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PROCEEDINGS OF THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT

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The House met at 14:15

The Deputy Speaker took the Chair and read the prayer.

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The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Before we start may I just welcome all our visitors on the public gallery and say you are most welcome here, but just to remind everybody that the proceedings of the House is on the floor and we cannot have any comments or clapping from the galleries, please. Thank you very much.

Chief Whip, before we start, let me just again guide the House and remind ourselves what our rules and conventions are in relation to references to fellow members in this House, specifically in relation to reflections which could be regarded as going beyond simply general reflections on a member's legislative or executive performance or functions, and become personal,

derogatory and therefore unparliamentary.

I want specifically to refer to a ruling which I have given in this House in 2012, almost to the day in 2012, on freedom of speech and I want to refer to specific passages from that just to refresh ourselves.

“Members have freedom of speech in this House...” and I quote now from the Hansard of Thursday, 10 May 2012, page 5785:

“Members have freedom of speech in the House and in committees of the House, but as I have pointed out in a previous ruling, freedom of speech is not unlimited. As an institution we determine the parameters within which we operate and in determining those parameters we are guided by our own Rules, previous rulings and conventions, our Constitution, our powers and privileges legislation, our Code of Conduct and developments and precedents in other Westminster Parliaments, including our own National Parliament. Above all, the Chair has a duty to ensure that acceptable standards of parliamentary propriety shall be maintained. The manner in which we conduct ourselves in the House and committees and what we say in our speeches must be such that the dignity and decorum of the institution are not jeopardised. In this regard I wish to quote paragraph 3(3) of our own Code of Conduct:

‘A member shall ensure at all times that the dignity and

integrity of the Provincial Parliament is maintained.’

Further in paragraph 4(2):

‘A Member shall at all times exercise his or her duties and conduct himself or herself with dignity and integrity appropriate to his or her office.’

The Manual for Presiding Officers, compiled at National Parliament, states *inter alia*:

‘Members may not use in debate expressions imputing improper or unworthy motives, dishonesty, hypocrisy, or want of sincerity to fellow members or refer to them in a contemptuous or derogatory way. Presiding officers have pointed out that to use such expressions cannot possibly strengthen an argument and only tends to lower the tone of debates.’

Also, a further quote from the same manual:

‘Such reflections on the character or personal conduct of members are in fact highly irregular. They may do irreparable harm to members and tend to bring the proceedings of Parliament into disrepute’...”

I quote further from that specific ruling of 10 May 2012:

“It has further been ruled in the National Assembly and subsequently confirmed in a resolution of that House, that members may not reflect on their fellow members except upon a substantive motion properly given notice of. That ruling is now also hereby

confirmed in our House...” - that hereby refers to 2012 - “...and to guide hon members in the application of this ruling, may I indicate that a substantive motion would be required only in instances where such reflection is of a material nature. In other words, casual and brief criticism of fellow members will still be in order, provided the integrity and character of members are not reflected upon. Members will realise...”

And this is the important part:

“Members will realise that the application of this ruling will make it very difficult for the Chair to determine whether negative references or criticism are indeed material reflections or not. I therefore again want to appeal to hon members to carefully weigh their words when criticising fellow members, or ideally to refrain from engaging in this type of debating. It certainly does not add anything to the standard of debate or the dignity and decorum of the House.”

That was the ruling that we gave in 2012 and it still applies in the House to this day. Thank you. I thought I needed to say that at the beginning of our proceedings for the day. Hon member Mr Dyantyi.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: May I address you Mr Deputy Speaker, exactly on what you have just said.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I am not going to allow a debate on this but I will

hear you out.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Ja. I thought I must rise and address you on this because I am very curious what prompted you to take three minutes before the start of this debate to remind us, to take us through that, when in no other debate that has ever happened. Is this a pre-emptive strike to strangle our freedom of speech as we start this debate?

†Dit lyk vir my jy sê vir ons “oppas, moenie daai en daai sê nie.” [It seems you are saying to us, “beware, do not say that and that.”] So I really want you to take us into your confidence. Why do you take us onto this road in starting this very important debate in the province?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes. Hon member Mr Dyantyi, I can give you the assurance there was no discussion on this. This is my personal view of the level of debates in the House the last couple of weeks and I simply wanted to ensure that we bring the debate back onto a level which is in terms of our previous acceptable rulings and procedures in the House. Nothing more to that.

I see the hon Chief Whip.

(Notice of Motion)

Mr M G E WILEY: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I give notice that I shall

move:

That, notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 198, precedence be given to the subject for discussion. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: There is no objection to that? No objection? Agreed to.

We will then start with the Subject for Discussion in the name of the hon Leader of the Opposition. I see the hon member Magaxa. [Interjections.]

(Subject for Discussion)

**THE REFUSAL BY THE DA-RUN PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT
UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF PREMIER HELEN ZILLE TO
TRANSFORM AND ADDRESS RACISM IN THE WESTERN CAPE**

Mr K E MAGAXA: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. [Interjections.]

Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise on behalf of the ANC that has unparalleled credentials in fighting oppression... [Interjections.] ...racial bigotry and all forms of discrimination and injustice. The ANC, as part of the Congress Alliance, waged a relentless struggle against colonialism, apartheid in South Africa until the triumph in 1994. It was this glorious movement that fought against racist oppression and accordingly developed a Bill of Rights in 1943

for full citizenship, land, freedom to trade as well as access to health and decent education.

However, these Africans' claims demanded "equal opportunity to engage in any occupation, trade or industry..." It further demanded "equal pay for equal work, as well as equal opportunity for all work..." and finally, it demanded abolishing of all discriminatory provisions such as the Colour Bar.

The liberation movement was clear and consistent on these demands to end injustice and racial discrimination. For instance, the Freedom Charter of 1955 and the Harare Declaration of 1989 demonstrate the conviction of the Congress Alliance to "create an economic order which shall promote and advance the wellbeing of all South Africans", as well as guarantees for work and security.

These historic documents culminated into our Constitution today adopted by the majority oppressed people in 1996. To give effect to the spirit of the Constitution various legislation followed such as the Employment Equity Act, Broad-based Black Economic Empowerment and the Promotion of Equality and Prevention of Unfair Discrimination Act. These laws were developed to ensure redress and prevent racial discrimination.

The good intentions of the ANC Government are constantly undermined by the forces of counter-revolution, amongst others the Democratic Alliance. [Interjections.] Under the DA-led Western Cape Government this province

has become the bastion of racism... [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Yes.

Mr K E MAGAXA: ...both systemic and institutionalised racism. The racist attitudes are entrenched by the DA itself. There is a litany of examples of racist sentiments propagated by a DA leader, the honourable Premier Zille.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Ja.

Mr K E MAGAXA: She has a history of instigating racism against indigenous people.

The PREMIER: Ah, rubbish!

Mr K E MAGAXA: Her statements are provocative and abuse the culture of tolerance cultivated during the negotiation processes. Just today she jumped to translate a question to the Public Protector even after Adv Busisiwe Mkhwebane indicated she understood, as if an African cannot understand Afrikaans. [Interjections.] Who can forget that the DA... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: ...and its predecessors... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr K E MAGAXA: ...such as the Liberal Party and the Progressive Party...

[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Order, member, just one second.

Take a seat. Hon Chief Whip.

