the South Peninsula where services are often headquartered over the mountain. The state of policing is totally unacceptable. [Interjection.]

Now, on the anniversary of this sad chapter, the community has had enough. We can only pray that this justified anger does not lead to another tragic date for the community to remember for years to come.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member. That brings us to the end of Statements. We move on to Notices of Motion. Are there any motions where notice is given? I see the hon member Dyantyi.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Mr Deputy Speaker, I give notice that I shall move:

That the House notes that taxpayers in Eden Municipality will fork out

more than R100 000 for an overseas trip to Sweden, led by DA Mayor Memory Booysen; and calls for an investigation into all international trips by Western Cape municipalities as they try to emulate Premier Zille's overseas junkets.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Notice is taken of that. Are there any more? Hon member Kivedo?

Mr B D KIVEDO: Mr Deputy Speaker, I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates efforts and initiatives to stimulate, generate, intensify, expand and implement the embracing and inculcation of cultural diversity and fostering social cohesion and nation building in the Western Cape. I so move. Thank you.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Notice taken. Hon member Lekker?

†UNksz P Z LEKKER: Enkosi, Sekela Somlomo. [Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker]. I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the bad state and effectiveness of the Western

Cape Government's youth care facilities where drug addicts and awaiting trial juveniles are housed. I so move. [Interjections.]

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Notice is taken of that. Are there any more? Hon member Dijana.

Ms T M DIJANA: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker, I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the effectiveness of Cape Town's ShotSpotter devices, as well as other ineffective strategies to fight gangs and crime in the province. I so move.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Notice is taken of that. Hon member Lekker?

†UNksz P Z LEKKER: Enkosi, Sekela Somlomo. [Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker.] I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the eventual closure of Cape Town's rogue Special Investigations Unit established with other so-called specialist

units under the then Mayor Helen Zille's tenure.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Notice taken. Any more? Hon member Dijana, do you want to move one? Hon member Dyantyi? Not? Then we move on to Motions without Notice and I see hon member Mitchell first, then I will come to this side.

MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Mr D G MITCHELL: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House congratulates and commends Miena Jonkers from Central Karoo Athletics for winning Volunteer of the Year in the Western Cape Sports Awards 2017. It is selfless acts such as hers that build our communities and foster nation-building and reconciliation through sport. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Any objection to the motion being moved without notice? No objection to the motion itself? Agreed to. Hon member Dyantyi?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes the passing on of ANC stalwart and former City of Cape Town councillor of Ward 42, Vulisango Mfothile Coetzee Ntotoviyane, Chief Chair, who died after a short illness and will be buried on 30 September in the Eastern Cape; and conveys condolences to his wife, family and comrades.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No objection to the motion being moved without notice? No objection to the motion itself? Agreed to. Hon member Mackenzie first and then I will come to hon member Joseph.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes the resignation of Dr Makhosi Khosa as a member of the ANC and a member of the National Parliament, referring to her now former party as alien, corrupt and unable to self-correct. We wish her well in her future endeavours. It is clear that the ANC has no place for people with integrity, honesty and a good value system.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Any objections? There are objections. It will be

printed in the Order Paper. I see the hon member Magaxa and then I will come this side.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House condemns the Office of the Premier's continued disrespect and intimidation of journalists who are doing their work by reporting facts without fear or favour; this after *The Times* reporter was vilified on Twitter by Premier Zille's Chief of Staff for reporting that taxpayers forked out R90 000 for Zille's water purifier at her house; and calls for measures to be put in place to ensure media freedom in the province.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Any objection to the motion being moved without notice? Are there objections? I cannot see. Is there an objection? There is an objection. It will be printed on the Order Paper. I see the hon member Joseph.

Mr D JOSEPH: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes that KPMG has been severely compromised by their conduct and relationship within alleged corrupt private and state departments and entities. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Any objection to the motion being moved without notice? No objection to the motion itself? Agreed to. Hon member Hinana first.

Mr N E HINANA: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House congratulates the Democratic Alliance for holding peaceful, successful and democratic Metro Congress elections last Saturday. I so move. [Interjections.]

