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The House met at 10:00.

The Deputy Speaker took the Chair and read the prayer.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, please come to order. The Secretary will read the First Order of the Day.

The SECRETARY: Debate on Vote 7 – Social Development – Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 3 - 2018].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see Minister Fritz.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Morning. Morning Mr Deputy Speaker.

†n AGBARE LID: Gooi kole!

[An HON MEMBER: Throw coals!]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Hon Mr Deputy Speaker, hon Premier who is about to arrive, Cabinet colleagues, hon Leader of the Opposition - it is such a pleasure to have him in the House, because he is a dear friend of mine. Hon members of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament, Mayors, I see Speakers, municipal officials, special guests, NGOs and community leaders, citizens of the Western Cape.

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to present the Western Cape Department of Social Development's 2018/19 Budget. As I do so, I would like to take this moment, on behalf of the Western Cape Government and the Department of Social Development, to convey our heartfelt condolences to the husband and children of Ms Cheryl Smith. Ms Smith, who worked within our facilities - those of the Child and Youth Care Centres - died tragically in a motor car accident a week ago on her way to work. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family at this difficult time, and I just want to say it is quite a difficult time to lose a staff member.

Mr Deputy Speaker, with a total Budget of R2 241 664 000, this Department continues to serve the most vulnerable people of this province. We are guided and empowered by specific core legislation, policy mandates and the Provincial Strategic Goals 2 and 3. Provincial Strategic Goal 2 calls on us to improve education outcomes and opportunities for youth development, while Strategic Goal 3 calls on us to increase wellness, safety and tackle social ills. The strategic goals speak to five key areas of my Department, namely children and families, youth, disability, substance abuse and older persons.

What are the challenges that we are facing? We are feeling the effects of a national fiscus, which has a revenue collection shortfall of R50 billion, and which has introduced even more stringent austerity measures.

Even as the ANC in this House continues to dismiss the importance of clean audit outcomes from the Auditor-General, the impact of the national Budget shortfall shows just how critical clean governance is for effective service delivery and I think that point about effective service delivery and compliance is important. [Interjections.]

Without it, money will continue to disappear and service delivery will fail. It is as simple as that. It is in this context that we have had to stretch and reprioritise our Budget in an effort to keep services going. I applaud my management team, led by the HOD, Dr Robert McDonald and his whole team... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: ...for staving off the worst effects of these cuts in some Budget areas and the other challenges we face, but we cannot pretend that service delivery is not suffering in this time of financial crisis.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Exactly!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Mr Deputy Speaker, the Department's Budget has effectively only grown by 5%. When you include Conditional Grants the growth amounts to a mere 6%. This is an extremely tight fiscal environment and it means that my Department must make do with what it has, and stretch each rand to go further and further. We must really turn that rand, hon member Makeleni, we need to turn that rand a lot of times. [Interjections.]

Our NGO partners remain a key partner in our efforts. However, the current economic climate and the reduction of the overall fiscal base, has had negative consequences for our support to NGOs and that is another reality. The current budgetary pressure means that the Department is only able to provide below inflation increases to funded Social Welfare NPOs. Specifically, we are providing a minimum of 3% per unit cost and 5.7% for social work post funding and then I want to say social workers within the NPO system they really, really earn far less than our Government social

workers and they are doing a sterling job.

This comes at a difficult time for some NGOs, which are already struggling financially, and some which have already had to close. One such example is CAFDA. Many of you know CAFDA for years, based in the Grassy Park, Retreat area in the Metro South, which has already shut down its doors. The Department has no choice but to take over services previously implemented by funded NPOs, using our in-house capacity. Unfortunately, this places a strain on the capacity of the Department and remaining NPOs, and may lead to staff burn out, and the risk of lower quality of services. And it is in this regard that we want to say then when some orchestrated uprisings in places like Hermanus puts another strain on us, even though we do not have money. It puts a huge strain on us like we saw this week happening in Hermanus. The Department had to jump in. Unfortunately, very hon members of this House have been in the forefront of organising the uprisings, it appears from their little WhatsApps. [Interjections.]

Ms M N GILLION: Hi, what are you saying?

Ms S W DAVIDS: What are you saying?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Yes, I am saying it in the House. I am saying it. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: You will not say it outside there. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: No, I am saying it here.

[Interjections.]

Ms M N GILLION: What are you implying?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Because it is the truth. It is the truth. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: I hope so. The Department is doing all it can to mitigate this situation, including the establishment of NPO Help Desks and networks of support for NPOs at regional and local office level and we are lobbying for more funding to at least ensure inflation-related year-on-year funding increases to NGOs.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I cannot understate the negative effects of the Budget cuts from the National Government. A key example is the National Conditional Grant for Expanded Public Works Programme, which was cut from R15,9 million and some Beaufort West youth is sitting here who is not going to have jobs now, from R15,9 million to R1,5 million and the impact of this cut will be felt by young people, who will have 562 less work opportunities available to them, 562 less, and I am not - do not get me wrong

- I am not pointing fingers. I am just putting the realities here. I am not saying it is right. You can decide whether it is right or wrong, and the voters are there. They must decide.

This is indeed scandalous and it is a scandalous move by the National Government and it is one which necessitated my Department to step in to mitigate the effects thereof and you know, I said to some Beaufort West youth that we know exactly what we are talking about. We will use our expanding network of Youth Cafés and existing youth development programmes, to try and make up for these lost opportunities, but it will not be possible to fully plug the hole left by these funding cuts.

Let me speak about the drought. The drought has placed a massive strain on the work of our NGO partners, and the Department. As part of our efforts to mitigate the adverse effects, the HOD and his team have driven a process of responding to the crisis by capacitating our NGOs, many of our NGOs, and remember our old-age homes, our Child and Youth Care Centres and our own services with the aim of building resilience and creating alternative water resources for residential facilities and I am talking here specifically, hon member Makeleni, about water resources, hon member Dyantyi.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Yes, Makeleni, she is coming [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: The Department is mindful of the impact of the drought on farming and rural communities. In this regard,

and under the Community Development and Partnership Development Chief, Mr Mzwandile Hewu, we are part of the Joint Operations Centre convened to drive the response to the crisis caused by anticipated farm-worker job losses and you know, when you just think of a place called Vredendal there is already a processing company that has closed. I have seen those unemployed young people when I went there.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: So you are blaming National Government there as well.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: No, I am not blaming anyone!

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Or are you blaming God? Who are you blaming?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: I am putting the facts on the table for you. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: The Department will closely...

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Not witchcraft!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: ...with the Department...
[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: It has nothing to do with witchcraft, just for the point! [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You are blaming witchcraft!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: We have a far more factual approach. [Interjections.] The Department will closely work together with the Department of Agriculture and the South African Social Security Agency to assist wherever we can and to really work out a plan for the whole situation. Our role will be to conduct assessments of affected families, so that they can be linked to social relief of the stress benefits.

The challenges faced by the Department, both from our fiscal circumstances and the adverse environmental reasons, will not deter us in our drive to maintain and improve the standards of our services. This Budget has focussed on ensuring that key statutory services keep pace with demands and maintaining, as far as possible, current levels of services in other areas where growth is possible.

In this regard, a place like Klaarstroom - and I see someone from Klaarstroom - must be looked at from a bigger picture within this Department. In this regard let me share some of the spending areas for the 2018/19 financial year. Now NGO funding and pro-poor spending - pro-poor

spending! [Interjections.] Despite the challenges and fiscal pressure I spoke of earlier, the Western Cape Department of Social Development has set the national benchmark for funding to NGOs, and we are very proud of that. We transfer 53% of our Budget to the NPOs, which serve the poorest of the poor. Now it is more than 50%.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You mean the Blue Shirts, is that what you are talking about?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Ja, no-no, you know it is not.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I am just checking; they are called Blue Shirts!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: You know many of the ANC comrades get funded. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Children and families, Mr Deputy Speaker, I would like to unequivocally welcome and support developments that have gone into the establishment of a Children's Commissioner. I applaud the hard work and the leadership shown by the Premier and the Department as we inch closer towards finalising the necessary legislative and other processes [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: After ten years, after ten years ... (intervention)

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: ...to get that Children's Commissioner appointed and it is done, and I just want to put our position on it. This prioritisation of children is also reflected in our current Budget, where services to children and families remain our largest spending and focus area, under the capable leadership of Dr Lesley Corrie. There is a R38 million increase in this Budget to R694,2 million in this specific Budget. The bulk of this increase will go towards the Early Childhood Development, Child Protection and Child and Youth Care Centres sub programmes.

Now let us talk about the ECD Programme. Mr Deputy Speaker, the Department will continue with key projects aimed at not only increasing statutory compliance to norms and standards in this sector, but also improving quality. We will continue our collaboration with the Department of Health on the First 1000 Days Project, and I do not see Minister Mbombo here, but we work very well together... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Here, here!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Oh, she is here - focussing on delivering comprehensive services to young children. We have allocated R336,1 million to the Early Childhood Development Programme. The Early Childhood Development Strategy has already seen the development of a ground-breaking pilot ECD programme for language and cognitive development at 50 provincial sites of the real poor areas, and I know the Standing Committee went around to look at. It is really making a massive

difference and also children who cannot afford where our middle class people go, their children can also now get the same kind of attention.

The additional R123,7 million over the MTEF will go towards ECD subsidies, the expansion of services and facility maintenance. These funds will specifically assist, and I want to emphasise this, specifically for the Deputy Chief Whip of the DA, hon Denis Joseph. These funds will specifically assist conditionally registered ECD facilities with minor infrastructure and maintenance, with the view of bringing them to compliance because there was a question once what happens to those who are not fully compliant. So there is an act to get people who are conditionally registered to get to compliance. More importantly, the grant will add extra resources to per-child funding. That is important, to per-child funding. Remember we were at R15.00. We are now at R18.00, hon members.

Tremendous progress has been made in improving the compliance of facilities to children and in terms of the Children's Act and our norms and standards. We have also begun to focus on quality and to date, since 2014, 1 743 practitioners have been trained in 1 370 facilities to implement quality registered programmes.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Is that big? Is that big?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Yes, in our regard it is very big, in our regard. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Ja, please.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: To this end, I would like to pay tribute to our former head of the ECD Programme, Ms Julinda Kruger, who recently retired from service and I wish her all the best and I truly believe she will continue, in her own way, to play a role in the ECD sector.

With that said, let me also welcome Mrs Tughfa Hamdulay to the position and wish her well too. Mrs Hamdulay, a social worker by training, brings a wealth of experience to this position and is a strong administrator. I have every confidence that she will take the ECD to new heights and innovative heights and creative heights. That is what we need.

Mr Deputy Speaker I am happy to report that my Department will continue to support the After School Game-Changer via our partial care facility programmes and in this regard Ms Nomazizi Mguda and Ms Cheryl Davids will oversee an additional R500 000 being spent to expand our partial care facilities. These are important facilities because it creates safe spaces for after school. These facilities provide the spaces which children need to engage in positive developmental activities, and we see also the link to retention in school from this programme because they do their homework and they study.

Child protection, Mr Deputy Speaker, let me upfront say when we talk about child protection, and hon member Dyantyi, I condemn the killing of 30

children in our province in the strongest terms possible. We must condemn it unequivocally.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: And do something about it!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Yes, we have done something. [Interjections.] Perpetrators of these killings should be given the maximum sentences possible. In this regard, we want to welcome Judge Robert Henney's heavy sentencing for one such case. He really gave I think three life sentences to a case in this regard and I really think we need to report and you are also right, that when we see any cases, to act immediately. Our social workers must respond when people report it so that we stop the killing of our children everywhere, anywhere, not only in this province but also in South Africa. [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: And you know the solution is addressing social ills; not just arrests.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Yes, together of course, as the whole of society. [Interjections.] Yes, no cool, that is what we do. Child Protection Services has been allocated R308,2 million for the financial year. This is made up of R207 million for child protection services and R101,2 million for Child and Youth Care Centres.

The Department has invested heavily in ensuring it is able to respond

timeously to cases of children at risk, by honing our preventative services and early intervention programmes specifically.

I am proud to announce that the Provincial Foster Care Management Plan has been finalised and is being implemented. This plan is assisting us in aligning foster care management across NGOs and Government and this is so important, hon members, because remember the backlog, and we brought it down right to 200, and the Court process is now also in place. IT is a very, very important... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Ja, you bring your [Inaudible.] right down towards your end. [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Thank you, Sir. Thank you for the compliment. Thank you. [Interjections.] Child and Youth Care Centres, Mr Deputy Speaker, under the leadership of Ms Leana Goosen, we have made great strides in improving our Child and Youth Care Centres.

This financial year will see more work go into transforming these facilities into internationally benchmarked facilities and I must say upfront there are lots of challenges. This is not Sunday school business. This is heavy, heavy work but we must always be upfront about it and we have allocated R101,2 million for this service to meet all requirements of the Child Justice Act of 2008. This figure excludes the R233,9 million under the Crime Prevention and Support sub programme which funds our services and

outsourced facilities.

In total, R335,1 million is allocated to provide services to all vulnerable children in our own and within NGO facilities. Our major focus continues to be the overhaul of our secure care Child and Youth Care infrastructure to meet the rapidly escalating demands for space in these centres. You will not believe the demand for space, from magistrates, from everywhere because as the crime increases in our townships, the increase in demand for these centres are really rapidly increasing and in fact we are building one extra wing in Clanwilliam.

Work is already well under way to address the challenges at our Child and Youth Care facilities related to security breaches and ageing infrastructure. †Ou geboue, [old buildings,] that are collapsing, and unfortunately, we as Government, we have to work and make do and we are now with Minister Grant really coming to the party and Minister Meyer giving extra money for the infrastructure, which is quite welcome.

Key infrastructure and maintenance at CYCCs is underway, including the building improvements and refurbishing of old buildings. Along with our focus on infrastructure, we have established a task team within the Provincial Child Justice Forum. The task team tackles issues affecting the smooth implementation of the Child Justice Act of 2008, and is borne out of a multi-stakeholder Child Probation Services workshop held in September, last year and in this regard I really want to say thank you to Ms Ruwaida Koda who

has been fundamental and central to this.

Our focus will be to ensure Child and Youth Care Centres are registered, operating as per norms and standards, and have programmes which match a child's needs, as per Section 191 of the Children's Act. We always want to be compliant.

Now let us deal with youth. The future of this province is dependent on building a generation of confident, educated, and empowered and resilient young people and many times many of those young people have own agency so Government is not sometimes needed, but sometimes we are also there to assist where we want to create agency.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You do not sound convincing. You do not sound convincing.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Well, that is your problem, hon member.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Ja, no it is my problem that you do not sound convincing. You are just reading!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Mr Deputy Speaker, my Department has set aside R17,7 million for its Youth Development Program in this financial year. This amount should be seen in the context of hundreds

of millions spent across this and other departments in the province on youth development and this is a very interest stat, because a lot of departments are spending money on youth. What we are now busy doing is to consolidate all that spending from a central point within the Government within this province.

As per our Provincial Youth Development Strategy, we have tasked Mr Lionel Arnolds, Community Development Director, and Mr James Albanie and his team, who heads up our Youth Programme, with delivering safe and enabling spaces for young people. Youth Cafés are central to this effort, and are expanding opportunities for young people across the province.

I am happy to announce that we have recently launched the 8th Youth Café in Velddrif and it was opened by hon Botha in my absence. This means that the Department now has Youth... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Deputy MEC.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Ja, Deputy, Deputy MEC, promotion! [Laughter.] This means that the Department now has Youth Cafés in Mitchells Plain, Vangate Mall, Oudtshoorn, Vrygrond, Groot Brak River, George and Gugulethu and Manenberg, you know the one there at Gugulethu.

This financial year we expect to establish a minimum of four more Youth Cafés. We are also hard at work at developing a roll-out model that will

allow us to establish more Youth Cafés at a much lower cost. That is an interesting thing I am speaking to hon member Makeleni about.

The Youth Cafés are our contribution towards driving the skills revolution for the youth in the Western Cape and I just want to say the Department of Economic Development and the ICAN, we are also speaking to each other so that we can talk to consolidating similar kinds of activities and interventions in communities... [Interjections.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Daai is waar, daai is waar!

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is true, that is true!]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: ...and I want to thank...

[Interjections.] I want to thank Minister Alan Winde around that...

[Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Now you are talking.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: ...so that we can move it out far more. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Now you are talking.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Yes.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Yes. The Youth Cafés are our contributions towards driving skills revolution for the youth in the Western Cape. Our focus is on getting young people into work opportunities. We do not apologise for that. We want to get unemployed young people into work and our Youth Programmes are focussing on building partnerships with the private sector because we cannot do it alone. We need those partnerships.

Mr Deputy Speaker, allow me, let me go to disabilities. I am proud of the progress we have made with our provision for services for people living with disabilities. Under the excellent leadership of the Disability Program Manager, Ms Patiswa Momoza and Mr Sipiwo Mbewu, the Department has prioritised advancing disability rights, not only in words, but also in deeds and spending.

My administration has allocated R169,7 million this financial year for services to people with disabilities. This includes an additional R46,2 million which is earmarked for this financial year for the provision of bed spaces in appropriate facilities as well as day-care services to persons with disabilities and allow me just to say in this regard, thank you to Minister Mbombo again, because they deal with certain issues, and the Premier also for her leadership role in regard to specifically disabilities. It is an important role. It shows that government is transversal. It is not just one, but all of us who work so that we do not have situations that we found in Gauteng.

I am particularly excited about the additional funding earmarked for the

Disability Programme which, as announced by Minister Ivan Meyer, the honourable, is a total of R534,8 million over the MTEF. This spending is what assists the province in leading the way in not only advocacy for people with disabilities, but also in improving access and service delivery for people living with disabilities.

However, our disability strategy is not only about money. It is about people, and our efforts to reach out to more and more. In this regard, the Disability programme has done a tremendous job. In 2014, 59 870 persons with disabilities accessed our developmental social welfare services, and I am proud to announce that we have almost doubled this figure to 97 977 persons.

The team working within our Provincial Disability Desk, headed by Mr Jeremy Opperman, has begun to put in place groundbreaking and innovative projects. The desk in collaboration with the CEI established the Assistive Device Service Desk. This will streamline the procurement of assistive device technology for disabled staff.

The Disability Desk is also in the process of conducting access audits on our service delivery areas, with a view to rectifying access challenges, so everywhere where we have an office for Social Development they have gone out and they are doing a proper audit and making sure that everyone gets access to a place. Everyone gets access to services. The Department has continued to refine its referral pathway for children and youth with disabilities that will improve the efficiency of services to these vulnerable

young people and in this regard, I really want to say thank you to a brilliant staff member, Ms Nina Klein.

I am proud to note that a total of 1 729 children have accessed services in day care centres, provided by funded service providers. These facilities have staff trained in severe and profound intellectual disabilities and some of you remember the court case around this. The Department continuously seeks to improve our services. This is why we have introduced a team of therapists from the Department of Education - and I want to say thank you again to the hon MEC or Minister Debbie Schäfer in this regard - and employed a team of 20 programme implementers, who will ensure that the therapist recommendations are carried out. This helps us ensure our service providers are trained on how best to care and provide education and stimulation to children with severe and profound intellectual disabilities.

Let me move now to Substance Abuse Prevention and Rehabilitation. Drug and alcohol abuse continue to be a major social problem in our society. Since 2014 a total of 35 502 clients have accessed our substance abuse services. Now I want to say here and now, we must guard these big figures and we must gauge the success of who relapses and the work that we do, so I am not one of those people chasing numbers. I like to see the quality of the effects and the impact of them. Let me just say that immediately... [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: The impact, the impact matters, the impact.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Yes, exactly, ja, that is the point. Our allocation of R104 million is meant to continue our work in tackling this scourge. Of course, Mr Deputy Speaker, this figure does not include the R101,2 million we have allocated to our own Child and Youth Care Centre facilities which also provide substance abuse treatment services. This has allowed us to expand our reach of substance abuse interventions to youth.

The Matrix Outpatient Treatment Programme was implemented in Child and Youth Care Centres, and a Youth Inpatient Treatment Programme has been implemented at Lindelani Youth Care Centre. We have specifically targeted treating young people in order to address the rising tide of youth alcohol and drug usage. Over the last four years, the Department has expanded the Adolescent Matrix Programme to schools in Kuils River, Eerste River, Steenberg, Lavender Hill, Hout Bay and Elsie's River, and I tell you this works. This is early intervention when you catch that boy who started smoking dagga at Grade 8, catch him quick so that you can deal with it and he does not need to go and graduate to further substance abuse. The scale of the problem is immense and almost insurmountable. However, real progress is being made under the leadership of Mr Denzil Cowley and Ms Fatima Isaacs. The Department has increased substance abuse services to over 36 NGOs working at 51 sites across the province.

However, I must say this, there have been a growing number of reports of illegal rehabilitation centres and facilities springing up and fooling people

into using their services. Now everywhere, do you remember in Philippi these services just jumping up and charging people a lot of money? We are busy looking at that. My Department will have a zero-tolerance approach to these dodgy operators, and if we find them we will first work with them to bring them to compliance otherwise I think we will have to shut them down. However, if this is not possible, we will shut them down and it is a long process doing that. The Older Persons Programme... [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Saying just what you want to do. [Laughter.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: We will do it, by the way. Mr Deputy Speaker, we have set aside R245 million for the Older Persons Programme. Under the leadership of the Social Welfare Chief Director, Mr Charles Jordan, and the Disability Programme Head, Ms Debra Fortuin, we have reprioritised the ongoing efforts to drive registration of residential care facilities, especially for frail older persons. Compliance to the norms and standards to the Older Persons Act for residential facilities, and those are what we used to call the old age homes and service centres, is a non-negotiable. I am encouraged by the greater awareness that we have managed to raise on issues of compliance, based on the number of queries and registration applications, the public is more aware of the mandated registration of residential facilities in terms of the Older Persons Act, Number 13 of 2006. There are 119 funded registered residential facilities and 72 privately owned registered facilities.

If we are to end cases of abuse of the elderly, then we must continue to tackle the unregistered facilities operating in our communities and it is similar to the Drug Rehabilitation Programmes. Everyone opens one because they take the people's pension.

Mr Deputy Speaker, a major focus area going forward is to strengthen and expand the community-based care models. We must encourage greater family and community participation in the daily lives of elderly residents, including keeping them in communities, because we also see a tendency here of families dumping their older persons into these facilities and they forget about them and when something happens, they are the first to jump, but they have never ever done anything to visit that older person to make sure that people do not starve to death, and that is the issue around family. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Ja, do not repeat Zille tweets here. Do not repeat it today. [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: That is the issue around family, family issues, and that is the importance. [Interjections.] That is the importance of it.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is exactly what she was saying.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Victim Empowerment...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order, hon member Dyantyi.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Let us move to the Victim Empowerment Programme. I am incredibly proud of the work being done by Mr Gaba and Ms Rene Botha. Under their leadership, the Department has focused on growing and building the capacity of Victim Empowerment Programmes so that it can begin to meet the huge need for support services for victims of violence and abuse. We still have a long way to go, and let us not fool ourselves. This is Government, we need not [Inaudible.] but we are beginning to see the expansion of both residential and non-residential services to many more communities in the province where the need is dire and I know in some of our rural areas that is dire.

The Department recently launched the Women Empowerment Initiative, which aims to see the development of a referral pathway through the Victim Empowerment, to channel 310 women within our 16 funded shelters for abused women, and provide skills training and economic opportunities, in partnership again with the hon Minister Winde's Department of Economic Development and Tourism and remember we launched the one programme together.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I would like to build on this approach, and in this regard we have allocated an additional R13 million more than last year, bringing the VEP Budget to R45 million. This will help facilitate community outreach, and workshops on Gender-Based Violence. It will also allow us to grow our

service available to those affected most by Gender-Based Violence.

The recent spate of attacks and murder of women have highlighted the importance of our work as a Department in partnership with our NPO and NGO partners. Our funding priorities in this regard are aimed at improving the reach, hon member Gillion, and quality of our response to violence against women and children so please pay attention when we talk. Remember, you remind us. [Interjections.] You remind us about the violence. [Interjections.]

Our network of shelters remains a key resource in this regard, and the Budget increase will aid the victim empowerment to assist all our funded shelters to comply with the relevant norms and standards for shelters, and remember those are important to adhere to. This will result in key qualitative improvements at our funded shelters, including, hon members, increasing support to residential NGOs by 30% per beneficiary - just listen carefully to this. Hon member Makeleni, you are going to respond, so listen to this; increasing support to residential NGOs by 30%... [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You are very good.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: ...by 30% per person, per beneficiary. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Alright, 30% per beneficiary, increasing our support to house mother salaries from R2 116 per month, which is very low by the way, to R3 500, which is still low, but it is something.

Ms P MAKELENI: So you know it is low.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: And increasing funding to upgrade security at all our funded shelters - remember the murder at Saartjie Baartman; the expanding funded skills development initiatives for victims at shelters at R2 500 per person, linked to our funding of bed spaces at shelters so I think it is a move forward and it is really a very progressive move. This spending will enable Victim Empowerment Shelters to attract and retain quality house mothers, who play a critical psychosocial role within these facilities. It will improve the safety and quality of bed space at these facilities and offer women a space to recover and access training and development while they are there.

We are making progress in the provision of key victim support services. However, we must continue to get the message out that preventing violence against women and children is a 365-day task per year, not a 16-day, when we have 16 days of activism, it is 365, all the time. We are calling on men and in particular fathers, to play a greater role in changing the narrative and in saying no to women abuse and gender violence.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Let us speak about Social Crime Prevention. Social Crime Prevention and Support receives an allocation of R233,9 million to fund secure care, Child and Youth Care facilities. Providing quality probation services - a very important part - and implementing obligations of the Child Justice Act, is our focus. In this regard, we will continue to focus on reintegration of those children in conflict with the law who completed residential or community-based programmes, back into their communities. That reintegration is important.

Mr Deputy Speaker, even in this constrained economic climate, my Department will continue to prioritise improving the quality of services, whilst responsibly and sustainably growing the reach of our services. In this regard, I would like to applaud our Finance and Supply Chain teams, specifically Mr Juan Smith, Mr Denver Holley and Ms Patience Mabhokwana for their leadership and dynamic efforts to save money wherever possible. They turn the rand ten times before you see the rand.

In conclusion, Mr Deputy Speaker, we are working hard to sustain and even grow our services in the face of continued austerity measures, a constrained economy and a crippling drought. However we cannot achieve this alone. Our NPO partners and delivery partners such as Sassa and all the others must continue to adapt in step with the Department.

Let me take this opportunity to thank the Premier for her incredible leadership. It is amazing to work under her.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Incredible, really!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Also, I would like to thank my Cabinet colleagues - amazing young people, very, very amazing young people, and we are men and women.

An HON MEMBER: Thank you.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: I would also like to really say thank you to our colleagues here at the back, my colleagues in the caucus, for always giving me support. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: I would also like to thank the Chairperson and every member of the Committee. I really want to say this, hon member, the Committee, Mr Deputy Speaker, keeps us on our toes, and that is the point about being held accountable; that we are not just there for jokes, we have people's money that we are responsible for and I want to say thank you to the Committee for keeping us accountable and hold us to account. [Interjections.]

Ms M N GILLION: You are the only one that recognised that.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Thank you for that. [Interjections.] I would also like to thank my own staff, the ministerial staff and I want to say thank you to Mr David Abrahams and all the other people within this Ministry, staff, for keeping us going and for making my life very pleasant, specifically Alexandra Abrahams also on the other hand. †Almal se van is Abrahams in daai Departement. [Gelag.] [Everybody's surname is Abrahams in that Department. [Laughter.] Child Probation Services workshop]

I would also like to thank my Head of Department, Dr Robert Macdonald and his management team, and specifically the most difficult person Mr Jordan there and that team, thank you for their work and for the great work that they always do. †En ek kyk nou vir Annemie daar, ook daar agter. [And I am looking at Annemie there, also there at the back.] And I think most importantly I want to say to every social worker, every child and youth care worker, every auxiliary social worker, every person who slogs away within our regions who is far away in Vredendal, Beaufort West, wherever they are. I want to today from this Cape Town central point and this Parliament say thank you for the work they are doing. They must get out in the middle of the night. My people get abused in townships, sexually also abused, and then some of us laugh at that.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I want to say thank you to them. I think we do not give

enough attention and I really want to say thank you to every one of them for the work that they do, and then just to come nearer to my house space, I want to say thank you to my wife and my son for always being the greatest support and the greatest encouragement in very difficult times when we get up at four o'clock and come back one o'clock in the morning. So thank you very much to this House.

Mr Deputy Speaker, it gives me pleasure to table Budget Vote 7 on Social Development. [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: It might be your last one to do.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Thank you. [Interjections.]

Ja, do not worry! [Applause.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: It might be your last one to do. [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! The hon Lorraine Botha.

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

Ms L J BOTHA: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Dyantyi, please contain yourself.

Ms L J BOTHA: Mr Deputy Speaker, †kan ons nie net die agbare lid Dyantyi herinner aan Korintiërs 13 nie... [Tussenwerpsels.] [can we not just remind the hon member Dyantyi of Corinthians 13 ... [Interjections.]]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Ek sê net dankie.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: I am only saying thank you.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

†Me L J BOTHA: ...nie die gedeelte van hoop en liefde nie, maar die gedeelte van klinkende metaal en luidende simbaal. [Gelag.]

[Ms L J BOTHA: ... not the part of hope and love, but the part about a resounding gong and clanging cymbal. [Laughter.]]

Ms M N GILLION: Oh my word! [Interjections.]

Ms L J BOTHA: Mr Deputy Speaker, the vision of the Western Cape Department of Social Development is a self-reliant society or building a self-reliant society. In our context the unfortunate reality is that we still have a long way to go to achieve this vision. I must however commend Minister Albert Fritz and his Department as the various programmes that they are implementing aim to achieve this vision. I believe that the appropriation of over R2.2 billion for the 2018/19 financial year will definitely help the Department to support our communities so that we are closer to achieving this vision.

A key aspect for this Department is working with various partners, stakeholders and civil society organisations. At the same time it is also set on providing sustainable development programmes, which facilitates the empowerment of communities. As the DA-led Government we are all too aware that we cannot govern in isolation and this is why our residents, communities and societies at large play an important role in governing with us. We govern with the people.

†Die PREMIER: Ja.

[The PREMIER: Yes.]

Ms L J BOTHA: To this end I was pleased to note the Department's commitment... [Interjections.] †Jy luister nie, nè! [You are not listening, hey!]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Ja.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Yes.]

Ms L J BOTHA: To increase the subsidy allocation albeit below the inflation rate. For the salaries of social auxiliary workers, social workers, social work supervisors and social work managers, that are employed at funded NPOs and Minister, we need to be assured that the implementation of this has to this end achieved the intended goal. Our social service professionals are at the forefront of community engagement, thus it is vital that they get the necessary support to have a positive impact on grass-root service delivery.

Furthermore we have to ensure that our social workers are also receiving the necessary support, guidance and continued training to be effective in their work, and Minister, I also want to ask that you also speak to caring of the carer and speak to how this programme will ensure that social work supervision gets to the social workers on the ground.

The Budget, Mr Deputy Speaker, consists of five programmes and I will specifically focus on Programme 3, which refers to children and families. One of the principles the Department is focusing on is family mediation. Along with all the other initiatives in this programme such as Childcare and Protection, Early Childhood Development Partial Care, Child and Youth Care Centres and community based care services for children, the Department is clearly demonstrating that it is working towards achieving its vision of a self-reliant society. The Department realises that this vision can only be realised if we establish stable families within our society. Families are the basic unit that ought to provide care, love, and an environment where every member of the family, especially the children can develop to their fullest potential while becoming the best individual that they can be. But also on the other hand, and I want to say to the Minister, that programmes on the responsibilities of parents must also be strengthened because parents can surely not entirely believe that Government must take the responsibility of parents. I am of the view that the allocation of more than R694 million for the 2018/19 financial year will assist the Department to fulfil this programme's purpose, which is to provide comprehensive child and family care and supporting services to communities in partnership with stakeholders

and civil society organisations.

Something that is evident throughout this Department is that it does not work in isolation. When one refers to developing a society it should be understood that you cannot do it without the input of that society. Every resident, the NPO sector, all stakeholders and other Government departments have a vital role to play to improve our communities.

Mr Deputy Speaker, we are all fully aware of the current water crisis that we have in the province and more specifically in Cape Town. I therefore like to commend the Department for their undertaking to provide funds to a 100 of its funded residential facilities within the City of Cape Town in order to enable the installation of drought mitigation measures such as boreholes or water tanks. I am also pleased to note that the Youth Cafés across the province are currently implementing various water-saving initiatives such as using waterless hand sanitisers, automatic stoppers on taps in bathrooms, the use of grey water and the wellpoint at the Vrygrond Youth Café.

Minister, in the face of our current water crisis the question however is how is the Department supporting our ECDs, the elderly and the vulnerable in our society? I commend this Department with Minister Fritz and Dr Macdonald at the helm for executing their statutory mandate.

†Met gebreke doen hierdie Departement hul beste in die begroting wat aan hulle toegeken word. Ek gee ook erkenning aan elke maatskaplike werker en

kinderversorger wat die eerste linie is van dienslewering veral aan ons arm gemeenskappe.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[With insufficiencies this Department is doing its best in the Budget that is allocated to them. I also give recognition to every social worker and child carer that constitute the first line of service delivery, especially to our poor communities.]

†I am convinced that the Department will continue to improve the implementation of all its services to residents of this province, although be it in budgetary constraints, but, and I also want to say to the Minister that for this 2018/19 financial year the Standing Committee for Social Development will also strengthen its oversight role.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the DA supports this vote. I thank you. [Interjections.]

[Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Hon member Makeleni.

†n AGBARE LID: Nou daai kole is dood. Daai kole is dood.

[An HON MEMBER: Now those coals are dead. Those coals are dead.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Gooi kole! Nou kom ons uit! [Tussenwerpsels.]

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Throw coals! Now we are coming out! [Interjections.]]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Ms P MAKELENI: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Vat hulle! Vreet hulle!

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Get them! Chew them!]

Ms P MAKELENI: The notion that this is a people's budget cannot be left unchallenged. It continues to perpetuate the idea that the elite have the right to decide what is best for the people when they know nothing about us. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: And you are not elite, are you? So what are you?

Ms P MAKELENI: The DA Cabinet must be reminded that it has found this country liberated. The DA was never there when we fought for the liberation; when people fought for and liberated themselves. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Oh, and you were?

Ms P MAKELENI: People did not struggle to be told by the DA what is right for them. We must remind this Johnny-come-late that people include all of us; not just the DA caucus and voters.

The word “for the people” are a plurality of persons considered as a whole, as is the case with an ethnic group or nation. People mean “collectivity”. It is incorrect for the DA to think that only its supporters are people. We are here and we are here to stay. The Western Cape is for all of us - those who voted DA and equally those against you. [Interjections.]