Mr M G E WILEY: Mr Deputy Speaker, the remark by the hon Leader of the Opposition is absolutely out of order. It was a generous gesture by the Premier on the one hand... [Interjections.] ...and secondly the Public Protector... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.]

Mr M G E WILEY: ... acknowledged that she was not as conversant in Afrikaans as the member makes out. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Which member is that? [Interjections.]

Ms T M DIJANA: Sit down!

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

An HON MEMBER: You do not just say that. [Interjections.]

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

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I happen to be part of that episode and the Premier simply offered to translate to interpret. I did not see anything more than that. [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: That is my analysis. You might have this different opinion about that but I have to make an opinion on that one and I formulated that opinion. [Interjections.]

Mr M G E WILEY: Why did you not object then? [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please continue, Hon Chief Whip, order!

Mr K E MAGAXA: Who can... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Just one second. [Interjections.]
Order!

Mr P UYS: Well there is a bit of a break. Mr Deputy Speaker, the Premier said “rubbish” while the hon member was busy addressing.

Ms M N GILLION: Yes.

Mr P UYS: I want her to withdraw please.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, I heard that and the word “rubbish” in that context is acceptable. If the person had said “she or he is rubbish” that is different. That is unparliamentary, but a general comment across the floor “that that is rubbish or she is speaking rubbish” is acceptable ... [Interjections.] Please continue.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Mr Deputy Speaker, who can forget that the DA and its predecessors such as the Liberal Party and the Progressive Party were collaborators of the apartheid regime and regarded black people as subhuman? This was demonstrated by its policy of ‘qualified franchise’ for Africans. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes! [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: This meant a fundamental human right to vote should be given to educated Africans only, betraying the government of the people by the people. You must understand that. Let us look at the pattern of racist statements by the Premier.

She once claimed that people of Masiphumelele steal rubbish bins and take them to the Eastern Cape. She later called Africans refugees. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Most recently she exposed her adoration for colonial

apartheid. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr K E MAGAXA: The ignorance of the DA will not go unnoticed in the eyes of the electorate. The DA Federal Executive... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Just one second. Madam Premier. [Interjections.]

Ms M N GILLION: Do not defend... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The PREMIER: In terms of Rule 57 the convention and the precedent is that making unsubstantiated allegations against the integrity of any member is unparliamentary, nor may improper or unworthy motives be imputed to them. [Interjections.]

Ms M N GILLION: That is where it is coming from. [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: Imputing support for racism and racial agendas is imputing a most improper motive and I would like you to rule on that, please, Mr Deputy Speaker. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Madam Premier I will rule on that. Just one second. Premier, you referred to Rule 57?

Mr P UYS: Yes, there is no such quote in that Rule. Sorry, you are wrong. [Laughter.] [Interjections.] You are wrong.

The PREMIER: I quote, Mr Deputy Speaker, from the Guide to Procedure on Precedence, Previous Precedence that we follow ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order, please take your seat. Order! [Interjections.]

Ms P Z LEKKER: You are so desperate, nè. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Just take your seat Mr Uys. [Interjections.] Order! The Premier is still on her feet. [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: Mr Deputy Speaker, when you opened today you referred to a previous ruling that sets a precedent.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Now we know where... [Interjections.]

Ms M N GILLION: And now we know why... [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: No, I had nothing to do with that. I want to tell you that I

also went to look at the precedents because I know how these debates degenerate and so I went to look... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

The PREMIER: ... at a whole range of precedents that have been pulled together in the Guide to Procedure, which we are also bound by... [Interjections.]

Ms P MAKELENI: You are getting everything now... [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: And it says here:

“Reflections upon members of the Assembly...” [Interjections.]

Ms P MAKELENI: Take the responsibility.

The PREMIER: “...making unsubstantiated allegations against the integrity of any member is unparliamentary, nor may improper or unworthy motives be imputed to them.”

Mr P UYS: Which Rule?

The PREMIER: And that is... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Where is the Rule?

The PREMIER: That is... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The PREMIER: That is the Guide to Procedure referring with reference to other members. The Rules on reference to other members. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: We are not dealing with other procedures...
[Interjections.]

The PREMIER: Here it is and I have to look that up because we cannot continue in this abusive way in this House, Mr Deputy Speaker.
[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order, allow me to respond to that. The Premier refers to the Guide for Procedure, the same document which I have referred to in my totally independent ruling which I gave.

Ms M N GILLION: No it is not... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Take my word for that. There was no consultation.
[Interjections.] Order! [Interjections.]

It is absolutely correct that you cannot impute certain negative comments to a person without a substantive motion. That was the main reason why I again

refreshed my memory with that initial ruling which I gave then in May 2012. So the Premier is raising a point of order that the hon member Magaxa is now overstepping again and I indicated at the time it is awfully difficult for the Chair to make a substantive call each time, whether it has gone beyond the rope, so to speak, or not. [Interjections.]

I will look at the hon member Magaxa's comments and come back if it went too far, but please refrain from becoming personal, derogatory, and at a level that the debates have been in the past, the past couple of days.

Mr K E MAGAXA: I will try very hard.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Just one second, the hon member Uys.

Mr P UYS: Mr Deputy Speaker, my understanding was that when there is a problem or a point of order we quote from the Rules. Although the Premier gave the impression she is quoting from the Rules by saying Rule 57, she never substantiated. Are we now using a second Rule book?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Uys, my ruling specifically refer to the very same book, which is a book on Parliamentary Procedure, which applies at National Parliament and we also use it here. In my previous ruling I did say that and I also said the same ruling which was given there also now applies here. That was that, also that year refers to May 2012, so since then that has been the applicable situation here as well. Hon Chief Whip.

Mr M G E WILEY: Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker. I refer you to Rule 63(1):

“An explanation during a debate is allowed with prior consent of the Presiding Officer only when a material part of the member’s speech has been misquoted or misunderstood but the member may not be permitted to introduce any new matter...”

So it is in... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, Order! Order! ... [Interjections.] Order! Mr Chief Whip this Rule refers to a different scenario where a prior permission is granted from the Chair to allow a specific explanation, but I take the point that you wanted to raise there.

An HON MEMBER: 63(2).

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Beerwinkel.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Can I please plead for consistency because every time when one of this side of the House rises to explain something that has obviously been misconstrued by the other side, the Chief Whip on the other side would jump up and demand of us which Rule are you referring to.

We now got a lecture about Rule 57 that does not even exist and the

Premier's speech was not misconstrued.

The PREMIER: It does exist. It does exist!

Mr P UYS: But you quoted the wrong one.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: She has not spoken yet. [Interjection.] It is our leader that has spoken. [Interjection.]

The PREMIER: [Inaudible.] ...previous speeches were misconstrued.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: So it is completely, completely out of order.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! I think we have covered this point. I did say I will look at Hansard and if necessary come back with a specific ruling. Please continue, hon member Magaxa, and you know what our feeling about this is.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Mr Deputy Speaker, I hope my time - because these speeches are raised within my time.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please continue.

Mr K E MAGAXA: The DA veteran and former Chief Whip Douglas Gibson said hon Zille's shelf life is over and she must retire. I want to take it further

and say she must resign and be dismissed now. [Interjections.] It is also common knowledge that DA councillors and MP's follow suit. Most recent glaring examples were seen in Sea Point and Hout Bay displaying their disdain for black people in general. They called for action against poor black people in Cape Town.