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Any objections to the motion being moved without notice? No? Is there an objection? There is an objection. It will be printed on the Order Paper. Hon member Lekker?

†UNksz P Z LEKKER: Enkosi, Sekelo Somlomo. Ndiphakamisa ngaphandle kwesaziso:

Ukuba le Ndlu inike ingqwalasela yokuba umbutho wesizwe uthe waphumelela ngomyinge ongowamashumi asixhenxe ananye eevoti, kuvalo-sikhewu ebelukhona izolo. Kwakhona nditsho okokubana umbutho iDA ithe yabonakala inkxaso yayo ihle kakhulu, nanjengoko

ibicinga ukuba izawuba njalo, ngokomgaqo owenziweyo ngengcaciso yawa Ipsos Market Research.

[Isiphakamiso njengoko siphakanyiswe liLungu.]

[Translation of isiXhosa paragraphs follow.]

[Ms P Z LEKKER: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes the majority party succeeded by 71% votes in the by-election that took place yesterday. According to Ipsos Market Research the DA support was not great even though they think so.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Is there an objection to the motion being moved? There is an objection. It will be printed on the Order Paper. Hon member Schäfer and then I will come to hon member Simmers.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House congratulates and commends Mr David Green, CEO of the V&A Waterfront and visionary behind the Zeitz MOCAA Museum of Contemporary Art. The museum is the continent's first dedicated museum for contemporary African art, and a welcome addition to the

City of Cape Town's tourism and investment portfolio. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No objection to the motion being moved without notice? No objection to the motion – is there an objection?

HON MEMBER: No.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No objection? There is an objection. It will be printed on the Order Paper. I see the hon member Simmers?

Mr T A SIMMERS: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House congratulates Eden Sport for winning the following 6 categories at the recently held Western Cape Sports Awards Ceremony:

- Eden-Cycling: Sports Federation of the Year;
- Christo Vermaak: Sports Journalist of the Year;
- Gerhard Jooste: Sports Photographer of the Year;
- Christelike Jeugforum van Oudtshoorn: Recreational Society of the Year;
- Kgati: Traditional Sports Team of the Year;
- Heidedal Primêr Skool Cross-Country Team: Developmental School Sports Team of the Year.

I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No objection to the motion being moved without notice? No objection to the motion itself? Agreed to. Hon member Botha.

Ms L J BOTHA: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House congratulates and commends Danritch Delano Booyesen, the MOD coach at Maskam Primary School in Vanrhynsdorp, for winning an After-School Sport Coaching Excellence Award at the Western Cape Sports Awards 2017. His services are vital to the development and upliftment of our province's youth through sport, and absolutely worthy of such an accolade. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No objection to the motion being moved without notice? No objection to the motion itself? Agreed to. Hon member Dugmore first.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes that despite public promises by both Premier Zille and Mayor De Lille, that of course was before their bitter fight, that the Green Point Athletics Stadium would be renamed after the Olympic champion Wayde van Niekerk, that it will no longer happen as the City will only erect a so-called Heroes Wall to bear the names of South African Olympians; and calls for another method to honour our heroes such as Wayde van Niekerk and Luvo Mayonga. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Are there any objection to the motion being moved without notice? No objection – is there an objection? It will be printed on the Order Paper. Hon member Simmers first and then I will come back to this side.

Mr T A SIMMERS: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House congratulates the SWD female rugby team for being crowned the champions of the B-league, after they beat the Golden Lions 23-8 in the inter-provincial tournament final. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. No objection to the motion being moved without notice? No objection to the motion itself? The motion is agreed to. Hon member Magaxa?

Mr K E MAGAXA: Thank you. Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes *The Times* newspaper today took a position against the hon Premier Zille's office staff defaming and her attacking the reporter who wrote of her water consumption at Leeuwenhof; also notes it is described as her more natural demeanour exemplified after her ill-advised colonialism tweets and allegations of putting pressure on officials to help her son's business; also notes the paper says she behaves like that other thick skinned occupier of a state-owned mansion, Donald Trump; and further notes that she, like Trump, insists ...
[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order [Interjection.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: ... on being a slow ... [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Nonsense!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!]