Now, to this Budget, this Budget has the same arrogance as the person who decided to call this a people’s budget. It lacks vision and Ubuntu. This Budget does not inspire confidence. I do not know what the people of the Western Cape have done to deserve this arrogance. [Interjections.]

Mr M G E WILEY: Can you be specific please?

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Dit kom,

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: It is coming,] †just wait and listen.

Ms P MAKELENI: During his Budget speech MEC Meyer was bragging that the frontline services, the three departments which include the DSD, have received the largest chunk of the Budget. I am not sure if he thinks a mere increase of R131 million will make a difference in the challenges of the social ills facing this Department. Maybe we must update him about the recent news headlines in the province. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: That can only happen in the...

An HON MEMBER: Stop being arrogant!

Ms P MAKELENI: Yesterday the *Daily Voice* on page 5 reported that six people have been wounded over the past two days in random Elsie's River gang shootings. A girl, 15-years old was hit by a stray bullet in the buttocks whilst brushing her teeth before school. [Interjections.]

Mr M G E WILEY: Sorry, this is the wrong vote you are doing. It is not the Police Budget. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Just listen!

Ms P MAKELENI: Also yesterday *Die Son* also on page 5 reported that a Kleinvlei gang shooting left four dead and two wounded, since Thursday, in a war between the Mongrels and The Firm members.

The same newspaper reported on page 1 and 2 that a Robertson Primary School girl aged 12 is pregnant after the foster father raped her.

An HON MEMBER: Social ills.

Ms P MAKELENI: On November 1 last year News 24 quoted:

“Hope House Counselling Centre was saying with 66 children murders already recorded in the Western Cape this year, there was a need for

more qualified child counsellors to address issues of child trauma and abuse...”

In the same article the NPO revealed that there was a six-month delay in child abuse intervention in the province. There was also a huge backlog in cases of children who were in need of professional help from their three centres in the province.

In the *South African Journal of Education*, Volume 36 number 2 of May 2016, a group of scholars concluded that schools in the province are rapidly and increasingly becoming an arena for violence, not between learners, but also between educators and learners through inter-school rivalries and gangs.

This conclusion is in line with what Minister Fritz was quoted to have said in the media on 27 September last year. He said:

“Crimes committed by minors at secure care centres were increasingly becoming more serious and violent. The most common offences committed by children within these facilities are murders, common assault, housebreaking and theft, attempted murder and rape.”

Mr Deputy Speaker, allow me to speak briefly about the CYCCs and how this Budget is failing young people in the province. First, the young people in the province who have been failed by this Government and ended up being recruited into gangs...

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Ja, social ills, remember.

Ms P MAKELENI: ...they are sent to the CYCC to rehabilitate and be trained on skills to sustain them when they go back to their communities. We note that the Western Cape has the highest number of registered CYCC.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Nou kom die kole.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Now the coals are coming.]

Ms P MAKELENI: However, it is highly disappointing that the Budget for this programme increased by a mere 3,3%. There are a lot of challenges in these centres. This Budget is not sufficient. A R1,1 million is all that could be spared for this programme, yet every time we go for an oversight to these centres we always pick up serious challenges like shortage of equipment, which negatively impact on the rehabilitation and training of these children. There was a report last year in Bonnytoun CYCC that HIV/AIDS infection in these centres is increasing. It means that what the MEC was quoted to have said last year is really true. Our CYCC has become breeding grounds for developing the next gang hit men for the Cape Flats gang and they are failed by this Budget.

Ms P MAKELENI: I will omit to mention the name, but the MEC knows of a special boy in Hout Bay, who I have brought to his attention, who has been lost in the system. This young boy, after leaving the CYCC, went back to the community and within a week he killed four people. If this Department does

not prioritise these centres, there will be more cases such as the one I just mentioned.

This Department does not have a plan to save our youth, whom we have to watch on a daily basis as they destroy their lives. History will judge you harshly, Minister Fritz, for looking on as the future of young children in the Western Cape slowly fades away. In fact, it is reported that children from Quintile 1 and Quintile 2 schools, about 50% of them, would have dropped out of school and given up at Grade 4 already, and this is the sad state of affairs.

The inaction of this Department and its failure to make provision in this Budget to address these challenges is a clear indication that the Department does not care about the lives of the poor.

Life in the Western Cape is depressing for many, who live every day not knowing if our children will be raped or killed. 33 young innocent lives were lost in the province last year. A caring MEC would have at least mentioned this in his foreword in the APP, but this one did not. He comes in and grandstands here after hon member Dyantyi reminded him.

In the Western Cape, the fear of mothers of losing their children is understandable. This is the fear of many mothers, like uMama Chezu, who on a daily basis leaves her children at home to go look for a job in the leafy suburbs of Pinelands. Every time her phone rings she has to pray that her

children have not been harmed.

An HON MEMBER: That is sad.

Ms P MAKELENI: Mr Deputy Speaker, a lot of these issues could be minimised, if not totally solved, if this DA-led administration could learn to respect and uphold the Constitution. They have failed to appoint a Children's Commissioner to date ... [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: I spoke about that.

Ms P MAKELENI: They have also failed to fully ... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: After 10 years.

Ms P MAKELENI: ... implement the recommendations of the Zille, I mean Khayelitsha Commission, particularly recommendation 12, to establish a multi-sectoral task team on youth gangs.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: The Helen Zille Commission, ja.

Ms P MAKELENI: The task team would be led by DOCS and includes a representative from the Provincial Departments of Education, Health and Social Development. This task team would be responsible for ensuring school safety and provision of after school care and extra mural activities among

others. It clearly shows that we are dealing with constitutional delinquents.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Ja, in the DA.

Ms P MAKELENI: Even with this glaring picture ... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Children must die first ... [Inaudible.]

Ms P MAKELENI: ... the foreword of the MEC in the APP was full of praises for how this Department was performing. Perhaps he was proud because the picture painted above is what the apartheid government believed to be a self-reliant society, in the true sense of the word.

Mr Deputy Speaker, this Department is heavily relying on the NPOs and NGOs in order to do its job.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Good partners!

Ms P MAKELENI: It is a serious cause for concern that the monitoring system to ensure that money ... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You cannot be serious.

Ms P MAKELENI: ... is utilised for what it is intended for, are very weak. A lot of these NGOs need training and skills development. This Budget does not

prioritise that. My fear is that with this kind of relationship between the Department and its partners in the private sector, we may continue to be throwing money in a bottomless pit without achieving the desired outcome. A case in point is the Youth Cafes.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Ja.

Ms P MAKELENI: What is more concerning is that, as a Committee, we do not have oversight over these NPOs and we do not get to see their reports. This is something that needs to be looked at as we move forward.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: We must.

Ms P MAKELENI: This Budget will not change the conditions of the people in the province. It will not better the bleak picture. This is not a Budget for the people, it is a Budget designed by elitists who only tick boxes instead of bringing service delivery to the people.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Ms P MAKELENI: Let me hasten to say that the ANC welcomes the increase in Equitable Share and Conditional Grants, especially ECDs and social worker employment.

The decrease in the social sector EPWP grant will have an impact on the

performance of the Department, but is not entirely to blame as the total Department received a decrease of more than 50%.

Such failure, Mr Deputy Speaker, led the Department to admit that it is unable to maintain the current ECD baseline. Reregistration of previous ECD registrations ... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You must advise Fritz. †Hy weet niks nie. [He knows nothing.]

Ms P MAKELENI: ...means it is unable to fund reregistered ECDs and reregister ECDs.

The Department is also unable to expand a special ECD project, aimed to improve English language and cognitive development in the poor communities ...

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Hayi , I disagree with you.

Ms P MAKELENI: ... and areas where [Inaudible.] is a problem and had been piloted to 10 ECDs and rolled out to a further 50 sites. It was meant to go up to 100, but because of the Department's failure to plan, this cannot be done. Note, the recommendation of the therapies could not be carried out, hon Minister Fritz.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Who?

Ms P MAKELENI: These are not the only failures. In our oversight visit to the ECDs in the West Lake area, we found the following state of ECDs: Learning and teaching material is inadequate and lacks quality. Some of the teachers in these ECD centre started them because they wanted to help parents and save their children from the dangers of the area. They are passionate, but when they want to register the ECD centres, there are met with tedious processes of registration that leaves many to run unregistered, ECDs, which do not conform to norms and standards.

The Department is not moving fast enough as there are hundreds of these in the province. In fact, the Department is fine with this as they do not have to fund or monitor them. In the Budget we see an increase of only R18 million for the ECDs.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I am also worried that the Budget for Programme 2 will not be sufficient to meet the demands. This programme deals with social welfare services which includes, amongst others, services to persons with disabilities. The Budget for this is R169 million, of which R46 million comes from National Government. This increase represents a mere 4,76% There are a lot of challenges in this programme. Such a small increase will worsen these challenges.

The programme also includes services to older persons with a Budget

increase of only 3,5%. There are many challenges, like long waiting lists in the old age homes. This small Budget increase will not assist, but it is understandable why this programme was not prioritised. It is not the DA voters who are the most vulnerable people, who need services, but cannot afford to pay for them.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Gooi kole!

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Throw coals!]

Ms P MAKELENI: Once again I want to stress that this shows a Budget that does not care ... [Interjection.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Gooi daai kole!

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Throw those coals!]

Ms P MAKELENI: ... about those who are most vulnerable.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: He is silent now.

Ms P MAKELENI: A lot of the issues are reported in news headlines ... [Interjection.] and we have found in our oversight work more budgeting on Programme 3 to address them. Programme 3 aims to provide comprehensive child and family care support services to communities. The effects of drug and gangs on families across the province leave them broken down. The family is the basic unit of care that should provide a suitable environment for

the physical, emotional and social development of all its members and children.

Throughout this Budget the Department is failing mothers like Hannah Abrahams from Manenberg. She was abused by her 18-year old son who was using Tik. She said: “Because we were poor we could not get help for my son.” Life became so difficult for her as her son used to beat her and psychologically and emotionally abuse her. She was a shadow of herself, she could not eat properly, could not go to shop and could not walk. She received help at the Saartjie Baartman Centre. This is one of the few women ... [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Who funds the Saartjie Baartman ... [Interjections.]

Ms P MAKELENI: ... centres we have in the province. Many helpful NGOs, because of the lack of funding ... [Interjection.]

MS M N GILLION: It is not the DA’s money, it is taxpayers’ money.

Ms P MAKELENI: ... from the Department ended up ...

The PREMIER: At least we do not steal. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order.

An HON MEMBER: It is not your money.

Ms P MAKELENI: ... ended up being closed down. The Budget from Programme 3 is not enough to meet the service delivery. The R8,2 million Budget for violence against women is a slap in the face as we continue to see more women suffer and die without help.

Mr Deputy Speaker, with the crisis the province battled with the last year, of more than 33 children who were murdered by people known them ...
[Interjection.]

Ms P MAKELENI: ... and their families.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: There were 16, now its 33.

Ms P MAKELENI: Ja. We are talking about the one that were murdered by people known to them and their families. This Department does not have a direct programme to address these challenges.

If you look at the Budget as well as strategic objectives and performance indicators in the APP, you clearly see that there are no measures in place to prevent these killings from continuing this year.

There are a lot of civil society structures that deal with youth development which this Department is ignoring. These are the structures that can play a

meaningful role in preventing social ills. This would be mainly youth structures to empower other youth, by youth.

Mr Deputy Speaker, we thank those that are committed to making a difference to the most vulnerable members of our society. Thank you.
[Applause.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Thank you. Thank you very much.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon Minister Fritz to reply.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Thank you ... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Do you have any answer to those [Inaudible.]?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Sometimes when I come to the House I really wonder whether – you know there is an old apartheid story that I want to tell the hon Leader of the Opposition about: A Minister went to a dam, but he also had to open a school. He had two speeches. He took the one speech out at the school and he read the dam speech. The speech on opening the dam.

Today, hon member Makeleni, with absolute respect, she knows I love her – I honestly think she read the wrong speech. [Interjections.] And the interesting thing about our hon members, Mr Deputy Speaker, is they have

researchers who do the little writing of their speeches.

Now after I have said everything, they still read the speech as if I have said nothing. [Interjections.] When I said everything about ECDs, I have spoken about the English, I spoke about substance abuse, I spoke about older persons. I spoke about the ECDs, specifically. [Interjection.] And then she still reads the programme as if I did not say anything. [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: One of the interesting abilities as a Member of Parliament, is to be able to get up in the House, having taken note of what someone said, and not repeat the opposite of what the person just said.

Ms M N GILLION: Can you respond, MEC?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: So I really want to say to the hon member Makeleni, and I really, you know I really love hon member Makeleni. [Laughter.] Seriously. [Interjections.]. No, no. She knows. Because ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Mr Deputy Speaker ...

[Interjections.]

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

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Mr Deputy Speaker ...
[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Just one second. Order. [Interjections.] Order,
please come to order before the Minister can respond.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Because, Mr Deputy Speaker,
the hon member Makeleni is a completely different person at the Committees
than what she is here in the House. The press is here in the House and
therefore she must speak to the press gallery. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: So what?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: But let me go on and speak
about the first point the hon member Makeleni made, about the struggle. I
wonder, you know sometimes I think she was still a girl in her napkin ...
[Interjection.] when we were in the trenches.

Mr D JOSEPH: Ja.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: They were still in napkins.

[Interjections.] Including the hon member Leader of the Opposition. You know when ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: And I think some of them must ask the hon member Dugmore where we were when some of them were still in nappies. So they must not talk about the struggle.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: I also want to speak about an important point that hon member Makeleni raised. You know I really think you are correct, hon member Makeleni. It is your job to have oversight over Youth Cafés, it is your job to have oversight over all our programmes, and I genuinely welcome your point about the oversight that you are bringing back, but you must do it constructively. Stop pointing fingers at us. Say: “This is how we can solve the problem.” Become part of the solution to the problem.

Ms S W DAVIDS: That is why the Committee is there.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Start solving problems, and it is a very, very big pity hon member Dyantyi has left, because as I ended my first speech, he said: “This is your last speech.” I want to remind the ANC they are going to be slaughtered at the polls ... [Interjection.]

†Mnr D JOSEPH: Hoor-hoor!

[Mr D JOSEPH: Hear-hear!]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: ... this election coming in 2019. They are going to be slaughtered. They are going to be demolished. [Interjections.] They are going to come back with far fewer people in those benches.

Ms S W DAVIDS: You are going to eat your words.

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: And I really want to say that to them.

Ms S W DAVIDS: You will eat your Blue Book.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Yes, that is what happened to you guys. All your COPE guys disappeared and your COPE ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order! Hon Minister Fritz, get to your speech now.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: I want to say, hon member Makeleni, that our relationships with our non-profit organisations is an important relationship. If we stop funding them you will have a revolution here. When we fund them it is a problem, when we stop funding them it is a problem. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: An organisation like Saartjie Baartman, Mr Deputy Speaker, we fund them. [Interjection.] So she says: “Oh, Saartjie Baartman.” Yes, we fund them. We give them over, I do not know, how many millions of rands, but we fund them. I just signed off some ... [Interjection.]

So I want to say to the hon member Davids to listen to what I am saying, because tomorrow she must go back and report back to her [Inaudible.] – to really listen.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Please.

An HON MEMBER: You must earn our listening.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: And then of course the point about the Commissioner. I made that point up front, but the speech was already written by some bad researchers. The ANC must fire their

researchers. [Interjections.] That is the problem.

And I just want to make this point. I want to talk about families quickly.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Hayi! No.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: I agree with you, you know, on our values, I always remember – it is a small thing. We were at the table, where I sat with you people, we were having lunch ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Lunch.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: ... and as I left the table, I said: “Excuse me from the table.” I did not need the Government to teach me that. My father taught me that ... [Interjection.] you know and I just carry it. So we as parents ... [Interjections] Yes, my father and mother, but my father ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: What is your point?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: The point I want to make is we must stop wanting to arrange people’s private lives. You want me to put a policeman in every house so that – because most of those children that were killed were killed by family members, by the boyfriend, by the husband – it is in the house. [Interjections.] So now you want us to put a policeman in

every house. [Interjections.] I do not know what to do next.

We must, as a society, condemn it and act against those perpetrators.

[Interjections.] That is what we must do. So let us get it right.

An HON MEMBER: It is 2018, not 1914.

Ms M N GILLION: Anger management [Inaudible.].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Order!

Ms S W DAVIDS: Anger management.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: And then of course, you know this thing with – it is under this ANC Government that we allow children to have children. †Almal het *babies*. Jong meisies van 15. [Everyone has babies. Young girls of 15.] [Interjections.] Under their Government they have babies. [Interjections.] Now they say we must now then go and assist those very children. I just, I think we must get our morals and our morality right. [Interjections.]

Then I want to come to hon member Botha, our Chairperson of the Committee. Hon member Botha, I want to say thank you to you for your leadership within the Committee, and we will continue our relationship with NPOs in a constructive way [Interjections.]. Not what the ANC is trying to

say. The ANC destroys everything, that is why they burned down Hermanus yesterday and this whole week ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: You must govern and leave the ANC alone.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: ... because they destroy. [Inaudible.] We will continue building relationships with NPOs and really do the work, and I also want to guarantee and assure you that our ICAS programme and – you know I see Ms Van Reenen sitting here. Our ICAS programme supports the care of social workers who get traumatised and that system is in place. We will always look at our social workers. Not only social, all our other workers, our care workers, to give them an important spot. Ja, you are all reacting because you are afraid, you know the truth. [Interjections.]

I also want to support your position around strengthening of families, to continue with that, but then us always being the example. †Dat ons voor loop in al die programme. [That we walk ahead in all the programmes.]

The last point I want to make and I want to say it so nicely: to continue leadership with hon member Makeleni and hon member Gillion and hon member Lekker, as part of the Committee, where they are very constructive. Only in this House are they destructive. There they make very good points, but when they come here they are destructive. I thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. [Interjections.] Order! That concludes the debate on this Vote. [Interjections.] Order! We will suspend for a few minutes before we start with the next Vote. Business is suspended.

[Business of the House suspended at 11:13 and resumed at 11:18]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please be seated. The Secretary will read the Second Order of the Day.

The SECRETARY: Debate on Vote 8 –Human Settlements – Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 3 - 2018].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see Minister Madikizela.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Thank you very much, Mr Deputy Speaker. Honourable Premier, the Leader of the Opposition, Cabinet colleagues, Members of Parliament, all the Mayors, the Deputy Mayors, councillors who are here, all our Human Settlements entities and our partners, our service providers, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen:

It is my pleasure to table the 2018/19 financial year's Budget for the Western Cape Department of Human Settlements. We will be spending R7,7 billion in

the next MTEF period.

The construction sector is the second largest contributor of GDP economic growth in the Western Cape which uses a lot of water and that is why we are very concerned with the current drought experienced in our province, My Department has come up with innovative ways to heed the call to save water by using non-drinkable water in order to keep the economy afloat. We want to thank the people of Cape Town for heeding the call to reduce water consumption in order to avoid Day Zero which is a reality we are facing due to the worst drought ever experienced in this city.

We also want to thank the farmers from Elgin, Grabouw who offered some relief to the people of Cape Town by donating water from their private dams and increasing our dam levels. If we continue to save our water as we have been doing, Day Zero can be avoided this year, we are told, Mr Deputy Speaker.

Just yesterday I was in Hermanus in Overstrand Municipality, where thousands of people took to the streets, damaged property and brought that whole town to a stand-still, protesting for access to land and service delivery. And I want to thank the Constituency Head of that area, Mr Zoli Masela, who was part of the whole saga and I also want to acknowledge the presence of hon Member Dugmore [Interjections.]

Now, there is a reason why I am not thanking him and I will come to that at

the end but I do want to acknowledge his presence yesterday. Also on Saturday, I was in Guguletu to deal with the same situation. In all these areas and many other areas, the protests are characterised by violence, roads are barricaded. [Interjection.] I never run away from any area – roads were barricaded and properties were burnt down. We do not condone lawlessness and violence but we must address genuine issues raised by the people while condemning those who have hijacked these protests for ulterior motives, now talking about ulterior motives and that is the reason why I am reserving my comment when it comes to the hon Member Dugmore at the end.

Backyard dwellers often feel they are treated like unwanted step-children by municipalities when it comes to housing allocation and their attention is often given to shack dwellers. I have repeatedly warned against this and it must be addressed because it undermines the principle of first come, first served on the housing demand database. I have committed to intervene and work with municipalities to address this situation.

Mr Deputy Speaker I have no doubt in my mind, and this has been confirmed by a number of other analysts, that these protests were sparked by the EEFs motion, supported by the ANC, to expropriate land without compensation with the hope that this will increase their votes in 2019. [Interjections.] That is why we, as the Democratic Alliance, rejected that motion because it will not expedite land reform as it is suggested.

Mr Deputy Speaker, this Government, and I want to make it very, very clear and upfront, this Government supports and is fully committed to land restitution and land redistribution. [Interjections.] South Africans who were dispossessed of their land must be given their land back and this is our commitment as this Government. We also want to reiterate the call for land redistribution to be fast-tracked which unfortunately has not been the case due to failures of the National Government.

The Department of Human Settlements is not only building houses, it creates wealth by ensuring that people are part of the property market that is currently worth R6 trillion in South Africa. It is also a conduit for land reform. Since 2009, my Department has issued 91 000 title deeds to people to ensure property and land ownership. This is a very important step to address the injustices of the past for those people who were dispossessed of their land, and since 2009 to date, we have delivered more than 166 000 housing opportunities, that translates into about over 18 000 housing opportunities per year and about 348 housing opportunities per week.

Mr Deputy Speaker, we must make it very clear, as this DA Government, why we are opposed to that motion:

It is our view and the views of many sober-minded South Africans, that it is not Section 25 that is stalling land reform in South Africa, but it is the Government's inability to implement it. This was confirmed by the High-Level Panel Report released in November last year chaired by former

President, Kgalema Motlanthe, who cited capacity constraints, corruption and maladministration as the reasons why land reform is stalled. It is not Section 25.

Now, the second reason we are opposed to this Motion, Mr Deputy Speaker, is because this Motion says all land and property must be expropriated and be kept by the state. This undermines the effort to economically emancipate black people, in particular, by taking away their right to own property and subject them to the state tenancy. What is even more worrying is that the current state cannot be trusted given that almost all state-owned enterprises are mismanaged and running at a loss, because of the looting that has been allowed by the ANC Government to continue at those SOEs.

Now, since 1994, 90% of the land recipients, through land restitution and land redistribution, have sold their land back because Government has failed to provide the necessary skills and finance that they need to make sure that land becomes productive.

The fourth reason we are opposed to this Motion is because, even according to the former Minister ... [Interjection.] this is about land and land is crucial to our work, as this Department, to be able to provide homes.

According to the former Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform, when answering a question in Parliament last year, she said there are more than 6 600 land claims that remain unresolved. Some experts are putting the

figure much higher than that. Now there are more than 4 300 Government-owned farms that are yet to be distributed to poor South Africans by this Government and that has not yet happened. We have almost 2 million hectares of residential land under Government, that is still unoccupied and some of those pieces of land are here in our province.

Now almost 35 000 commercial farmers as well, they owe the banks almost R160 billion. Now if this Motion were to pass, it would collapse the financial market.

In fact Mr Deputy Speaker [Interjection.] the new President of Zimbabwe, Emerson Mnangagwa, has warned us against this and this is a man who is talking from experience, saying that we must not do it.

Lastly, it is still not yet clear which land will be appropriated, who owns that land, to whom it will be given to and what criteria are going to be used. And that is why we are saying that this is an election gimmick ...

Mr Q R DYANTY: Oh really?

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: ... in order for the ANC to increase votes in 2019 ... [Interjections.] because even the Deputy President, when you ask him whether they have explored the options presented by Section 25, he did admit that they have not explored Section 25 fully, to be able to fast-track land reform in South Africa.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Mr Deputy Speaker the National Department of Human Settlements has been dealt a severe blow. We have suffered the second biggest Budget cut, as indicated by the former Minister of Finance, Malusi Gigaba, because of other pressing needs of Government. Our Budget will be cut by more than a billion Rands in the next MTEF in the Western Cape alone, against the backdrop of the massive population growth experienced by this province, which stands at about 2 million people in the last 15 years, that is between 2002 and 2015, according to the Community Survey Report released by Statistics South Africa, last year.

Our backlog continues to increase despite our continued delivery, which is a phenomenon across the country especially in the Western Cape and Gauteng. At present our backlog is hovering above 575 000 families because of this population growth that I spoke about, and this Department has a budget to only assist about 18 000 families a year, and that is why we have to innovate and find creative ways to stretch our Rand.

The Department is working with its partners in the Social Housing sector to make affordable rental housing available to people earning between R1 500 and R15 000 in the Cape Town and metropolitan area. The result was a credible pipeline for Social Housing stretching from 2018/19 to 2029/30 with the promise of delivering over 26 500 units with a planned budget of just

over R7 billion that will be funded by the Consolidated Capital Grant. Projects are planned in, amongst others, Brooklyn, Ottery, Salt River, Heideveld, Montclair and Zonnebloem.

I am also proud to announce that I have recently confirmed the Department's support for a development of a project in Pine Road, Woodstock, intended to yield 226 Social Housing units. This will be undertaken in partnership with SOHCO, an accredited Social Housing Institution. The Department will also assist the City of Cape Town in the development of a site in Pickwick, Salt River for transitional housing purposes.

It is also worth noting that Conradie is now categorised as a catalytic project with over 3 600 units for various types of residential income categories as a form of tenure. The Conradie project is currently in the planning stage and scheduled to move into construction in the following financial year.

Mr Deputy Speaker, let me also mention that Belhar CBD is in full swing in terms of construction and I think I will touch on that in detail much later. I must also indicate that the Western Cape Department of Transport and Public Works will be implementing the Helen Bowden project ... [Interjections.]. Hon members you will recall ... [Interjections.], you will recall that when presenting the Human Settlements Budget last year, I indicated that our Department was strategically moving away from implementing small sporadic housing projects to prioritise the upgrading of informal settlements,

unlocking opportunities in the affordable or GAP market and ensuring that attention is paid to the most deserving beneficiaries.

In practical terms, this approach means that we are committing ourselves, on an unusual trajectory, in delivering Human Settlements in the Western Cape. Within this overarching strategic approach, my Department identified Catalytic and Provincial Priority projects for rigorous implementation.

Furthermore, to achieve the objective as stated above, my Department has already finalised the development of various policy frameworks which, amongst others, include the Human Settlements Strategic Framework, the Informal Settlements Support Plan and the Partnership Strategy, with its primary aim being to harness co-operative relationships.

During my Budget of 2017/2018 I informed this House that the Department concluded the Western Cape Informal Settlements Support Plan, a transversal plan, which provides a clear roadmap on how to address the challenges faced by many people who are living in informal settlements in a systematic way and collectively across sector departments.

True to our commitment to accelerate interventions to informal settlements, we are now pleased to inform this House that the Department has since allocated funding for 60 informal settlements to be upgraded under the Upgrading of Informal Settlements Programme across 14 municipalities in the

province, including high growth potential towns such as Paarl, Grabouw, Robertson, Heidelberg, Ceres and Mossel Bay.

Efforts between my Department and municipalities to turn the tide on informal settlements have been made and they are starting to bear fruit as some of the informal settlement projects have seen progress from mere identification to packaging and some have even advanced to implementation, with contractors on site. When concluded, Mr Deputy Speaker, approximately 100 000 households' quality of life would have been improved.

Furthermore, my Department has appointed eight Non-governmental Organisations, a very, very important sector that will be working with this Department to assist us in these areas. These NGOs have been contracted to assist in conducting social facilitation and mobilisation, community surveys, data collection, skills development, conflict resolution, networking and brokering. These are the people with the correct expertise to assist us, as they have years of experience. They will be working in the following areas: - Langeberg, Breede Valley, Drakenstein, Stellenbosch, Witzenberg, Cape Agulhas, Overstrand, Swellendam, Theewaterskloof, George, Kannaland, Knysna, Hessequa, Mossel Bay, Oudtshoorn, Bitou, Cederberg, Matzikama, Saldanha Bay and Swartland.

In addition, we are in the process of appointing engineers and contractors in those informal settlements that are ready for construction, where the implementation will go to UISP projects which entails serviced sites

including a slab and a toilet. To monitor progress, the Department has established a forum which meets quarterly to deliberate on progress.

Over and above improving the quality of our people in these settlements, the programme will create job opportunities for people, decrease diseases associated with lack of proper water and sanitation and eradicate environmental degradation.

Mr Deputy Speaker, while the affordable housing initiatives in the Metro are continuing, planning for the acceleration of affordable housing outside of Cape Town is also gaining momentum. Social Housing Restructuring Zones have now been gazetted in 11 non-metro leader towns. These sites will provide significant impetus within key central rental housing precincts.

Municipalities are now focused on establishing formal social housing partnerships which will facilitate sustainable relationships through streamlining access to resources. Fifty-three projects, entailing approximately 11 732 units are now in the pipeline. The first Social Housing project outside the Metro, comprising of 360 units, will break ground as part of an integrated development of Dal Josafat in the Drakenstein Municipality, where my colleague member Davids resides, within the new financial year.

Recognising that existing property management practices for municipal rental stock is a significant challenge and affects the financial sustainability of municipalities, my Department, in partnership with the Social Housing

Regulatory Authority, has undertaken a comprehensive analytical assessment of property management systems and policies within non-metro leader towns, aimed at supporting municipalities to move towards long-term development and operational property management efficiencies.

Under the Finance Linked Individual Subsidy Programme (FLISP), qualifying beneficiaries obtain mortgage finance from registered financial institutions and simultaneously access the FLISP subsidy which results in reduced monthly home loan instalments. Home ownership for our people is thus made more affordable through this subsidy.

Because the success of this programme hinges on potential subsidy beneficiaries accessing mortgage finance, the Department is in the process of introducing a pilot Housing Consumer Credit Readiness Initiative. Because the biggest problem that we have in that particular sector is that many people are heavily indebted and that is why they are struggling to be assisted.

The intention of this initiative is to assist in rehabilitating those consumers who are unable to access bank finance due to impaired credit records, as I just said. This initiative uses the period during which the property is being developed to get the potential home-owners with a blemished credit record, to become “credit ready”. Consumer education on homeownership and housing finance are thus critical components of the initiative.

The general high prices of housing in the secondary housing market and high

development costs in the primary market of the Western Cape have put the dream of home ownership outside the reach of most of our people. To address this the Department is currently exploring different housing typologies in different density settings that would be affordable to the bottom half of the middle to lower end of the housing market.

The aim is for the Department to come up with affordable, incremental starter housing units in a densified development, which comply with all technical requirements of quality assurance bodies and financiers, because our intention is to make sure that we are able to build a house that is affordable for the market that we want to provide for.

In all our mega projects, the Department is implementing FLISP to accommodate the lower strata and the provision of a serviced site for non-qualifiers who are predominantly higher earners but unable to secure bonds from the banks, and this is what many people are saying including those in Hermanus when we were there yesterday.

People are saying they understand that the Government has a lot of pressures and the Government cannot provide homes for all of them. They are saying all they need is for Government to provide land, service this land and make sure that they can access that land, and I think this is part of that. In all our mega projects, the Department is implementing FLISP, in fact I have talked on that.

To this extent I am happy to indicate, Mr Deputy Speaker, that discussions with individual financial institutions have now been concluded and a formal memorandum of understanding has been entered into with five banks and those are: FNB, ABSA, Standard Bank, Nedbank and Home Loans in order to assist us to deal with this particular problem.

The purpose of this agreement is to unlock housing finance for the lower-end of the housing market. In addition it is to assist, support and enable the affordable GAP market. I have now signed a policy for utilisation of non-secured loans to enable beneficiaries to contribute directly through saving schemes.

As we know, South Africa has a very strong culture of saving. The last time I checked, in terms of the study that we did in 2014, South Africans at the lower end of the market, through stokvels were saving over R44 billion a year. So we want to tap into that cultural saving and also through employer assistance and pension-backed schemes, because if you talk to the unions, the unions are saying they have a number of members who do not own homes, how do they partner with the Department and use some of their pensions so that they can own these homes?

Furthermore, the Department has enhanced its Land Release Programme and made a number of land parcels available for development. In this regard the Department has availed 16 pieces of land constituting 133 hectares with a potential yield of 9 951 housing opportunities which include FLISP, Social

Housing, Military Veterans, BNGs and the open market.

Mr Deputy Speaker, you will see in the Budget Vote Book that we have made a significant allocation to the implementation of at least seven Catalytic and seven Provincial Priority Projects during the MTEF period ending 2019/20. These 14 projects are expected to yield over 100 000 houses opportunities when completed in 2022. Currently they are at various stages of implementation which ranges from planning, environmental processes, design, provision of bulk infrastructure and internal services.

Some have commenced with construction as we have seen in Belhar, as we have seen in Forest Village, as we have seen now as well in Transhex, in Worcester and as we have seen now as well, in Vlakkeland in Paarl. These Catalytic Projects are the Southern Corridor Integrated Human Settlement Programme, a joint initiative with the City of Cape Town to upgrade informal settlements near and along the airport precinct.

This project has huge transformative potential for the informal settlement communities of Barcelona and all these. When I talk about Barcelona people must not think Spain, these are all informal settlements next to the airport; your Barcelona, your Gxa Gxa, your Vukuzenzela, Kanana, Kosovo, Thabo Mbeki, Tsunami, Lusaka, Taiwan and Europe. These will provide 51 540 housing opportunities which will include – I need to emphasise this - backyarders from Gugulethu and surrounding areas. The Southern Corridor is making good progress, where we are now, people are commenting on the

designs which is massive progress.

Transhex, an initiative in the Breede Valley Municipality will yield 8 873 housing opportunities of which construction of bulk and internal services is currently underway as we speak. If you go there you will find Transhex, that project, construction on top structures is to commence very, very soon. Thembaletu, Syferfontein and Wilderness Heights initiatives – where is Mr Dugmore?

The PREMIER: He ran away.

Ms P MAKELENI: He will never run way.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: In George, the Eden region will yield 10 281 housing opportunities and are currently at different stages of planning and construction. In fact, I was just told now by the HOD that already service providers have been appointed in Thembaletu in Serfontein.

Belhar CBD, an initiative in the City of Cape Town will provide mixed-use high density and different income level residences, yielding about 4 188 housing opportunities and currently at different stages of construction. Vlakkeland, an initiative in the Drakenstein Municipality will yield 2 653 housing opportunities and construction of bulk and internal services is also currently underway, Mr Deputy Speaker.

These mega projects are purposefully planned and developed to provide for housing, social amenities and economic opportunities for our communities. Secondly, they will provide mixed housing typologies and security of tenure, more importantly, because we want people to own their properties, not to be the tenants of the state.