Therefore, the rise of the racist incidents in Cape Town in particular can be directly attributed to the DA, as led by hon Zille. We place the blame for deteriorating of race relations at the doorstep of the Premier and her reactionary DA.

Those in the DA benches cannot deny this truth because racism exists even inside the DA. Its erstwhile leaders Gareth van Onselen and Lindiwe Mazibuko ... [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: But you are the most racist.

Mr K E MAGAXA: ...confirmed the fact that the DA is a racist party.
[Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: You are the most racist party.
[Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: The heightening racist incidents in public places are inspired by the racist attitude of the DA. Black people are denied

opportunities for inclusive low-cost housing; closer work opportunities and the case in point is the Sea Point Tafelberg site debacle that exposed the DA's anti-poor attitude. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: The intellectually bankrupt - that is the problem.

Mr K E MAGAXA: The DA failed to provide the most basic services to poor black communities due to its preoccupation with maintaining white privilege in the leafy suburbs. The poor majority still live in squalid conditions, without decent sanitation... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Just one second. Order! Order! Order! Just one second. Hon member Ms Beerwinkel.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Intellectually deficient.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Mr Deputy Speaker, do you not consider it a derogatory statement for a member of the other side of the House to refer to our leader as being "intellectually deficient" [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: And bankrupt.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: And bankrupt. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Because they have no other ...
[Inaudible.] It is a disgrace.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: No! You cannot!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Order!

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: It goes contrary to the point that you have just made,
Mr Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, Order! Order, you have made your
point. Hon Minister Fritz, in the interest of order in the debate I want you to
retract that.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: I withdraw. thanks Mr Deputy
Speaker.

Mr K E MAGAXA: I can forgive you... [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Yes, Mathanzima, yes.
[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please continue.

An HON MEMBER: Ja, I understand why. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Please withdraw that rubbish!

Mr K E MAGAXA: I understand where you come from.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Yes, Mathanzima.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Our people constantly live under severe threat of disasters; proper interventions by the DA Government. People are kept in indecent, inhumane and over-concentrated community halls for many months, which strip them of their dignity. No white person could ever be subjected to what the majority of black people suffer daily in the halls, living in the OR Tambo Hall for six months. That is the stark contradiction of the DA's reality today. The DA pretends to care for the poor only to secure their votes.

†'n AGB LID: Daar is hy!

[An HON MEMBER: There you go!]

Mr K E MAGAXA: It is obvious that the DA is deliberately frustrating and blocking transformation in general. Evidence from the 16th Commission for Employment Equity Report indicates that in the Western Cape white males occupy 63,2% of the top management posts while their female counterparts occupy only 14%. Similarly, white males occupy 43,8% of senior management posts and again their female counterparts occupy 21,4%. All other population groups combined, in both categories, do not even come close to the representation of whites.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Shame! [Inaudible.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: This regression is institutionalised and systematically implemented to frustrate the project of building a non-racial, non-sexist society. Lest we forget, the honourable Zille has perpetrated this trend since assuming the reigns of Cape Town and later Wale Street. It is Zille who fired most black executives in Cape Town and purged competent black executives in the Provincial Government.

An HON MEMBER: Yes, you remember!

Mr K E MAGAXA: She worked very hard to undermine the spirit of the Constitution whilst pretending to be a so-called constitutionalist. My foot! It is not surprising as many liberals act in a fashion that is contradictory. They go to a meeting to save water in the drought time, but they first wash their cars against restrictions with the hosepipes! [Interjections.] The DA continues to protect and preserve white privilege through the... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Hon member Mr Magaxa, order, just one second. Hon Minister?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: The substance of the debate is completely irrelevant. He is talking absolute nonsense. [Interjection.] There is nothing, no coherent debate, no coherent argument! [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: There is no coherent argument. He is talking about people washing their cars.

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

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Absolute nonsense!
[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

An HON MEMBER: We understand your limitations.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Chair will rule on that, but the member may continue. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: It is a rubbish point!

Mr K E MAGAXA: Thank you. Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. We understand that member. The DA continues to protect and preserve white privilege through the machinery of Government. Madame Zille finally stopped the pretence to be progressive by throwing the gauntlet where she stands on colonial apartheid. This proves that lies and deceit have short legs. The DA must now stop pretending and declare it is the actual enemy of the

poor, an enemy of this dispensation in actual fact.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: You are the enemy.

[Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: Thank you. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! [Interjections.] Order, please come to order before we see the next speaker. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: President Zuma steals every cent of this... [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! I see the hon Minister Madikizela. [Interjection.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: Just be careful ... [Inaudible.] Helen Zille.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Thank you very much Mr Deputy Speaker. [Interjections.] I actually expected something fresh and new from the speaker, but this is the time when on a serious note now, this is the time when we need leaders that would provide... [Interjection.]

Mr D JOSEPH: Uh-huh, they have nothing to say.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: ...substance and focus to where we should be going, not where we come from.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Ja, take over from Zille. Start there.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: But of course, we understand Mr Deputy Speaker, that you are dealing here with a dying horse ...
[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Zille.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: And the irony is that...
[Interjection.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: A lame duck.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: ...this debate - we are having this debate a few days after Workers' Day events, where workers from the ANC alliance partners across the country were speaking with one voice saying: "Zuma must go."

†'n AGB LID: Ja, hoor-hoor!

[An HON MEMBER: Yes, hear-hear!]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Because if you look at the source of the current challenges that the hon member is talking about, the source of those problems is Zuma and I will get to that just now, because what I would like you to note, the Western Cape, as a province of South Africa, is affected by poor political decisions that are made by President Zuma and the ANC.

Ms P Z LEKKER: But Zuma is not a racist, nè?

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Now the discussion that you should be having here really... [Interjection.]

Ms P Z LEKKER: You are a racist!

An HON MEMBER: What is your relevance?

Ms M N GILLION: What is your relevance?

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: ...in fact Mr Deputy Speaker, is what is it that you are going to do as the country to deal with the appetite from the President... [Interjection.]

Ms P MAKELENI: But we are dealing with racists.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: ...to loot the state resources at

the expense of the poor? [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Minister Madikizela, order.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: That is the discussion that we should be having. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Order!

Ms M N GILLION: Mr Deputy Speaker... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! When the Chair asks for order that means simply get to order! Hon member Ms Gillion.

Ms M N GILLION: Hon Mr Deputy Speaker, I want you to please listen carefully to the input of the MEC. Where is the relevance of the debate? [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Ooh!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Gillion, the relevance will be watched but the member may continue. [Interjections.]

Ms M N GILLION: So you want to be the only one obviously.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister Madikizela, please continue.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Now hon member Magaxa accuses the Democratic Alliance of undermining BEE and a lot has been said about this radical transformation by the ANC.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: So-called.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: But let me give you examples here, to show exactly who undermines BEE in this radical transformation that we are talking about. There are a number of them but I will just make four. Now the first one is the E-Tolls. Now this is a multibillion rands' tender that was given to a foreign white company yet we are talking about radical transformation for the black people.