Mr K E MAGAXA: ...learner when it comes ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order, hon member Magaxa. Just one second. Hon Chief Whip?

Mr M G E WILEY: This is not a motion without notice. This is a statement.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I cannot comment on whether it is a statement or a motion. It might be in the form of a motion. So, I will allow the member to continue.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Thank you.

Also notes that the paper says she behaves like that other thick-skinned occupier of a state owned mansion, Donald Trump; further notes that she, like Trump, insists on being a slow learner when it comes to handling real or perceived criticism. Thank you.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Any objection to that? There is an objection. It will be printed on the Order Paper. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Can I just – order! Can I just say in reply to the Chief Whip, there is no real length limitation to a motion, as long as it is in the format of a motion. So that is why I allowed that one. Hon member Dijana?

Ms T M DIJANA: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes that the ANC over the months called the water crisis a self-fabricated catastrophe as the DA-led administration failed to spend its budget on improving water infrastructure for more than a decade; notes further that the City of Cape Town is now said to spend R8 billion over the next 10 years mostly on its funders. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: There is an objection it seems. It will be printed on the Order Paper. Are there any more? Hon member Magaxa?

Mr K E MAGAXA: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House pays respect and send its condolences to the family and friend of Umkhonto we Sizwe Commander, comrade Mxolisi Petane, who passed on earlier this morning in a military hospital in Pretoria. May his soul rest in peace.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No objection to the motion being moved without notice? No objection to the motion itself? The motion is agreed to. Hon member Botha.

Ms L J BOTHA: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House congratulates and commends the Chaeli Sport and Recreation Club for having won the award for Community Builder of the Year in the Western Cape Sport Awards. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I take it there is no objection to the motion being moved without notice? Also no objection to the motion itself? The motion is agreed to. I see the hon member Olivier first.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes and commends, Mengstu Negewu, who won the Sanlam Cape Town Marathon over the past weekend crossing the finish line in 2 hours 10 minutes and 1 second. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I take it there is no objection to the motion being moved without notice? No objection to the motion itself? The motion is agreed to. Hon member Dijana?

Ms T M DIJANA: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House expresses its concern for the badly planned and poorly attended public hearings which do not properly involve the participation of communities, as seen this week in George with the discussion on housing matters. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Any objection? There is an objection to that motion. It will be printed on the Order Paper. Are there any further? Hon member Magaxa?

Mr K E MAGAXA: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes that the deeply divided DA's MPL, Lennit Max, accepted nomination and will stand against Minister Madikizela for the position of their Party's Provincial Leadership on 7 October.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Is there an objection to that? There is an objection to that motion. It will be printed on the Order Paper. Hon member Lekker?

†UNksz P Z LEKKER: Enkosi, Sekela Somlomo. [Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker.] I move without notice:

That the House notes the landmark ruling by the Western Cape High Court in which the Wills Act was declared inconsistent with the Constitution, as it only recognises legal unions and not Muslim marriages; and welcomes the guidance.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Is there any objection to the motion being moved without notice? No objection to the motion itself? Motion is agreed to. Are there any further? Hon member Olivier.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes that two provincial schools were burnt in less than a week, with the first school in Ravensmead last week, as well as arson at Thembaletu Secondary over the weekend; calls for an in-depth investigation into the causes of the fires; and commends the community and the fire fighters' swift response to quell the fires. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? There is no objection to the motion itself, also no objection. Agreed to. Are there any further? Hon member Dugmore.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House unequivocally condemns the utter lawlessness displayed by certain taxi associations and drivers during the strike on Monday in which some individuals attacked other modes of transport, injuring innocent passengers and vandalising property and notes further that what we witnessed on Monday could have been avoided if MEC Grant had been more proactive and worked more closely with both the national and local government. [Interjections.]