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: To this end we are currently responding to key elements that must be addressed to ensure the successful implementation of our Catalytic and Provincial Priority Projects.

The most critical of these elements is the provision of bulk infrastructure. Bulk infrastructure is required not just for the housing but also for the social and economic infrastructure that makes up a mega project. Another critical element that will ensure success in the execution of our projects is the availability of financial resources. I am fully aware of the equally important, competing demands on Government's financial resources, which impacts on the funding which can be made available for human settlements development. Thus we are engaging in robust partnership interventions aimed at developing sustainable collaborations with the private sector and I must say that the response from the private sector has been very good. We believe that this intervention will generate the assistance required to address the Government Budget shortfall in the provision of housing opportunities.

Mr Deputy Speaker, in order to realise this noble, yet necessary ideal, we have since selected 102 potential partners whom we have invited to register on our database which is the Department's Partnership Framework Agreement Database.

My Department has also opened the frameworks for contractors and professional service providers for all and sundry to register and be kept in a database. This process has served as an incubation programme that will graduate construction SMMEs to higher grade and ultimately to become captains of industry in the sector. Because as I often say, that the responsibility of this Department is to house, is to empower SMMEs, particularly those who are previously disadvantaged, and also to create jobs.

Currently the Department has 101 contractors working in this province. Since the 2017/18 financial year we have utilised 64 historically disadvantaged individual contractors and 44 services providers with HDI status, providing services such as planning and professional services.

Similarly, the Department has since the inception of the last financial year, which is ending on Sunday, utilised the services of 22 contractors with youth representation and 49 contractors with women representation.

Resulting from efforts made in mainstreaming the historically disadvantaged into the economy, an amount of just over a billion Rand which constitutes 51% of the entire grant of Human Settlements, was spent on historically

disadvantaged individuals. Now this is what transformation is about because we are not only paying lip-service to these, we can demonstrate it because we have consistently increased the number of HDI contractors who are doing business with us and we have also increased the value of funding that we are spending in those HDIs, we are now standing at over 51% which is commendable indeed.

Mr Deputy Speaker, we have already created 1 552 job opportunities which translate to 454 full-time in the current financial year. Since 2009, 160 contractors with HDI status, including professional service providers, have been empowered by this Department. 11 366 job opportunities, translating into 3 495 full time jobs, have been created by this Department. Indeed, the Western Cape Department of Human Settlements has turned the Western Cape into a construction site and in the words of my HOD, “it rocks”. We practice what we preach. [Interjections.]

This Department looks after the monies allocated to it very well. Despite the issues raised by the Auditor General on the empowerment indicators during our financial year 16/17, the Department still received an unqualified audit opinion, which is preceded by the fact that three financial years before, 13/14 and 14/15 and 15/16, the Department received clean audits. The Western Cape Department of Human Settlements also won the Best Performing Province of the Year in human settlements delivery at the National Govan Mbeki Awards.

I want to conclude, Mr Deputy Speaker, by saying that I am confident that our strategic approach and key interventions that I have just outlined will drastically increase our delivery of human settlements to our people over the MTEF period, starting with this financial year. I am confident that we will work together with our partners from all the sectors, who are here today, and I want to thank you very much for coming out in numbers, to create a better life for all through fulfilling our constitutional mandate to provide access to housing for our people.

Yes, Mr Deputy Speaker, we are facing many challenges and I am sure my colleague, hon Member Davids, will highlight those challenges ...
[Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Don't anticipate.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: ... but our commitment to improve the lives of our people has evidently not wavered as you have heard from what I have just said.

Madam Speaker, I would like to thank the Chairperson of Human Settlements Standing Committee, Mathlodi Maseko, and all the members of the Standing Committee for the constructive manner in which they engage this Department and we have committed to make sure that we deal with all the issues that the Standing Committee has raised.

I also want to thank the HOD of this Department, Mr Thando Mguli, and his entire team for the sterling work that they are doing under very, very difficult conditions. I also want to thank my office team under the leadership of Mrs Elizabeth Cloete. This team is a back-bone for me and they have been providing much needed assistance to enable me to do what I have to do. And finally, I thank all our Government, local government, partners, as I have mentioned them initially, and the private sector and financial institutions, as I said, for co-operating and collaborating with us to form the formidable team of implementers we require to realise the objectives and achieve the outcomes I have outlined in my speech.

I salute all of you. Mr Deputy Speaker, I would like to table the Department of Human Settlements Budget Vote. I thank you. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. I see hon member Maseko.

Ms L M MASEKO: Thank you very much. Mr Deputy Speaker, with respect I personally graduated member Dugmore as a Minister of Law and Order in the past, until I saw and read a message between him and Faizel Jacobs ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Come on!

Ms L M MASEKO: ... deliberately instigating violence and unrest in the community of Hermanus. Hon member Dugmore has no right today to sit on

his high horse and question the integrity of this Government, while his own actions are indicative of his greed for power over the lives and the well-being of our people. The fact that a politician can place his power over the value of a life is quite frankly deplorable. [Interjections.]

Mr Deputy Speaker, I support this Budget and here are the reasons why. When we do the annual reports, we look at the Department's [Inaudible.] approach to human settlements developments in the Western Cape. In exercising our oversight role we look at the mechanisms of accountability and we assess the health and performance of the Department. We look at the past highlights, progress achieved and short-comings that may need intervention to fulfil the Department's mandate. As a Standing Committee, we then give advice where necessary.

The Department derives its mandate from the Constitution, the Housing Act of 1994, subsequent legislative measures, the National Development Plan and electoral mandate. This Budget narrates the comprehensive plans and the deliverables in pursuit of quality services for our communities. The Minister alluded that the Provinces' 2018/19 Budget will be cut by R1 billion over the next three years. That means the main focus is provide more for less.

Now before I continue, Mr Deputy Speaker, here is my concern. As you will remember I talked about the National Development Plan that includes all provinces, the Western Cape, the Northern Cape, North-West, for those who do not know, Gauteng, Limpopo, Mpumalanga, Eastern Cape, KwaZulu Natal

and the Free State. Housing is a basic human right and we agree to that irrespective of political ideologies. Clearly the ANC does not share these beliefs.

A Member of the ANC top six, ANC National Secretary General and the hon outgoing Premier of the Free State disagree with this principle. According to a News 24 investigation, and I quote - this is the heading:

“ANC Secretary General Magashule and daughter involved in dodgy R150 million RDP housing scam”

This is utterly pathetic for a party that claims to prioritise the poorest of the poor in our communities. This scam went on from 2012 through to 2017. The R150 million that was allocated to build 1 050 RDP houses, only built 198 houses of which 138 are occupied. [Interjections.]

This is indicative of the party that the ANC is today, an outdated revolutionary movement stuck in the past and riddled with corruption. The ANC always says you cannot drink clean audits, but dirty audits have left the people of Free State out in the rain.

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

Ms L M MASEKO: The DA-led Western Cape puts the development of sustainable integrated human settlements first. This Department will give

residents access to better socio-economic opportunities where they live. This is the vision of the Budget which will spend over R2,3 billion on housing opportunities in the 2018/19 financial year. Everyone has the right to adequate housing within the state's available resources. You need only to refer to Section 26 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa to see that.

Unlike other ANC-led provinces, the DA-led Western Cape, with its available resources, goes beyond just delivering on houses and instead constantly exceeds its delivery targets.

Despite the R1 billion Budget cut over the next three years, the Budget for the 2018/19 financial year of just over R2,3 billion will provide 20 000 housing opportunities.

Mr Deputy Speaker, this time I want to congratulate the HOD, and I am saying this because usually I congratulate Minister Madikizela only, now I am doing it this way. I want to congratulate the HOD, Mr Mguli, his team and Minister Madikizela and all staff of the Western Cape's Department of Human Settlements for showcasing what it means to give quality service delivery.

Obviously the proof is in the National Govan Mbeki Awards. I am extremely proud of this Department's efforts to deliver housing opportunities to qualifying and deserving residents. During the 2017/18 financial year, with a

Budget just over R2,5 billion, the Department has again exceeded its housing targets of 18 000 by producing 18 160 housing opportunities. This proof that where we govern, we deliver. [Interjection.]

The second programme, which is the Housing Needs Research and Planning Programme, caters to the people of this province ... [Interjection.] Hon member Tyatyam, through you, Mr Deputy Speaker, where the DA governs, it does deliver. [Interjections.]

Again, this is proof that where we govern, we do deliver. [Interjections.]. The second programme, which is the Housing Needs Research and Planning Programme, caters to the people of this province by ensuring human settlements are sustainably developed. This ensures that people's homes are surrounded by basic services including roads, electricity, access to work and schooling. The programme plans for multi-year housing development plans and project pipelines with municipalities and researching sustainable human settlements. This programme will receive R24 million in the 2018/19 financial year.

The DA in the Western Cape provides a wide range of housing policies to best support the different segments of the housing market. This encourages market-based solutions for housing provisions in GAP markets and fosters self-help solutions to free up resources and aid the poorest and most vulnerable.

As South Africa's fastest growing economy, with the country's lowest unemployment rate, the Western Cape is a highly desirable destination for South Africans from other provinces seeking jobs and economic opportunities. These people also need housing, however many resort to backyarding and living in informal settlements.

In the city alone, over six days this month, the Department had to deal with 65 land invasions and associated protest incidents. This puts a lot of pressure on the Department because land invasions mushroom into informal settlements. Whilst the DA in the Western Cape understands the frustrations around not having adequate housing, communities are asked to put a stop to this criminality as it is incredibly difficult and expensive to control.

To address this challenge, the DA in the Western Cape has three strategic priorities which include directing more resources to upgrading of informal settlements, improving the living conditions of many people living in informal settlements and in backyards and also continuing to wait for houses.

The second one is increasing the affordable or GAP housing to provide shelter for people who earn too much to qualify for free subsidised housing and too little to qualify for bonds and the third, being prioritising the most deserving people in the relation to free B&G houses.

Mr Deputy Speaker, in the previous year the Department started with the URI Scheme. The aim of this initiative is to improve the living conditions of

communities.

I am happy, hon Minister, that in 2018 alone, the programme is going to benefit around 60 informal settlements and over 25 000 homes will be upgraded to with basic services. The DA takes land reform seriously. Beneficiaries of this programme will also receive title deeds for their properties. Among the beneficiaries of upgraded households are Kyamandi, Grabouw and Mossel Bay.

The empowerment and upliftment of these communities is made possible by the third programme, Housing Development. This programme provides housing opportunities and access to basic services to beneficiaries in terms of the Housing Code. It does so by providing immediate access to housing, goods and services and by providing housing opportunities, through a phased-process, and creating access to rental housing opportunities, such as the Urban Restructuring and Integration project.

Unlike the DA in Western Cape, other ANC-led provinces deliver an over-promise on housing targets. The ANC claims to be concerned about land reform, I am not going to go into details. Champion District Six and we will see if you really are serious about land reform.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the Western Cape will implement 16 land release projects producing nearly 10 000 housing opportunities. The DA in the Western Cape is incredibly proud of its pioneering and forward thinking

Belhar CBD Development project. And I am going to say this slowly, the genius of this project is that the cost of affordable housing will be reduced by the payment of more expensive surrounding housing. This provides an opportunity for surrounding communities to break down social classes and integrate with one another.

The Belhar CBD project will provide 4 188 units that cater for the subsidy market, bonded subsidy markets, social housing, open-market rental units, student accommodation and free-standing open-market units. This initiative goes further and brings an essential 550 beds to the regional hospital, day clinic and ambulance services to the heart of this community.

Again, Mr Deputy Speaker, the DA delivers. [Interjection.]. Our successes do not stop there. Through the Better Living Model, the former Conradie Hospital, and since the Minister did not brag about this, I will do this on his behalf, is being developed into a mix of social and open-market units. It will provide over 3 600 housing opportunities. The DA in Western Cape has been enormously successful in its public, private partnerships as the City of Cape Town has allocated R223 million and developers have allocated R174 million to the development of housing at the former Conradie Hospital.

The DA takes land reform seriously. Over the next three years the DA in the Western Cape ...

Mr Q R DYANTYI: [Inaudible.] looking for a position, I am sure.

Ms L M MASEKO: ... has committed R160 million to title deeds. And why does this matter? This allocation will ensure that during the 2018/19 financial year, 7 000 new title deeds will be provided. This ensures that individuals are given a sense of ownership of their properties.

Mr Deputy Speaker, it would not be possible to address the historically injustices that denied so many from housing opportunities without the fourth and the final programme, the Housing Asset Management Programme. It provides for the strategic effective and efficient management devolution and transfer of housing assets. This will be achieved by providing maintenance to housing properties, allowing for the transfer of ownership and securing land. In the 2018/19 financial year, this programme will receive R36 789 million. Where the DA governs, member Pholisa, we deliver [Interjections.].

In fact, Mr Deputy Speaker, through you, our ACI contractors are included in this industry and sector. During the 2017/18 financial year we directly and effectively allocated R1,2 billion to these contractors. I was particularly pleased that this small, female-owned construction company won a 2017 Provincial Govern Mbeki Award. It was awarded for being the best woman contractor. The DA in the Western Cape's target for ACI inclusion is 30% and includes women and youth to ensure this is fully implemented. The DA in the Western Cape imposes a 10% fine on contractors and sub-contractors who do not comply.

In conclusion, Mr Deputy Speaker, it is quite clear that this DA-led Western Cape Government's Budget is for the people as it redresses past injustices, whilst creating public value. Mr Deputy Speaker, the DA supports this Budget. I thank you. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Hon member Uys?

Mr P UYS: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I want to rise on a point of order. I want hon member Maseko to apologise and withdraw. She cast aspersions on the integrity of the hon member Dugmore by indicating that he incited and, or, instigated violence in Hermanus, and I want her to apologise and withdraw that.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes. I did not pick those exact words up but I will refer to Hansard and come back to the House on that with a proper ruling. I see the hon member Davids. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order. Please come to order. Order! I want the hon member Davids to proceed with her speech please.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Violent housing protests continue to rock this province right now as we discuss the Budget that is supposed to help the poor get proper housing. Who is fuelling this uprising?

It is the very unpatriotic DA that sends a mass of SMSs to residents telling them property will be taken for free and continues its old national apartheid strategy of 'swart gevaar' or 'black danger'. The DA spread that propaganda.

It is so rich of the DA to now try and shift blame. It uses a last ditch defence, like the hon member Maseko just did now, blaming member Cameron Dugmore for what happened in Hermanus yesterday. That was a legitimate process directly related to a DA failure in Overstrand to release land for housing, disregard for [Inaudible.], Zwelihle, Hawston and Mount Pleasant.

A land audit was completed eight years ago, member Maseko, by the DA Government in Hermanus. Yet this DA council resisted making public land available, instead they have entertained proposals for golf courses on public land. They sold off Skulphoekland to private developers right next to Zwelihle. They sold also 60 hectares for only R5 million.

As the ANC we are happy that Minister Mfeketo sent her officials to Hermanus today. We call for national intervention in Overstrand. We want our Ministers of Cogta, Land Affairs, Public Works, Environmental Affairs and Human Settlements to intervene. The DA has failed the people of Hermanus. We do not trust them to end apartheid spatial planning and release land for housing.

We call on all our branches and councillors of the ANC to assist us that the land audit be made public so that we can identify land, release and build

houses. This is a campaign we must lead and drive in terms of our policies. The policies of the ANC. We must also look and evaluate private land and consider such land for expropriation in the public interest.

Ms L M MASEKO: Looting!

Ms S W DAVID: We must stay disciplined and focused and [Inaudible.] criminal elements who discredit our campaign. We will be part of the community established today and push until we have released land and built houses for the backyarders. You claim to care for the backyarders, but your own municipality is selling municipal land to big developers and not building houses for the people.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Ja! Tell them.

Ms S W DAVIDS: The DA continues to play with the emotions of our people on waiting lists and backyarders as backlogs grow. But the DA does not really care about them. It is evident in this Budget that the DA is more worried about higher-end housing. Poor and ordinary people are not on the DA's priority list. This Budget proves it. The DA's [Inaudible.] of the Blue Budget Book reveals the true DA.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Come on man!

Ms S W DAVIDS: The ANC also thanks the National Government for the

allocation of more than R50 million in this Budget for the process to transfer, hon Premier, listen good, to transfer title deeds to qualifying people. The ANC cares that the people must have title deeds. This just shows the ANC really cares for the poor. [Interjections.] Another worrisome mark of the DA ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Ms S W DAVIDS: ... is the fact that the threshold for participation of historically disadvantaged individuals, including women and youth in construction, seems to have been lowered to only 50%. The Minister talks about having women in construction, but he also said that they only did a presentation. Hon Minister, we do not want presentation, we want a big chunk, and I know that the Department can do it, because this is a Department that is really transformed. So they can do it.

We want a big chunk, we do not want this presentation of youth and women any more. We want a big chunk, we want them to have ownership, hon Minister.

The unlocking of the so-called airport is an opportunity for rich developers. We just saw an advertisement in the newspaper that the Department is looking for developers and it was not even the Department of Human Settlements advertising, it was the Department of Public Works.

So I do not know where the confusion is there, because Public Works does not build houses. It is Human Settlements that builds houses, but Public Works did the advertisement of developers for the ...

An HON MEMBER: Airport.

Ms S W DAVIDS: ... Conradie and airport and all of them. All those projects. So I want to know, hon Minister, where does Public Works come in doing that advertisement?

An HON MEMBER: They are the custodians ... [Inaudible.].

Ms S W DAVIDS: As can be seen in the Budget book, half of the development is aimed at the high-end market and the rest is mere rental stock. We know we said in the Standing Committee, hon Minister, that we understand that the people, the backyarders, some of them can afford this gap housing and the social housing, but your municipalities are not linked to you. So we need the Minister to intervene with the municipalities to give them the capacity to do what the Department wants to do, because they are not up to scratch with the Department.

A small part of the 22 hectares will be used for real social housing. Even the Belhar CBD project unlocks mostly open market opportunities with less social housing. We agree with member Maseko that the Belhar CBD, the one with the clinic and all of those things that are coming with it, is a good thing,

but we need to see whatever we are doing, integrated HOD. There must be more houses for the poor and then the others can follow, the open market, social housing and that.

For other priority catalytic projects, the story of this Department is also not as rosy as projected in the Budget book. Many so-called land release projects are mentioned, but it should be noted the Budget book clearly states that well-located state-owned land will be made available to a developer. That is my question: Why to a developer? It is state land. Why must we give it to a developer to develop it? And that it is also intended for non-residential use, which includes businesses. That is also a problem.

Let us take a closer look at what the Budget book reveals on these projects. Of the 16 listed projects, with almost 10,000 houses, only two mention the inclusion of just over 1,200 units of social housing and only two will specifically provide just over 200 units for military veterans. We want that to change, HOD.

Scrutinising the projects allocated to the developers, it has exposed that Power Construction is part of a third of the projects. We want to know why Power Construction is actually – they have the majority of the Budget of this Human Settlements, and we want to know why, because there are a lot of players in the field. Why is Power Construction getting everything? Like we had a problem with Asla in the past getting everything, now it seems you have just changed it to Power Construction. [Interjections.]

Let me turn to other issues in the Budget. I am speaking out of the Budget book. There are far too many DA run municipalities that cannot spend their allocation and regularly return unspent money, including Stellenbosch and Drakenstein, not to mention Cape Town Metro. This is mainly due to the fact that it does not have the political will or the capacity to use the ring-fenced conditional grants to their fullest in order to help poor people. It does not want to provide proper shelter. One can only wonder why is the Human Settlement Department not more effective in assisting municipalities over the three year Budget cycle to plan their spending better.

We need to have an intervention now, HOD, to assist them, because every time, even in the 2017 Budget book, they say they do not have the capacity, they do not have the capacity, but when are we going to have a solution for them?

An HON MEMBER: Just speak through the Speaker, not to the HOD.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Okay. Sorry. When we are going to have a plan to assist them with their capacity building? [Interjections.]

The DA wants to only give people the sand as their back and the sky as their ceiling, which the DA calls housing opportunities. The vision of this Budget states that the Western Cape wants to offer residents liveable settlements, but clearly it is against providing basic houses to the very poor and it is clear from this Budget. What is so liveable about an empty plot for poor people

who do not have the means to provide their own houses? They have to continue wherever they can to build structures that look like squatters or informal areas.

This Department says it follows the provincial [Inaudible.] goals to enable inclusive living environments for its people, but the apartheid spatial divides are kept intact as is evidenced in the case with the Tafelberg school site. This Department must still explain why it supported the sale of that prime piece of land instead of using it to integrate people and build social or affordable housing for all the poor people whose commute to work and serve the more affluent in the high hilled Atlantic Sea Board area of Sea Point. Could the hon MEC tell us why he has supported that?

This “not in my backyard” attitude of the DA is also clearly demonstrated by various Sea Point councillors, including the shadow of the Cape Town Mayor, J P Smith, who wanted all poor people removed from Sea Point.

The DA, through this Budget, also contributes R25 million to fund security services, the [Inaudible.] Cape Town Land Invasion Unit who, with all sorts of jack boot tactics, manhandles people and removes their means of survival in all sort of raids. This tendency to not spend allocation is fast catching up with the DA, that arrogantly brags it is the best run regional and municipal government in the world.

Despite stating in its mission that the Human Settlements Department is

committing to accelerate delivery and promote social cohesion, the divide under the DA model grows. Let us explain this a bit further.

Last Sunday, the *Weekend Argus* published a very interesting report that states the DA run Johannesburg and Cape Town Metros have lost nearly R540 million meant to cover costs of provision of bulk infrastructure to poor households due to non-performance. [Interjections.] This was given to upgrade informal settlements, but does the DA want to upgrade the informal settlements?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Yup.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Even with massive contribution from the ANC-run central Government, I do not think so.

It is worth reading that article. It again states Finance Minister Nene stopped the transfer of R363 million to Johannesburg, while Cape Town forfeited about R176 million allocated under the Urban Settlement Development grant. The millions were stopped in terms of the division of revenue after both municipalities failed to spend the money due to, and I quote a “series of persistent material breaches.”

It also empowers Treasury to stop the allocation if it anticipates that a province will subsequently underspend on its allocation. The report continues. Cape Town and Johannesburg were identified as the poorest

performing metros and the allocation to them will be stopped. The money will be relocated to other metros like Buffalo City, Mangaung and Ekurhuleni.

The purpose of the grants is to assist metros to improve urban land production to the benefit of poor households, improve spatial integration and densities according to the SA Local Government Association. What a shame that the DA does not care for the poor and ordinary people.

There are differences between 2017 and 2018 figures under the Budget decisions. Almost the same amount mentioned for title deeds in 2017, R47 million, now in 2018 it is R50 million, which is good because, as a Department, they really did a lot on title deeds and they can only improve on that with the R50 million.

Mr D JOSEPH: Say well done. Say well done.

Ms S W DAVIDS: But less for FLISP. In 2017 it was R90 million and now it is only R73 million. That is not good. MEC, you spoke about Vlakkeland. I just want to say to you that the municipality is not giving you the correct report, because if you go to Drakenstein now, it is only the Dal Josafat area where there is construction and work being done.

†Die Vlakkeland area, die varkhokke is nog daar, die *construction* gaan nie daar aan nie. Daar was 'n *march* daar gewees. Die munisipaliteit amptenare is

ge-remove van die *site* af. Hulle is *ge-remove* uit hulle *offices* uit. Hulle *squat currently* in die *offices* in Parow-Oos. Dis nou al twee maande.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[The Vlakkeland area, the pigsties are still there, the construction is not continuing there. There had been a march there. The municipal officials were removed from the site. They were removed from their offices. They currently squat in the offices in Parow East. It has been two months already.]

† You were speaking about informal settlements, but just the other day on the news, it was Imizamo Yethu that marched, hon Minister, on promises that were made. The MEC and also Cape Town said that their informal settlement would be upgraded, but it was never upgraded.

I want to know, hon Minister, what criteria did the Department use to identify these informal settlements that they are talking about in the different municipalities within the Budget book? An example I want to use is Ceres. Where in Ceres? Because there are only two informal settlements in Ceres and that is Oppie Koppie and Bella Vista. Bella Vista is upgraded. It is only Oppie Koppie. They have sanitation, yes, but they do not have electricity and they have streets where ambulances and the police and everyone can go.

In Drakenstein you speak about Lovers Lane, hon Minister. Lovers Lane is already upgraded. You spoke about the Chester Williams Camp – because for

me upgrading is electricity, it is streets and it is sanitation. Those informal settlement are already upgraded, but the informal settlements that are not upgraded are 7de Laan, Bokmakierie, New Rest, Embakweni and those ones. And they are the ones that did three marches so far to Drakenstein Municipality, insisting that they must be upgraded like Lovers Lane and Chester Williams Camp.

And then I want to come to the Catalytic and Provincial Priority projects, hon Minister. Target figures over the two financial years stay the same, despite new projects added. So I want to understand, hon Minister, because in the 2017 Budget book you did not speak about the Cape Town one, you did not speak about that, you only spoke about the farm there and the others, but – ja. But now there is a N2 Gate.

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

Ms S W DAVIDS: But the total of the Housing, the 551,000 stays the same. I wanted to understand that, because if we add that, must that total not go up? That is what I wanted to understand.

And then I want to come to Dal Josafat, Vlakkeland project. In 2017 you said you put the two together and then you said it is 6,000 units, but now in your 2018 Budget book you put the two separately, and if you count the two separately, you come to 4,931. So what happened to the 1,000 something houses there?

In Programme 3 on household transfer it decreased, but goods and services dramatically increased. Four times the amount of the previous year. What is going on there? Is that for support to DA donors? Then we must clarify that.

Transfers to Local Government also vary sharply. Cape Town is decreased now. Cederberg is decreased. Berg Rivier and Drakenstein decreased, while Matzikama, Saldanha Bay and Witzenberg increased. Why? Is it that the municipalities that support the Premier got money from this Department – increases and the municipalities that support Patricia had decreases? [Laughter.] I thank you. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. The hon member Christians. [Interjections.]
Order! We welcome the hon member back in the House.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Mr Deputy Speaker ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: And you wait for the last day.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Mr Deputy Speaker, the ACDP supports Vote 8 on Human Settlements. The vision of this Department is to have access to liveable, accessible and safe resilient, multi-opportunity settlements. And, hon Minister, I agree with you that Government needs to provide land in order to build houses.

Just a few concerns: As you mentioned the 575,000 people still on waiting lists, and the waiting list itself. It is alleged that there is still corruption when it comes to waiting lists, people jumping the queue because of who you know.

An HON MEMBER: Corruption.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: The 91,000 title deeds that were handed over, hon Minister, we want to know how many of those houses were sold? Because I was phoned by the media the other day to say that people that received title deeds are selling their houses ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Yoh!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: ... because of no income. They cannot afford rates and all of those type of things.

But let me just come to the Hermanus land grabs. How can an individual in this House stoop so low by instigating land grabs in order to gain brownie points to ascend to the leadership of this province? That is a fact. [Interjections.] That is a fact. [Interjection.]

Ms M N GILLION: Is it a fact?

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: By his irresponsible actions and instigation ...

[Interjection.] police are busy restoring order in Hermanus instead of working.

An HON MEMBER: For you that is low.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Send him a bill.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Where they are needed.

So, Mr Deputy Speaker, we are concerned. The ACDP agrees with responsible redistribution when I comes to land. But you cannot grandstand and come for cheap political points and talk about expropriation of land without compensation. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.] Hon member Christians, your time has expired. [Interjections.] Order please, come to order. I see Minister Madikizela for reply.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Mr Deputy Speaker, thank you very much. [Interjections.] Let me thank the hon members who participated in this debate, starting with the Chairperson. Chairperson, I want to thank you very much for your leadership in that Committee and your demonstration of understanding of what Human Settlements is about, and as I said earlier in my speech, we will continue to address the issues that the Committee raises because you always raise critical issues, you keep us on our toes as the

Department, and we really appreciate your commitment to this Department.

On the issue of hon member Dugmore's message, which is the issue that was also raised by hon member Christians ... [Interjection.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: The Facebook posts.

Ms M N GILLION: The Facebook posts.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: I must say, Mr Deputy Speaker, when I saw that message, I was very disappointed, first, because besides the fact that we are opposition members ... [Interjection.]

Ms M N GILLION: Did you read it correctly?

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Yes, let me ... [Interjection.]

Ms M N GILLION: Did you read it correctly?

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: I did. Let me just read it for you again, because I have it here. [Interjections.] The caption of it is here ... [Interjections.]. Now there is a message, this comes from his Provincial Secretary which is not very clear and is saying they need to launch a decisive campaign for land and human settlements and agriculture, etcetera, etcetera.

An HON MEMBER: So what is wrong there?

An HON MEMBER: Exactly.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Now you can imagine that we are dealing with a crisis here. There are a number of protests in the province and in the country, and you see a message that is coming from a member of the Opposition that says:

“This is a campaign we must lead and drive in terms of our policies, we must also look at well-located private land and consider what we didn’t finish.”

[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Now can I just say ...

[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Can I just say this? Mr Deputy Speaker, I strongly believe that this matter ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: I strongly believe that this matter needs to be investigated. I am not standing here [Interjections.] – no-no-no. [Interjections.] Can I finish? Can I finish?

Mr C M DUGMORE: You already issued a statement saying [Inaudible.].

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Yes, yes, because I strongly believe that it needs to be investigated. Now can I just say this? I mean the fact that you are so agitated proves to us that you know about this. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Now, here is the point ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.] Hon member Nkondlo.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Here is the point ... [Interjection.]

Ms M N GILLION: Stop selling the land.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Gillion, please allow the hon member the opportunity to address the House.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Here is the point ...
[Interjection.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: Is it justified?

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Yesterday we went to Hermanus to address a violent protest by the people of Hermanus, and I think I spoke about that, and I contextualised it. I said there are two issues there that we need to deal with. The first one of course is that we can never condone violence and hooliganism by people who are [Indistinct.].

The second one is the issue where we are saying we need to address the genuine concerns. Now hear me. We are talking here about a violent protest.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

An HON MEMBER: Ja, ja.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Now as I said, I am not standing here accusing anyone, but I am saying this needs to be investigated, because if someone is saying ... [Interjection.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: If someone supports land [Inaudible].

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: No-no, if someone is saying [Interjections.] ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.] Order!

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: If someone is saying this is a campaign we must lead – now we were dealing with a violent protest and we were dealing with land invasion. [Interjections.] So you cannot then blame us for coming to a conclusion that the campaign that is referred to is land invasion and violent protest. [Interjections.]

So let the hon member clear his name, because ... [Interjection.]

Ms M N GILLION: What is the [Inaudible.].

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: ... if you read this ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order, Minister Madikizela

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: ... in the context of the situation that we are dealing with ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister Madikizela, just one second, just one second. Before I see the hon member, there is too much noise and

uncontrolled interjections coming from the ANC benches now. I want the Minister to respond, but in more silence. Hon member Hinana, is it a question?

Mr N E HINANA: It is exactly what you have now just addressed.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Minister Madikizela, you may proceed.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Now, Mr Deputy Speaker, this is very serious. In the context of a violent protest and land invasion, one of the leaders is saying: "This is campaign we must lead ..." ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Hon member Nkondlo, I am warning you for the last time. [Interjections.] I am warning you for the last time. I have just asked for silence and you immediately start talking again. Please continue, Minister Madikizela.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Now if someone said: "This is a campaign we must lead," which is violent protest and land invasion ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: And loss of property.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: ... and how I interpret it ... [Interjection.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: In terms of our policy. But do you know what the ANC policy is?

An HON MEMBER: To support violence.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: I want the hon member to clear his name, because I view this in a very serious light. [Interjections.]

So that is the reason why I am saying that I am not standing here accusing this member of anything, but I find it very disturbing and he must clear his name. And I am in no way casting aspersions on the hon member, but I believe that this needs to be investigated. [Interjections.]

Now, the issue of the violent protests that hon member Davids has raised ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister Madikizela, you have been interrupted by a hon member there. Hon member Mackenzie?

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Is the Minister willing to take a question?

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Yes.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Minister is prepared.

Ms M N GILLION: Ag, please. [Inaudible.].

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Minister Madikizela, given that the message that you are talking about was clear, talking about a decisive campaign and given the recent violence and destruction in Hermanus ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr R D MACKENZIE: ... the message – can you protect me, Mr Deputy Speaker? A message coming from the ANC leadership, Mr Faizel Jacobs, who is the Provincial Secretary, as you just quoted and I read:

“... a decisive campaign and we must look for more land.”

Would the Minister interpret this, given the burning down of libraries, the burning down of a police station ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Where is the question?

Mr R D MACKENZIE: ... that the ANC leadership is driving this decisive campaign, can the Minister share with us ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Where is the question?

Mr R D MACKENZIE: ... would he then ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: ... interpret the way I am interpreting this message, as an incitement to violence by the ANC leadership? [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order! The hon member may continue. Minister Madikizela, you may continue.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: That is exactly how I interpret it and I will tell you why, Mr Deputy Speaker. I interpret it in that way for two reasons ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.] Order! Order!

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: The first reason is that we have a history here in this province and the statement that was made by the ANC to render this province ungovernable. That is the first.

Now the second reason why I interpret it in that way is because we recently had a motion that was passed: “expropriation of land without compensation.”

Mr D JOSEPH: Ja.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: And which was then interpreted by some leaders of the ANC and members of the ANC ...

[Interjection.]

Ms M N GILLION: Stop pointing fingers.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Which was interpreted by some members of the ANC as a licence to grab land.

Mr D JOSEPH: Ja.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Now if you see a message like this from one of the leaders, then you have every reason to be worried because of that particular risk. [Inaudible.].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Now, hon member Davids, you spoke about a number of things and I do want to say that I agree with you on a number of these things, and you have also posed a number of questions, and in the interest of time I will provide the answers to some of those questions.

Perhaps I need to address just one or two of the points that you have made. The statement that you made, calling on your branches, can also be interpreted to say your branches must invade land and resort to lawlessness from the message that you gave. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Haibo!

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: And when you say this Budget caters for the rich ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, Minister Madikizela. Chief Whip?

Mr M G E WILEY: Very clearly the hon member Dugmore said that you are lying, which is unfortunately unparliamentary. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Hon member Dugmore, I did not hear it, did you say that? [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Check Hansard.

An HON MEMBER: We are recording it.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr C M DUGMORE: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. It is very clear that I did say, even though it was from ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please get to the point, what are you saying?

Mr C M DUGMORE: I did very clearly say that MEC Madikizela was lying,

but clearly that is not parliamentary ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Correct.

Mr C M DUGMORE: ... so I will withdraw it.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much. We can continue. Minister Madikizela, you may continue.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: On the point that was made by hon member Davids that this Budget caters for the rich, I find that very disappointing.