Now who benefited from that? [Interjections.] It is a few politically connected individuals at the expense of the poor, where poor taxpayers are expected to pay more than R20 billion. [Interjections.] Now that is a clear indication of exploitative behaviour by this ANC Government. Now the second example, Mr Deputy Speaker... [Interjection.]

Ms P MAKELENI: You hide behind accountants.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: ...is again a multibillion rands tender by CPS, again a foreign white company. Now despite the fact that the

Constitutional Court ruled that this tender was illegal the ANC insisted going ahead with this because they knew that they were benefiting at the expense of the poor again. Now who undermines the transformation here? [Interjections.]

Now the third example - this one is going to be catastrophic. [Interjections.]

The third example is a nuclear deal that two of our Finance Ministers were fired for. This is Nhlanhla Nene and Pravin Gordhan. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: No-no, let us talk about Zille now. That is where we are.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: No-no, I am responding as to who undermines BEE and transformation in this country because... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: am responding to this man because [Inaudible.] ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister, just one second. Hon Chief Whip.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: The Chief Whip does not like what you are saying.

Mr M G E WILEY: This is the third time that a member - twice by hon member Dugmore and once by hon member Dyantyi - constantly shouts out

“Zille”. All members of this House are honourable.

Ms M N GILLION: Please!

Mr M G E WILEY: And I ask that we stick to the Rules, please.

[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! I do not want a debate on this topic, obviously members are all hon members of the House so please continue.

[Interjections.] Please continue Minister Madikizela.

Mr C M DUGMORE: But Mr Deputy Speaker, just on a point of order. The Chief Whip has just said that I have shouted out words about Zille. Now I would like to ask you, could you please check the Hansard because that is completely false. I have got more important things to do than shout out the name of Zille. She is leaving. She is going. She is resigning ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Hon member Mr Dugmore.

Mr C M DUGMORE: We are not worried about her. So please withdraw that comment. [Interjections.] [Applause.]

†'n AGB LID: Mooi!

[An HON MEMBER: Good!]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.] Order! Please continue Minister.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Now the third clear example is this nuclear deal that two Finance Ministers were fired for because they refused to sign. Again this is designed to benefit one man and his few cronies and the Guptas at the expense of poor South Africans.

Now I am talking about someone who undermines transformation in South Africa. Now the fourth example which is the last one - there are many... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Be quiet now.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: ...now is the mining which resulted in a number of people dying in my hometown by the way, in Bizana. Now this again is the mining that was pushed by a foreign white company, where some people died in Bizana, because the ANC is hell-bent on looting state resources at the expense of poor people. Now if you talk about a party that undermines radical transformation... [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: In the DA, that is the DA... [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: ...there are no prizes to guess who that party is. Now Mr Deputy Speaker, let me now focus on the record of

delivery, comparing both when the ANC was in power in this province or when the DA is in power. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: No, there is no delivery there, it is just... [Interjections.]

Ms M N GILLION: The Minister of Defence.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Now in the last eight years, in fact in 2014 as this Government, we took a decision to adopt three strategic goals as Provincial Government and one of those is education which is very, very important. Because before I will talk about transformation we need to talk about education skills so that people can be skilled enough to be absorbed by the economy, the sectors that are dying in the economy. [Interjections.] Now let us look at the record of the ANC versus here in Government, particularly in education, which is the foundation for meaningful transformation. [Interjections.]

Now the ANC built only 34 schools - only 34 schools in its eight year tenure in government.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Disgusting, disgusting!

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: That is between 2001 and 2009. Now let us look at the DA. Let us look at the DA. The DA on the other hand built a whopping 118 schools... [Interjections.] [Applause.] ...including

those schools that had to be replaced. [Interjections.] But more importantly, this Government and the Department of Education reduced the number of under-performing schools. Now these are poor schools. Now which is the debate that we should be having? These are poor schools that were performing below 60% pass rate. We reduced this - the number of these schools from 78 to 19 currently. Now that is a real transformation. [Applause.]

Now those are the things that you should be talking about. In my Department for example, Mr Deputy Speaker... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: In my Department, for example, the Human Settlements, that I took over, only 25% of the entire budget was going to emerging contractors. Now these are PDIs, previously disadvantaged contractors. As I am talking to you now, just over 60% of my entire budget benefits the PDIs or emerging contractors. Now that is a real transformation.

The PREMIER: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Now again, the Leader of the Opposition quoted figures, misleading figures. Now let us look at the EE figures of 2016, from 2011 to 2016 in this Government. Now it is worth

noting that 84.7% of the Western Cape public servants are people of colour or non-whites, a whopping 84.7%. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: They were employed by the ANC. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Now the Department of the Premier has a staff component where 88% is made up of designated groups in terms of relevant legislation, which is employment equity.

Now at senior management level again, 72.7% are from designated groups. Now our recruitment included 88.6% from designated groups. In addition, 91% of promotions are from designated groups and 94.6% of those benefiting from skills development are from designated groups. Now let us talk about ... [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: You mean white females... [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Let us talk about access to basic services because yes, we are still facing many challenges and part of the challenge... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: ...disabled people.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: It is because if you look at provinces like the Western Cape and Gauteng we are experiencing massive

population growth.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: We agree there, we agree there.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: But if you look at the Community Survey now by Stats SA, the Community Survey... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Yes, we agree with the growth.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: ...that was released last year. Now let us look at what does it say. Now it is saying access to basic services has generally increased. That is now across the board between 2001 and 2016 but it further says the province with the largest proportion of household with access to piped water is the Western Cape with 98.9%. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: That has always been... [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: 98.9% so you actually agree that we have improved. So it is a lie that we are regressing. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Thank you for confirming it. Thank you for confirming it. [Interjections.] Now this report further says access to electricity for lighting has increased by 32.2%. That is across the

board, but again Western Cape is leading by more than 90% of residents having access to electricity, and it is better than any other province.

†'n AGB LID: Hoor-hoor! [Tussenwerpsels.]

[An HON MEMBER: Hear-Hear! [Interjections.]]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Now you talk about Bizana. In fact it is interesting that you should talk about Bizana, Mr Deputy Speaker, through you. Now Bizana is the home... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Ja, and we know... [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: No-no-no, let me, because you raised it. Bizana is the home of the longest serving President of the ANC, Mr Oliver Reginald Tambo, but this party should be ashamed because Bizana is the poorest municipality in South Africa, and yet you talk about transformation. [Interjections.] Nkandla is developing... [Interjections.]

Ms P MAKELENI: And people of Bizana are so ashamed of you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: ...is developing into an urban city, while the home of Oliver Tambo, Bizana... [Interjections.]

Ms P MAKELENI: Bizana is so ashamed of you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order Minister Madikizela.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Bizana is the poorest municipality in South Africa. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order Minister.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Now that is transformation.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, just one second. The noise levels are really too high in the House. I cannot hear the Minister properly. He is talking louder and louder and to curb the noise from the other side, specifically the hon member Makeleni and hon member Davids. Please continue Minister Madikizela.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Now that is a real transformation because it simply means that the ANC is transforming all the areas where it is in government from bad to worse and that is the record, and this is on record. Again, this report, Mr Deputy Speaker, we are talking about transformation here and we are talking about a documented proof as to which province is transforming its citizens better than any other province.