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Is there an objection? There is an objection to the motion being moved without notice. The motion will be printed on the Order Paper. Hon member Olivier.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House congratulates Parkfield Primary School learners in Hanover Park: Salama Jamodien, Tammy Goliath and Tasneema Isaacs who won the Spelling Bee competition despite coming from gang-ridden communities which made it difficult for them to practice. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Any objections to that motion being moved without notice. No objections to the motion itself? The motion is agreed to. Hon member Dugmore?

Mr C M DUGMORE: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House calls for an urgent intervention to ensure that people's lives are saved at the province's level rail crossings after we witnessed that ten people were injured when a train and diesel tanker collided with a trailer near Muldersvlei crossing yesterday morning. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Any objection to that motion being moved without notice? No objection to the motion itself? The motion is agreed to. Hon member Olivier?

Mr R T OLIVIER: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes that the parents and learners at Pacaltsdorp School are up in arms after a teacher over the weekend called a grade 11 learner and his friend the 'K' word for singing in isiXhosa at a rugby match against George; condemns this teacher's action and calls for an immediate investigation of this incident by this House. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? No objection to the motion itself? The motion is agreed to. Are there any further? Hon member Olivier, you seem to have the floor now.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker for the floor. I move without notice:

That the House notes and commends Mignon van Zyl, Overberg Karate, who won the Junior Sportswoman of the Year at the recently held 2017 Western Cape Sports Awards, wishing her all the best in her bright future ahead. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I take it there is no objection to that motion being moved without notice and also no objection to the motion itself? The motion is agreed to. Hon member Olivier you are still on the floor?

Mr R T OLIVIER: I am still on the floor, Mr Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes and commends Johan van Zyl from Overberg

Karate who won the Administrator of the Year award at the recent 2017 Western Cape Sports Awards and acknowledges the other five nominees in this category. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No objection to the motion being moved without notice? No objection to the motion itself? The motion is agreed to. Hon member Olivier?

Mr R T OLIVIER: That was the last speech.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Are there any further notices from the rest of the House? If not, then that brings us to the end of that portion and we move onto the Order Paper and I will ask the Secretary to read the Order of the Day.

ORDER OF THE DAY

The SECRETARY: Consideration of the Reports of the Conduct Committee dated 28th October 2016 and 30th November 2016, respectively.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Joseph?

Mr D JOSEPH: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I move the motion.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. I see the hon member Dugmore.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Thank you very much, Mr Deputy Speaker. This particular report indicates the outcome of a very thorough and detailed process in regard to the breach of the Code of Conduct. I think it is very important for us to note that one of the problems that we are dealing with in terms of being able to act without fear or favour in regard to any member who is alleged to have breached the Code of Conduct is to ensure that we actually act with impartiality. For instance, an example I would like to cite is the fact that despite the fact that our Standing Committee on Transport and Public Works has essentially been disrupted twice by the Chief Whip and I have laid a complaint, that there has been no follow-up in regard to prosecuting that matter and when we come to a matter such as the breach of the Code of Conduct which is before us today, essentially Mr Deputy Speaker, I think we can actually see that what is at play here are clear and deep divisions within the Democratic Alliance.

The PREMIER: What a lie.

An HON MEMBER: They don't have a Chair, the Standing [Inaudible.]?

Mr C M DUGMORE: We also have a situation where the very registrar mentioned in this report ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Before I see the hon member Magaxa, can I

just say to member Dugmore, you must limit your speech to the contents of the report and I think you are going too wide now, you are out of the scope. Hon member Magaxa, I hear you.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Yes, I just want to ask, Mr Deputy Speaker, if it is parliamentary for the Premier to say hon member Dugmore is lying, “don’t lie”.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I did not hear that but if the Premier did say that to a member of the House then certainly that is unparliamentary. Hon Premier, Did you say that?

The PREMIER: I did not say what the hon Magaxa says, I said “what a lie”.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Okay I accept ... [Interjection.] No, it is not the same, it is a general comment not addressed to a specific member.

Mr K E MAGAXA: If I can address you there, can you investigate whether she was [Inaudible.].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I will check Hansard.