This Department spends its entire Budget on the poor. I am not sure whether you are claiming that office administrators, teachers, policemen, are rich people? Because if you read this Budget carefully, we are making an effort for those taxpayers, who are, by the way, the heartbeat of our economy, because they are making it possible for us to provide free services, and the fact that those people are finding it difficult to own homes, it is something that must worry all of us.

So if we are saying we must now make an effort and make sure that those people also get, whether it is a property in terms of a plot, because they do not qualify for free houses, or houses under FLISP, for you to interpret that as a budget for the rich, I find it very, very disappointing because this

Department is catering for people who are earning from zero to R15,000, and that is the policy. That is the policy of this Department. So all those people are poor people, because you deal with poor people and the working class. This is the mandate of this Department.

You spoke about women participation. I fully agree with you that we must make sure that there is more women participation in this, and you are very much aware of the efforts that we have made. In fact, part of the reasons this Department received unqualified audits, clean audits, is because of that effort. Because the reality currently is that – now ... [Interjection.] It is because of that effort.

Now if you look at, you spoke about SAWIC. Now South African Women in Construction, I do not know how many times I had meetings with South African Women in Construction to try and assist them. So, and if you want us to engage outside this Parliament and be part of those engagements, you are more than welcome, because there were challenges that were faced by SAWIC and they were very honest about those challenge. We made a commitment, as this Department, that we want to partner with them, as SAWIC, because we want to assist them, as women in construction, to be part of this Department so that they are able to benefit from the work that this Department is doing.

Now you asked why we give the land to the developers? This Department does not physically build houses. We are assisted by partners in the form of

developers to build those houses.

We ask for the developers to partner with us so that we can be able to do what we need to do in terms of providing homes to millions of South Africans and millions of the people of this province, because this is the approach that we are using across the country. It is not unique in the Western Cape.

So, and again you spoke about the funding for security. The problem that we have is that there are people who are stoking fires out there, instigating people to vandalise our homes and to invade them, and we are left with no choice as a Department, but to procure the services of security to look after those houses. It is so unfortunate that we are spending so much money looking after the houses that people themselves should be looking after. So that is why we are forced to do that, unfortunately.

So money lost to Treasury by those two municipalities, I could not agree with you more, and I cannot stand here, hon member Davids, and make excuses for those municipalities, because it is indeed, as you said, totally unacceptable that these two metros, with so many informal settlements that need infrastructure, lost that money.

Now unfortunately how that grant is structured, is that it comes directly from the National Treasury to the municipalities. [Interjection.] The situation that we find ourselves in as the – because this concern is shared by the Department nationally by the way. All the provinces share this concern, that

the failure by metros, in particular, to spend this money effectively, impacts on our plans as the Department of Human Settlements, nationally. And it is something that we are dealing with because it is a concern to all of us.

Now on the upgrading of informal settlements, I can assure you that this is one of the programmes that we are required to report on. In fact, all provinces report on this programme to the Presidency.

Now if you had to get the report of the Presidency, it would tell you that this Department is the best performing Department when it comes to the UISP, or Upgrading of Informal Settlements. Let me not say that myself, just get that report from the Presidency.

The second programme where this Department is excelling, is the issuing of title deeds. Again, do not hear this from me, get that report from the Presidency and it will tell you that this Department is excelling in terms of that.

So I do want to say that we work, because you also cited some names of the service providers, we follow supply chain management processes and those service providers are appointed by municipalities, some by us on merit. If you want to go even further and verify that, you are more than welcome to verify whether these service providers that you have mentioned were appointed on merit, following due processes.

So, I did say that I am not going to get into a number of questions that you asked but I do want to thank you very much for your oversight role, because you are asking valid question, and I will be engaging you to respond on some of the questions that you have asked.

In the interest of time I would like to take this opportunity once more, Mr Deputy Speaker, and to all the colleagues who participated in this debate, to thank you very much, and I think all of us have this responsibility to work together, keep each other accountable, because really we need to make sure that we change the living conditions of our people out there. Thank you very much, Mr Deputy Speaker. [Applause.]

The PREMIER: Hear-hear!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. That concludes the debate on this Vote. The business for now will be suspended until 14:00. The House is suspended.

[Business of the House suspended at 12:51 and resumed at 14:00]

The SPEAKER: Good afternoon, hon members. Good afternoon to our guests in the gallery, you are welcome. It is good to have you here with us today. To the administration, thank you for being here. I must just remind the guests in the gallery that you are not allowed to participate in any of the proceedings of the House but do feel free to enjoy the sitting with us here.

At this stage I would like to ask the Secretary to read the Third Order of the Day.

The SECRETARY: Debate on Vote 5– Education – Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 3 - 2018].

The SPEAKER: Order, please. I see the honourable, the Minister, Minister Schäfer. [Applause.]

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Hon Premier, fellow members of the Provincial Cabinet, Chair of the Standing Committee, Mr Basil Kivedo and other hon members of the Provincial Legislature, SG, Brian Schreuder and all senior officials from the WCED, invited guests from the education community, ladies and gentlemen:

Madam Speaker, before I present the 2018/2019 Budget for Education in the Western Cape, it is my privilege to welcome a number of special guests today, who I will be referring to during the course of my speech, where appropriate.

But I do just first of all want to start by acknowledging and welcoming the learners here with us today from Tafelsig Secondary. You are very welcome. [Applause.] You are the reason we do what we do in education. [Interjections.]

A big welcome also to the Chairperson of the Education Council, Mr Bruce Probyn and Vice-Chairperson, Vuyokazi Nomlomo, in my box, as well as the other members invited here today. I am always appreciative of your objective, independent and sincere counsel.

Madam Speaker, every year I say that the past year has been an extremely challenging one. This year is no exception. I am desperately looking forward to a year when I can say that we have an increase in our Budget in real terms, that we will relieve the inordinate pressures that we are facing ...
[Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Do not worry, it is your last year.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: ... but I fear that is not going to happen ...
[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: ... in my term of office.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Dyantyi, objections but not running commentary. Thank you. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: But in education we are committed and dedicated to improving the lives of our youth, and to giving them the best

possible opportunities in life.

In order to be able to do so, and deal with these ongoing pressures, we need a mindset change. Which is why the SG is busy rolling out such programmes as part of our “Transform to Perform” strategy, about which more later in the year. So, in looking for the positive, we can and must draw strength from celebrating the achievements that we continue to attain.

Firstly, I must congratulate our CFO and his Finance team for once again achieving a clean audit for the third consecutive year for the 2016/17 financial year. [Applause.] This is almost unheard of in education, so very well done.

And then there are two more very significant awards that have recently been bestowed on my Department. Head of Department, Brian Schreuder, was recently awarded a Silver Award for ‘Best Head of Department’ and the WCED was awarded silver for the ‘Best Functioning Provincial Department of the Year’ - [Applause.] - at the national Batho Pele Awards. Heartiest congratulations to the whole team, and thank you all for your invaluable contributions.

As if our country’s current financial crisis is not enough, we now also have the unprecedented drought to contend with, which is putting additional pressure on our Budget.

Over and above that, we continue to see a decline in our Budget in real terms. This has resulted in class sizes that are too large and insufficient funding to provide what we should be providing, such as additional educators and classrooms, which we so desperately need.

I have said before what a devastating impact the nationally negotiated wage increases have had on our Budget, because the National Government did not provide the money to the provinces to pay what they had agreed to.

The impact of this has been R1,3 billion over the previous MTEF, and this year alone an additional amount of R1,789 billion is required. Clearly this has had a significant impact on our ability to deliver the kind of services our residents deserve.

In addition, we still continue to see increases in the number of learners in Western Cape schools annually, whilst the money does not follow them from National Treasury.

More than 130 000 learners have relocated to the Western Cape over the past five years, costing the Department around an additional R1,1 billion in total.

This year alone we have an extra 25 388 learners in our schools ... [Interjection.] compared to last year, representing an additional cost of about R375 million per year at today's costs, excluding infrastructure. And as we have to keep cutting into the bone – because we have long since cut to the

bone – it is our poorest schools that are affected the most.

Because of the iniquitous National Quintile policy ... [Interjection.] many schools that have to be classified as Quintile 4 or 5, yet in reality serve poor communities, are finding themselves in a dire position because of their own funding constraints and the impact of continued rising poverty. I receive appeals from schools to change their status from fee-paying to non-fee paying, or to change their quintile, which I am very sympathetic to, but there simply is not the budget.

Also, unless the school falls into Quintiles 1-3, they do not qualify to participate in the National Schools Nutrition Programme, which many desperately need.

In terms of Section 39(7) of the South African Schools Act, Minister Motshekga has determined that 60% of all learners in the country should be in Quintiles 1 to 3 for 2017. The 2017 National Poverty Distribution Table allowed for 40,3% of Western Cape learners to be allocated to no-fee schools. But in analysing the figures from around the country, in an attempt to try and understand why we are not being enabled to provide more for our poorer communities, it appears that the national average of learners in Quintile 1 to 3 schools is 76,8%, and not the prescribed 60%, with Limpopo reporting as high as 96,3% of learners in Quintile 1 to 3 schools, whereas they are supposed, in terms of the National policy, not to exceed 77% ... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: More excuses.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: ... which is already one of the highest in the country. I do not need excuses. [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Just listen.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: I am not the one who needs excuses. Instead, the WCED, out of our own allocation, and with no additional funding from National Government, is supporting 218 Quintile 4 schools by making them no-fee schools. [Interjection.]

The WCED has also reached out ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order please, members. Minister Schäfer, kindly take your seat. Hon member Dyantyi, an interjection is allowed, but a running commentary is not allowed. Please do not embarrass yourself and the institution. Thank you.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I am interjecting.

The SPEAKER: You may interject, but no running commentary because if you do, I will not hesitate to invoke Rule 44. I am not threatening you, I am putting you on notice. Thank you. [Interjections.] I am just putting you on notice. Thank you, all right. [Interjections.] Order please, and manage

yourselves. You may proceed, Minister Schäfer.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: I just talked to you a minute ago.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I am interjecting.

The SPEAKER: It is not an interjection. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: You know what they say about empty kettles, Madam Speaker. The WCED ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Sorry, Minister Schäfer, kindly take your seat. Chief Whip Wiley? [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: [Inaudible.] Christ's sake.

Mr M G E WILEY: Madam Speaker, over and above your ruling which you have asked that it be done, and I would like to remind the House that there are pupils present here today.

Mr K E MAGAXA: So what?

Mr M G E WILEY: That is the first thing. [Interjections.] Secondly, Madam Speaker, the hon Leader of the Opposition has just raised a blasphemous epithet by saying “for Christ’s sake”. [Interjections.] I am going to ask that the Leader of the Opposition please – I am going to ask you to ask the Leader of the Opposition to withdraw that blasphemous epithet. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Magaxa, your comment “for Christ’s sake” is deemed to be offensive.

An HON MEMBER: Oh. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: And hence the reason the Chief Whip rose to ask that you withdraw that.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Can I reply?

The SPEAKER: Yes, you may.

Mr K E MAGAXA: In what way? Which ruling is that?

The SPEAKER: No, hon Magaxa it is not ... [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: How does it offend?

An HON MEMBER: Who is offended?

Mr K E MAGAXA: Who is offended?

The SPEAKER: Well, there might be Christians in the room who are offended. [Interjections.] Thank you. All right, I will go back and I will study this and I will come back to the House with a ruling. Hon members, let me emphasise, hon members, we are not here for our own gain. We have guests in the gallery, we have South Africans watching this sitting on YouTube and one would expect that with the high office that you hold, that you would manage yourselves with dignity and decorum. You certainly are no example to the learners in this gallery today. What do they take away with them when they leave Parliament today? Do you think they leave here with a good impression? Those are people who earn taxpayers' money and look at how they behave. [Interjections.] Come now, we need to manage ourselves with dignity and decorum, so I am calling you to order and I am asking you to cooperate. You may proceed, Minister.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Ms P MAKELENI: We do this all the time.

The SPEAKER: Well, maybe your behaviour is unacceptable. It might be all the time, but it might be considered unacceptable. You may proceed, hon Minister.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you. The WCED has also reached out to its remaining fee-charging schools, by topping up their Norms and

Standards allocation in order for the schools to at least have the same income base as a no-fee school and to remain financially viable. 98 schools benefit from this pro-poor policy. This year we have budgeted in excess of R53 million for fee exemption, far exceeding any other province in this pro-poor policy.

We would love to expand the number of schools in Quintile 3, and believe that it is justified. But it is a huge risk for us to take, without an undertaking from National Government to provide us with the additional funding to provide, for example, the feeding programme. If other provinces are receiving such funding, whilst not complying with the national policy, it would be most unfair for the Western Cape not to receive the same. I have written to the Minister of Basic Education in this regard and look forward to her response.

Our Strategic Plan for 2015-2019 and the Provincial Strategic Plan set out our primary objectives. I am pleased that, despite the financial challenges, we have made progress in achieving them.

Our performance in the National Senior Certificate is once again pleasing, with the Western Cape again achieving the highest percentage of bachelor's passes in the country, at 39,% ... [Interjection.]

† Die MINISTER VAN MAATSKAPLIKE ONTWIKKELING: Hoor-hoor!

[The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Hear-hear!]

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: ... the highest pass rate in Mathematics, of 73,9% and the second highest in Physical Science, of 73%. [Interjections.] On the inclusive basket of criteria determined by the National Minister as the real measure of quality performance, including retention from Grade 10, we remain in the Number 1 position. [Interjection.] An improvement in Language and Mathematics is a key focus area for this Government ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Olivier.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: And I am therefore very pleased that the Systemic Tests conducted in 2017 ultimately show us that our language and maths interventions are working, and that the quality of teaching and learning in our schools in the Western Cape is improving, even in the face of decreasing budgets in real terms, and increasing numbers. This is so particularly in the Foundation Phase, which is so crucial for the acquisition of these competencies.

We saw marked improvements in the Foundation Phase with Grade 3 learners improving their maths pass rate by 2.1% from 2016, and their language by 5%, with an increase in learners writing of over 5 000.

The Grade 6 and 9 results either remained the same or increased or decreased by a small, minor percentage point. I am pleased that, with the increased number of learners writing these tests, we were able to sustain the pass rate when compared to 2016. This is so especially in mathematics, where we saw

a large jump a few years ago, which some thought was an anomaly, but which has been sustained.

These tests continue to inform our language and mathematics interventions, and improve the management of education and learner performance. If we did not have these tests, we would not be able to design appropriate new maths and language strategies and interventions to improve teaching and learning in these crucial subjects.

The Year of the Teacher was a key theme of the Western Cape Education Department's activities during 2017. [Interjection.] We used this time to listen, to reflect, to acknowledge and to celebrate the province's excellent teaching corps, as well as highlight the importance of professionalism in the workplace.

This year, we have adopted the theme "2018 The Year of Value-Driven Learning". We have retained "Celebrating our excellent teachers" as a subtheme, to maintain the momentum of our theme last year, focusing on teachers. Our vision as a Department reflects our deep commitment to values that are necessary to ensure quality education for every child in every classroom, in every school. Our educators continue to do us proud.

Congratulations especially must go to Wendy Horn, who is so small she can hardly be seen in my box. Please stand, Wendy Horn. This is the Principal of Protea Heights Academy, a Maths and Science focus school, who was listed

as one of 50 finalists in the Global Teacher of the Year Award 2017. [Applause.] The Global Teacher Awards is now an annual event at the Global Education and Skills Forum organised by the Varkey Foundation, and has been dubbed the ‘Nobel Prize’ for teaching. With over 8 000 applicants from 148 countries around the world, being shortlisted in the top 50 finalists is a remarkable achievement. Well done.

Madam Speaker, while the Budget allocation to Education has increased from R20,722 billion in 2017/18, to R22,193 billion in 2018/19, the majority of the increased funding provides for the increases in Conditions of Service.

75% of the Budget is allocated to the compensation of employees. The remaining 25% is needed to fund all other programmes contained in this budget, including funds directed to our schools through Norms and Standards funding, furniture, textbooks, infrastructure and examinations, transport – to name a few.

It also needs to fund our other pro-poor initiatives. In the Western Cape, for example, 85,15% of the Budget allocations of our resources in respect of items such as work textbooks, stationery, learner transport and feeding programmes goes to the poorest 60% of our learner population. This shows what the DA Government does even in the face of uncaring ANC policies and budget allocations. [Interjections.] Ja, for Quintile 1 to 3 only, ja.

Owing to the increases in learner numbers, the Budget for Learner Transport

increases by more than R13 million, to over R393 million, and an amount of over R43 million is allocated for the increasing need for hostel accommodation.

Madam Speaker, it is a sad reality that many children in South Africa arrive at school daily with an empty stomach. This is why the Western Cape Government is committed to ensuring that our poorer learners receive not just one, but two, nutritious meals at school every day. The School Nutrition Programme feeds more than 471 000 learners from 996 schools. The amount allocated to the feeding programme for the 2018/2019 financial year is more than R357 million. In addition, we continue to feed 76 059 learners in 309 Quintile 4-5 schools that serve poorer communities, as well as 26 245 children in the after-school programme to ensure that our poorer learners are able to participate. Another example of a caring DA Government.

In 2016, I published a draft Western Cape Provincial Schools Education Amendment Bill. [Interjection.] It has now gone through the processes that I am required to follow, and has been tabled in the Provincial Legislature for processing. [Interjection.] It went out for public comment on Friday 9 March.

Pending finalisation of the Bill, we have been piloting the new School Evaluation Authority for over a year now. We have made substantial progress and it has been generally welcomed in schools where it has been trialled.

Sharpening the focus of evaluation is one aspect of what we are calling the “Transforming School Accountability” Project, or TSA. Another part of this is improving our use of data, and we are developing very useful tools for our officials to use to identify performance trends and more accurately determine areas for improvement and where accountability for these actions lies.

I am particularly excited about this new innovation that will drive school improvement through accountability and support in this financial year. I am also very pleased that it is attracting positive attention outside the Western Cape.

And again I would like to thank all our partners in this project, particularly Ark Schools, and Project Manager, Romaney Pinnock.

Madam Speaker, given the long-term effects of poverty and inequality in our schools, compounded by the financial constraints that we as a government are facing, many of the public schools in poorer communities need extra support for management, teachers and learners, as well as additional financial resources.

We have therefore had to explore new, innovative and collaborative ways of improving the quality of public schooling for learners from poorer communities, in line with the Province’s strategic goal to improve educational outcomes and opportunities for youth development.

Another provision in the Amendment Bill is the provision made specifically for collaboration schools. The aim of this project was to bring in additional education management skills and innovation into the public school system, through non-profit partnerships to improve the quality of teaching and learning in no-fee public schools, assisted by top-up funding from private donors.

It is one of the ways that I truly believe we can narrow the gap between richer and poorer communities, and is yielding promising results. Our Collaboration Schools project now comprises 10 schools, with two new such schools having opened at the beginning of this year. In spite of resistance from certain quarters, we have had excellent reactions from communities and they are happy with what they are seeing.

Since the inception of the new model, the various funders have committed over R150 million to the project. This model has brought additional capacity to the schools in the form of governance, training, support and social capital. The operating partners have been working with schools to develop specific school improvement plans and are implementing those plans.

Although it is still very early days, the 2017 Systemic Tests results are very encouraging.

In the three primary schools that started this project two years ago, we saw an average improvement at Grade 3 level, from 13,4% to 32,9% in language,

and from 29,3% to 53,3% in mathematics.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: What are those [Inaudible] schools, private schools?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: I will give it to you later. [Interjection.]

At Grade 6 level, average language results increased from 19% to 23,5%, and maths from 16,2% to 25,1%.

In the two high schools, we unfortunately saw a decrease in mathematics, but this was largely influenced by the fire in Hout Bay, and some teething problems at Langa High School. Nevertheless, the language results still improved from 13,5% to 18,9%.

So overall, these are remarkable improvements in such a short space of time, and I am looking forward to what they can do in the next few years. Thanks once again, to all our partners in this innovative project.

I reported last year on the exciting partnership we have in Bonnievale, which has resulted in the new high school, Jakes Gerwel, opening its doors at the beginning of this year. This is truly a miraculous achievement.

We also have another exciting project in the Breede Valley. It is true that some of the greatest things have been done by people you have never heard of, quietly dedicating their lives to improving the lives of others.

A donor, who wishes to remain anonymous, has committed to replacing and maintaining the Botha's Halte Primary School in the Breede Valley. The new building complex will provide a state-of-the-art, world-class school facility to primary school learners. Included as part of the school complex is an auditorium-type multipurpose hall, three fully fitted-out specialist classrooms with sewing machines, handwork and woodwork equipment, and musical instruments, as well as a state-of-the-art science laboratory. The school will open its doors to 250 learners at the start of the 2019 academic year.

This kind of generosity and vision from private sector partners is greatly valued and will make a difference for learners in these areas for years to come. Thank you.

Madam Speaker, I referred earlier to the worst drought in a century that we are currently experiencing. Once again, we have had to spring into action and deviate from our plans in order to try and secure our schools so that they become more water-efficient and more self-sufficient.

As a Department, we have prioritised funding for the Drought Response Programme for water resource infrastructure projects amounting to R300 million for the 2018/19 financial year. Unfortunately, this has had to come from our already starved Provincial Budget, as no additional funds have yet been forthcoming from National Government to assist our schools.
[Interjection.]

The R300 million we are investing is being invested in projects to provide augmented water supplies to schools, in areas most affected by the drought. Last year, officials of the WCED and DTPW began surveying the needs of schools extensively and officials have developed detailed plans based on the overall needs and the needs of individual schools. And I want to pay tribute to Mr Archie Lewis and his team who have been doing extremely hard work on this project. [Interjection.]

The focus of the investigation was to ensure water security at schools, to ensure water for hygiene and fire security, and drinking water, with the overall objective being that schools remain open after Day Zero, in the event that this materialises, which we sincerely hope it will not. [Interjection.]

Our main focus has been on ensuring that schools have the additional facilities they need to source, store and use augmented water supplies. Most of the planned interventions cover supplies of non-potable water to schools, for hygiene and fire security. The WCED is also currently installing leak detectors at 120 schools, as well as testing existing borehole water quality. The availability of groundwater at schools is also being established and the WCED is in the process of procuring 1 181 water storage containers which are to be installed at schools without water tanks within the City of Cape Town area. In addition, to ensure fire safety in a Day Zero scenario, 24 096 additional fire extinguishers are in the process of being procured and will be supplied to all schools. Principals and our schools will continue to play a key role in public education on responsible water use. [Interjection.]

Given the cost of the above, we are most appreciative when we are assisted by the private sector. [Interjection.] Included in these savings measures is the installation of digital water metering systems that provide accurate data on water consumption at schools.

Last year Bridgiot, started by Stellenbosch University, developed a digital water metering system that monitors water consumption in real time. Consumers can use the system to detect leaks and intervene strategically to cut consumption, based on data generated by the system. [Interjection.]

The Shoprite Group, in partnership with Bridgiot and Cape Talk Radio, launched the Smart Water Meter Challenge in November last year. The retailer funded the installation of smart water meters at 100 of the top water-using schools in Cape Town and got 82 corporates to pledge to install a further 260 smart water meters in just a 3-month period.

The savings generated by these meters at schools are huge, and not only do they help us save the water we so desperately need to, but also assist our schools financially in terms of savings on municipal costs.

In total, 204 schools have saved over R2,5 million and over 36 million litres of water. [Applause.] Thank you. [Interjections.] Thank you, hon member Schäfer.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Dyantyi, if this was school you would be going

to the naughty corner.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: A top water-saving school is Yomele Primary in Khayelitsha where consumption has decreased by 76% since installation of the smart device and a total of R272 000 has been saved.

This is an excellent example of the private sector rising to the challenge of a crisis, and working with all parties on a solution. I must thank Shoprite, Bridgiot, and the University of Stellenbosch, the team at Cape Talk, as well as every company and individual that has pledged to this water meter initiative. Your support is greatly appreciated. I am joined today by my special guests who have all played a crucial role in this project and I really would like to acknowledge them if they could stand up quickly from where they are. All those: Bridgiot, Shoprite, Cape Talk. Thank you. [Applause.]

Madam Speaker, school safety is a concern around the world, as we have recently seen in the tragic incident in Florida, USA. We continue working with all role-players to ensure the safety of our teachers and learners as far as we possibly can. [Interjection.]

Safe Schools officials are working closely with schools and partners in every sector to implement plans to safeguard our public schools. The programme includes security infrastructure mechanisms such as perimeter fencing, electronic access control, burglar bars, metal detectors, and monitored alarm systems linked to an armed response service, as well as improving the social

environment at schools, including youth development and conflict management programmes. We help schools to develop and implement their own individual safety plans, and assist them in mobilising community support for schools. Safe Schools also engages with School Safety Clusters regularly within education districts where cluster support needs are discussed and addressed.

In my capacity as Chairperson of the Provincial Steering Committee for Strategic Goal 2: Improving Education Outcomes and Opportunities for Youth Development, I am pleased with the progress we have made in strengthening the relationships between the Province and crucial National departments that have the primary mandate and budget for justice and policing, which are so crucial in maintaining safe and secure environments.

Firstly, a senior official in the WCED now chairs the Priority Committee on School Safety. This is an excellent platform for sharing information and better coordination of responses in emergencies between all relevant role-players.

It is also assisting in planning pre-emptive safety-related work at schools with the focus that our limited safety resources are deployed when and where most needed.

Secondly, the Steercom serves as an Inter-Ministerial Committee in terms of

the National Anti-Gangsterism Strategy, which comprises the Provincial Ministers of Education, Community Safety, Social Development and Sport, Arts and Culture, as well as senior representatives from the SAPS, the National Prosecuting Authority, the Department of Justice, Correctional Services and the City Law Enforcement and Metro Police. [Interjection.] They attend, and are invited. The objective of the committee is to discuss improved mechanisms to decrease gang-related crime, and to develop strategies to support our youth in order to prevent them from participating in gangsterism themselves.

Thirdly, we are introducing a school risk classification tool which has been developed in consultation between the WCED, the City of Cape Town, SAPS and DOCS. This tool will allow us to identify and classify existing and emerging safety risks so that the relevant security infrastructure and other resources are deployed when and where most needed.

We are also working together in the Western Cape Government across various departments to try and address the complex social issues that give rise to young people getting involved in gangs. We are, however, under no illusion that the fight against the gangs is hindered by our severely under-resourced police stations and the inefficient justice system, not to mention the alleged gang links with senior ANC politicians. [Interjections.]

Every school forms part of its community and is inevitably affected by challenges facing that community, including gangsterism and drugs. Parents

and communities also have key roles to play in ensuring safe school environments and positive behaviour as it is only through a whole of society approach that we will be able to make significant progress in dealing with this complex issue that is bedevilling so many of our communities.

This year, we will invest over R34 million into the Safe Schools Programme. While this funding will not necessarily end violence in and around our schools, it will be used to provide and reinforce targeted security infrastructure support to schools. [Interjections.]

Unfortunately, despite the additional security support and enforcement, some of our schools still fall victim to vandalism and burglaries. A reality of the budgetary constraints that we are facing is that we have had to cut the emergency school maintenance fund by R5 million. In 2018/2019, R25 million has been allocated to the Emergency Maintenance Fund which will assist in repairing schools affected by burglary and vandalism.

In 2018/2019, the WCED will again be investing a large allocation towards school infrastructure to meet the growing demand for schooling in the province, as well as to replace schools built with inappropriate materials.

The allocation towards infrastructure development is an amount of over R1,6 billion while the amount allocated to new and replacement schools is R531 million.

In order to accommodate just the additional 25 388 learners this year alone, we effectively need another 25-30 schools, which cost around R60 million per school. This totals between R1,5 and R1,8 billion. Given that we have similar numbers every year, we require that kind of budget every year just for new schools. Given that we still have backlogs in our existing infrastructure requirements, as well as that we have to maintain our existing infrastructure, it is quite obvious that the amount allocated is insufficient.

And yet the National Government has just cut the Education Infrastructure Grant. Madam Speaker, while there are huge needs in infrastructure, there is a very real possibility that Infrastructure Development projects may need to be delayed because of the funding cuts, Budget pressures and the prioritisation of water-saving and supply measures.

It was only through the tragic loss of life in the Eastern Cape, that the National Government has finally woken up to some of the desperate needs our schools have. While the Western Cape is far more advanced in terms of ablution facilities at schools, and we do not have any pit toilets, as reported by the DBE ... [Interjection.] we do have schools that have insufficient sanitation for the increased number of learners at the school. The WCED does have a maintenance programme in place to improve conditions at these schools in stages.

And now we have the President insisting on sanitation being upgraded – and rightly so – but after he has just cut the infrastructure budget. It is amazing

that billions can be poured into mismanaged SOEs on an ongoing basis, but we cannot find money to build proper school infrastructure and employ sufficient teachers to educate our young people. [Interjections.]

The best thing the President can do is to abolish the Quintile System and change the Provincial Equitable Share formula to respond to the number of learners we have in the system, not the number we had 7 years ago.

I am pleased, though, that in the 2018/19 financial year, we will see the completion of 7 new schools and 3 replacement schools. Maintenance of our existing schools also remains a priority, with many of our poorer schools unable to keep up with maintenance and repairs. R435 million will be allocated towards maintenance in schools.

Madam Speaker, another priority for the WCED is to provide for our learners with special needs, for which there is also an increasing demand. This year we have allocated over R1,3 billion to Special Needs Education. Inclusive education seeks to include learners with special needs as far as possible in the ordinary, mainstream schools. With additional support provided, some of these learners are then able to attend a local school.

The WCED currently supports over 82 000 learners with low to moderate level support needs in mainstream and full-service ordinary schools. 18 500 learners attend 71 special schools in the Western Cape, including Schools of Skills. Over the past year, two new Schools of Skills were opened, these are

Wellington and Eureka – both in the Cape Winelands District. I am also pleased that two brand new Special Needs School buildings opened this year – namely Cheré Botha and Rusthof Special Schools.

Madam Speaker, we also welcome the introduction of Sign Language as a matric subject nationally. Sign Language specialists at the WCED have played a key role in making this possible. The WCED embarked on a three year South African Sign Language Pilot Project from 2011 to 2013 to establish SASL as a subject in Schools for the Deaf.

The SASL curriculum developed was first implemented in the Western Cape in Grade R to Grade 3 from January 2011, and has been implemented incrementally and for the first time it is being implemented in Grade 12 in 2018, and I am pleased that we have already identified significant improvement in the academic achievement of learners at the five WCED Schools for the Deaf using SASL. At long last, learners are learning in their first language. I look forward to seeing the results of the first cohort of matriculants in this subject at the end of 2018 and will be most proud that this all began in the Western Cape.

Madam Speaker, South Africa is a multilingual country with a rich diversity of languages reflective of our multicultural population and while highlighting the importance of learning in our home language, I am delighted to announce that, following a successful pilot over the last 3 years, the WCED, at the start of the 2nd school term, will be rolling out Xhosa to an additional 254

schools, including 725 Grade 1 classes, reaching 26 350 learners in the province.

The Western Cape has the largest number of schools in the country where Afrikaans and English are the first and second languages. The WCED currently offers Xhosa in 23,61% of our schools. The Department is however conscious of the importance of languages and communication in promoting social cohesion and nation building, and we plan to strengthen the teaching of African languages through the incremental introduction of African languages in all public schools from Grades 1 to 12.

Madam Speaker, the ongoing professional development of our educators is of the utmost importance, and we will be investing over R92 million in it this year, an increase of R7 million from last year. This year, the CTLI, Cape Teacher and Leadership Institute, in partnership with UCT, Stellenbosch University and the ETDP SETA, availed bursaries to a number of educators who are teaching subjects or phases for which they are not qualified. Through the two year Advanced Certificate in Teaching and the Advanced Diploma in Education courses, teachers will be re-qualified to match their qualifications with what they are teaching.

The CTLI will also be running intensive interventions for ICT integration. The training of school leadership and teachers in digital technology continues at an accelerated pace. Just under 2 000 teachers participated in ICT development programmes last year. In addition, a group of 300 teachers also

successfully completed an accredited UCT course in ICT integration. Over the past weekend, 100 participants were enrolled at the University of Pretoria to start an honours degree in ICT integration and they have been registered by ETDP SETA for bursaries.

The CTLI has also started integrating ICT into our Foundation Phase courses. Teachers are now able to apply for courses online, with pre- and post – testing done online, and all group work is done in Google Classroom. Coordinators can now see exactly what is happening in the groups and engage with individuals online. Despite varying IT competencies, all the teachers have bought into this and I am pleased to hear that they have cooperated enthusiastically.

In 2017, the CTLI also introduced training interventions for Grade R teachers and Practitioners. The response to these interventions was overwhelming and I am pleased that this year we will continue with a Grade R course in Language Teaching.

Madam Speaker, the Premier elaborated on the e-Learning Game-Changer in her address, so I will be very brief in that regard. The WCED has invested over R266 million towards e-Learning in the 2018/2019 financial year and over R1,2 billion over a five year period.

Key elements of the e-Learning programme include a high-speed internet connectivity, wide area network linking schools across the province and local

area networks in schools that connect to the WAN. [Interjections.] The Premier detailed what we will have achieved by the end of our term, and we are well on track in respect of infrastructure delivery.

The e-Portal, which provides access to digital resources to teachers, learners and other users was launched in 2016 and now has over 11 600 digital resources. The Department has designed the portal to make it as easy as possible for content developers to contribute content directly, and to share links to the content.

Teachers have responded extremely well to the programme so far and I am pleased that many teachers are providing excellent examples of how to enhance teaching and learning using e-Learning at the respective schools.

The WCED has also developed an online Competency Assessment Tool that enables teachers to identify the skills they need on various levels to apply e-Learning in the classroom.

The Department has introduced online courses on all levels that teachers can follow in their own time to build the skills they have identified for development. The South African Council of Educators has officially approved these courses, which count towards professional development credits.

The WCED's e-Admin work stream is designing systems for school administration and management that will help to reduce the administrative

burden on schools. Schools will be able to use the systems to improve school management and planning. The systems will include online assessment and classroom management tools.

This year at the National Teaching Awards, Mariëtte Vorster, formerly of Touwsrante Primary School, won the National Teaching Award for Excellence in Technology enhanced Teaching and Learning. She is now working in the district, sharing her knowledge in incorporating e-Learning into the classroom. This is the second time that a Western Cape teacher has won this award in the past three years.

Madam Speaker, it is clear from the Budget that I have outlined today, that despite facing immense challenges, the WCED continues to produce excellent results. This can only be done with committed, dedicated staff across the board, and I want to pay tribute to each one of our hard-working members, both teaching and non-teaching staff, who give their all every day for the benefit of our young people.

I am aware that there is still much to do to address the gap between poor and well-resourced schools and to improve education across the board, and we will continue working towards that goal.