Now most provinces reported a decline in the poverty headcount between

2011 and 2016. Now the lowest poverty headcount was reported where?
Again in the Western Cape at 2.7%. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Not in the townships.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister, your time unfortunately has expired.
[Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: I can give a number of
examples comparing the Western Cape and provinces where you are
governing. [Interjections.]

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

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Well done!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: That is real transformation.
[Time expired.] [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Please come to order. [Interjections.] The
hon member Christians is next. I want him to start in a quiet House.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Mr Deputy Speaker, racism is wrong and it does not

belong in this new South Africa we love and care. Who will forget about what the media reported when it came to Rondebosch High School with the racist song they sang? Who will forget about the two people that were identified as blacks on their bill... [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Yes, no-no, explain that please. Do not run away now.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: But Mr Deputy Speaker, the question must be can we place this in the front of the Premier's door and the answer is no. [Interjections.]

As leaders we must take a stance against racism. The more we bring this topic up and the more we divide families, divide settlements, divide townships, we are in trouble. We should contribute to this society with positive talks and not racism all the time, but Mr Deputy Speaker, let me tell you this. [Interjections.]

A survey was done by the *City Press* into racism experiences in South Africa, the 7th of September 2016. [Interjections.] The question was posed, who believes some races are more smarter than others. Number one was the Free State with 73% and the Western Cape came ninth with 54%. [Interjections.]

†'n AGB LID: Sê hulle man, sê vir hulle! [Tussenwerpsels.]

[An HON MEMBER: Tell them, man, tell them! [Interjections.]]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: When the question was asked: “Did you experience any racial discrimination?” Gauteng came first with 34% and in ninth position the Western Cape with 20%. So we have a problem here. Crime is out of control. We have so many issues that we can debate in this House and all the ANC can do is divide communities. That is what they are doing with this debate. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Mr Deputy Speaker, I even went so far to check on the media and its racial slurs by senior ANC members. I thank you. I think my time is about to expire... [Interjection.] [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you member, your time has expired. [Interjections.] Order! Order please calm down before I see Minister Meyer. Minister Meyer.

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

†Mnr L H MAX: Ja, gooi kole, gooi kole!

[Mr L H MAX: Yes, throw coals, throw coals!]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Mr Deputy Speaker, we are taking part in this debate... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! [Interjections.] Hon member Makeleni. You are far too vociferous today. Please calm down. You cannot comment on each and everything. Minister Meyer, please proceed.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to take part in this debate. The essence of this debate is on paper, how did the DA Government transform the Western Cape.

As we have seen from the hon Leader of Government business and the leader of the ACDP, my friend, they have now quoted very substantive evidence to this argument but I have another piece of evidence to destroy everything the ANC has said up to now and this is from their own documentation. It says: “the spending on pro-poor programmes until the end of 31 March 2017”, in this the Western Cape Government, how much money did you spend on poor?

The National Record, which is called the Vulindlela Financial Reporting System, and this information we have extracted on 2 May, so it is fresh information. The National Government is praising the Western Cape by spending 75.8% on a pro-poor budget in this Western Cape. [Applause.] So that explains what is happening. [Interjections.] [Applause.]

So this debate actually exposes Mr Zuma and the real thing that we are actually busy talking about here is exposing the hypocrisy of your leader. That is why we are now busy preparing for the exit strategy of Mr Zuma.

An HON MEMBER: Yes, yes!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: This is what we are busy with and I am so thankful that the Leader of the Official Opposition brought this debate here in this House, I am going to thank him for his leadership to show the SACP agrees, he is a member of the SACP. The SACP said: “Zuma must go.”
[Applause.]

Thank you Leader of the SACP. We agree with you that Zuma must go, but Mr Leader of the Official Opposition, you have now demonstrated that when Zuma goes you will also go and we are preparing for the Union Buildings.
[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: You wish. Even you know that is not possible.
[Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: And so Mr Deputy Speaker, because under this Government we have radically transformed this Province. Transformation refers to radical change in a new direction that takes you to an entirely different level of effectiveness. That is the dictionary definition of transformation, but I went beyond that, I also looked at what is this conceptualisation in the Constitution. It adds two other words. It says “effectiveness and efficiency”, and so this effectiveness and efficiency became one of the instruments and the indicators for measuring your transformation in this Government.

This is exactly what has happened in the DA Western Cape Government since 2009 when we took over this province under the leadership of Helen Zille and this is clearly demonstrated in the AG's reports over the last few years. Let me remind this Opposition, Mr Deputy Speaker, since the member was not here, of the Official Opposition, let me give him a summary of the Rasool Government under the ANC Leadership. Under the leadership of the ANC the Premier's Annual Report under Rasool and under the ANC, it was not finalised timeously.

Four departments under the ANC had no HR plan and no job descriptions. Under the ANC six departments had unacceptable levels of vacancy rate at SMS level, highly skilled staff levels, which manifested in using 898 consultants to the cost of R707 million with one department under the ANC using 189 consultants at a cost of R610 million. This is the ANC's transformation. Three departments under the ANC were found to have inadequate appointment processes. Just like the SABC you appoint *sommer* a guy here from the pavement. [Laughter.]

Three departments under the ANC had inadequate leave administration. Now there is one credit we must give to Helen Zille and that is that she has, in this province, managed effectively leave administration. There was no leave administration under your system. Helen Zille brought an electronic leave administration system. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: So she is not Premier Zille now, not honourable?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: You brought nothing into this place. Mr Deputy Speaker, the root cause of the above according to the AG was the lack of leadership of the ANC and involvement of the implementation of the Public Finance Management Act, the Treasury Regulations and I can quote many.

The AG's comments must be familiar to some of the members sitting right here, the one ran out now, but there was one here, two members, who were members of the Provincial Cabinet at the time. So they are fully aware of how the ANC messed up this province. They presided over the mess which they called the ANC administration. The DA under Helen Zille inherited this mess in 2009 from the ANC. The DA administration has now transformed this Government and achieved the highest number of clean audits in 2015 and in 2016. Also the public entities, there were no clean audits when this Government took over. Under the leadership of Helen Zille we now have the highest level of clean audits in this Government.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You know that is rubbish.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: That is the transformation. You cannot say the Auditor-General is rubbish. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: [Inaudible.] I am saying it is rubbish.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: You cannot say the Auditor-General is

rubbish. You were one of those MECs by the way that were cooking the books. On the 26, you were cooking the books. [Interjections.]

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

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: You cooked the books.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order Minister Meyer.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: We have got the letter that you wrote.

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

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: We have got the letter that you wrote.
[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order Minister Meyer... [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: On 26 October... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: ...you wrote a letter to Helen Zille when she was the Mayor. We know about what you wrote in that letter. [Interjections.]

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

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: You tried to cook the books. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! [Interjections.] Order! Please take your seats. Minister Meyer, will you please stand up.

An HON MEMBER: Ja, exactly!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: When the Speaker asks, when the Chair asks for order, that means order.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: I apologise.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: That reference that somebody cooked the books and that directed to a member of this House is unparliamentary. You must withdraw that. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Withdraw!

Mr D JOSEPH: The member cooked the books.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Withdraw! [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Withdraw!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: My leaders have asked me to withdraw and I withdraw. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon Chief Whip. [Interjections.]

Mr M G E WILEY: It pains me to say, but the hon Minister has deliberately misled this House. He said that the Western Cape has got the highest... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr M G E WILEY: ... the highest clean audits in this province.