Mr K E MAGAXA: She said that while she was ... [Interjections.]

Mr M G E WILEY: This coming from [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. I will do that and if necessary come back to the House. Thank you. Hon member Dugmore, you may continue.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Thank you. As this report reflects, Mr Deputy Speaker, the decision reflected at the end of this report, in other words, that the Committee resolved by majority to recommend that a penalty in terms of Clause 32.1, in other words a reprimand be imposed on member Davids, this was the result of a detailed discussion and represents the clear majority view of the Committee.

I think one of the important things which was taken into account is the issue of precedent. Hon member Davids is a first-time member of this Legislature. We know and the record reflects that she actually approached the Speaker in regard to issues relating to her constituency allowance and actually requested help from the Speaker. We know there is a precedence in the sense that hon member Joseph, who is sitting in this House today, also talked out of turn and went to the media concerning another matter that the Code of Conduct Committee was dealt with.

In that regard hon member Joseph, and that was agreed to by this side of the House, was reprimanded for something which essentially could have brought the very integrity of the process into account and it was those arguments which eventually resulted in this particular recommendation of a reprimand.

I think it is important, Mr Deputy Speaker, that we honour and we respect the process that was followed, respect the decision that was taken and it would be a very-very serious issue if this House began then to question the process which involved different political parties and it would simply add to a perception that there is on-going manipulation in regard to a very important institution, which is the Code of Conduct Committee in terms of how we deal with these matters. And I do not think that we should allow this House to undermine its processes because of internal party political divisions which beset the DA at this point in time.

So from our side, from this side of the House, we would welcome this report and support that not only this report be considered, but that its contents are adopted as reported by the Committee. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see the Hon member Wiley.

Mr M G E WILEY: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. It is interesting that the hon member Dugmore is the proponent on behalf of the ANC when neither of their members, who serve on the Committee, are making this proposal on their behalf. Mr Dugmore does not even sit on the Committee [Interjection.] so how he knows about what the workings of that Committee are, is very strange.

However be that as it may, on 28 October 2016, this House tabled a Conduct Committee Report relating to this matter. Its recommendation was that

member Davids be reprimanded by this House. On 30 November 2016 the Registrar's Report for the period 1 December 2015 till a year later, 31 October, was tabled. It makes for interesting reading particularly the part relating to the case 3/2015, the case relating to member Davids. What strikes one immediately is the apparently light sanction voted on by the Committee, a reprimand.

Secondly given the repeated transgressions involving the false claims of public monies, how was it possible that the Committee was confronted with hearing a charge described in the Members Code of Conduct under Clause 2, 4(b), as failure to exercise due diligence in the performance of your official duties. [Interjections.] The reasons and lessons learnt from this exercise are instructive [Interjections.].

This House must remember that we as members are not necessarily qualified in the various tasks and committees that we are asked to serve on in the democratic institutions and the executives of different spheres of government [Interjections.]. For example it does not follow that the Minister of Defence has to be experienced in soldiering or the Minister of Finance an economist, or a financier or an accountant.

Similarly, in our world here in the Legislature, we do not have to have any specific expertise to sit on or chair a committee. This is typical in any democratic institution around the world where people elect chosen public representatives irrespective of their qualifications. [Interjection.]

It is for this very reason, over time, the legislative and Government institutions that we serve, have developed a core of professional staff to run these institutions and departments that for the periodically elected public representatives, notwithstanding the professional staff underpinning, will ensure that the institution will continue to deliver service to the populous.

This they do within the framework of laws and regulations. In the case of the Conduct Committee of this Parliament, a specific mechanism was created to ensure that, in the sometimes sensitive matters and members affairs, they are given expert advice by a suitably qualified person. This person is called a Registrar of Members Affairs, a post described in law.

In the case of member Davids the alleged transgression was of such a serious nature that the Speaker of this very institution lodged a complaint with a full dossier of supporting evidence. In essence, that member Davids, over an extended period of time, had repeatedly claimed for travel expenses from Parliament to which she was not entitled.

For example, an amount of over R80,000 was claimed within a few months, as part of member David's alleged servicing of her constituency.