We as Government have quite rightly prioritised frontline services, and all of our departments are taking significant strain. In this regard I would like to thank my Cabinet colleagues that we in Education have not had to take

another cut this year, whilst there are significant cuts in other areas. Thanks also to the Premier, Minister Meyer and Provincial Treasury for their support in this regard.

I must also thank the members of the Standing Committee under the leadership of Mr Basil Kivedo, for their oversight and for holding us accountable. A special thanks to the SG and our Exco for all that you do, and for your exceptional commitment to the Department and the youth of our province.

And lastly, but very definitely not least, an extra special thank you to the amazing team in my office, which has been led by Bronagh Casey since my appointment. They really do put in everything to make sure that we serve the voters as best we possibly can, and to try and make my life that much easier. Thank you very much.

And finally, I would like to also acknowledge some key people in the Department who have retired or are retiring at the end of this month. Our Metro South District Director, Mr Glen van Harte, is retiring after 33 years of service and our Director of Communications, Mr Paddy Attwell, after 17 years' service. I must thank you both for commitment and dedication to the WCED and to the learners of our province and I wish them all the very best in their retirement.

Thank you, Madam Speaker. [Applause.]

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

†Die MINISTER VAN MAATSKAPLIKE ONTWIKKELING: Hoor- hoor!

[The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Hear-hear!]

Mr B D KIVEDO: Madam Speaker, hon Premier, hon Leader of the Opposition, hon members of the Executive, all hon fellow members from all the different parties, the SG for the WCED, Mr Brian Schreuder, and his team, all role-players and stakeholders in this specific sector, support staff, media, distinguished guests in the gallery and specifically the learners from Tafelsig High School in Mitchells Plain.

Hon Madam Speaker, just allow me, I am going to deviate slightly from my prescribed speech. [Interjections.] There are two good reasons for that. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please.

Mr B D KIVEDO: The first one is, this is what they call the graveyard session. I am going to save time. [Interjections.] And the performance and achievements of the Western Cape Education Department are well-documented, and what the Minister said is a true reflection of what is happening on the ground. So there is actually nothing for me to say. [Interjections.] I may just try – relax and sit down, relax, but okay ...

[Interjections.]

Allow me, Madam Speaker, to address these young people in front of me before I start because I see this as part of my oversight role also. [Interjections.] Welcome, youngsters. Let us give them a round of applause again [Applause.] ... for biding out your time and making the sacrifice and finding it necessary, and I am speaking on behalf of your constituents here, hon member Ricardo Mackenzie. I think most of you know him. He asked me to give you a special word of welcome. [Interjections.] And also in terms of the way forward, may you grasp all the opportunities that Minister Debbie Schäfer has spoken about now in terms of unlocking all the possibilities, all the opportunities in chartering your future. [Interjection.]

It is all about exercising choices. You have the choice to become somebody, and you have the choice to become a nobody. [Interjection.] You have the choice to become a number 1 or you have the choice to become a †*nommer* 28. [number 28] [Applause.] So let it be evidently clear that the choice should be exercised while you have the chance. You are very welcome. [Applause.]

In conclusion, as far as you are concerned, enjoy your liberties, enjoy your freedom but remember, it goes hand-in-glove with accountability and responsibility. Good luck to you as far as your studies are concerned and also your parents, your families who are all behind you and all your support systems, your peer groups, I wish you all the best. Thank you so much.

[Applause.]

Madam Speaker, so I am just going to highlight a few salient features and trends in terms of what the Minister also said. As Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Education in this Parliament, I am entrusted with the task of performing oversight over the Western Cape Department of Education, together with an extremely competent team. [Interjections.] And remember it is an inter-party team. It is a competent team that holds the WCED accountable.

And now I switch over to the WCED and look over to that side. Whenever we interrogate them in-house or in terms of our oversight outside of this building, they are always honest, distinct, clear and realistic.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Hulle is baie [Onhoorbaar.]

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: They are very [Inaudible.]]

Mr B D KIVEDO: I think they also need a round of applause. [Applause.]

Furthermore, it is exceptionally important that we perform our oversight function in the interests of the people of this province and in a way that ensures that capacity building continues to take place in the respective departments. And you know, hon member Olivier, we do it rigorously.

An HON MEMBER: Yes!

Mr B D KIVEDO: And with vigour and passionately, with passion also. Am I right? Thanks for nodding, thank you.

Madam Speaker, it was reviewed at the end of last year in the Progress in International Reading Literacy Study, the PIRLS, which included nearly 320 000 children globally, that South Africa was placed last out of 50 countries. [Interjection.] Okay, it sounds disappointing but it is a challenge, it is not a crisis; it is a challenge.

Moving slightly away from party politics, Madam Speaker ..[Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: The DA is going to ... [Inaudible.]

Mr B D KIVEDO: .. it is deeply concerning that according to research conducted by the University of Pretoria last year, it was revealed that eight out of every 10 Grade 4 pupils ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Mr B D KIVEDO: ... still cannot read at an appropriate level. [Interjections.] And I think I had to mention moving out of party politics because this is a national issue which concerns all of us, whether my child is going to school in the leafy suburbs or in Kreefgat, it does not matter.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: What?

Mr B D KIVEDO: Kreefgat is a place near Elsie's River where I work. If there are more notorious places, then that is wrong. But what is important is that there are issues that we should tackle simultaneously together, for the sake of South Africa. Take the pit toilet, for instance, in Dimbaza where a 5-year old little girl drowned and died a horrific, the most horrific death that the human mind can imagine. [Interjection.]

The point is this, Mr Enver Surtee, the Deputy Minister of Education ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order.

Mr B D KIVEDO: ... made an appeal – just listen carefully. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order.

Mr B D KIVEDO: Here is the instruction to all of us, people ... [Interjections.] that we should take hands as South Africans and see that these things do not happen. Not in a civilised world, not in a civilised country, we are not going to be satisfied with that but it asks for the muscle of the ANC, of the IFP of the ACDP, of the EFF, of the DA, of all of us and we are not going to play politics with this issue and walk over the dead body of that 5-year old little child. [Applause.]

Madam Speaker, that the National Minister of Basic Education, Angie

Motshekga, believes that the answer to fixing South Africa's educational crisis simply requires lowering the pass requirements in public schools, is very worrying. Perhaps it is a quick escape, but it is a worrying factor. One is led to think that our National Government would rather not tackle the root cause of our educational problems, but rather have more learners making it to the next grade than re-evaluating the quality of education that is being served to our learners. [Interjections.]

It does not take a rocket scientist to figure out that lowering the pass requirements across public schools will inevitably decrease overall academic standards and eventually collapse the public educational system ... [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Hear-hear!

Mr B D KIVEDO: .. which is in dire straits as it is.

†So dit kom daarop neer, agb Speaker, ons hol nie agter getalle aan nie. [Tussenwerpsel.] Dit is 'n belangrike faset, maar dat ons eerder klem gaan lê, luister mooi, op die kwalitatiewe aspekte om van ons ware burgers te maak met statuur wat die land kan oorneem, die ekonomie kan bou, die arbeidsektor kan bou en die vesel van die hele land kan sterk maak, en dit is ons plig.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[So what it amounts to, Madam Speaker, we are not running after numbers. [Interjection.] It is an important facet, but we should rather emphasise, listen carefully, on the qualitative aspects to make us real citizens with stature who can take over the country, build the economy, build the labour sector and strengthen the fibre of the whole country, and that is our duty.]

†AGB LEDE: Hoor-hoor!

[HON MEMBERS: Hear-hear!]

Mr B D KIVEDO: Madam Speaker, with this in mind I would like to commend Minister Debbie Schäfer and her Department for always going above and beyond the educational standards ... [Interjections.] set out by the National Department to ensure that the learners of our province are in fact well-equipped when entering further educational training institutions of the working world.

Ms P MAKELENI: You have the oversight role.

†Mnr B D KIVEDO: En goed voorbereide en toegeruste leerders soos dit hier gestel word, veronderstel een basiese ding en dit is die herleiding en die toepassing van verworwe kennis in spesifieke leerkontekste en ook binne die arbeidsmark en ook daar waar dit saak maak, waar jy betrokke raak op 'n lewensvatbare manier en volhoubare manier binne die ekonomie. En dit is wat ons kinders moet aanleer, dat die kennis wat hulle opdoen, en dit het te doen ook met loopbaangerigte onderwys, dat die onderwys-doelwit of die

onderwys-uitkoms na 'n bepaalde visie of 'n bepaalde einddoel lei, en ek dink ons is goed op pad daarheen.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[Mr B D KIVEDO: And well prepared and equipped learners as it is put here, implies one basic thing and that is the reduction and the application of learned knowledge within specific learning contexts and also within the labour market and also there where it matters, where you get involved in a viable manner and sustainable manner within the economy. And that is what our children should learn, that the knowledge that they gain, and this has also to do with career-aimed education, that the educational goal or the education outcome should lead to a specific vision or specific end goal, and I think we are well on their way there.]

Even though the pass requirements may be lowered in public schools in the near future, I am pleased that the WCED, in pursuit of the Provincial Education goals, will maintain a strong focus on, *inter alia*, improvements in the level of language and mathematics in all schools, increasing the number and, in particular, the quality of passes in the National Senior Certificate, increasing the quality of education provision in poorer communities – and here I want to latch on to rural schools as well, schools in remote areas, that we reach out to them, we give them the same opportunities, we create the same space and the same opportunities for them so that they can also thrive within the educational realm.

†Ons skeep hulle nie af nie en ons is eintlik kragdadig besig om daarheen te werk – progressief, aggressief en, soos ek gesê het, op ‘n kragdadige wyse.

En ook veral e-Onderwys, tegnologie en tegnologiese innoverende onderwys na hierdie afgeleë plekke te neem en ek dink dit is van onskatbare waarde, waaroor ons almal trots kan voel.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[We do not neglect them and we are actually powerfully working towards that – progressively, aggressively and, as I said, in a powerful manner.

And especially also to take e-Education, technology and technological innovative education to these remote places and I think it is invaluable, about which we can all feel proud.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Jy praat soos ‘n MEC.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: You speak like an MEC.]

†Mnr B D KIVEDO: Dat ons almal trots kan wees.

[Mr B D KIVEDO: So that we can all be proud.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Jy praat net soos ‘n MEC.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: You speak just like an MEC.]

Mr B D KIVEDO: Madam Speaker, in the midst of difficult socio-economic times facing our country, I am pleased to see that the Education Department has remained responsive and efficient in addressing the various educational demands from all corners of the province.

†Nou hierdie aspekte waarvan ek nou praat, is waar die WKOD inkom – ek praat van hulle verantwoordbaarheid, deursigtheid en ook eerlikheid en realisme rondom en rasionalisme rondom hierdie aspekte soos infrastruktuur. Ons weet daar is skole wat uitmekaar uit val, maar ons adresseer dit. Ons weet daar is ‘n ratio wat ons graag wil laer bring, ons werk daaraan. Dit kan gebeur. Maar wat belangrik is ... [Tussenwerpsel.] is dat hierdie Departement alle ongelykhede wil uitskakel. Luister gou, Rome was nie in een dag gebou nie, hoor. [Tussenwerpsel.] Ons is besig om hierdie ongelykhede uit te skakel en op ‘n gelykheidsbeginsel voort te gaan. [Tussenwerpsels.]

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[Now these aspects I am now talking about is where the WCED comes in – I am talking about their accountability, transparency and also honesty and realism around and rationalism around these aspects like infrastructure. We know there are schools falling apart, but we are addressing it. We know there is a ratio that we would like to lower, we are working on it. It can happen. But what is important ... [Interjection.] is that this Department wants to exclude all inequalities. Listen quickly, Rome was not built in one day. [Interjection.] We are busy excluding these inequalities and continue on an

equality principle. [Interjections.]]

Madam Speaker, in the midst of difficult socio-economic times facing our country, I am pleased to see that the Education Department has remained responsive. †Ek het dit weer herhaal en ek los hom so. [Tussenwerpsels.] [I have repeated it again and I leave it like that. [Interjections.]]

I welcome the R22,193 billion that has been allocated to the WCED for the 2018/19 financial year. This Budget allocation has ensured that Education still maintains the second-largest portion of the Provincial Budget, after the Health Department. [Interjection.]

Madam Speaker, rest assured that where the DA governs, education remains a key component to investments being made in human development and as a tool to alleviate poverty and reduce youth unemployment.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Gooi die papier en praat – gooi dit net.

[Mr Q R DYANTI: Throw the paper and talk- just throw it.]

Mr B D KIVEDO: An integral part of ensuring that learners succeed at school, requires our schools being equipped with teachers who are capable of delivering educational content in a way that is practical, insightful and that adds value to the overall learning experience.

†Wat hier veronderstel word is dat onderwysers so ‘n trappie moet verder

gaan as bloot konvensionele kurrikulum-onderrig, maar ook so bietjie kyk na wysheid en universele kennis-generering by leerders. Dit is belangrik dat ons ons wêreld verstaan, dat ons ons land verstaan, dat ons mekaar verstaan, mekaar se *culture*, mekaar se gewoontes, mekaar se gedrag ... [Tussenwerpsel.] Dit is belangrik dat ons dit ook as 'n buite-kurrikulêre aspek van formele onderrig moet beskou.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[What is assumed here is that teachers should go a step further than just conventional curriculum teaching, but also look at wisdom and universal knowledge generation by learners. It is important that we understand our world, that we understand our country, that we understand each other, each other's culture, each other's habits, each other's behaviour ... [Interjection.] It is important that we also see it as an extra-curricular aspect of formal education.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Just stop reading.

Mr B D KIVEDO: Madam Speaker, the WCED is doing just that. This year the Department has set out to continue providing teachers with ongoing training and support. On the brink of a Fourth Industrial Revolution, it is remarkable to see how the Department is making the most of modern technology to expand educational opportunities to our young learners.

The 2018/19 financial year will see the Department continue to provide online services to schools, teachers and learners. The aim here is to assist in reducing the administration load of schools and to ensure accurate, efficient and cost-effective provision of resources and services to schools.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Do you believe it?

Mr B D KIVEDO: All the way.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Do not believe that.

Mr B D KIVEDO: All the way. [Interjections.] I am an optimist, brother. [Interjection.] I am an optimist and I believe ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Kivedo ...

Mr B D KIVEDO: ... in tangible things and it can happen.

The SPEAKER: Hon Kivedo, do not allow yourself to be baited; address the Chair.

Mr B D KIVEDO: Through the Chair.

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

Mr B D KIVEDO: I am terribly sorry, thank you, Madam Speaker ...
[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Do not fall into that trap.

†Mnr B D KIVEDO: Maar hy is so glibberig. [Gelag.]

[Mr B D KIVEDO: But he is so slippery. [Laughter.]] †No, they say give credit where credit is due, né? [Interjections.]

Madam Speaker, where parents are not able to afford public school fees, the DA-led Western Cape Government has assisted. I am pleased that the WCED provides opportunities for school fee exemption to those parents struggling to afford to send their children to school. [Interjections.]

The DA in the Western Cape believes that no person in this province should fail to have the opportunity to attend school because of their financial circumstances. I am going to repeat: the DA in the Western Cape believes that no person in this province should fail to have the opportunity to attend school because of their financial circumstances. [Interjections.]

So we adhere to the tenet, one of the most basic tenets of the Freedom Charter ... [Interjections.] that the doors of learning and culture should be open; that the doors of learning and culture shall be open. [Interjections.] And that is the DA policy also. [Interjections.] [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please.

Mr B D KIVEDO: Can you see how it works? This is all about ...

[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please, members. There is a speaker on the floor.

Mr B D KIVEDO: It must be noted, Madam Speaker, that over 95% of the schools in our province are either no-fee schools or schools that are being assisted by the Western Cape Education Department in one way or another.

[Interjections.]

Madam Speaker, before I conclude, I would like to take this opportunity ...

[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Olivier has given you some of his time.

[Laughter.]

Mr B D KIVEDO: Excuse me?

The SPEAKER: Hon member Olivier says you may continue, he is giving you some of his time. [Interjections.]

Mr B D KIVEDO: I have just made a synopsis. [Interjections.] Before I conclude, I want to extend this word to the WCED, our Western Cape

Education Department. In conclusion then, Madam Speaker, I am pleased to say that I am confident that the officials in the Department of Education are fit for purpose.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: They are ... [Inaudible.]

Mr B D KIVEDO: There is no reason to believe that these officials are not only performing their constitutional obligations with the necessary pride, skills, expertise and commitment, but that this Parliament can be really proud that our province has officials of this calibre, and I thank them for that. [Interjections.] [Applause.]

†Agb Speaker, ten einde wil ek dan die volgende persone en instansies bedank wat die Staande Komitee deur hierdie jaar baie goed bygestaan het, ondersteun het en ondervang het, en tot nou toe. [Tussenwerpsels.] Minister Debbie Schäfer; die Premier vir haar leiding, uitstekende leiding; [Tussenwerpsels.] Minister Debbie Schäfer vir haar innoverende denke en skeppende vermoëns en die passie waarmee sy dinge doen en haarself agterop stel en die leerder vooropstel. Dit is vir my kentekenend van haar benadering tot haar amp. Baie dankie daarvoor, Minister. [Applous.]

Die WKOD, die SG, mnr Brian Schreuder en sy span, baie dankie vir julle toewyding en ook regtig waar om ook – hier is *magicians* ook in die Parlement – die onmoontlike reg te kry, om 32 000 bykomende leerders uit ander provinsies te huisves. Gee vir hulle ‘n lekker handeklap daarvoor.

32 000 addisionele leerders het –

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[Madam Speaker, to conclude I want to thank the following persons and institutions that have assisted, supported and enabled the Standing Committee to meet its obligations until now. [Interjections.] Minister Debbie Schäfer; the Premier for her leadership, outstanding leadership; [Interjections.] Minister Debbie Schäfer for her innovative thoughts and creative abilities and the passion with which she does things and places herself at the back and the learner up front. It is to me typical of her approach to her office. Thank you very much for that, Minister. [Applause.]

The WCED, the SG, Mr Brian Schreuder and his team, thank you for your dedication and also to really achieve – there are magicians here too in the Parliament – the impossible, to accommodate 32 000 additional learners from other provinces. Give them some good applause for that. 32 000 additional learners –]

†By the way, it seems to me feeder schools do not exist anymore, we have feeder provinces now. [Laughter.] [Applause.] Yes, but it is great, but I think it is great because it is a national thing. We look nationally. [Interjections.] And they are more than welcome. We welcome them with open arms and we accommodate them wherever we can. That is what we do. [Interjections.]

†Maar nou raak my bril bietjie vaal. [Gelag.] [But my glasses are getting a

bit faded now. [Laughter.]

Members of the Standing Committee, my colleagues, I thank you so much for the hard work through the year. All the members of the Standing Committee, the support teams, our support teams, the coordinators, specifically Ms Wasima Hassan Moosa, who is a coordinator, the assistant coordinator Ms Marian Burgess and where we normally get valuable advice and guidance from Mr Ben Daza, the senior coordinator. [Interjections.]

Those who assist us with our in-house meetings, the IT staff and language practitioners, to all principals, educators, non-teaching staff, NCBs, parents, the whole school community, all stakeholders and role-players within the educational sector, the media ... [Interjections.] my own PA Ms Tanya Steyn Bowie – and then my wife Rochelle and my little boy of 11 years old. Ja, I have a boy of 11 years old, Boeta. Thanks for their support. I thank you. [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Kivedo. I now see the hon member Olivier ... [Interjections.] If we can get some order please, hon members. Thank you.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Gooi kole!

[Mr Q R DYANTI: Throw coals!]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Dyantyi, allow your member to speak, please.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I can do that.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. You may proceed.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Madam Speaker, hon members, my Chairperson of Education there, good afternoon. Thank you for reminding us about the Freedom Charter. You are correct, but the Freedom Charter indicates that the doors of learning shall be open.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Mr R T OLIVIER: It is a national policy and we know that the National Government led by the African National Congress is leaving the doors of learning open. So we know that and thank you for acknowledging the Freedom Charter. [Interjections.]

Chair, in 1976 young people of this country took upon themselves to change the education landscape in our country when they took to the dusty streets of our country in poorly developed communities to voice their dissatisfactions about what was happening at the time within the education system. And as we celebrate Freedom Month and as we debate Vote 5 today, I believe that this generation of 1976 needs to get a special mention and salute today.

This right, Madam Speaker, to education is one of the fruits of freedom that Solomon Mahlangu spoke of when he said:

“My blood will nourish the tree that will bear the fruit of freedom.”

Section 29 places a duty on Provincial Governments, including this Government, Provincial Governments – I think there are nine provinces and this is one of the South African provinces ... [Interjections.] In all these provinces, Section 29 places a duty on these Governments to take reasonable measures to make education available and accessible. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Madam Speaker, the vision of this Department is quality education for every learner in every classroom and every school in the province, and this has given expression to the three overarching goals, namely, an improvement in the levels of language and mathematics in all schools; an increase in the number and quality of passes of the National Senior Certificate and an increase in the quality of education provision in poorer communities.

Both the vision and the three overarching goals are in line with the ANC thinking and we support it; we think it is good. I think it speaks to what education is all about. There is nothing wrong with this.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Sê hulle.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Tell them.]

Mr R T OLIVIER: And I think it is quite good and we must compliment where compliments are due.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Good stuff.

Mr R T OLIVIER: I also welcome, Madam Speaker, the increase in the Vote over the MTEF period. I am encouraged by the National Treasury increase of 8,2% in the Equitable Share, the 116,72% increase in learners with profound intellectual disabilities grant; as well as the increase of 268,82% of the social sector EPWP incentive grant for provinces. This is really living the Freedom Charter, comrade Chair. So these are the grants that have been increased to your province as well and I welcome this. I think we owe National a round of applause. [Applause.]

Madam Speaker, unfortunately, for every good story there is also a bad story to tell. [Interjection.] You have told the good story of the Western Cape, but let us also look at the flip side of the coin so that we take both these two analyses or analogies into perspective in the problems that we have.

Despite these increases, Chair, and the subscribed vision and goals, I must, however, draw your attention to the current pitfalls that make it difficult for this vision and goals of this Department to be fully accomplished.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Ja.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Let us now take a journey and navigate these pitfalls and what they are.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is very interesting. I thought that had [Inaudible.]

Mr R T OLIVIER: I think, Madam Speaker, this has been captured very well ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: I will protect you from your member. [Laughter.]

Mr R T OLIVIER: Madam Speaker, this is captured very well in a report of a study done by Equal Education who helped us identify the hindrances in the schools in our province. This includes the poor sanitation, insecurity and on and on – for learners on school premises and school teacher shortages, discriminatory policies and codes, teenage pregnancies and the illegal use of corporal punishment at schools. These were outlined in the 135-page report titled “*Of Loose Paper and Vague Allegations*”

I want to talk briefly about the title of this report. Equal Education explained that the title of the report makes reference to the ways in which the social audit was referred to in the media by hon MEC Schäfer.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Oh, ja.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Both the MEC and the Premier Helen Zille repeatedly

questioned the credibility of their data ...

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Ja.

Mr R T OLIVIER: ... and the capacity of young black people to produce a rigorous account on their experiences of the safety and sanitation crisis in Western Cape schools.

People of the Western Cape are not surprised by these kind of responses from both the MEC and the Premier. The responses show the attitude and arrogance; this party is convinced that they can never err. This was the same attitude when the MEC challenged the A-G outcome when MEC Winde's Department was not awarded a clean audit. It has been the same manner ... [Interjections.] in instances where they criticise courts if courts do not rule in their favour. [Interjections.] This attitude we will see when the MEC now responds when I have concluded.

Allow me to give you a brief summary of the key challenges faced by the Department to ensure that our vision as set out is achieved. But firstly, let us start with what the MEC said. Maybe we should start with the matric results, I think we have regressed from the position of last year to a lower position. I am sure she just forgot to tell us about it but I will just remind the House that that was the situation. [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Very convenient.

Mr R T OLIVIER: She also forgot to tell this House that 19 schools performed under 60% in 2016. In 2017 it has increased to 31.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Yôh.

Mr R T OLIVIER: So there again it seems that whatever we are using might not necessarily work and needs to be revised and looked at, MEC. I think that is the problem there; we cannot have an increase in underperforming schools while we are saying – yes, we accept the quality of passes; that we accept, it happened, there is a quality pass, but unfortunately we still have schools which performed – the lowest, I think, is 36% and that cannot be acceptable. And unfortunately MEC, this is in our poor rural areas where this is taking place.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Jy is uitgevang.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: You were caught out.]

Mr R T OLIVIER: So we call on you and the Department to look at this issue.

The second challenge, as we look at the story, is overcrowding. The reality of overcrowding presents a major risk to the full attainment of the overarching goal and teacher learner ratios in township schools are reaching unacceptable levels. I think you have mentioned that that is a problem and I agree with you, that is a problem.

This, in turn, is making teaching in classrooms almost impossible; it is almost impossible that you expect a class of 1:65 to be able to perform as a class of 1:20 in many affluent schools. [Interjection.] So I think that this Budget should in fact have spoken to those issues. That is what this Budget should speak to because those are the issues that prohibit us from reaching whatever we need, those three overarching goals. [Interjection.] I think that is what we need to look at. Madam Speaker, the MEC and this Department needs to take full responsibility for this challenge.

Another challenge is safety of teachers and learners in schools, as well as on their way to and from school. Learners and administrators feel unsafe at schools in the Western Cape. A worrying proportion of schools lack capacity to control who comes in and out of school premises. And this is a real challenge and I think the MEC should have made mention of this issue. [Interjections.]

Madam Speaker, fences in a number of schools across the province are not sturdy enough to keep the intruders out. A number of them have large gaps and holes. More than half of the schools lack fulltime security guards. Sexual harassment and rape prevails in Western Cape schools and reports such as that, and I am sure that you have received those reports. These instances happen in schools, in the presence of educators – not outside the school, in the classroom ... [Interjection.] in the classroom. This is the problem that we have in the Western Cape. No wonder the Safe Schools Call Centre receives more than 20 000 calls per annum, according to the Department. The

unwillingness of the Western Cape DA Government to provide or allocate sufficient safety budget does not assist the current crisis of our schools and our teachers and learners, which is a daily challenge for all of us.

Another challenge is poor sanitation and infrastructure and this is captured nicely in Equal Education's report.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: The newspaper.

Mr R T OLIVIER: This brings me back to the report by the MEC to the Inter-ministerial meeting around sanitation. I know it discussed the issues of pit toilets and so on, but your province has got a 58% challenge in terms of lack of proper toilets, particularly for disabled learners. I think that is a challenge you face and I think one needs to look at this issue as well.

Another challenge that we face, Madam Speaker, is the MEC again boldly indicating that she is reintroducing what I term the Alcohol Bill.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: The Alcohol Bill.

Mr R T OLIVIER: It is the Education Amendment Bill, but my problem with that Bill – there might be good elements included in the Bill but there is no way that this side of the House accepts – and I would really want to see what that public participation report suggests in terms of that insertion of 45(b), into main legislation, where alcohol can be served during whatever activities

at school, fundraising activities, whatever you call it. [Interjections.]

But, for us, the issue of having alcohol on school premises does not matter, for whatever purpose, it should not be there. It should not be brought to schools. In fact, we fought for shebeens having to be at least 100 metres from a school.

What we are now doing is to say, when we have a fundraising event. we are now giving the HOD a whole list of requirements, criteria, that he must now tick boxes. He is now the policeman of this issue. [Interjection.] What is he supposed to be doing? We are now diverting his attention to tick off boxes – okay, this application, well, you know it is ... [Interjections.]

These are the problems. You cannot bring alcohol into school premises; it does not matter for whatever reason and I am surprised, MEC, that you are now bringing it back. [Interjections.] In my view you should have brought it back but omit that clause you insert in the main Act. I think it is not progressive, it brings us way back to where we were in the past. We are sitting already at schools with drug abuse and you know it; in gang-infested communities we have got learners who cannot go to school, learners, who are ... [Interjection.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Gooi kole!

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Throw coals!]

Mr R T OLIVIER: ... busy organising themselves into gangs in schools. [Interjection.] and now what we are doing is to add another element to that. Okay, we have got a fundraising event, now let us use alcohol in the schools. That becomes shebeens at schools.

†Me P MAKELENI: ‘n Smokkelhuis. [Tussenwerpsel.]

[Ms P MAKELENI: A shebeen. [Interjection.]]

Mr R T OLIVIER: And I am saying ... [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Nonsense!

Mr R T OLIVIER: And I am saying exclude that. The ANC will never support that issue. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Madam Speaker, it does not matter whether you get bursaries from alcohol sales at schools, it is immaterial. You can get them somewhere else. Why must we have it there?

The SPEAKER: Hon member Olivier, please speak to me.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Madam Speaker, the real crisis the Department is facing

now, as we speak, is old school buildings that have outlived their lifespan and I think the Department acknowledged this when we had our Committee meeting, that it is a crisis. It is a crisis second to the water crisis. [Interjection.] Because these old buildings at schools have always been an issue.

These buildings are not safe for our learners and we cannot sit back, as an oversight committee, and accept everything is hunky-dory while our learners go to school. We are in a safe building here, it is very safe here, it will not fall any time soon but go to a school – Uitsig has been closed and the reason Uitsig was closed is because we have neglected that school and it got to a point where it is irreparable and now we are closing it down because of our own failures. It is our own failure to maintain our facilities. [Interjection.]

Now we are going on a rampage in this Department; the MEC, in fact, is going on a rampage. Every day when I look at the Gazette there is something about a school closure.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Ja, ja.

Mr R T OLIVIER: So when she cannot manage a school, she closes it down. [Interjections.] Yes, you are closing schools down. I am happy you at least see it as a joke, I am happy for that.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: She is laughing.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Maybe you should share the joke with those communities you are serving ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Olivier, please speak to the Chair.

Mr R T OLIVIER: It is a good joke for you, I am happy for that joke. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: These are real issues.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Some of the *plankie* schools in our townships have asbestos. We agree that the decrease in Programme 6 does not assist us and agree that reducing the allocation to Programme 6, which is Infrastructure, does not assist anyone. But going on a rampage, closing schools because of poor quality as a result of our own failures is also not a solution to the problem.

Madam Speaker, the other problem in Programme 6 is where we see there is a 23% vacancy rate as well. It has been decreased. There is a vacancy rate, we go on a rampage of closing. It is a problem in the province. [Interjections.]

Having said this, Madam Speaker, I just want to raise the issue of school safety. We are calling on the MEC and this Inter-ministerial Committee, to prioritise the issue of safety of our learners at schools.

Our learners are performing very well and I must say your Quintile 1 to 3 schools, as you indicated in your input now, are performing very well. In fact, that is where the majority of your so-called SADTU teachers are and I am sure you agree with me that, although they are not so much your friends and you are not happy about them ... [Interjections.] I am happy you acknowledge their work. I am happy you acknowledge that their schools are performing, despite whatever, despite the overcrowding, despite them being held at gunpoint at some stage; where learners come to school with knives, they still perform.

And then you look at the other side of the coin where you have a class of 1:12 you know, and I can give you one school, for example, in Hermanus where I come from ... [Interjection.] which has now regressed from number 1 to number 10 as a region in the country and I am sure you know about it.

They were number 1 in 2016, the highest performing region, the highest performing district in the country. [Interjections.] They are now number 10. [Interjection.] You find schools there, where there is trouble at the schools, which have a ratio in a class of 1 to less than 20.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You are really helping the MEC.

Mr R T OLIVIER: And I am saying unless those disparities are being corrected and rectified, you cannot say that the playing fields are level. And I am saying this Budget should be a budget to assist us in planning, in

levelling the playing fields. And I fully agree with you that the Quintile system needs to be reviewed. We made the call when hon member Mackenzie was the Chair representing you in George at a public hearing ... [Laughter.][Interjections.] We made that call and he said he was going to tell you. We have made the call that the Quintile system is not assisting because what you find now is that you have learners that have come from previously disadvantaged areas moving into affluent areas. [Interjections.]

In fact, the Deputy Minister said his door was open; they wanted to speak to the MEC. [Interjections.] She was not available and MEC Mackenzie represented you there. So do not blame the Deputy Minister. The Deputy Minister indicated he is open for business. [Interjections.] No, come, let us talk, let us talk. MEC, let us talk.

Let me come back to your Department, which is a total failure. I think where we are now – it is good that you reminded me, I did not want to raise it but the Department of Education is the implementing agent of infrastructure and building of schools and it is your Department that is failing us. [Interjections.] Because you know, you in fact failed us when you first came to this Department. [Interjections.] You created these problems and you move away and you create a problem somewhere else. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Minister Winde, kindly take your seat please. Hon member Olivier, Minister Winde. Hon member Olivier, will you take a question?

Mr R T OLIVIER: Yes.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Can the member tell us: during the ANC's term of office, how many schools did they build and now during the DA's term of office how many schools have been built? [Interjections.]

Mr R T OLIVIER: No, I will give the answer. Madam Speaker, I ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please, members. Sorry, a question was posed to you, hon member Olivier.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Madam Speaker ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: I cannot have you engage in a cross ... [Interjection.]

Mr R T OLIVIER: No, I just want to respond to the question.

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

Mr R T OLIVIER: I only respond to senior leaders of the DA, not ... [Interjections.] [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Olivier, on that note, I sadly need to inform you

that your time has expired.

Mr R T OLIVIER: ... to the national leaders there.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Thank goodness.

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

†UMnu R T OLIVIER: Somlomo,

[Mr R T OLIVIER: Somlomo,]†in closing ...

The SPEAKER: Your time has expired.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Has it?

The SPEAKER: Thank you, yes.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Just one sentence. †Somlomo, [Madam Speaker] let me thank – if you can give me a few minutes.

The SPEAKER: No, no, there is no few minutes. You have – your time has expired. [Interjections.]

Mr R T OLIVIER: I would like to thank the Department for the work they are doing, thank you Committee ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Sit.

Mr R T OLIVIER: And I hope that the DA leadership will really see that we need a different MEC in this Department. This Department is doing well but I think where the problem is, is its political head. [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Olivier, you took the liberty of indulging that final sentence. I will hold you to that. I see the hon member Christians. [Interjections.]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Madam Speaker, I want to repeat what I said the other day: pupils are our biggest investment, according to David Harrison. And he further says that as South Africa seeks a new path to economic growth and development, we must face up to the reality that our public education system is too big to keep on failing. And he gave three reasons. He said teachers who cannot or will not teach, and I am going to skip the second one, the third one is school governing bodies and principals that cannot lead properly.

Now I cannot understand, that if you look at Metro East, you have one school that performs at 92.8% and then there is another school, a senior secondary school performing at 38%. [Interjection.] It must tell me that there are teachers who do not want to teach; there are principals and school governing bodies that cannot lead properly.