An HON MEMBER: Sit down! [Inaudible.]

Mr M G E WILEY: It is in fact the highest clean audits in the country. [Interjections.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Asseblief! Gaan sit!

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Please! Sit down!]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Mr Wiley, can I just point out that saying somebody is deliberately misleading is also unparliamentary. [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Withdraw!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Will you please withdraw the word “deliberate.”

Mr M G E WILEY: I am happy to withdraw, thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Uys.

Mr P UYS: Mr Deputy Speaker, you have not once, twice, a couple of times said “order.” The MEC did not even listen to you. It is not good enough, Mr Deputy Speaker, to just say: “Why did you not listen to me.” You will have to take stronger sanction at this moment in time. He bluntly ignored you, Mr Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Mr Uys we will get to you at Scopa.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order Minister. [Interjection.] Order!

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Hey, sit down!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I will deal with that if necessary. Minister, you may continue.

Mr P UYS: But Mr Deputy Speaker, a point of order. [Interjections.]

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

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Sit!

Mr P UYS: A point of order Mr Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister Meyer, just take your seat.

An HON MEMBER: Sit!

Mr P UYS: Mr Deputy Speaker, while you were talking, while you were speaking, the MEC started to shout - no respect for the Chair; no respect for this House.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, I have felt ... [Interjections.] Order!

Mr P UYS: And you are not saying anything, Mr Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I felt the same, that the Chair was not given the necessary respect and I am not talking about the person. I am talking about the office of the Deputy Speaker. So that is why I earlier also asked when the Speaker, when the Chair asks for order it exactly means that the House must come to order. Hon member Ms Beerwinkel you also wanted to address me, is that finished?

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: I am not sure - thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I am not sure whether the hon member Uys' comment included what I wanted to say, but it was totally unparliamentary while you are speaking, for the MEC to shout across the floor to hon member Uys: "We are waiting for you at Scopa..."; totally irrelevant, totally uncalled for.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, that is a debating point. I did deal with the matter of ignoring the instructions from the Chair. Minister, you may now continue.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Mr Deputy Speaker, thank you for that. Because the ANC failed this Government they went to the election in 2009 with a manifesto based on race. The race agenda of the ANC was rejected in the 2009 Election. It was rejected in the 2011 Election. It was rejected in the 2016 Election. Western Cape voters displayed electoral maturity. Because of this maturity the ANC race-base agenda was rejected. The new DA Government was elected in 2009.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: [Onduidelik.] ...die "swart gevaar."

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: [Inaudible.] ... the "swart gevaar."]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: The ANC offered the voters race. The DA offered the voters good governance and service delivery. Needless to say Mr Deputy Speaker, the voters selected the DA brand of good governance... [Interjection.] ...and rejected the ANC race theory, but let us examine what

happened under the race-based Governments of the ANC provinces.
[Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: No, we are in the Western Cape. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: The Province of the Free State, the Province of Mpumalanga, the Province of the North West, it is too long, but it is indicative of what is happening because those are the provinces of the Premier League. Those are the provinces where the corruption under Zuma is really properly exposed... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: The subject is the Western Cape.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: ...to the extent that I do not have the time to expose them here and so Mr Deputy Speaker [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister Meyer, just one second.

An HON MEMBER: Ja, they cannot even defend their own Premier.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Beerwinkel.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Really Mr Deputy Speaker, we have gone cross-cross this country now on this debate.

An HON MEMBER: Yes, about transformation... [Interjections.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: The debate today is the refusal by the DA Provincial Government under the leadership of Helen Zille to transform / address racism in the Western Cape. What has it got to do with the other provinces? [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: It is a comparison.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: You do not have to.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: You do not, no, you do not. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Minister, you may continue, and bring... [Interjections.] Order!

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

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: I am going to adhere to their request.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Bring it closer please.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: I am not going to discuss what those provinces are doing, but I am going to give you a summary of the Auditor-General on what is said about those three. He said, and I quote:

“Bad acts have led to the increase in irregular unauthorised fruitless expenditure. Bad acts...”

Referring to the ANC:

“...have gotten more rotten and misspent or wasted more money.”

So that is the ANC’s transformation that they want to talk about. So in short, radical economic transformation is the code language for radical economic looting of the State... [Interjections.]

Mr D JOSEPH: Ja.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: And we have stopped that in this province and in the Western Cape we have a proud track record of service delivery to the extent that the Auditor-General has now confirmed that clean audits in the Western Cape have transferred to better service delivery particularly to the poor here in the Western Cape, but Mr Deputy Speaker, I have consulted also with the Director-General, who frequently attends meetings at the FOSAD, Forum of South African Directors-General, and he provided me with the

MPAT report, the comparison of the Provincial Governments performance. It is really a shocking state of affairs... [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: About racism.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: ...and so the transformation that they talk about... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: That is not racism again.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: I am so glad that the transformation of this debate has been documented and giving the Western Cape Government under the leadership of Helen Zille the best score rate of transformation of the Government. So their own documents say: "Western Cape, you are the best run government, in four areas."

Mr D JOSEPH: Yes.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Firstly, in good governance.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is rubbish. You know that. [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: ...in HR management, in strategic management and in financial management. [Interjections.] So Mr Deputy Speaker, the leader of the Government Business has now indicated how

transformation manifested also in terms of basic service delivery. So Mr Deputy Speaker... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You have nothing to say.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: I am so happy... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Sit down, sit down.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: ...that under the leadership of this part of this caucus and the collective caucus we have radically transformed this province... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: What? Ooh!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: ...to the extent that it is now fully documented and we are now soon going to ask Masters and Doctoral students to write this up, because this stuff is really groundbreaking stuff, but because we are going to need it, this best practice in the Union Buildings, we need those students to further research these particular matters and I am so happy that you brought this debate to this Parliament.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Sit down, sit down!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Thank you very much. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! The Hon member Mr Dugmore.

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Gooi kole, vreet hulle man!

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Throw coals, eat them, man.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: Mr Deputy Speaker, it is very clear that our province, the Western Cape, bears very deep scars of institutionalised racism and a system of inequality which directly benefits those that colonised this country in a special form of colonialism referred to as internal colonialism and those benefits... [Interjection.]

The PREMIER: That is outrageous.

An HON MEMBER: What?

The PREMIER: That is outrageous... [Inaudible.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: Those benefits have continued to maintain power and privilege and in this Chamber we have the living expression of that privilege, that arrogance and that refusal to actually take on that history and that legacy which leaves us with the inequality today. [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: In the ANC provinces.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Thus there was reason to celebrate Freedom Day because as the Leader of the Opposition referred to, we waged a tireless struggle where sacrifices were made and lives were lost to try and get to a point to begin to reverse that legacy of colonialism when we achieved a democratic breakthrough in 1994, and we also then through a process adopted a Constitution and we as the ANC believe that that Constitution allows us, in fact it is a weapon to advance redress and to bring about transformation that we are calling for today in this debate and also to secure basic human rights. It gives us that, but clearly to implement that Constitution and to make sure that the transformation required is achieved, it requires political will. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: And it is not there.