†'n AGB LID: Skande!

[An HON MEMBER: Disgrace!]

Mr M G E WILEY: Her allowance was tapped out, prompting her to approach

the Speaker on how she could get more money. The Speaker immediately initiated an investigation as members' allowances of this House are fairly generous. In the complaint by the Speaker, and admitted to by member Davids, claims were made of travel to a constituency in the north end of the province while in fact the member was elsewhere on parliamentary oversight work.

This was shown in evidence by signed attendance registers on more than one occasion. Additionally, during the preliminary investigation the manager of WCPP's HR gave the Committee a background to how that section gave advice and support on how to properly and legally claim travel expenses especially to the members on the other side, the ANC.

An HON MEMBER: Yoh!

Mr M G E WILEY: In this case of member Davids, it was specifically brought to the Committee's attention that she, her Chief Whip - that is member Davids - her Chief Whip and staff were advised and in some cases warned of the administrative processes and seriousness of over-claiming.

All members upon induction are in any case advised of this process, yet despite the Registrar issuing a damning report based on his preliminary investigation, he inexplicably formulated, in his capacity as a prosecutor of the charges, a lesser charge than one would have expected. [Interjection.] Even more bizarre was that when it came to the hearing itself, there was a

reluctance to call witnesses.

Mr C M DUGMORE: That is your fault.

Mr M G E WILEY: The chief complainant, the Speaker, was more than willing to give her side of the story and the Committee had to insist that she gave her evidence. She was adamant that a case of prima facie fraud had been committed. The manager of HR was simply not called to repeat her earlier evidence in the preliminary investigation. Member Davids declined to give evidence in person and relied on member Dugmore to lead her defence. [Interjections.]

It is interesting that the ANC members on the Committee are not participating today. It was left to the Committee to deliberate only on the limited evidence before it and a lesser charge of what one would expect. The Secretary of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament has subsequently laid a charge of fraud against member Davids with the South African Police Service, Case 1061/17.

In conclusion, Mr Deputy Speaker this House is now tasked with the unpalatable truth that in its deliberations, it has erred on several levels. We, and I include both members and WCPP staff, have not served justice in this case. [Interjections.]

As members, we are meant to be honourable and should ensure that

irrespective of our political affiliation, we have to defend the integrity of the institution. The public must know that members are not held to a different standard.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: So, what is your point?

Mr M G E WILEY: The Committee is the lynchpin of upholding the honour of its members. [Interjection.] It is for that reason and for the first opportunity, that I move the motion to have the Conduct Committee deliberations held in open session in future and thereby let the public draw their own conclusions on the deliberations of this institution.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Then you must not run away [Inaudible.].

Mr M G E WILEY: Regrettably it has been shown in recent months, this effort in transparency has been grossly ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order. Order.

Mr M G E WILEY: Regrettably it has been shown in recent months that this effort in transparency has been grossly abused and the media have inter-alia, with less than honourable motives of their own, allowed rights of natural justice of other members to be abused. [Interjection.]

This House, in coming months, when it deliberates upon its Rules changes,

will have to take these matters into account. A balance has to be found that protects both the rights of the individual, as well as demonstrates open and accountable actions. Mr Deputy Speaker I move the following resolution in my name.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is all you must do.

Mr M G E WILEY: I propose that the House exercises its power in terms of Clause 33(2)(b) of the Code of Conduct of Members for the Western Cape Provincial Parliament to refer the matter, in terms of the recommended penalty, back to the Committee for further consideration.
[Interjections.][Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order. That concludes the debate on these two reports. [Interjections.] Order! Hon member Wiley has made a proposal that in terms of the Code the matter be referred back to the Committee for further consideration, which means the penalty.

I then put the proposal to the House, those in favour of the proposal will say aye.

HON MEMBERS: Aye!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Those against, no.

HON MEMBERS: No!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I think the 'ayes' have it and the dissention of the ANC will be recorded.

That brings us then to the end of the business of the day. The House is adjourned.

The House adjourned at 17:30.