So I do not believe that the ratio is the only problem. There are more

problems when it comes to teachers. Yes, the teacher/learner ratio is one of the problems, but there are more problems and we need to sort that out and we want to hear from the MEC. That 75% that goes to the compensation of employees, are we getting value for money? [Interjection.]

Madam Speaker, I am on record and I am still on record to say that the ACDP also opposes the consumption or sale of alcohol at our schools.

An HON MEMBER: Yes. [Applause.]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: It is disastrous, it must be repealed. It must never be introduced because we know that we have enough problems at our schools. I thank you. [Applause.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Mooi, mooi, mooi.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Good, good, good.]

The SPEAKER: In the absence of the EFF, I now recognise the hon the Minister, Minister Schäfer.

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

The SPEAKER: Order please, members.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Talk about arrogance and disrespect, Madam Speaker.

Hon member Kivedo, thank you for your kind words and I would like to completely support your congratulations to my Department. They are an extremely hard working bunch of people and they really do put the learners first.

Hon member Olivier, I am going to take most of my time on you because I do not know how many more times I have to explain to you ... [Interjections.] these issues.

You start by saying the ANC is leading and opening the doors to education. It is the ANC National Government that put in place the Quintile system. It is the ANC National Government that is giving us an inadequate budget. It is the ANC National Government that has not changed the Provincial Equitable Share formula to give us money for the children that are in the province. [Interjections.] That is how well the ANC is opening the doors of learning.

The ANC has got plenty of money for VIP protection, SAA bail-outs, Eskom bail-outs, SABC bail-outs, Zuma bail-outs, but nothing for our children. Do not tell me that the ANC is opening the doors to education. [Applause.]

Secondly, as far as the pitfalls are concerned, actually ... [Interjection.] although the Special Needs conditional grant is being increased from last

year, it is actually being reduced from what it was supposed to be because the ANC has been wasting and stealing half the money.

Then the Equal Education Study; I am so tired of them trying every avenue to get publicity. Equal Education gave us, eventually, a consolidated document, after the most horrendous tactics that I have ever seen by any so-called NGO, who actually spends half their time supporting Palestine, which shows what their real agenda is actually. But the fact of the matter is ... [Interjection.] we gave a detailed – they are a political organisation, they are not an NGO.

Then they gave me this document eventually. We spent days and days and days on a response to them on every one of those issues. It was a completely unscientific document. There was no randomised sampling whatsoever. [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Where is your response?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: We gave them about an 80-page response, including some steps that they could take to assist us in dealing with the issues they proposed. They have not come back to us on one of those.

They then go on and on about safety and security on the way to and from school. You are quite aware, hon member Olivier, that it is not the Education Department's mandate, nor do we have the budget, to deal with security issues outside of schools. [Interjection.] They want publicity, they want to

make a big public hoo-ha. They do not actually have a genuine desire to come and engage on the issues, because I have offered to them to do so. Again the other day somebody spoke to me and they came and they asked for another appointment. I said if you have got a very ... [Interjection.] No, they are arrogant.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: No, you.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: No, they are arrogant. You must see when they come into my office ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: ... how they treat me, okay. I have always said and I maintain I will always speak to people who are genuinely interested in engaging on issues to find solutions, not who want to go and grandstand in public, on a stage at a meeting that they have organised. I again said the other day they are welcome to have a meeting with me; I have yet to have a request for a meeting in my office. I will reiterate that today. If they are genuinely interested in trying to solve the problems; we have had meetings with them before; we have told them what our Budget is; we have told them what our constraints are; we have told them what the issues are. They do not care. They want to generate publicity around it and that is what they do. They do not actually look at what the real issues are, that we face and how we can honestly change those issues.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Do not worry, this is your last time, do not worry.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: I will not worry. Overcrowding, hon member Olivier – I do not know if hon member Olivier actually listened to my speech because I dealt with most of those issues in my speech. [Interjections.]

I was the one who raised overcrowding; I have been raising it since I have been in office ... [Interjection.] and it is thanks to the ANC national negotiations on wages, without giving us the budget to cover the increase that they negotiated because they are too busy giving the money to the Guptas, Nkandla and various other things ... [Interjections.] than to actually give us the money to pay for what they negotiated. [Interjections.]

It is a major risk and I completely agree with you and I really am quite despondent at the ANC's lack of concern, of giving us the adequate Budget allocation. I have been raising it with the Department, even National Treasury, regarding the Equitable Share Formula. Nothing has changed. That is how much the ANC is opening the doors to education.

This Budget should have spoken to those issues: well, yes, I agree. Tell me how? Tell me, make a proposal, make a concrete proposal as to what we should cut to deal with the shortage of teachers – because I would really love to know.

As far as fulltime security guards are concerned, we are the Education Department, we do not have money for fulltime security guards at every school. [Interjection.]

As far as sanitation is concerned, the DBE's figures, as I have said, on the pit toilets were incorrect. We are busy looking at the sanitation issues and we have prioritised sanitation over the last few years and we have made significant progress, as I have said in my speech.

The Bill, I cannot even justify anymore; I have given my side of the story. The number of schools where they have already got functions where alcohol is served to adults is quite interesting in itself and I have had a number of submissions from schools that completely support it. The Bill will go to public participation with the Standing Committee and the Standing Committee can then process those public participation inputs. [Interjections.]

As far as school buildings are concerned, I agree with you. I have told you what the needs are that we have to provide for learners and additional learners. Give us the money and we will happily fix every school in the province.

The reason for Uitsig – so now it is our failure that the school had been repeatedly vandalised, year after year, classrooms picked up and carried away ... [Interjection.] And the community did nothing about it and now it is my fault because we did not maintain the school. We did not vandalise the

school. [Interjection.] And we cannot continue to pour money down a bottomless pit of vandalism.

I mean if you want to look, I am laughing because I cannot believe the terminology, “go on a rampage”. I am not sure if the hon member has seen the dispatch in the Eastern Cape where they are closing 1 900 schools. [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: That is a rampage.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Come back.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: That is a rampage.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Come back here.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: I think I am closing about three at the moment. So let us not misrepresent facts. It is actually National policy also.

SADTU, yes, there are some excellent SADTU members. Hon member Olivier is not even listening to my response. [Interjections.] I agree there are some

excellent SADTU teachers, hon member Olivier. There are some excellent SADTU teachers performing in extremely difficult circumstances. [Interjections.] So that is not the issue at all. I do not have an issue with individual members of SADTU, there are some very good ones.

Overberg, yes, I am also concerned that they are reduced in their national position but the fact of the matter is – the same applies to the matric position. If you want us to get rid of an additional 20% of our learners between Grade 10 and 12, then we would also be number 1, like the Free State, but we prefer to keep as many learners in the system as we can so that they have opportunities when they leave school, to get their matric.

So I would rather have a 65% retention rate of learners in school from Grade 10 to 12 than to get rid of those learners and claim to have number 1 position. The same applies to our districts and we will soon be having another awards ceremony for districts where the inclusive basket of criteria will be used and we anticipate that our districts will do a lot better in those results.

As far as hon member Christians is concerned, I completely agree with you about value for money. It is a huge amount of money we are spending. We are looking at that. Part of the solution to that will be the school evaluation authority. There are huge problems with the IQMS system, where people evaluate each other and do not want to give them bad marks because they are scared of their relationships. So we are trying to take that, make it a little bit

more independent and objective process, to have a look at what is really going on in the classroom, to try and ensure that we do assist our teachers where they need assistance and expose issues of lack of accountability where those exist. Also, we are busy with a process in our HR department as well to ensure that we can more quickly deal with people who simply do not wish to perform. Thank you. [Interjection.][Applause.]

The PREMIER: Well done!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Thank you, that concludes the debate on this Vote. We will now suspend business for a few minutes before we proceed to the next Vote. The House is suspended.

[Debate concluded.]

[Business of the House suspended at 15:34 and resumed at 15:39.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please be seated. The Secretary will read the Fourth Order.

The SECRETARY: Debate on Vote 4 – Community Safety – Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 3 - 2018].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see the Minister, Minister Dan Plato.
[Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Mr Deputy Speaker, hon Premier, Cabinet colleagues, members of the Standing Committee on Community Safety, members of the Provincial Parliament, Department of Community Safety CEO of the Western Cape Liquor Authority and Ministry staff, neighbourhood watches, CPF members, our partners in safety and distinguished guests.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the Department of Community Safety's Budget for the 2018/19 financial year totals R316,617 million – a nominal increase of R12,261 million from the previous year.

Included in this overall increase of 4% is the:

- Expanded Public Works Programme conditional grant allocation of R7,975 million;
- R1 million provided by Provincial Treasury for a crime reduction conference involving provincial, national and international experts later in the year; and
- R1,5 million for the further development of a provincial response to the National Anti-Gangsterism strategy.

Overall, the Department's Budget is allocated towards:

- Compensation of Employees, R150,990 million;
- Goods and Services, R90,989 million;

- Transfer payments, R67,699 million; and
- Capital Assets, R6,939 million.

Our expenditure highlights, per programme, are as follows:

Programme 1: Administration is allocated R92,966 million to ensure process excellence within the Department. The bulk of the spending in Programme 1 is for the compensation of employees and transfer payments to the Western Cape Liquor Authority, the latter receives a budget of R39,882 million.

Programme 2: Civilian Oversight promotes professional policing through effective oversight and receives a budget of R74,092 million. Other than the EPWP Conditional Grant, the Crime Reduction Conference, the National Anti-Gang Strategy implementation and R1,011 million for the After School Game-Changer that can be found in Programme 2, the Expanded Partnership Programme which benefits CPFs, also resides in this programme and is allocated R3,2 million. The sub-programme Monitoring and Evaluation receives R13,092 million for compliance monitoring and evaluation of policing, as well as the Court Watching Briefs.

Mr Deputy Speaker, Programme 3: Provincial Policing Functions promotes better relations between the police and communities through our “whole-of-society” approach and receives R45,310. Included in this programme is the R5,670 million for the Youth Safety and Religious Partnership Programme and a R3,938 million transfer to the City of Cape Town’s Community

Stabilisation Unit, which money shall be used to maintain and expand the safe zones in areas identified as crime hot-spots as a result of gangster activities.

The bulk of our equitable share of the EPWP falls within programme 3. It amounts to R10,720 million and will allow for the 1,000 youth work opportunities to be created with our safety partners. Here I wish to acknowledge the contribution of National Government who has increased the EPWP allocation to the Department of Community Safety by almost 40%, in recognition of the success of our Chrysalis and Youth Work Programme which guarantees that every young person who completes the Chrysalis Academy training, is given a work placement of at least 12 months.

†Die MINISTER VAN MAATSKAPLIKE ONTWIKKELING: Mooi.

[The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Good.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Programme 4: Security Risk Management receives R99,715 million which relates mainly to the deployment of security at Government buildings, providing safety to all who work and visit such Government facilities. This money is furthermore earmarked for the implementation of Section 6 of the Western Cape Community Safety Act, namely the formal accreditation, training and resourcing of neighbourhood watches in the province.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the Department's own Revenue Budget for the coming

financial year is R32,099 million. The projected increase of R1,759 million for the 2018/19 financial year originates from increased liquor licenses to be paid over by the Western Cape Liquor Authority. Let me then also take this opportunity to congratulate the Western Cape Liquor Authority, in partnership with my Department, for the significant progress made this year in the collection of revenue. They have succeeded in increasing the revenue by a total of R8,5 million in one year, which includes an increase of about 149% in fines collected.

We shall continue to strengthen the enforcement capability of the Western Cape Liquor Authority to clamp down on those legal outlets that are deliberately and knowingly selling and supplying the illegal outlets. The Alcohol Harms Reduction Game-Changer is now fully sustained by the additional monies collected in fines and revenue by the Liquor Authority.

The Department of Community Safety has secured its eighth consecutive clean audit outcome from the Auditor-General. They have also for the third consecutive year received the best in Province and Country Management Performance Assessment scores as adjudicated by the Monitoring and Evaluation Department within the Presidency for the 2017/18 financial year.

Our commitment to good governance and effectiveness was also recognised in our National Batho Pele Awards nomination as Best Performing Provincial Department, spearheaded by our dedicated Head of Department, who took the bronze award for the Best Provincial Head of Department.

The PREMIER: Nice.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Mr Deputy Speaker, in 2012 I said in this House that senior police officers are involved with crime and gangsters.

The PREMIER: Yes, you did say that.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: I said that it is one of the main reasons why policing is not succeeding and why we cannot get an upper hand on the gangsters and drug lords. I was bitterly criticised, even in this House. But during February this year, our former Provincial Police Commissioner pled guilty in court for corruption and with him another general and a brigadier. Top senior officials in the police in this province. There are more corrupt officers that must leave the service. They give the good cops a bad name.

One of our biggest problems in most of our communities is the lack of police visibility, as well as a lack of police and military intelligence to deal with the gun shooters and killers in our communities. These situations provide the breeding ground for lawlessness to prevail if we do not deal with the criminals decisively in a united front. Careless political statements and calls to illegal action cannot be tolerated.

Intelligence must deal with the suppliers of the guns and the drugs. I cannot

understand why our security forces cannot deal with the shooters and killers, gang bosses and drug lords decisively.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: How many more youngsters and people must die by the hand of a gangster gun? And we cannot stop them. The question is why not?

It was a major mistake, Mr Deputy Speaker, to let go of thousands of well-trained police reservists. It left a massive void. The current police force cannot cope without the reservists as a force multiplier. Bring them back.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the Department has offered to pay a stipend to those fully trained and equipped police reservists who are underutilised, mostly sitting at home. We must succeed to mobilise these trained men and women to work for safety, especially within priority projects such as the safety of trains and bus commuters, safety at schools and for the prevention of gangster activities. I know that our offer is under consideration at National SAPS level, and wish to make an urgent appeal to the newly appointed National Minister to ensure a speedy and positive response to this unique partnership between the Western Cape Government and SAPS.

In the same way we ask for the reinstatement of the Specialised Gang and Drug Unit. We disband what works in the fight against gangsters and drug

lords. We disband what works well and then still believe we can win the fight against these evil forces, and in so doing give them free reign.

We must relook the bail system and opposing of bail for serious crimes. Many community groupings who visit me at my offices regularly, question the fact that alleged criminals with more than one serious case against their name, such as murder or attempted murder, walk out of court, after have been given bail more than once, and just walk back into the community and just continue with the same trend as before. Where is the justice in that?

An HON MEMBER: Exactly.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Mr Deputy Speaker, I applaud religious leaders who take the bull by the horns to address gangsterism in their communities, and we will continue to support them.

Interpersonal violence in the Western Cape, however, remains one of the biggest threats to a safer province, fuelled by alcohol abuse and social challenges, which play a major role in respect of this. I confirm Minister Fritz's remarks in his address this morning.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I fully support the work done by the dedicated and hard-working men and women in blue, our police force, who relentlessly serve our communities under the expert and committed guidance of our Provincial Police Commissioner, Lieutenant-General Jula. I thank the General and each

and every police officer in the province for their service.

I remain concerned about the low conviction rates for gang and drug related crimes in the province, especially when confronted with the statistical evidence showing how rife these crimes are in our province:

- For 40 instances of taxi violence, the system has only been able to secure one conviction.
- The Western Cape still accounts for more than 36% of all drug-related crime in the country at 107,379 counts in the 2016 / 17 financial year.
- An average of 294 drug-related crime counts per day and an average of eight counts of illegal firearms and ammunition per day.
- An average of nine counts murder; 19 counts of sexual offences; nine counts of attempted murder, 66 counts of assault with the intent to inflict grievous bodily harm and 109 counts of common assault are reported every day in this province.

We know, through the crime statistics, that 10 police precincts in the province account for 47,4% of the total number of reported murders, and that seven of these precincts are also on the list of 10 police stations across the country where the highest number of murders have been recorded.

I have recently accepted, Mr Deputy Speaker, the nomination to establish the Western Cape Safety Advisory Committee as per Section 25 of the Community Safety Act. Their aim is to strategically guide and enable the

Province and the Department and other role-players to perform their functions optimally. The Safety Advisory Committee consists of the following persons:

- Judge James Yekiso, as a member of the judiciary, is appointed Chairperson.

†Die MINISTER VAN MAATSKAPLIKE ONTWIKKELING: Mooi!

[The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Good!]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY:

- Mr Crispin Sonn, representative of the business community;
- Professor Clifford Shearing as a senior member of an academic institution with experience in the field of criminology;
- Ms Clare Ballard as a representative from the non-governmental organisations involved in policing or related areas; and
- Mr Gideon Morris, our Head of Department, as an ex officio member of the Committee.

I welcome the Committee and I want to thank them for their willingness to serve the people of this province. I remain confident that this Committee will increase the intellectual muscle of the province to effectively build safer communities.

The work of the Western Cape Police Ombudsman, as set out in the Community Safety Act, is going from strength to strength. Since inception the Ombudsman has received 1,445 complaints, of which 883 investigations have been finalised.

The Policing Needs and Priorities, our PNP, report for 2017/18, as directed by the Act, will be released in the month of April. Last year we focused our attention for the PNP determination to five areas, namely Manenberg, Gunya, Saldanha, Khayelitsha and Paarl East, to better align to the Provincial Joint Planning Initiative with participating municipalities entering into Memorandums of Understanding with the Department to formalise cooperation and implementation of the safety plans.

Our support to and relationship with Community Policing Forums continue to improve. The R3,2 million allocated to CPFs through the EPP programme for 2018/19 is our biggest investment and support to CPFs to date.

To date 133 of the 150 CPFs, which translate to 88%, have agreed to participate in the EPP Programme as a structured approach to measure and build functional community based structures under the legal mandate governing CPFs. I am especially encouraged by the confirmation that South African Police Services has now given their full support to the EPP tool which was developed to enhance both CPF functionality and the partnership between the communities, the CPFs and the police. I also wish to thank the Provincial CPF Board for proclaimed support to the EPP programme in the

2018/19 financial year.

Mr Deputy Speaker, almost two-thirds of the Matching Grants funded projects, the 63%, during 2017/18 were launched in non-metro communities, confirming our support to rural areas across the province, including Oudtshoorn, Ladismith, Struisbaai, Tulbagh, Porterville, Saldanha and others.

For the 2017/18 financial year, the Department is making available a minimum amount of R400,000 for similar matching grants projects and I urge our CPFs to make use of this opportunity.

Our CPFs, CPF Boards and neighbourhood watches will also benefit from 16 consultative workshops during the 2018/19 financial year to be held in each cluster across the province.

To date 200 neighbourhood watches across the province have been formally accredited, with the bulk of 161 receiving accreditation in 2017/18. We were able to train 71 neighbourhood watch structures in 2017/18. For the new financial year we are aiming at accrediting at least another 100 neighbourhood watch formations. We are setting aside R1,225 million for training, as well as R1,3 million to adequately equip our neighbourhood watches with a starter kit upon accreditation.

The accreditation of neighbourhood watch structures as per Section 6 of the Western Cape Community Safety Act, paves the way for increased and direct

funding of such structures.

Mr Deputy Speaker, this past Monday evening we honoured the selfless service of our neighbourhood watch volunteers in the City of Cape Town with the first Bilateral Neighbourhood Watch Awards ceremony with the City and congratulate all the winners. [Applause.] Going forward, the Department plans on replicating the awards for neighbourhood watches within district municipalities across the Province.

Part of our oversight work includes the work done by the Court Watching Briefs Unit who is now operating at 42 district courts throughout the province, and has won the 2017 Impumelelo Star Awards. The unit has grown in its scope and output and has monitored in excess of 3,768 cases since inception in 2014/15 financial year. This relates to a more than 2,000% increase in work load from the 134 cases monitored which was struck off the roll in 2014/15, to 2,768 cases monitored which was struck off the court roll during the 2016/17 financial year. I thank Advocate Gerber and Advocate Khan and her team for this essential oversight. The Department is now also formally engaging the National Prosecuting Authority via its Criminal Proceedings Co-ordinating Committee monthly meeting, reporting back on the systemic failure identified at the various courts by the Watching Briefs Unit.

To further inform our future actions based on empirical evidence other than the PNP, the Department will be hosting a Crime Conference in the third

quarter of 2018/ 9 to tackle some of the key safety concerns throughout the province, such as gang violence, farm violence, poaching, drug offences, as well as compile a provincial crime and safety analysis report and one report on municipal safety.

In the same sense, the Department has ongoing responses, interventions and participation on various safety related issues. The good intergovernmental work done by my Department and the Department of Economic Development and Tourism, has seen great strides made to help address ATM fraud in the inner City. Similarly my Department is aware of the continued threats people experience while making use of the greater Table Mountain area. Adequate responses to these types of threats require all agencies, role-players and interest holders to work better together. Similar interventions are underway with the Education Department and Health Department.

Mr Deputy Speaker, we remain committed to see all the Khayelitsha Commission of Inquiry processes through with the respective community. All the recommendations made by the Khayelitsha Commission of Inquiry are being implemented. For the year ahead the particular focus of the Priorities Committee, in close cooperation with the South African Police, will be on coordinating the strategies and services of provincial departments with the City of Cape Town as well as with ward councillors. The Department has allocated R482,000 to assist with the implementation of community projects in this regard. There is already a significant decrease in vigilante killings of more than 40% in Khayelitsha and surrounds ... [Interjection.]

†n AGB LID: Mooi!

[An HON MEMBER: Good!]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... which we regard as one of the recommendations' major successes. The Alcohol Harms Reduction programme is doing excellent work in Town 2 and is ongoing. The Walking Buses help to deal with school safety around and in schools, with significant success. The capacitation of neighbourhood watches is ongoing, also with very good results.

The Department is chairing the ProvJoints Anti-Gangsterism Committee aimed at coordinating and implementing the Provincial Response to the National Anti-Gangsterism Strategy adopted by National Cabinet. We have also, as is required by the National Strategy, established a provincial Inter-ministerial Committee, and Minister Schäfer in her address referred to this Committee.

The Committee comprises the MECs for Community Safety, Education, Social Development and Arts Sports and Culture, as well as the senior representation of the National Prosecuting Authority, SAPS, Departments of Justice and Correctional Services and the heads of various provincial departments. This Inter-ministerial Committee has the mandate to coordinate the implementation of the four pillars of the national anti-gang strategy, namely human development with a focus on school safety and social cohesion, social partnerships, with a focus on functional CPF structures and

sustainable partnerships, spatial design focusing on building safer spaces for communities and combating gangsterism through effective law enforcement.

The Department was able to secure the help of Professor Don Pinnock to lead a series of engagements with criminal justice officials and external role-players to articulate and develop our action plan with R1,5 million budgeted for implementation.

Mr Deputy Speaker, during the 2017/18 financial year, the Department of Community Safety already shows an over-collection of R5,46 million by the Western Cape Liquor Authority against the projected revenue of R29,853 million. This was as a result of not only an increase in license fees, but also efficiencies achieved by the Western Cape Liquor Authority. From a governance perspective the entity obtained its first clean audit for the 2016/17 financial year.

I thank the work done by the Western Cape Liquor Authority in this regard and welcome the new Liquor Board, chaired by Advocate Sidaki, as a valuable partner in our aim of not only effectively regulating the retail sale and micro manufacturing of liquor in the province, but also for their role in addressing the scourge of alcohol in the province.

Mr Deputy Speaker, Alcohol Harms Reduction Game-Changer implementation and activities are ongoing and we, together with our partners in the SAPS, National Prosecuting Authority and other law enforcement agencies, continue

to improve the effectiveness to enforce laws related to liquor trading. The enforcement of Section 76 of the National Liquor Act will this year focus on quality monitoring of premises to obtain the necessary evidence to clamp down on legal sellers providing to illegal and unregulated outlets, and I hope we take note: legal sellers providing to illegal and unregulated outlets.

We have to ensure that where problems arise in communities, which have a direct safety implication or threat to communities, that we explore the options available to the Western Cape Government through legislation, regulations or improved working relationships to compliment the intention of National Legislation for effective and efficient intergovernmental cooperation. This is particularly true for the impact illegal poaching and cable theft, illegal trade in second hand goods, is having on the safety of communities in the province. I have instructed my Department to explore all avenues to derive at a workable response.

The Youth Safety and Religious Partnership programme (YSRP) is currently in its sixth year of implementation and has reached more than 108,000 youth during school holidays since its inception. An independent review of the programme in 2017/18 has revealed valuable insights which we need to consider going forward. Most notably what was seen as a criticism was that the programme attracts far more children under the age of 14 than it does for the target market of youths aged 14 to 25.

This, Mr Deputy Speaker, is a great opportunity for my Department and other

departments to make further inroads into an age grouping which are all the more confronted with the scourge of gangsterism and drugs even at that young age. Community members complain about children as young as 9 running around with guns or being used by gangsters and drug lords in their criminal activities.

The Department will continue with the YSRP implementation this year and have increased the budget available with more than R1 million to total R5,670 million for the 2018/19 financial year. Though the Department will be prioritising high risk areas in the coming year, the programme remains open for applications across the province. In 2017/18 we had an almost 20% uptake in rural areas who received 22,5% of the available funding. We will continue to measure the success of this programme.

Our support and partnership with the Chrysalis Academy and FET Colleges continues, Mr Deputy Speaker. We engage with gangster youths and talk to gangster youths, but listen to this: in total we have reached 6,000 plus youth through our FET College outreach activities in the 2017/18 financial year. I think that is absolutely remarkable. [Applause.] More than 1,000 have been afforded the opportunity to study towards a better life through a tertiary education bursary.

†'n AGB LID: Mooi.

[An HON MEMBER: Good.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: We have managed to increase our funding for Chrysalis with R2 million in 2018/19 to total R13,327 million, which will see the training of 640 Chrysalis Academy youth graduates and work placements for all graduates at safety partners for a full 12 month period after graduation.

The Department will also partner with the Chrysalis Academy this year for Youth Month. The Department's Youth Month activities will be launched on 9 June 2018 at Athlone Stadium, with youth in excess of 2,500 plus expected to attend and followed-up with a number of activities and events for the duration of June 2018.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Amandla!

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Mr Deputy Speaker, since the start of the Walking Bus project in 2016, the Department has been able to launch Walking Buses in 75 areas. [Applause.].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: With 222 ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, Minister Plato, just one second. Can I just appeal to the galleries not to partake in the debate. You are welcome here, but you are not part of the proceedings in the House. Please do not clap or

cheer. [Interjections.] You may proceed, Minister Plato.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Since the start of the Walking Bus project in 2016, the Department has been able to launch Walking Buses in 75 areas with 222 schools participating and in excess of more than 2,000 Walking Bus volunteers.

Further to the weekly monitoring and daily flagging of problems, I am happy to announce that the Walking Bus project is also receiving support and monitoring via the City of Cape Town's Camera Control Room in conjunction with Metro Police and the South African Police to allow for quicker response times and coordinated law enforcement support. It is a very beautiful partnership between us, the City and SAPS. We have embarked on providing the necessary road safety training to our Walking Bus structures and the results of the project and appreciation for the Walking Buses are streaming in from communities, headmasters of schools and other entities within the communities.

In the year to come we will be launching an additional 25 new Walking Buses in communities across the province including Harare, Makhaza, Marikana, Wallacedene, Zwelethemba, De Doorns, Vredendal, Lutzville, Vredenburg, St. Helena Bay, Klapmuts, Vissershok and Heideveld, and others.

It is our vision to capacitate community volunteers in the Walking Bus as a viable and sustainable activity under the neighbourhood watch model to

formalise our support and assistance to our trusted safety volunteers. The Walking Bus cannot be compared to the Bambananis, and I want to make this point very clear.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Times have changed and situations in communities have changed.

An HON MEMBER: That is it.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: During the time of the Bambananis it was largely fights with knives.

Mr M MNQASELA: Yes.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Nowadays it is fights with guns. Though neither is able to stop a bullet ... [Interjections.] One or two Bambananis at a school gate is not enough to stop the influences, but we are seeing how scores of parents, listen to this, how scores of parents are walking their kids to school, and that is what we want, instead of having one or two Bambananis ... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: [Inaudible.] social ills.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... at the gate, we have tens and tens more parents available and active in and around our schools. [Applause.] And that is what we are talking about, effective services to schools. To stop the influences, but we are seeing how the scores of parents walking the kids to school are having a positive impact on safety and the silent law abiding majority taking back the streets.

An HON MEMBER: Where is your [Inaudible.].

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: It is time for the silent majority in our communities to become involved in the fight against criminalities ... [Interjection.]

Ms M M WENGER: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... in the communities.

Mr Deputy Speaker, other outreach activities aimed at the youth to be launched in 2018/19 will see the introduction of a peer mentorship programme in communities, as well as the roll-out of our annual Women's Month and 16 Days of Activism campaigns, and once again I want to confirm the comments made this morning by my colleague, Albert Fritz, in his address around some of these youth and women's issues.

School safety remains a priority for the Department and we continue to

engage with our safety partners in Government, law enforcement and communities on the threats to safety of too many of our youth of school going age experience. We will conclude the transfer payment to the City of Cape Town of R6,5 million for the establishment of 10 safe zones in and around 14 priority schools in areas, including Manenberg, Lingelethu-West, Belhar, Delft, Ravensmead, Hanover Park, Bonteheuwel and others. It will see the deployment of four School Resource Officers and Neighbourhood Safety Officers at high risk schools.

The establishment of such safe zones is done in close consultation with all law enforcement agencies, including SAPS, via the structures of the ProvJoints under the co-chairmanship of SAPS and the South African Defence Force. The safe zones, once fully established and integrated within the command and control structures of law enforcement, shall provide a critical and safe access point to essential government services such as emergency medical services, social development, as well as education.

Mr Deputy Speaker, none of our interventions or partnerships can ever replace the crucial role to be played by a functioning, well-resourced and equipped police service in our communities.

This Budget will allow us to continue forging the partnerships between police and communities where a breakdown in trust exists. It will provide us the opportunity to build on existing partnerships to improve safety in communities across the province.

Mr Deputy Speaker, finally on that note, I want to thank my Department, all the staff in my office, the staff of the Reaching Out team who work in support of our shared goal of safer communities, and also the partnership role with our neighbourhood watches, CPFs and Walking Buses as well. Also I want to thank the Standing Committee under the Chairmanship of hon member Mireille Wenger for her continued support as well. God bless you all. Thank you. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see the hon member Wenger.

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear.

†n AGB LID: Hoor-hoor!

[An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!]

Ms M M WENGER: Mr Deputy Speaker, St Thomas Aquinas said that:

“The object of hope is a future good.”

Difficult, but possible to obtain. That future good that we all hope for is safety. Safety to live, work, relax and move about. But safety is complex and requires myriad partners. This includes the police, which is the constitutionally mandated entity to protect the inhabitants of this province and country and their property, and to uphold and enforce the law. Another of these partners is the Provincial Government through its oversight role. The

Department of Community Safety is the principal department legally mandated to conduct police oversight and to promote community police partnerships and community police relations.

The Department of Community Safety has been allocated R316,6 million for the upcoming financial year. This is a R14,6 million increase from the previous financial year. This increase will play an integral part in the Department's pursuit of creating safer and resilient communities within our province, and in fulfilment of the Western Cape Government's Strategic Goal number 3, namely increasing wellness, safety and tackling social ills.

It is welcoming to see that the Department received a substantial increase in the National conditional grant for the expanded Public Works for the EPWP programme.

†Mnr L H MAX: Mooi, mooi.

[Mr L H MAX: Good, good.]

Ms M M WENGER: It is one of the only departments, through its good track record on this programme, which received such a significant increase in this grant. Through the EPWP programme, 939 work opportunities were created between April and December last year, and these opportunities come from right across the Western Cape with half of them being given to women.

The grant mainly relates to the work of the programme located in the

Chrysalis Academy where graduates can pursue a nine month long work programme following the completion of their residential programme. The Chrysalis Academy is proposed to receive R13 million for the upcoming financial year. The allocation is welcome as this programme will offer young people, especially youth from vulnerable communities, the opportunity to participate in a programme which focuses on the individual's physical, psychological and spiritual development, resulting in realistic, sustainable and life changing results.

This year the Chrysalis Academy will open additional space and will develop 640 youth. The Chrysalis Academy exists to create a safe and dependable environment along with a sense of purpose for youth, so that individuals can transform their lives and bring about positive change in their communities.

While this project is one of many aimed at treating the root causes of gangsterism, the Department is also partnering with law enforcement agencies to provide a security response to gangsterism. In the upcoming Budget, R2,5 million has been allocated towards the National Anti-Gang Strategy which focusses on disabling, dislodging and weakening the capacity of gangs in our province.

A further R6,5 million is dedicated to the 10 zones, which includes the protection of vulnerable schools within the Cape Town Metropolitan area, and many of these areas are gang affected.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the Liquor Authority also is set to receive an increase in their budget, as we have just heard, which will mainly be used to increase staff in the liquor enforcement area, which will help enforce the Liquor Act. The Alcohol Harms Reduction Game-Changer Policy ultimately plays an integral part in the Western Cape Government's effort to fight alcohol abuse and the associated negative consequences.

In addition, funding is again being set aside for the implementation of the O'Regan Commission of Inquiry for their recommendations. For example, eight additional CCTV cameras for Khayelitsha are to be funded. The efforts by all role-players to date is bearing fruit. The Standing Committee was informed that there has been an almost 50% reduction in vigilante killings in Khayelitsha since the establishment of the Commission in 2012, the ostensible reason for the establishment of the Commission. [Interjections.]

Ms M M WENGER: Mr Deputy Speaker, it would be remiss of me not to mention yet again the chronic under resourcing of SAPS in our province. This will be the fourth Budget debate ... [Interjection.] that I bring this to the House's attention in fulfilment of my own oversight function. In the current financial year we only have 16,467 SAPS officials servicing our province. We should have, according to the fixed establishment, which is already underestimated, 17,405. This means we have almost 1,000 less officers serving our communities than what the SAPS has budgeted for.

We will never be up to full strength if the National Government does not

provide what it said it would. Last year only 251 people were recruited to the Western Cape SAPS, and then if you take into consideration the number of officers that retired or resigned, this is clearly not enough. Our men and women in blue must be provided with adequate manpower in order to perform their work efficiently and effectively, and to fulfil their constitutional mandate.

But what is of grave concern is that the National Government seems to have its priorities skewed at the direct expense of those it is supposed to serve. As representatives of the people of this province, we must reject cuts in the police service. We simply cannot have less officers serving a growing population. The latest police budget for 2018 will see the number of police serving South Africa reduced from a 194,000 to 191,000. The 3,000 posts that will be cut come mainly from visible policing and from detectives.

But if we look at VIP security, nationally, only 30 posts are going to be cut.

†'n AGBARE LID: Sjoe!

[An HON MEMBER: Phew!]

†Die PREMIER: Ag nee man.

[The PREMIER: Ag no man.]