Mr C M DUGMORE: And if we look at the period since 1994, we have had governments of unity including a government of provincial unity. Then we saw †die misoes [the failure] of a DP/DA type of coalition and eventually then through the work that the ANC had done serving our people, exposing racism, we achieved a victory in 2004 [Interjections.] ...and it is very clear and the record will show over the next couple of months that the ANC Government in this Province showed serious advancement when it came to the levels of representivity. When we talk about representivity we look at the Western Cape population in regard to people who were classified as African, Coloured, Indian and white and it is very clear that in terms of those demographics we had, what we had achieved in 2009, and the Employment

Equity Commission Report does not lie. It indicates that in 2016 - you referred to 2011, hon MEC Madikizela, that there has been a reversal of representivity of African, Coloured and Indian... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: No sis.

An HON MEMBER: That is a lie.

†'n AGB LID: Skande!

[An HON MEMBER: Disgrace!]

Mr C M DUGMORE: ...at senior management level. The facts speak for themselves. Secondly there was an act of anti-racism campaign, racism on the farms, racism in shopping centres. These were issues that the leadership of the ANC including the Premier went out and addressed. Now I would like to ask this House a very serious question. We have seen massive killings through gang violence on the Cape Flats. Has any member, and I would like to ask you, has any member of this House ever seen the Premier of this province go to a family that is actually affected by a legacy of colonialism, which is the dire... [Interjections.] Have you ever seen her going and showing that solidarity?

†'n AGB LID: Nee.

[An HON MEMBER: No.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: No! Because that institutionalised racism and privilege which actually captures the consciousness of this Premier would not bring her to show empathy with those victims of colonialism. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! [Interjections.] Order! Mr Dugmore, just one second. Hon Minister Fritz.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Mr Deputy Speaker, I think the hon member is misleading the House. He is misleading the House, he is talking absolute... [Interjections.] The Premier is in fact with us. She is always with us everywhere. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Stop wasting your time. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order member. [Interjections.] The point is taken. That is not a point of order.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Ja, sit down.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The member may continue.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Can you imagine if 13 people were shot in Rondebosch, whether this Premier would have visited those families? What happened in Elsie's River two or three days ago? There is simply no care because those are the victims of colonialism and the Premier spends time writing her books and

pursuing personal interests instead of caring for the victims of colonialism and racism. That is a fact. [Interjections.]

The Province under the ANC had an integrated strategy in regard to drugs and gangs and a high flyer strategy and there were serious gains actually made. The records will show, if you look at the SAPS statistics in terms of drugs and crime, since the DA took over, those crimes had actually got worse. [Interjections.] The record shows that. It is very clear. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: And we have a situation where the ANC Government made very serious efforts to ensure that traders, small and medium ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! The noise levels are again too high. [Interjections.] Order! [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Testifying for the drug lords.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Makeleni, hon Minister Fritz. Please allow hon member Dugmore to continue.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. So this we would argue, in terms of what the Constitution provided for, there was a

demonstration of political will to transform and to deal with racism head-on in that period. [Interjections.]

When the DA gained power in 2009 something changed. The basic thing which changed is that the political will to transform and the political will to deal with racism disappeared ... [Interjections.] And there was an issue of a commitment to maintaining those institutionalised patterns of privilege.

An HON MEMBER: Ja. [Interjections.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: Now we require leadership, as I said, to deal with that. But this Premier, Mr Deputy Speaker, this Premier in this very House, referring to black ANC women members said: all they are good for is to collect †*padkos* [food for the road] after meetings and drive home. She has never, up until today, apologised for that clearly racist statement. Secondly ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Order! Hon Premier?

The PREMIER: I rise again on this question of using offensive or unbecoming language. [Interjections.]

Ms P Z LEKKER: You don't have to justify yourself ... [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: Because this is completely abusive, an abuse of this House.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Apologise then.

The PREMIER: I have never mentioned the race or the party of the individuals involved ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: But what is the point of order?

The PREMIER: ... and for the hon member to deduce ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Rubbish.

The PREMIER: ... and infer that I did, is a reflection, and a very unbecoming one and an offensive one, which breaks Rule 57. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Hon member Uys?

Mr P UYS: Mr Deputy Speaker, there is no unbecoming language; then the Premier must point that out. There is nothing and that is not a point of order. Which point of order was that?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Premier? Chief Whip?

Mr M G E WILEY: I refer you this time to Rule 63.2. [Interjections.]

“A member may, with prior consent of the presiding officer, also explain matters of a personal nature but such matters may not be debated

and the member must confine themselves to strictly the vindication ...”

[Interjections.] May I finish?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Mr M G E WILEY:

“... to strictly the vindication of his or her own conduct and may not speak for longer than three minutes.” [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Hon member Uys, let me just say ... [Interjection.]

Mr P UYS: Can you please ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr P UYS: Can you please help the Chief Whip? That Rule is not applicable in this debate. Please help him.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Uys, yes, thank you, I will. [Interjections.] I will do that. [Interjections.] Order! Order, hon members. It is very difficult for the Chair to determine immediately whether what the hon member says is correct or not, I am not in a position to do that. If the hon member had said anything which is derogatory or abusive or unparliamentary,

clearly then the hon member will have to withdraw that. I will give him the benefit of the doubt to carry on and, if necessary, I will ask him to withdraw the next time. [Interjections.] Please continue.

Mr M G E WILEY: Thank you very much, Mr Deputy Speaker. I want to point out, Mr Deputy Speaker, that Hansard ... [Interjections.] Order! Order! Hon Premier?

The PREMIER: May I ask you please to go through the Hansard of what that hon member has said and to determine whether or not he was imputing racist motives to me.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Premier, that is exactly what I was trying to say. I will study the Hansard and, if necessary, come back to the House. [Interjections.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. And I would welcome that and urge you also to look at the Hansard where the Premier specifically referring to ANC members of Parliament who are women as only being good enough to take †*padkos* [food for the road] and drive away home in Mercedes Benzes; that is in Hansard and that is what I was referring to. Secondly, she tweeted about professional ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr C M DUGMORE: She tweeted about professional blacks. She has never, up until today, apologised. What we in fact are seeing today is the Premier having to, in the face of a disciplinary hearing coming up in a few days', a week's time, she is alone defending herself because the rest of this DA bunch here are cowards and they do not want to defend her because they know that her history is limited. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order, hon member, hon member Dugmore. Before I see the hon Chief Whip; hon member Dugmore, reference to members in the House as being cowards is not parliamentary. Please withdraw that.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Sorry, Mr Deputy Speaker, no, I withdraw that comment. I think being sort of uncertain and unwilling to defend the Premier is what I am actually saying. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You may continue.

Mr C M DUGMORE: So that was the tweet; then we had the refugee tweet. No sincere apology about the hurt, because in her consciousness she has done nothing wrong. But the key weakness of the Premier which the DA is now beginning to discover, is that she actually does not realise the hurt that she causes other people. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Hon member Dugmore, just one second.

Hon member Joseph?

Mr D JOSEPH: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. The member is raising points ... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Don't listen to ... [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.]

Mr D JOSEPH: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. The member is raising points which were raised in the previous debate. The Rule ... [Interjections.] No, member, Mr Deputy Speaker, no ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Order! Order! Please allow the hon member to raise his point of order, I am listening.

Mr D JOSEPH: Mr Deputy Speaker, Rule 147(b) says:

“The same matter may not be discussed under this Rule more than once during any period of three months.”