Ms M M WENGER: VIP security spend has seen the largest Budget growth of 9,4% since 2014 [Interjections.] compared with any other programme.

Comparatively, visible and detectives only increased by 3 or 4%, but VIP security deserved further scrutiny. In the context of a lack of safety, how can the National Government justify spending R3 billion on VIP protection in the next Budget year?

The Institute for Race Relations' recent report, titled "South Africa's Secret Police" revealed that as a nation, under President Zuma, we spent R18 billion on VIP security. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order.

Ms M M WENGER: And this comes at a real cost to the people of this province. We have heard again and again in this House our MEC's concerns about Budget cuts for frontline service delivery in Health and Education and Social Development. What could these departments have done with R18 billion? [Interjections.]

The IRR report suggests that 88 VIP protectors, 88, are assigned exclusively to the President.

An HON MEMBER: Jis. [Interjections.]

Ms M M WENGER: A further average ratio is four VIP protection personnel to each VIP. Meanwhile communities in Cape Town have quite the opposite. We have an average of only one police officer for every 439 inhabitants.

Certain communities such as:

- Harare have one officer for 826 inhabitants,
- Nyanga one officer for 754 of us,
- Delft one for only 706,
- Kraaifontein one to every 702 members of the public,
- Grassy Park one for every 643 members of the public,
- Table View one for every 603,

And so the list continues. 75% of police stations in this city are understaffed ... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Every year you say [Inaudible.].

Ms M M WENGER: ... and the ANC National Government's response? Protect itself and take police away from citizens. [Interjections.] In this context of insufficient ... [Interjection.]

Mr R D MACKENZIE: It is a fact.

Ms M M WENGER: ... resources [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Ms M M WENGER: ... as public representatives, we should be assisting the

police by promoting peace and harmony and not unrest which further strains police resources. [Interjection.]

Ms M M WENGER: Mr Deputy Speaker, the Department of Community Safety continues to support community safety structures, key of which are the community police fora and the neighbourhood watches. Part of the EPWP is ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Ms M M WENGER: ... intended for this purpose. In addition the Department's expanded partnership programme, the EPP, is now funding CPFs in the Western Cape to the tune of R1,5 million. A 124 of the 150 CPFs, that is 83%, are functional and have been recipients of this money through the coproduction of oversight reports at local police stations.

In another positive development, as mentioned by the MEC, the South African Police Service has fully endorsed the EPP programme, which allows it to continue to grow from strength to strength.

The accreditation of neighbourhood watches has improved from a slow start to an accelerated rate, meaning that more and more communities can access training and resources for their safety improvement efforts. This week brave and committed volunteers were honoured at the Neighbourhood Watch Awards ceremony. Our community partners should be acknowledged and

recognised for their invaluable contributions. It is just a pity that the invitation to the Standing Committee to attend this event seems to have been lost in the post.

†‘n AGB LID: Sjoe! [Tussenwerspels.]

[An HON MEMBER: Phew!. [Interjections.]]

Ms M M WENGER: Other oversight bodies also received Budget allocations to continue their work, namely the Provincial Police Ombudsman and the Court Watching Briefs programme. It was made clear in our engagement with the Department that critical safety partnerships which promote the whole of society are a priority for this Department ... [Interjection.]

†‘n AGB LID: Mooi.

[An HON MEMBER: Good.]

Ms M M WENGER: ... and are funded as such. These include the Youth and Religious Leaders Programme and the Walking Bus project, which has been extended to over 70 communities in this province. This really is Better Together in action, a valuable partnership between communities and Government. We are so grateful to have such caring and committed parents who make up the Walking Buses. We welcome the additional numbers for the Walking Bus project for the new financial year.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the Community Safety Act and its regulations are now

mostly implemented with the appointment of the Safety Advisory Committee. There are, however, some areas where there has not been full implementation and as a Standing Committee we are monitoring this and ask the Department to brief us regularly on developments to ensure the full implementation of this legislation.

With all this considered, it is clear that this Budget has been drafted with the Department's strategic objectives in mind, to fund its most important projects in pursuit of its stated aims and policy objectives. This Budget is a responsible budget. The Democratic Alliance therefore supports Vote 4: Community Safety. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Is the hon member Lekker in the House? [Interjections.] Oh, there she is, sorry. Hon member Lekker, you are the next speaker.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Gooi kole, gooi kole! [Applous.] Warm kole [Onhoorbaar.]

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Throw coals, throw coals! [Applause.] Hot coals [Inaudible.]]

†Mnr R D MACKENZIE: Nat kole.

[Mr R D MACKENZIE: Wet coals.]

†n AGB LID: Nat kole.

[An HON MEMBER: Wet coals.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Luister nou.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Listen now.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Luister.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Listen.]

†UNksz P Z LEKKER: Ndiyabulela Sekela Somlomo. Ndifun' ukuthatha eli thuba ngelithi ...]

[Ms P Z LEKKER: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to say ...] †the front line services of the Western Cape Provincial Government should include the Department of Community Safety.

The issue of safety cannot be relegated into a mere "by-the-way" matter. To prove that, this Provincial Government is not taking safety of our communities seriously, you have to look no further than that meagre allocation in this Budget, but the reasons for that are well-known.

This Provincial Government does not want to put more resources into this Department so that they will not have the responsibility to ensure that crime prevention is taking place and we maintain safety in our communities.

A department as important as this one has been reduced to a department of funding religious groups, taking youth to Chrysalis, as well as being cry-babies, as we see MEC Plato doing all the time. Every time he speaks, every time you ask him to account, the standard response is always that it is not his duty, but that that of SAPS.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Ja, ja.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: That is not true.

Ms P Z LEKKER: This kind of attitude ... [Interjection.]

Mr R D MACKENZIE: It is true.

Ms P Z LEKKER: ... continues to ... [Interjections.] show the Budget of this Department is structured. As an example, this Budget is transferring money ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Ms P Z LEKKER: ... to the Department of Education for school safety [Interjections.]. The only reason for this ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Ms P Z LEKKER: ... is because the Department does not want to take any responsibility. MEC Schäfer and MEC Plato must tell us what they are doing to improve safety of learners inside school premises. Last year we witnessed a death of a learner in Scottsdene ... [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Did you not listen to my [Inaudible.].

Ms P Z LEKKER: ... who was not shot at, but he was stabbed. This was not the first incident at Scottsdene, and this actually makes me think that we must change the name to Stabsdene rather.

†UMnu R D MACKENZIE: Hayi man!

[Mr R D MACKENZIE: No man!]

Ms P Z LEKKER: Mr Deputy Speaker, the Provincial Government has a reason why it is underfunding this Department. It is not because it is led by one Minister who is clueless about his portfolio, but it is because they do not want to take responsibility for safety. They are happy with blaming SAPS and National Government for everything. If this Department played its role optimally, rampant crime in our communities would be eliminated.

While the National Government is trying so hard to fight crime in our communities, it is met with opposition and daily criticism ... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is it.

Ms P Z LEKKER: ... from this Department.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is what they are.

Ms P Z LEKKER: One of the mandates of this Department is to promote good relations between the police and the communities.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is it.

Ms P Z LEKKER: Yet we have an MEC who has made it is his primary task to go to communities and blame National Government and SAPS all the time.

Mr K E MAGAXA: And then collect a cheque.

Ms P Z LEKKER: Yet, this MEC, working with the Premier of the province, has actually failed the people of Khayelitsha. [Interjections.] The findings of the Khayelitsha Commission were released on 23 August 2014.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Yoh!

Ms P Z LEKKER: Part of the instructions of that actual mandate was Regulation 12. [Interjection.] Mr Deputy Speaker, Regulation 12 had actually entrusted the Department to establish a multi-sectoral task team on youth gangs, which must be established by DOCS. It clearly directed the Western Cape Government that it must convene this task team, that part of the

expectations and the strategic plan was to ensure there is safety in schools, including the prohibition of weapons and sharp implements at schools, to seek and protect children travelling to and from school in Khayelitsha from being targeted by a gang or gang members.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Yôh.

Ms P Z LEKKER: The provision also made an indication that after-school care and extra mural activities for learners must be taken care of. They must ensure that schools monitor absenteeism, identify learners who are at risk, who are staying away from school because of fear of gangs and develop extension diversionary programmes for youth at risk through Chrysalis.

But, Mr Deputy Speaker, I want to say today I want to ask the Department whether that strategic plan is in place now, because the report indicated it is not yet in place and the Department is always saying ... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: He is not even listening.

Ms P Z LEKKER: ... a memorandum of understanding ... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: He is busy discussing.

Ms P Z LEKKER: ... has not been signed. However, after the Department formed its own Constitution, its own law, it then decided there was no need

for that.

It is 2018 and that strategy is not yet in place. I want to again ask the Department if youth gangs are being attended to and schools are participating, are they able to produce a register of principals, or at least representatives of school governing bodies, who attended the sectoral meeting that they claim to be hosting on a monthly basis?

Now we really take this to heart, Mr Deputy Speaker, because we feel that monies were wasted. The Department and SAPS took each other to court and whatever, but the recommendations were not implemented properly. [Interjection.] Who has been failed? It is no one else but the people of Khayelitsha, the youth of Khayelitsha. [Interjection.] Monies have been wasted. The only good thing that we have seen was a payback to those who officiated the Commission of Inquiry. They were appointed in various entities within the Department.

An HON MEMBER: We saw that.

Ms P Z LEKKER: That is what the Department is good at. [Interjections.]

Ms P Z LEKKER: And we must say today, Mr Deputy Speaker, that we take this thing very seriously. Moreover, when you are looking at serious issues of murder, when you are looking at issues of serious crime, last year alone, Nyanga in the Western Cape remains South Africa's murder capital, with 281

murders being recorded in the year ending in March. If you are looking at that, you would indeed realise that Cape Town tops the list of the highest murder rate in the country's most dangerous city.

Mr K E MAGAXA: With all the resources.

Ms P Z LEKKER: And if you look at that, Mr Deputy Speaker, and you consider the statement that was made by the Premier of this province in this House, it makes me worried. It makes me cry, because I live in Nyanga, I live in a black township, and the Premier had the audacity to say in this House: "White people do not kill each other." [Interjections.] Is that not reckless?

An HON MEMBER: That is what she said, ja.

Ms P Z LEKKER: That shows little regard ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order! [Interjections.] Order! [Interjections.] order! [Interjections.] Hon Premier? [Interjections.] Order! Hon member Magaxa, allow the Premier, she has got the floor.

The PREMIER: The record will show that that is not correct and the hon member is deliberately misleading this House. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Hon Premier ...

Mr K E MAGAXA: Concede.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You have now used the words “deliberately misleading”, which is not parliamentary, so unfortunately I have to ask you to withdraw that part.

The PREMIER: I will withdraw that and ask for an investigation to what I did actually say ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you.

The PREMIER: ... and whether the hon member is misleading the House.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon member Lekker, you may continue.

Ms P Z LEKKER: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker, I would really appreciate you going back to Hansard and listening to it, and you will find out that the Premier indeed uttered such statement, and we were all shocked. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: She is always saying reckless things.

Ms P Z LEKKER: Mr Deputy Speaker, it is a known fact, that through and through, socio-economic factors are often regarded as the causal effect to criminality within a society. It is evident in the township, everywhere you go

in the Cape Flats, you would see that the issues have not been taken seriously. You would really see that the DA-led Government undermines the real issues of ensuring that you uplift communities, of ensuring that you begin to improve and support urban development, to change the living conditions of the poor, to change the living picture that you see in Bokmakierie, that you see in Manenberg, that you see in Bishop Lavis, that you see in Tsepetsepe, that you see in eNyhunyhwini in Site C.

You definitely need to make sure that you do more than applying the necessary technical skills and put relevant interventions in place to change the face of those areas ...[Interjection.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: I would have resigned.

Ms P Z LEKKER: ... and to ensure that people feel and are safe. IDP by the City of Cape Town is something that is just a tick in the box. If that was done you would not have had communities that have houses everywhere you go, there are no recreational facilities. There are no chances of creating employment opportunities. Unfortunately this is where you find our people. This is where you find them committing crime, because they do not have anything else to do.

With the limited resources that the SAPS has, one would have expected that your learner resource officers that you have, deployed by the City of Cape Town to walk around in the town centre, you deploy those people where they

are mostly needed in the townships for visibility.

They walk around in the town centre, they walk past hawkers who are selling counterfeit CDs, music and videos, they do nothing. We need those officers from the City of Cape Town as part of law enforcement, enforcing the law in the township, not only in the town centre or in the Bellville CBD. In fact, in Bellville they do not walk around the CBD, they only walk in the bus terminals and drugs are exchanged in their presence. We have evidence of that.

Now for you to stop wasting the taxpayer's money, MEC, speak to your colleagues in the City of Cape Town and deploy them where they are needed the most. Marikana informal settlement still has no lights and part of your responsibility is to ensure that there is proper infrastructure for the SAPS to enforce the law.

An HON MEMBER: Good, good.

Ms P Z LEKKER: Every night in Marikana people are robbed in their shops, they are robbed in their stores by criminal groups. It is dark, those people are unable to see them, and I am saying this because I am with them on a daily basis on our WhatsApp group in Marikana.

The ward councillor made an application ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Dyantyi, is it a point of order question?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: May I ask the hon member just a question before she proceeds?

An HON MEMBER: No.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Lekker, are you prepared to take a question from your colleague? It is at the expense of your own time, just keep it in mind.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Do you think this Walking Bus we were just told about here, will be able to start in Marikana tomorrow? [Interjections.]

Ms P Z LEKKER: Thank you, comrade Dyantyi. In fact I will answer you and let me assist the MEC. Perhaps the Walking Bus can be directed properly. The Walking Bus must walk in the streets of Marikana, because the police are unable ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: That is it.

Ms P Z LEKKER: ... to enter Marikana ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: That is it.

Ms P Z LEKKER: ... there are no roads, there are no lights ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: That is it.

Ms P Z LEKKER: ... there. [Interjections.] We are still waiting for the high mast lights which the ward councillor applied for. He only asked for three. [Interjections.] He must speak to his own colleagues but I want to further ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Ms P Z LEKKER: I want to further make a suggestion, Mr Deputy Speaker, if you will allow me.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Ms P Z LEKKER: I would like to request this Department, instead of utilising the monies through programmes of the EPP and EPWP, they must combine those monies, pay a stipend to the Walking Buses so that they can provide a meaningful contribution, but they will not be able to contribute meaningfully if they do not get a stipend. I am not asking for a salary, I am asking for a stipend to motivate them further to do their work and assist this Department in crime prevention, by ensuring before you do crime prevention there is a proper infrasture.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Daar's hy.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: There you go.]

Ms P Z LEKKER: They must speak to their colleagues in the City of Cape Town and ensure there is proper infrastructure. I thank you. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Lekker. The hon member Christians.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Mr Deputy Speaker, in my opinion this is probably the most frustrating portfolio because you are tasked with community safety, but you have no powers over the police operational powers. [Interjections.] It is frustrating.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Then close them.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: People look to you because the message that the ANC is putting out there is that the MEC is responsible ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: ... for policing. The core function is to implement the constitutional and legislative mandate of provincial oversight over law enforcement agencies. That is one of the core functions.

So, Mr Deputy Speaker, it is frustrating when we debate the same issues year in and year out. The same issues year in and year out. [Interjections.] We must rather compliment the MEC and the Department ... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Oh, please.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: ... for the Watching Briefs.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: You know, we do not need Watching Briefs if we have an effective and functioning criminal justice system. [Interjections.] But it has collapsed. There is nothing, and now you need Court Watching Briefs in order to see that they do their jobs. [Interjections.] What is the use when people are arrested but nobody goes to prison? Nobody goes to prison, nobody is prosecuted.

So I want to congratulate the Minister and the Department for the Chrysalis Programme. It is something for the youngsters, something to take them off the street and they can make a meaningful contribution ... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Your time is up.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: ... to society. The Walking Bus is a – I have been there, we have been to Delft, we participate in the Walking Bus ...

[Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Your time is up.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: ... it works, it works. [Interjections.] What we are asking is that the Walking Bus be extended to more communities, because safety is needed at our schools. Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Christians. [Interjections.] Order! Please come to order before I see the Minister. Hon Minister Plato?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Just a couple of issues. I think what the hon member Lekker must do, she must talk to the National Minister and she must task the National Minister to hand over the policing function to the Western Cape Department of Community Safety. [Interjections.]

But let me say to you, where the police force is currently, it is not fully functional, it is not fully effective. We need a functional police force, we need a functional judiciary, we need an effective police force, we need effective intelligence. If you listened to my speech, I pointed to all of those issues which are not happening. Let me tell to you something about the criminals, and be careful about giving the impression that each and every one that lives in a disadvantaged community, with dysfunctional social issues, that all of them are criminals.

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: It is very wrong. Let me say to you, the majority of the people in Delft, the majority of the people in Bishop Lavis, even the majority of the people in Nyanga are law abiding people. [Applause.]

HON MEMBERS: Yes.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: We are dealing here with a small group of criminals. I was in Worcester yesterday. In four streets in Worcester, I was told yesterday, in Avian Park, 29 dead in four streets only in this year, and the police force cannot clamp down on a handful of not more than 15 hooligans and criminals in that area with over 250 police men and women in the whole of Worcester.

My question to police officers in the meeting yesterday was: why is it that plus-minus 15 hooligans are holding all of those people to ransom and the police are helpless in the process. That is what you must take instead of criticising us. You must take that debate to your political masters and say to them: you are in charge of intelligence. [Interjections.]

Hon member Dyantyi, your political masters in National Parliament that are in charge of SAPS, what the devil are they doing? [Interjections.][Applause.] They have blood on their hands. They are actually the killers of the people in

our communities. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is all you can do [Inaudible.].

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: That is what it is.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is all you can do?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: You can only, you and your colleague ... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is all that you can do?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... you can only shout, that is what you are good for ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... on that side. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Ja, you are like Chihuahua doggies ... [Interjections.] and further on there is nothing in your armoury. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Now let me conclude by saying to you, the Khayelitsha Commission of Inquiry is in place, it is working, it is functional. You just do not want to know it although you know what is right and correct in Khayelitsha. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: We, as a Department ...
[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Minister Plato, before you proceed, the noise level in the House is too high.

An HON MEMBER: It is the Minister.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I am not talking about the Minister, I am talking about the collateral damage. [Interjections.] Minister Plato, you may proceed.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: We take our oversight duties, our oversight role very seriously. It is a very important oversight role ...
[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Chihuahua. Chihuahua!

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... it is my duty to identify the systemic failures in SAPS and in the judiciary system.

Ms S W DAVIDS: [Inaudible.] Chihuahua!

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: It is exactly what we are doing.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Mr Deputy Speaker, on that note ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister Plato, just before you conclude, the Chief Whip is on the floor.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: On that note he is concluding [Inaudible.].

Mr M G E WILEY: Thank you. The hon member Davids keeps on referring to the Minister as a dog. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: As a what?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: He started with the Chihuahua.

Mr M G E WILEY: As we know, it is unparliamentary.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I could not hear the word, Chief Whip? As a what?

Mr M G E WILEY: She called him a Chihuahua.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Oh, a dog. [Interjections.] Order. Order! Order!
[Interjections.] I did not hear that, but if the hon member did [Interjections.]
– order! [Interjections.] Order, please come to order!

Mr Q R DYANTYI: [Inaudible.] Chihuahua.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Dyantyi! Give the Chair a second.
Hon member Davids, do you want to comment on that?

Ms S W DAVIDS: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Mr Deputy Speaker, the
Minister said we are Chihuahuas [Interjections.], so I am just saying he is the
biggest one. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Alright. Ja, I did not pick that up. Minister Plato,
if you did refer to members of the House as being dogs, that is
unparliamentary. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: I never said they are dogs,
Mr Deputy Speaker, but I withdraw the remark.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, please continue. You must conclude

now.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Finally, in conclusion, the walking bus project is going from strength to strength. 25 more areas will come, and let me refer to Khayelitsha again. A batch of letters from headmasters of schools in Khayelitsha and in Nyanga are lying on my desk. In Nyanga we were asked to come and structure another lot of Walking Buses. The headmasters of schools in Khayelitsha are of the opinion that it is working so well, they do not need to worry about safety in and around the schools anymore.

The least you can do is to come to this House and say let us all support the Walking Bus drive because it has proved to give us the results we need. On that note I want to thank the guys in the gallery, all our Walking Bus members thank you very much for the job well done. [Applause.] And finally to Premier Zille, hon Premier, thank you so much for your continued support for all our programmes and projects. [Applause.]

Ms P Z LEKKER: They want a stipend!

[Debate concluded.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. That concludes the debate on this Vote. We will suspend business for a few minutes before we proceed to the next Vote.

The House is suspended.

[Business of the House suspended at 16:54 and resumed at 16:56]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please be seated. Thank you. The Secretary will read the Fifth Order of the Day.

The SECRETARY: Debate on Vote 2– Provincial Parliament – Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 3 - 2018].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see hon Speaker Fernandez.

†‘n AGB LID: Hoor-hoor!

[An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!]

The SPEAKER: Mr Deputy Speaker, hon Premier, members and guests, I hereby wish to present the Western Cape Provincial Parliament’s Budget for the 2018/19 Financial Year.

Let me say right at the outset that, with the assistance and support of the Deputy Speaker, the Secretary and all staff, we remain committed to improving the services we render to our members and we are constantly looking for ways to improve and enhance the services in a very tight fiscal environment.

Members must be empowered to fulfil their functions required from them by our Constitution optimally. The Western Cape Provincial Parliament has once again received a clean audit for the 2016/17 Financial Year, yet again showing its commitment to good governance and executing its core functions to achieving its vision of being a dynamic, effective and efficient Parliament, supporting Constitutional democracy.

The Auditor-General has acknowledged the Western Cape Provincial Parliament's achievement of a clean audit opinion since the 2013/14 Financial Year. In 2017/18 our Parliament will be primarily busy with two major projects, these being the Enterprise Resource Management System and the Functional Enhancement Exercise.

The Secretary has informed me that we will migrate from the Government's Transversal System to Stage 3, with effect from Tuesday 3 April 2018. Apart from the integrated human resources, finance and supply chain management functions, the X3 System also has several additional functionalities and abilities such as self-help and mobility.

More information will be provided to members as we commence active transacting acting on X3. In this regard I wish to thank the Secretary and his team, that despite the numerous challenges and setbacks, we will be seeing the benefits of the ERP System soon. Members though, must be aware like any new system, there will be teething problem and your patience will be greatly appreciated during the first few months.

Therefore, in 2018/19, WCPP will embed the system and stabilise the process surrounding it. The second project is the Functional Enhancement Study which commenced during the third quarter of the 2017/18 Financial Year.

This is the first time that the Western Cape Provincial Parliament has re-examined its business processes, resources and organisational structure since 2006. The aim of this exercise is to streamline and optimise the effectiveness and efficiency of functional units within the budgetary framework, in order to deliver better services to members.

Through this exercise we seek to ensure that as an organisation we are focused, responsive, forward-thinking and results orientated. The Western Cape Provincial Parliament envisioned that the outcomes of this exercise will also encourage a more cohesive and supportive working environment for staff.

The first phase of the project has now been completed and we envisage to obtain the final report soon. An implementation plan will be finalised during the 2018/19 Financial Year.

The Western Cape is facing its worst drought in many years and we are committed to contributing, in part, to the water saving process by ensuring that water consumption in the precincts is reduced. Although no specific budget has been allocated for the water crisis, we work very closely with the Department of Transport and Public Works in their implementation of water

savings initiatives.

Like all provincial departments, we have drafted our own Water Scarcity Business Continuity Plan, which intends to assist Members of Parliament, executive management and staff in making informed decisions during possible water supply outages.

This plan will also ensure that we are prepared and are able to respond and recover from extended periods of water supply disruption, thus allowing us to continue with our critical services. In terms of procedural support, the process of the Rules review is in its final stages, before it will be presented to the Rules Committee for consideration. Being the last year leading up to the elections, we anticipate receiving an increase in legislation from National Parliament and we have therefore made provision for this in our Budget.

The Western Cape Provincial Parliament has also made provision in its Budget for the intake of new members, after the general election in 2019 and an allocation has been set aside for furniture, equipment and other facilities. Considerable thought is going into preparation for new members, to ensure that they will be equipped and enabled to fulfil their functions. We also count on current Members of Parliament to provide input on their experiences and suggestions to improve the Orientation Programme to the new Members of Parliament in the sixth term.

In terms of public education and outreach, the Western Cape Provincial

Parliament has continued to promote opportunities for the public to have access and involvement in its law-making and oversight processes. This is done through engagement in pre-hearings, legislative education initiatives and facilitating involvement in actual hearings.

We will continue to be responsive to other public outreach initiatives, coordinated by the legislative sector, including sectoral parliaments and commemorative events. We have also set aside funding sourced from the legislative sector donor funding to undertake a baseline study, which will focus on public participation and related functions within the Western Cape Provincial Parliament.

This baseline study will serve as a point of reference to determine whether interventions implemented have made any qualitative impact on the proceedings of the Legislature. In terms of the Financial Management of Parliament and Provincial Legislatures Act, the executive authority, after consultation with the Minister of Finance, is required to determine a process of submitting Parliament's Budget and Adjustment Budget to Treasury.

I am pleased to announce that after discussion, the terms of engagement document between the Minister of Finance and myself has been concluded and will go a long way in formalising the consultation process between Provincial Treasury and the Provincial Parliament.

Allow me to present a high-level summary of the 2018/19 Budget. Total

receipts increased by R6,15 million, from R137 715 million in the revised estimate, to R143 874 million in 2018/19.

Treasury funding increases by R6,223 million from R137 187 million, the revised estimate, to R143 410 million in 2018/19. This equates of a 447% increase in total receipts from the 2017/18 Financial Year.

Our own receipts for 2018/19 are at R464 000. The Western Cape Provincial Parliament will be utilising the surplus donor funds of the Legislative Sector Support Programme over the MTEF period and has allocated it in its own receipts, over the MTEF, an amount of R400 000 for 2018/19, R750 000 each for 2019/20 and 2020/21 Financial Years.

These funds will be used for sector specific programmes and then the balance of R64 000 is mainly sourced from items such as, interest accrued on the bank account, interest on debt, commission earned, sale of corporate gifts, sale of meals and retained parking fees.

If we break down the Budget per programme:

- Programme 1: Administration – will receive R65 786 million, which is a 1,49% increase on the 2017/18 revised estimate. This programme includes the improvement of conditions of service for staff, as well as the cost of employment of all senior management and capital expenditure for the Vote.

The programme's minimal increase of R964 000 is the net effect of an increase in compensation of employees and the decrease in goods and services.

The reduction of goods and services is as a result of the once-off procurement of the Enterprise Resource System, which is anticipated to be concluded in the 2017/18 Financial Year. It is also anticipated that the expenditure on capital will be reduced for the 2018/19 Financial Year as all the major hardware purchases and network refresh will be completed in the 2017/18 Financial Year.

There is also provision made for members' furniture in preparation for the Sixth Parliament as well as provision for the new copy machine contracts.

- Programme 2: Facilities for Members and Political Parties – increased with 6,07% from the revised estimate, to R50 771 million, which makes provision for an increase in members' enabling allowances, payment of medical aid contributions for continuation members, as well as transfers to political parties in line with National Parliament.

Provision is also made for the payment of subscription fees to the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.

- Programme 3: Parliamentary Services – will receive of an amount of R27 317 000, which is a 9,15% increase from the 2017/18 revised estimate. The increase relates to provision made for the improvement of conditions of service, strengthening of WCPP's oversight responsibilities and mandate.

This Budget also includes an amount of R400 000 sourced from unspent donor funds, received from the Legislative Sector Support Programme, for the implementation of the South African Legislative Sector Policy and Strategic Framework during the 2011/12 Financial Year.

The balance of R1,9 million will be allocated R750 000 and R750 000 for 2018/20 and 2020/21 respectively.

If we look at the Budget per economic classification, we will see the following:

Compensation of employees will increase by R10 554 million which represents an 18,15% increase from the 2017/18 revised estimate. This increase relates to the provision of salary adjustments, as well as the strengthening of our oversight responsibilities and mandates.

Goods and Services and Capital Assets will decrease with 16% to R27 483 million and 27,24% to R3,392 million, respectively, from the

Revised Estimate. This is primarily because the main spending relating to the implementation of the ERP system will be concluded in the 2017/18 financial year.

Transfers and subsidies will increase by 5,13% and included is the Secretarial and Constituency Allowances, which will receive a 5,9% respectively on the allocation that qualifies for an increase.

In conclusion, Mr Deputy Speaker, I would like to thank the Minister of Community Safety, Mr Plato, and his Department for their assistance given to the committees of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament, when they went out on oversight visits.

I would also like to thank the Secretary and his staff, the entire team, for their hard work and commitment under challenging circumstances and it would be remiss of me, Mr Deputy Speaker, to not thank you for your support and assistance in challenging times. I thank you. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see the Chief Whip, hon Wiley.

Mr M G E WILEY: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. The DA supports this Budget. In many ways, this Parliament has been subjected to an ongoing disrupted programme for a number of years. These disruptions are sometimes predictable and at other times circumstantial, and we have not anticipated some of them.

As far as the FAMPLA is concerned, as the Speaker has already alluded to, we are in the final stages of the implementation of the Financial Parliamentary Legislative Act and the ERP is in its final implementation stage. Hopefully we will stick to the deadline as it has been previously delayed, but I am sure that this time round, we will get it right.

We have converted over to GRAP and the new accounting standard and we have continued to get a clean audit. So, in that regard the Secretary and his top management need to be congratulated in achieving much with very little. We have done it on a shoestring and they need to be congratulated for that.

As far as legislation is concerned, you heard what the Speaker said, that we are budgeting for an increase in legislation and we have anticipated so in our programme. However, the ongoing chaos within the ANC and the NCOP in particular, which is our conduit for Section 76 legislation, has seen that we have a stalling of Section 76 legislation. The cooperation on this has been haphazard.

We have seen amendments upon amendments while we are busy processing legislation, with public hearings, and they start with amendments on that legislation, on the other side.

So, we have to stop the public hearings and wait for the C and D Bills to come through. The late notifications – on many occasions we get invited to send special delegates the day before an event takes place. The

postponement of SONA was an exercise in absolute chaos, which embarrassed not just South Africa, but ourselves in front of the country and in front of the world.

We have changed programmes at the drop of a hat and at times there are no programmes. We are the only ones that seem to have a programme, and this unfortunately appears to be almost like a bridge too far for them on the other side there, in order to be able to put a programme together. But, we now have a new situation, Mr Deputy Speaker, that is going to throw a serious curve ball into our whole programming cycle for this year.

The National Assembly and the NCOP in their programming this morning decided, they are going to suspend proceedings on the other side from 30 May to 13 August.

Mr P UYS: The DA supported this.

Mr M G E WILEY: No, they did not. [Interjections.] Which planet are you on, the hon Chief Whip on the other side?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Order.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Is that in your speech?

Mr M G E WILEY: I suggest that you read John Steenhuisen's statement in

this regard. But the question that needs to be asked, there was no negotiation. It was simply inserted yesterday as a rumour and confirmed today. The reason is because five of the ANC provinces are in such chaos, they need to have a number of months in order to stabilise their [Inaudible.] provinces in preparation for the elections. And the question is, once again, the ANC has put its own party-political interests ahead of the interests of the country. So public scrutiny and oversight [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon member Dyantyi.

Mr M G E WILEY: ...on the other side of the Executive will not take place for the next number of months. And the question is, how is this possible? [Interjections.] The waste to the taxpayer is going to be astronomical.

The third thing that has been disruptive for us has been both the drought, and the austerity measures. We have had austerity measures that we have had to live with for a number of years and that curtailed our programme to a certain extent, but the drought also has compacted the curtailment of our activities and also our public events. But, our thanks go to the Provincial Parliament staff for being flexible in their attitude.

And then there is the issue relating to the staff. The Speaker has already said that there is going to be a significant increase as far as the costing is concerned, the income is concerned, but it is a matter of concern that we have lost some key personnel in the last while. [Interjection.] Staff who have

years of experience ...

Mr Q R DYANTYI: They are getting off the bus!

Mr M G E WILEY: ... and with institutional knowledge, that requires – this institution needs staff with strong institutional knowledge and some of the staff that we have lost, have unfortunately been poached by National Parliament, which pays astronomical salaries and it is not beyond the realms of possibility that many of these staff unfortunately have to reconsider their place of employment, simply because of the offers that have been made on the other side.

But the thing is they have been made these offers because they are high quality professional staff and we would like to thank all the Western Cape Provincial Parliament staff for their professionalism and ask that they continue with the good service that they deliver to us in the committees.
[Applause.]

Lastly, the aspect that I wanted to touch on is ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order, order. Hon member Dyantyi, allow the member to continue his speech.

Mr M G E WILEY: One of the key roles of the Provincial Parliament is to service and support the members, but the presumption is that the members are

worthy of support. The question of integrity with regard to this institution, as an institution, is now being questioned and that is as a result of the actions of some of the members as far as this Parliament is concerned.

We expect to get professional service from Parliament but we do not get that sent back to us by the attitude and the conduct of some of our members. We have also, as far as an institution – I will get back to that in a minute.

In the last while we have to have a symbiotic relationship also with some of the departments, Public Works, SAPS and Community Safety in particular and one of the things that I would like to raise with the Speaker, and I know I have written to her as well, or to the Secretary, and that is a repeated failure of the fire alarms, which is very recently and is a very worrying fact as far as this building is concerned and that needs to be addressed. [Interjection.]

Mr Deputy Speaker, it is increasingly the image of Western Cape Provincial Parliament being portrayed by its members, that is of the greatest concern and that threat needs to be addressed.

We heard today about what happened in Hermanus and hon member Dugmore but there is a – and I will not read the quote again, but it has become synonymous with the ANC attitude in this House and elsewhere in this party, that they have repeatedly shown that they are racist. They have demonstrated that they are anti-Coloured in some of their statements [Interjections.]. They are sexist in the way their Women's League treats women in particular. They

are anti-Semitic as by the pronouncements in this House repeatedly. They are violence-apologists. [Interjections.]. They are Xenophobic as we saw in Hermanus where the first targets were the Somalian shops, ordinary people who are legally in the country, just trying to eke out a living and what do they do? They do not just chase them out. They go and steal their stock. They are anti-poor and their relationship with the EFF is a demonstration of just how anti-poor they are. [Interjections.].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order. Order. Hon member Olivier. [Interjections.] Order. Hon member Olivier, a question?

Mr R T OLIVIER: No. Just on a point of order in terms of relevance. We are dealing with the Speaker's Vote, now we are in Hermanus ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr R T OLIVIER: So, we just want the relevance.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I will keep an eye on that. It is still in order. Member Wiley, you may continue. [Interjections.]

Mr M G E WILEY: Thank you very much, Mr Deputy Speaker. This attitude of non-cooperation, and contrary to the general aspects of rule of law, was seen with regard to their attitude of the appointment of the new Registrar.

First of all, the ANC complained bitterly with regard to the fact that the Registrar had resigned. Then when we went through the process of reappointing a new Registrar, the ANC decided they were not going to participate. Then they said we are not having Conduct Committees. So, when we did convene Conduct Committees, at the very first one they queried the pitch with regard to the Registrar and the Chairman and everything else and the programme.

So, on the one hand they say to the press, we are not dealing with controversial cases in the Conduct Committee, but on the other hand they stop the working of the Conduct Committee.

Mr P UYS: No, you did!

Mr M G E WILEY: This non-cooperation is typical. Hon member Davids said today that what happened in Hermanus was a legitimate process and called on all ANC structures to support it and follow ANC policies.

This is consistent with what hon member Dugmore said in his SMS, where he said that "our policies have to be maintained", but the problem with the ANC is that they are so confused with regard to the Freedom Charter that they hold it superior to the Constitution of South Africa.

One can understand member Dugmore supporting the hon Davids. He defended her inexcusable actions in front of the Conduct Committee, with

enthusiasm, and I will not go into the detail of it, but the fact of the matter is, he was the one that said “go soft on her”. [Interjections.] Confusion [Interjection.] I beg your pardon?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Is there a question?

Ms S W DAVIDS: I withdraw “don’t lie”, Mr Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I did not hear that.

Mr M G E WILEY: Come, just own up!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Davids?

Ms S W DAVIDS: I withdraw the words, “don’t lie”.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, that is unparliamentary. Thank you. Hon member Wiley?

Mr M G E WILEY: Thank you very much. Confusion in the ANC regarding the rule of law and their party policy has been demonstrated through their ungovernability campaign; their constant, in the previous administration, saying that the DA Government was illegitimate; their Reclaim Programme and again they have said now that their policies which went through in Parliament, must – and let me just quote to you, Minister Nkoana Mashabane,

yesterday.

She said:

“We cannot wait for Parliament’s go-ahead before expropriating land without compensation.”

In other words, irrespective of what Parliament decides, changing the Constitution and so on, is that they must just go ahead and invade land.

“We are going to do that.”

She says.

“It is in the Constitution”,

She just tries to cover her backside, and then she says,

“If you live in Brussels it is perfectly legitimate to take your property away”.

Or words to that effect. [Interjections.]

Now ... [Interjection.] well you would like to think that I misquoted. But, unfortunately, Mr Deputy Speaker ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order.

Mr M G E WILEY: ...it is not just the ANC that misbehaves in this House. The absent member, who I hope that we will address shortly, the EFF representative, has said that he was taking instructions from the leader, Julius Malema, if people see land and it is suitable for living, they should utilise it. In other words, they should take it.

The leader of this article said, lawlessness and violence is part ...
[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr M G E WILEY: ... of a province-wide campaign to grab land, has been put squarely on the shoulders of the EFF, after it was emboldened by the ANC agreeing on the issue of expropriation without compensation.

Finally, I would just like to say, Mr Deputy Speaker, the fact that we live by a Code of Conduct and this here is the Code of Conduct that we all have to abide by, one of which is integrity.

Firstly, that as far as 2.3 is concerned relating to integrity:

“Integrity:

A member shall ensure at all times that the dignity, credibility

and integrity of the Provincial Parliament is maintained.

Accountability:

A member,

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

Mr Deputy Speaker, I will ensure that this matter, of these members who conduct themselves in this fashion and question the integrity of this institution and its actions, will be brought in front of the Conduct Committee.

[Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member. That concludes your speech. I see the hon member Uys.

Mr P UYS: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Mr Deputy Speaker, yes, I would like to respond to some of the issues, but maybe towards the end. Again, in the financial year where we are and the past financial years in the Vote – Provincial Parliament – we have seen major under-spending.

Under-spending in the past financial years, like the burning issues in this Vote, were not addressed. And that was not for one year, but it is an ongoing process that we see of under-spending taking place.

†Me Hamida Fakira, voormalige Sekretaris van die Wes-Kaapse Parlement het reeds in Augustus 2015 die Adjunkspeaker daarop gewys dat die

Provinsiale Parlement se funksies heeltemal in duie kan stort as daar nie drastiese stappe geneem word om personeelvakatures te vul nie.

Sy het die kollig geplaas op die algemene gebrek aan 'n herstelplan. Personeel is oorwerk en kan nie aan die Parlement se diensleweringseise voldoen nie. Hulle is uitgebrand en daar is 'n afname in die gehalte van hulle werk. Weens die oormatige werksdruk, gebruik meer personeel siekverlof, het sy in haar verslag gesê. En dan is daar geen verbasing hoekom personeel weggaan nie. Nie dat hulle afgerokkel word nie maar dis nie meer 'n ordentlike werksomgewing om in te werk nie.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[Ms Hamida Fakira, former Secretary of the Western Cape Parliament has already in August 2015 alerted the Deputy Speaker to the fact that the Provincial Parliament's functions may totally collapse if drastic steps are not taken to fill staff vacancies.

She put the spotlight on the general lack of a recovery plan. Staff are overworked and cannot adhere to the Parliament's service delivery requirements. They are exhausted and there is a decline in the quality of their work. Because of excessive work pressure, more staff are using sick leave, she said in her report. And then there should be no amazement why staff are leaving. Not that they are lured away, it is just not a decent work environment to work in.]

On the crisis, the Speaker responded to say, she needed an immediate R34 million to get her House in shape. “As long as I do not have money I cannot fix it”, and we know that is not correct, but still you see an under-spending on the Budget happening, year on year on year.

The plea from Ms Fakira was ignored and staff were told in writing to make do with what they have. So, it was no surprise that Ms Fakira resigned from this institution, as Secretary, after just one year, but to follow her very soon was also Ms Ressida Begg, the Deputy Secretary who resigned from the Provincial Legislature. Then we lost two senior officials, both of them women, out of the three senior officials here, and that under the watch of the executive authority, the Speaker.

The vacant post of Deputy Secretary – that is the problem Mr Deputy Speaker – the vacant post of Deputy Secretary, and there are two Deputy Secretaries, is still not filled after it became vacant in 2015. The Chief Parliamentary Officer, Mr Nage, was then asked to act as Deputy Secretary, but with his work as Chief Parliamentary Officer and Deputy Secretary, of course who can cope with that and of course he resigned a few months ago as well, Mr Deputy Speaker.

Then we also have an Acting Public and Education and Outreach Manager and like almost everybody, is acting in this Department and section, and we can give a long list and we have mentioned some that were identified by the previous Secretary.

Staff get a mere R1 014 per month medical aid subsidy and when in exceptional cases they reach their sick leave cap, no understanding or compassion is showed and that we can ask many staff that are here. They must then take their leave. They are not called in and asked what the issue is. No, sorry you have reached your cap and no compassion showed at all. Speaker, you have failed the staff of the Legislature.

Mr Deputy Speaker, Provincial Legislature must facilitate public involvement and it is important to refer to that. In the legislative and other processes of the Legislature and its committees, it must increase and broaden participation and must create platforms for discussion and consensus, building on challenges facing the province.

†Hier bestaan geen en dit kan ons duidelik sê, geen aktiewe publieke deelname prosesse in die Wetgewer nie. Die naaste wat daaraan gekom word is die advertering van openbare verhore in koerante. Hier is nie 'n openbare deelname eenheid nie en word daar niks gedoen om die gemeenskap betrokke te kry by onder meer die deelname aan voorgestelde wetgewing nie.

Dié wat wel daar is word partykeer deur politieke partye gemobiliseer en ons sê baie dankie, en miskien moet die geld aan politieke partye oorgedra word siende dat die werk nie hier gedoen kan word nie. Dit is ook dan die rede, agb Adjunkspeaker, dat by baie openbare verhore met leë stoele gepraat word, en dit is 'n feit en dit is die werklikheid daarvan.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[Here there is no, and we can say that clearly, no active public participation processes in the Legislature. The closest we get to that is advertising of public hearings in the newspapers. There is no public participation unit here and nothing is being done to get the community more involved in amongst others the participation in proposed legislation.

That which is there, are sometimes mobilised by political parties and we say thank you, and perhaps the money should be transferred to political parties in view of the fact that the work cannot be done here. That is also the reason, Mr Deputy Speaker, why during public hearings empty seats are spoken to, and it is a fact and the reality of it.]

†Sub-Programme, Public Education and Outreach that you will claim, Speaker, is responsible for public participation, have no public participation performance indicators, although you tried to refer to that.

Their performance indicators – and you can just go and look and check in the APP on that again – for 2018/19 are: a number of educational initiatives – to tell people about law-making and things like that, but it does not help public participation and a number of new educational items so developed.

Furthermore, although the Constitution in Section 115 gives the public the right to petition the Legislature, petitions are clearly not working for the

people of the Western Cape. You make the process so cumbersome and impossible thereby defeating the whole purpose and intention of Section 115 of the Constitution.

Petitions must be and are requested for the Provincial Parliament to intervene on behalf of citizens or a group of citizens. Your performance indicator said 100% of petitions were processed, but the question is what is the number of petitions that you really processed and if we look at your baseline here, it is two non-compliant submissions in terms of petitions?

Petitions do not just get through to the Petitions Committee. They get blocked all the way. That is why there are no petitions and then of course you can easily claim there is 100% compliance, but this is nothing new. We know in fact that the DA do not want public participation and will never resource and put a working public participation process in place.

The *Sunday Times* reported on and quoted from the Auditor-General South Africa's Management Report, and management response thereto for the Vote, Provincial Parliament. This referred to irregular expenditure in the office of the Speaker.

I then wrote to the Secretary of Parliament, as a member, for a copy of the report. It is not a confidential report. He informed me that he is not going to make the report available to me. I then had to go further and request in terms of the Promotion of Access of Information, again to get the report and again

the report was turned down by the same person, the Secretary again.

Then he said, if you are aggrieved you can internally appeal or you can go to court. I thought, well let us first of all use all the resources available and go for an internal appeal and that is exactly what happened. The Secretary turned it down and said, "Sorry, there is no room for an internal appeal".

I have a letter stating, go for an internal appeal. I have a letter stating, you cannot internally appeal. But the whole problem is that, Mr Deputy Speaker, and the question is, what are they hiding in not giving this report? If you go on the website today of this Western Cape Provincial Parliament, you will get a form saying "Annexure C", clear logo of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament stating: "Notice of Internal Appeal" and how you must go about lodging an internal appeal. But, of course, coming from the Opposition, coming from somebody that is not close to the Government party, it was clearly – not turned down – it was rejected, although there is a clear process.

Furthermore, we must maybe also show the process that is in place in the National Assembly. There is a National Assembly document that clearly makes provision for an internal appeal that is in terms of the Act. And, while we are busy with the legislation, I must refer to Section 14 of the Promotion of Access to Information Act, because this is very important.

This is something that was introduced in the new democratic South Africa, where people must get access to what Government is doing and not doing.

And in terms of that, after 2000, each institution, including this institution, must have a manual. Must have a manual in terms of Section 14 and that manual states that the Information Officer's Secretary must compile a manual and that is the manual for the normal public out there, which purpose is to inform members of the public about the function of the Provincial Parliament, number 1.

Services available: Information that can be obtained and a description of provisions made to realise and to facilitate public involvement. That must be in the manual, Mr Deputy Speaker, in the legislative and other processes, but if you look at this organisation, and that is why they fall, in one letter you are allowed and in another letter you are not allowed.

There is no manual available in this Western Cape Provincial Parliament in South Africa and that is a clear offense in terms of Section 90 of the mentioned Act. I think that is very important.

In the Budget, the Speaker stated that under Programme 1 and Programme 3 there are no policy developments and under Programme 2, no significant policy developments. But, Mr Deputy Speaker, we know and you actually referred to that today, that the remuneration policy – and that is really a major problem of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament – was last amended in 2006. You mentioned it yourself.

Staff structures and the remuneration packages were changed without the

relevant policy being updated. I would presume that in the Budget the first big heading would be “change of policy” but it is not there. It is either none or not significant.

It is very clear, Speaker, that you as the Executive Authority and the Secretary, as Accounting Officer, did not meet and do not plan to meet your responsibilities detailed in FAMPLA and then you say you comply with FAMPLA. You do not. So, you failed to ensure the regular review and update of policies. You therefore failed to establish and communicate relevant policies and procedures to enable support, understanding and execution of internal control objectives, processes and responsibilities.

Earlier on and today as well, the Speaker indicated that the matter of member Sharon Davids was handed to the South African Police Services and that a case has been registered at the Cape Town Central Police Station.

You further, Speaker, said, and I quote: “We have provided the information” – I believe to the police – so, I assume you provided the information. So, Speaker, did you lay the charge? Or if it was not yourself, who actually laid the charge with the South African Police Service?

The question then arises, Speaker, why you laid a charge with the South African Police Services? This is the major problem. Why did you also hand the file of a Member of Parliament – not of the Executive, a Member of Parliament, over to the Department of Community Safety, a Government

department? That is a major transgression. What mandate did you have to hand over a file to Community Safety, Mr J C Gerber of the Department, to investigate a member?

Is this the law, Speaker, to hand over members' files? And I saw the file. It is a thick file. It was the whole file that you handed over to him and maybe even staff of the Department of Community Safety. Mr Gerber came to the fourth floor of the ANC, he opened the file of Member Davids, and interrogated and intimidated, can you believe it, ANC staff and that is true because I was there. [Interjections.]

Speaker, why did you give member Davids' file to Mr Gerber? I want to ask that. What parallel clandestine structure is this and why did you decide to engage in such illegal activities? This is just completely wrong and unacceptable, creating distrust in what you do, and can members and staff believe that their information will be in safe hands in the future.

Clearly, Mr Deputy Speaker, a transgression, of the Powers, Privileges, and Immunities of Parliaments and Provincial Legislatures Act and also the Code of Conduct. That is very important but let me briefly also refer to some of the issues.

Hon member Wiley referred to SONA. SONA was attended by your leadership here. SONA was attended by your leadership in the DA. The leadership of the DA and the leadership here stood up and they were very

happy about what happened there. There was no mess around SONA. There was an extension. Everybody accepted this in the country, except you. You were very unhappy when of course you were forced to extend SOPA because we put our foot down.

We said we will not ... [Interjections.] The ANC did. [Interjections.] The ANC did! The leader of the Opposition said to the Premier that must only come after State of the Nation Address and it happened like that.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order.

Mr P UYS: And it happened like that. Now we hear the hon Wiley complaining about May to August. I am sure there has been a clear decision taken. I am also sure he will be the first one coming forward to say, let us look at our own programme. They did not give a reason, but there must be a very good reason for doing it, and let us say one of the reasons could be an early election, you would be the first person to say let us also release our people. Let us also go out there to fight the election. [Interjections.] You would be first one! Otherwise you can stay behind, and we will do the work that we are supposed to do. [Interjections.] You would be the first one to say that.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr P UYS: It is so interesting that they point fingers at hon Cameron

Dugmore who represented hon Sharon Davids. What happened in that meeting? Who has got the majority in the Conduct Committee meeting? The DA! And what happened in that meeting? The DA voted with the ANC. [Interjections.] That is why! [Interjections.] That is why there was only a warning. It was not the ANC. We do not have the majority in the Conduct Committee. So, do not come with that nonsense, please, and say oh, we watered it down.

There is nothing that we can water down. We do not have a majority and you all know that there is no clear majority in that and I will be very happy if we can speed up the work of the Conduct Committee. It is great. Hon Wiley you are one of the people that must come before the Conduct Committee and I hope that happens soon.

Hon Madikizela, you are one of the people that must come in front of the Conduct Committee. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr P UYS: Hon Mbombo, you are one of the people that must come in front of the Conduct Committee. Hon Zille, you are one of the people that must come in front of the Conduct Committee [Interjections.] So, let us speed it up! [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. [Interjections.]

Mr P UYS: Let us speed it up! [Interjections.] But you know, Mr Deputy Speaker, there was a ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order.

Mr P UYS: The last Conduct Committee was on 18 August 2017 and the next one happened now on 16 March 2018. Do you think the ANC stalled that? No! No! You will recall how many times in the Programming Authority I raised the issue that the Conduct Committee must continue with its work, but what we cannot accept, is that you are manipulating the processes there. You cannot come with the Chairperson, imposed on a committee. Vote for a Chairperson, then we accept it. There is a majority vote, but you did not want to follow process and that is the problem. And that is the problem with the DA right through. You did not follow process with the appointment of the Secretary. [Interjections.] You did not follow process with the appointment of the Registrar. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr P UYS: You did not follow process with anybody. You just want to appoint, as the DA, as you wish [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr P UYS: That is exactly what you do.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order. [Interjections.] Order. Minister, hon Makeleni, hon Davids, give the member a chance. His time is running out.

Mr P UYS: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Let me quickly go to the ERP that was mentioned here today with the price tag close to R20 million and we all know it was first supposed to go live on 1 April 2017. Then it was extended to October 2017 and then extended to 1 January 2018.

Well, that is good news if it is really going live on 3 April, but what we heard as well and very subtly, but we heard that, it is not the full ERP that is going to become operational, and that is a major problem. The big part of the ERP that must be operational, and I want to hear that, is Human Resources, and I heard clearly that it was not the one that will become operational.

Have you sorted out the issues of payment of staff, payment of members? Those are the issues that we would like to hear about in terms of the ERP. So, do not tell us the ERP is going live but then there is a small bit of ERP going live, maybe not even on that specific date.

I want to continue, Mr Deputy Speaker, and relate to another major issue here, just very briefly, and that is the promulgation of proclamations and regulations.

It is happening in all of the departments. It is happening with all of the MEC's, but there is actually no oversight over that. Legislation is very clear,

very clear, that there must be a list of the proclamation, of a regulation stating in each case the number, the date, the title, the *Gazette* in which it was published and that it must be submitted to the Provincial Legislature within 14 days.

Have you ever seen that happening? It is important because that Standing Committee must have oversight, even if they cannot change the regulation, even if they cannot change the proclamation, it is really to get a proper understanding what is in it, to really get an understanding from the MEC what is happening here and what was the intention around that.

It is not happening and therefore I say, we must adhere to that legislation. I hope that it will be very high on the agenda of the hon Speaker to force compliance and enforce that in terms of the legislation.

I want to conclude, Mr Deputy Speaker, by thanking the staff. They are working extremely hard. We all know.

†Die verslae wat ons kry is goeie gehalte. Daar moet partykeer aan geskaaf word maar dit is goeie werk wat gedoen word daarso. Ons spreek ons dank aan elkeen van hulle uit en sê baie dankie, doen so voort, ons waardeer dit opreg. Baie dankie. [Applous.]

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[The reports we get are good quality. Sometimes it needs to be polished but it is good work that is being done there. We express our thanks to each of them and say thank you, carry on like that, we sincerely appreciate that. Thank you. [Applause.]]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The hon member Christians?

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Mr Deputy Speaker, as the ACDP we want to thank the Speaker, the Deputy Speaker, the Secretary and all of the staff for work well done. The ACDP supports this Budget.

Mr Deputy Speaker, just two things in my two minutes. There is a major concern with the vacancies and we want the Speaker to give us some perspective on the vacancies not filled. But, Mr Deputy Speaker, I was part of the process of appointing the Registrar and if we did not insist on going ahead with the process, we would have not filled the position, because member Uys wanted this to be readvertised, readvertised, and stall for time.

So, he had an opportunity when it came to the appointment of the Registrar. We, as political parties, were part of that process and it was a transparent process and we were all happy with the candidate appointed.

I also just want to mention, this is not the first time that member Uys has read an article about staff burnout. I want to know from the Speaker, did she address this? Hon member Uys is very good in grandstanding and coming

here, but there are a lot of forums where we discuss and debate these things and then he keeps quiet. [Interjections.] Sometimes he keeps quiet in the Programming Authority and then he comes to the House and he grandstands. [Interjections.]

So, I want to urge the member, when he has contributions to make, make them in the relevant forums so that we can contribute to the smooth running of this House. [Interjections.] I thank you. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. The Speaker to reply. [Interjections.] Can I have silence please [Interjections.] Order. [Interjections.] Order! Speaker, you have the floor.

The SPEAKER: Mr Deputy Speaker, I would like to thank all the members for their contribution to the debate and the passion that they have displayed to support and improve services rendered by the Administration.

As I said in my opening address, we remain committed to supporting the members in the fulfilment of their constitutional functions and I will continue to explore ways and means to improve the services that we render.

I must though, through you, Mr Deputy Speaker, address the hon member Uys and I am not going to respond to every single matter that he raised, but I would want to caution him that there is a fine line between oversight and interference. We understand the need for effective oversight, but when you

get involved in the administration and you basically want to micro manage the administration in effecting its mandate, then it becomes an issue.

So, I would peruse the contributions of the members who participated in the debate and I will provide comprehensive responses [Interjection.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: You are very poor in your job.

The SPEAKER: ...in writing to the various matters that have been raised during the debate.

Mr K E MAGAXA: [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order, order. Hon member Magaxa, I will not allow that. Hon member Magaxa, you are not allowed to make a reflection on this Chair – the Speaker is still the Chair of the House – without a substantive motion. So, I want you to please withdraw that.

Mr K E MAGAXA: It is not on her position [Inaudible.]

Mr P UYS: Mr Deputy Speaker, on a point of order.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I hear you.

Mr P UYS: The Speaker is here as the Executive Authority, not as Speaker. If

the Speaker was not here today, you would not have been allowed to sit there as the Deputy ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes.

Mr P UYS: You are not the executive authority.

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

Mr P UYS: She is here as the executive authority.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You are touching now on a point which I wanted to raise at the end, but while you are raising it, let me just give some of my concerns. We put the Speaker, not the person of the Speaker, but the office of Speaker in the untenable situation by allowing a debate on the floor of the House as oversight over the Legislature. We all know we come from a Westminster system where the Speaker is the neutral, impartial officer in the House. [Interjections.]

Order! In the Westminster system where we come from the moment the Speaker gets elected to the office the Speaker resigns and the Speaker serves as an impartial, neutral Speaker. We unfortunately do not have that situation. We cannot resign when you serve the office, because then you lose your seat in the House.

So, it is a very untenable situation for the Speaker to sit there and to have to counter arguments from the Chair and I am not criticising ourselves, I want to make a point that perhaps this is something that a future Parliament can look at.

To find a different formula for overseeing the activities of Parliament because the one moment the Speaker is required to sit in the Chair and be totally neutral and impartial, that is the main function of the Speaker. That is the non-negotiable part of the office, to be totally neutral, but on the other hand, you have a situation where the Speaker has to become part of the political fray and fight from the seat where she sits as a member of the House then.

I grant the point that the Speaker is now sitting there, not as a Presiding Officer, but as part of the Executive, so, I will not ask the member to withdraw that one. You can proceed, Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I think what I would though like to comment on is the fact that Chief Whip Wiley has talked to a decreasing level of cooperation and I would want to request that the Chief Whip displays good intent in terms of cooperating with the processes. He does seem to want to steam roll and if he does not get his way, it almost becomes bullying and that is not the spirit within which we need to engage.

So, I will invite you for a cup of tea and we will sit down and talk about

issues, because I do believe that ... [Interjections.] I do believe ...[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

The SPEAKER: ...that we need to find a way forward that works for all 41 other members of this institution. I do not only serve 25 DA members, the Deputy and I are here to serve all 40 other members.

So, I would want to request your cooperation going forward. And then finally, Mr Deputy Speaker, it would be remiss of me not ... [Interjections.] not to thank – hon member Magaxa, focus on that book that you are reading all day.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

The SPEAKER: You have not been paying attention, you have been reading a book.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Order.

The SPEAKER: It just shows how involved ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

The SPEAKER: It just shows how engaged you are in the process. †Lees jou boekie, Pappa. [Tussenwerpsels.] [Read your little book, Pappa. [Interjections.]]

Mr K E MAGAXA: You are the worst Speaker!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon member.

The SPEAKER: Mr Deputy Speaker, I would like to thank all the staff and especially all the members for their cooperation and I would want to wish everyone who is celebrating Easter, a blessed Easter. And for those who are driving, to travel safely. I thank you. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: That concludes the debate on this Vote. We will not suspend business, but carry on with the next process. I will ask the Secretary to read the Sixth Order.

The SECRETARY: Consideration of Votes and Schedules – *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 3 - 2018].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Before I put the individual Votes, I will give an opportunity for those parties who want to take the opportunity to make a declaration of vote. The ANC.

Mr P UYS: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. The ANC would like to make a

declaration covering Vote 1. Also, to state in respect of Votes 1 to 14, to save some time ...[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I will allow it, ja.

Mr P UYS: ... that in respect of Votes 1 to 14, the ANC will not agree to the Votes and the Budget.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: So, you are dissenting on all 14 votes?

Mr P UYS: Absolutely.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. That makes it easier for us. I will put the Votes in total – Order. I am putting Votes 1 to 14, with the ANC dissenting. Are all other parties in agreement?

Hon MEMBERS: Yes!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: It is agreed to. [ANC dissenting.]

I will then move on to the Schedule. I put the Schedule. Any objection to the Schedule? There is an objection to the schedule. The ANC vote will be dissenting. It will be recorded. [ANC dissenting.]

I put Clauses 1 to 10 of the Bill. Any objections? [ANC dissenting.]

I put the Short Title. Any objections?

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: There is an objection. It will be recorded. [ANC dissenting.]

The Secretary will read the Seventh Order. [Interjections.]

The Secretary: Finalisation ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order, order. Secretary, just one second.

Mr P UYS: Mr Deputy Speaker, we did indicate that we would like to make a declaration on the Vote 1, covering Vote 1 to 14. [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I misunderstood you. You can do it now. Thank you.

Mr P UYS: Thank you. The hon Leader of the Opposition will do that.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Chihuahua! [Laughter.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes. Thank you.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon Minister Fritz, I think it was you. You cannot refer to the member as a dog. Please withdraw. [Interjections.] Thank you.

Mr K E MAGAXA: It is a fallacy and political populace demagoguing to refer to 2018 Budget as a people's budget, precisely because there is absolutely nothing close to the people's interest in this backward Budget.

This Budget speaks to the reality of two nations, underwritten by perpetuation of racial, gender and spatial disparities born of a very long period of colonial apartheid, white minority domination and constitutes the material base which reinforces the notion that indeed we are not one nation, but two nations.

The DA is using this Budget and any power at its disposal to reverse the gains our people have enjoyed since the democratic breakthrough in order to maintain white privileges and wealth accumulated through the apartheid regime.

Hence our beloved Premier, Helen Zille, continues to praise colonialism without shame. [Interjections.] Many of the projects' allocated ...[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr K E MAGAXA: ...money is all ringfenced and conditional grants can only be spent as intended. If it is not executed to the standard and policies of the ANC-led central Government the money will be forfeited. It has happened precisely like that with millions of rands recently.

The ANC in the Western Cape Legislature thanks the National Government, under the capable and steady leadership of our beloved President and comrade, Cyril Ramaphosa. We do differ with the Democratic Alliance Provincial Government on how it handles discretionary expenditure and it is still stuck under colonialism. It is especially evident in how it favours big business and rich developers.

The DA showed its hand in the Tafelberg School site sale of land intended for integrated communities and building social cohesion. The land was sold to the “have’s” and the “have-nots” are again overlooked. In many projects it seems social housing and poor people are used as front to allow developers to make a killing with so-called open market housing.

The concerns the ANC has raised with the Budget will have the ruling class crumble on us. The proletariat have nothing to lose but their tails. They have the wealth to win. The ANC therefore opposes the entire Budget.
[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. I will then ask the Secretary to read the Seventh Order again.

The SECRETARY: Finalisation of the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill*.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Will the Minister move that, the Minister of Finance?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Mr Deputy Speaker, on 6 March we came to this House to table the Western Cape Government's Main Appropriation Bill 2018/19. I highlighted that this Budget recognises that economic growth and development are critical to improve living standards and socio-economic conditions and therefore the pursuit thereof remains a top priority of this Government.

This Budget for the people was tabled at the Parliamentary Budget Committee for approval and the various Budget Votes were also extensively discussed in the relevant Standing Committees. In this particular regard I want to thank the Chairperson of the Budget Committee, Mr Denis Joseph, as well as all the Chairpersons of the various Standing Committees and the various members of those Standing Committees. I wish to thank the hon members for participating in those discussions and the various Budget Votes.

Mr Deputy Speaker, notwithstanding our economic realities, every member of the Western Cape Cabinet continues to demonstrate an admirable commitment

to the delivery of the best quality services to the people of the Western Cape.

I therefore extend a special word of gratitude to the Premier of the Western Cape, Helen Zille, and my Cabinet colleagues for their support and appreciation of the tough fiscal environment in which we find ourselves.

Mr M G E WILEY: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Mr Deputy Speaker, the level of commitment and proficiency in our officials and the senior management of this Government was also acknowledged last night by the Chartered Institute of Government Finance and Audit Risk Officers, who last night presented the Western Cape with the following Clean Administration Awards:

The Best Performing Provincial Treasury for the 2015/16 Financial Year in terms of the municipal audit outcomes, Western Cape Provincial Treasury, but in addition to that, Mr Deputy Speaker, the Chartered Institute also gave an award to my colleague, the Best Performing Provincial Local Government, Minister Bredell, for the 2015/16 Financial Year in terms of the municipal audit outcomes, Western Cape Department of Local Government.

†AGB LEDE: Mooi, mooi!

[HON MEMBERS: Good, good!]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Mr Deputy Speaker, we also have a

Functional Premier's Coordinating Forum, and this was also acknowledged last night by the Chartered Institute of Government Finance and Audit Risk Officers, by awarding to the Department of the Premier, Helen Zille, for Focus Intervention and Support by the Provincial Leadership through her Premier's Coordinating Forum in terms of clean audit, municipal governance review and outlook.

To conclude, I want to put on record our deep thanks and appreciation for all the Western Cape Government Heads of Department ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: I want to thank all the Western Cape Government HOD's as accounting officers, and also since you are part of the legislative arm of government, I would also like to register my Secretary of Parliament as the accounting officer. I would also like to thank him and his staff for their work in this particular regard.

Also, I would like to thank and appreciate all the inputs from the various accounting officers of the 11 public entities, as well as the Chairpersons of the various public entities here in the Western Cape.

I would also like to pay a special thanks to my Head Official, Mr Zakariya Hoosain, and the staff of the Provincial Budget Office for their attention in the schedules and putting the Budget together.

Lastly, I would very much like also to thank the various executing authorities, because I have seen so much stress during the various Budget Votes, Cabinet meetings and special MTEC engagements. Some of them got old during this period of time. I want to record our deep appreciation for their understanding, their commitment for the difficult period in which we have put this Budget together.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I now move that the Western Cape Appropriation Bill, 2018/9 be finalised and be submitted to the Premier to be assented to. I thank you. [Applause.]

†Die MINISTER VAN MAATSKAPLIKE ONTWIKKELING: Hoor-hoor!

[The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Hear-hear!]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Any objections to the Bill being finalised? The ANC is objecting. So, the ANC's dissention will be recorded. [ANC dissenting.] The Secretary will read the Bill.

The SECRETARY: *Western Cape Appropriation Bill.*

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

RULINGS

Before we adjourn I wish to rule on certain outstanding issues relating to the

debate on 23 March. Firstly, the hon member Magaxa made the following statement, and I quote from the unrevised Hansard:

“But guess what, instead the Premier of this Province, including her own MEC’s or Ministers, are directly involved in the direct corruption in this Provincial Government”

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Tell me that outside ... [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: When the Chair at the time asked the member to withdraw that ... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Anytime!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: ... clearly unparliamentary statement ... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Anytime!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: ...the member responded and tried to justify his statement that he had referred to “alleged” corruption. Hansard proves otherwise and the word “alleged” was never part of the statement in question.

To accuse another member of the House of being corrupt, is out and out

unparliamentary and the member must withdraw that statement unconditionally. I give you the opportunity to withdraw. [No audible response.] Thank you.

Secondly, ... [Interjection.] Order, order.

Mr M G E WILEY: Mr Deputy Speaker, unfortunately Hansard cannot capture a nod of the head.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Magaxa, for the purposes of the record just confirm that you have withdrawn.

Mr K E MAGAXA: I withdraw.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. [Interjections.] Order. Hon Premier?

The PREMIER: Mr Deputy Speaker, I am afraid that does not cut it, because the hon Magaxa knew exactly what he said and denied it immediately afterwards. [Interjections.] So, I think that it is a clear cut case of deliberately misleading the House and I do not think it can end just simply on a withdrawal. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, Premier. It is a difficult one for the Chair to rule on that one now. I have given the opportunity to withdraw that and he did that. If there is a view that there must be further consequences then

certainly that can be explored in a different way. [Interjections.]

Can we move to the second one? [Interjections.] Order, please. The hon member Lekker raised a point of order, alleging that the Minister of Human Settlements had interjected: “Shut up”, and in so doing was pointing at her. To say “Shut up” to another member would always be unparliamentary. I have referred to Hansard, but Hansard was not able to record that alleged remark ... [Interjections.] However ... [Interjections.] Order.

However, in his response at the time, the hon Minister had conceded that he had indeed said that, but he contended that it was not directed at “any specific person” in the House. I find that very unlikely. The words “Shut up” by their very nature are used in instantaneous reaction to what someone else had just said and would not, as the Minister contended be a general remark not aimed at anyone specific and certainly not aimed at anyone outside of House. I therefore rule that the hon Member must withdraw that remark. Minister Madikizela?

†Die MINISTER VAN MENSLIKE NEDERSETTINGS. Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, ek trek terug. [Gelag.]

[The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Mr Deputy Speaker, I withdraw. [Laughter.]

†Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Baie dankie.

[The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you.] Order, order. [Interjections.]

Thirdly, the hon Magaxa, in reference to the hon Premier, made the following statement and I again quote from the unrevised Hansard,

“It seems as if the political head of this Department just sits her tongue out for her purposes to amass more pension money and perks before she will go home to play with her granddaughter.”

This is a statement in bad taste. It is degrading. It reflects on the integrity of a member of this House. It is clearly sexist and not parliamentary. The member must withdraw that without reservation. Hon Magaxa?

Mr K E MAGAXA: I withdraw.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you.

Lastly, I wish to comment that there were instances during debates over the last few days where utterances in speeches unnecessarily focused on race issues, often in a negative and divisive way, polarising our people and in so doing you are also raising the racial temperature and not contributing anything to the good order of the House.

In some instances, such utterances could have been racist or at least bordered on being racist. I will study Hansard carefully and if necessary will rule in specific instances. I do however wish to urge members to weigh their words carefully and not to unnecessarily go down that way.

That brings us to the end of business for the day. The House is adjourned.

The House adjourned at 18:07.