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: We had this debate; we are not going to allow the members to open another debate. [Interjections.] Order! Order! Order! [Interjections.] Suffice to say that that specific Rule is not applicable here. [Interjections.] It refers to specific points of ... [Interjections.] – notices of

motion. [Interjections.] Order! Hon member Tyatyam, allow – hon member Tyatyam ... [Interjections.] Hon member Tyatyam, allow the hon member to continue. [Interjections.] Hon member Dugmore, you may continue. [Interjections.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: Chairperson, and then we had the now infamous pro-colonialism justification tweets and then subsequent lead articles in defence of those tweets, which caused real pain to South Africans. [Interjections.] And there has been no real apology.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Dugmore ... [Interjections.] Order! Order! Hon member Wiley?

Ms P MAKELENI: This debate [Inaudible.]

Mr M G E WILEY: We have had a debate on this matter and it was clearly articulated by the Premier that she was not in favour of colonialism, yet he repeats that untruth and I believe that he needs to withdraw it.

HON MEMBERS: He?

HON MEMBERS: Who is he? Who is he? [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.] Order! Order! Hon Chief Whip, I want to see you but your own hon members are making too much of a

noise in the back bench there. Hon Chief Whip?

Mr P UYS: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I am very concerned and you must help us here. It was the Premier who turned to the two Whips and instructed them what to do. This is oversight by the Legislature of the Premier. Premier, stop instructing the Legislature what to do, please.

[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr P UYS: You turned around so quickly and instructed them ...

[Interjection.]

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

Mr P UYS: But that was not a point of order.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: It was not a point of order, I agree with you there. I want the debate to continue. There are too many interruptions on points which are not really points of order and I cannot, from the Chair, as I said before, comment on the correctness or otherwise of the specific political statement. If it becomes derogatory, very personal, then certainly the Chair has a duty to intervene and to ask the person to withdraw it. If people still feel aggrieved that something was said that should have been withdrawn, then certainly they can still raise it as a point of order now or later and we will

attend to it, we will look at Hansard. Hon member Wiley?

Mr M G E WILEY: Thank you for that, Mr Deputy Speaker. Derogatory remarks to the Premier have been made, and repeatedly, by the hon member Dugmore. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I would want the hon member Wiley to, either now or later in a communication to me, indicate what it is and I will have it relooked in Hansard and, if necessary, withdraw.

Mr M G E WILEY: I would like to study Hansard and come back to you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you.

Mr P UYS: Mr Deputy Speaker, I want you to rule on this. For one member to say another member is making derogatory remarks in itself is derogatory. If you cannot say what the remarks were – I cannot just stand up and say that. You must explain what was said then.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes. No, I do not think ... [Interjection.]

Mr P UYS: You understand? I cannot just attack a member like that.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No, I do not think the fact that a person says another one made a derogatory remark becomes unparliamentary; that is not

unparliamentary. It is simply a statement of fact, in his view. I want us to continue. Hon member Lekker, do you want to say something?

Ms P Z LEKKER: Yes, thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I would like the House to rule on whether it is parliamentary for hon member Wiley to point at hon member Dugmore and refer to him as a “he”, by the way, and not “an hon member”. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Hon members, order! Order, hon members. I really want us to raise ... [Interjections.] Order! I really want us to raise the level of debate onwards as we go forward now. [Interjections.] Hon members may not point at one another in a threatening fashion. I was not aware that an hon member threatened an hon member, it was simply a way of indicating. [Interjections.] If it was more serious then the member must please not do it in future. Who was it? Hon member Dugmore, you still have a couple of seconds left.

An HON MEMBER: No.

Mr C M DUGMORE: A few minutes. But, so on the one hand we have this division and the ditching of hon Premier Helen Zille because people realise her time is up, but the DA itself as an organisation must answer for its record in blocking transformation. Number one, the DA voted against employment equity legislation required by the Constitution in terms of provisions for redress, they voted and we all remember that Lindiwe Mazibuko was actually

dealt with by the Premier because of that opposition.

Secondly, last year we saw the DA objecting to the Expropriation Bill to align the expropriation provisions with the Constitution which, in certain cases, would allow for expropriation without compensation and considering other than simply market values. The DA in this House and nationally voted against it. Why do we need transformation? Because the land in this country – and the ANC will admit that the progress in that regard has been slow, but it is clear that the blocking of that comes from the DA – [Interjections.] – who use all sorts of – to try and block the advance of redistribution of land.

So there is clear evidence that not only their leader, who has been allowed to get away with clearly racist quotes, but also their own party policy against transformation characterises this Democratic Alliance ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Hon member Dugmore, just a second. Hon member Winde?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Is the hon member Dugmore prepared to take a question?

HON MEMBERS: No!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Dugmore, are you prepared to take ... [Interjections.] Order! Hon member Dugmore, are you prepared to take a

question? [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: He must not ... [Interjections.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: No, no.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The answer is no. Please continue. Sorry, the hon member Joseph?

Mr D JOSEPH: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I am asking the hon member to withdraw that statement, this point of order saying that the Premier made racist statements. The Premier did not make ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Did the hon member say that the Premier made racist statements? I did not hear that. [Interjections.]

Ms P MAKELENI: Refer to Hansard.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Mr Deputy Speaker, my interpretation of the four quotes that I have made here from the Premier's speeches and her tweets is – and I think any language analysis would support me – that those statements are racist. So if I am asked to withdraw a comment that my view is that the Premier's statements have been racist, that is a limitation on my freedom of speech because I argue that her statements and her tweets are implicitly racist. [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: [Inaudible.] is, then you are going to ask me to leave the House. So he may not make that inferment. For example, I have right here the Hansard that he is claiming is racist. There is not a single racist thing about it. The problem is with the ANC, that is the only thing they can do ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

The PREMIER: And they twist every normal word [Interjections] – every normal word, to have a racist connotation because they are failing in government. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

The PREMIER: And they are failing as a party.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Can I just say that the Premier did not raise on a point of order as far as I could read it, she actually raised on a debating point, which is not allowed, but the point was made. I sense that is what the Premier, what the member wanted to say... [Interjection.]

Mr P UYS: Yes, Mr Deputy Speaker. We cannot allow, please, for anybody just to jump up, if it is not a point of order, but just starts to make her own speech ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, the point is ... [Interjection.]

Mr P UYS: I think you will have to now reprimand ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I have made the point.

Mr P UYS: ... her very seriously.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: One should raise on a point of order and indicate it is a point of order. Before I respond, the hon Minister?

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Mr Deputy Speaker, on a serious note, I think hon member Dugmore must withdraw that because it is casting aspersion on the Premier of this House. [Interjections.] Now, his interpretation cannot be allowed if it casts aspersion on the member of this House. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Chief Whip?

Mr M G E WILEY: Thank you. Can I address you on the point raised by the Chief Whip on the other side. This comes from a man who disturbed the hon Premier's State of the Province address ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: No.

Mr M G E WILEY: ... for two and a half hours with ... [Interjections.]

Ms M N GILLION: Mr Deputy Speaker ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr M G E WILEY: ... three hundred and twenty interjections.

Ms M N GILLION: Mr Deputy Speaker ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Please take your seats. I will respond to that.

Mr M G E WILEY: ... with over 300 interjections coming from that side alone. [Interjections.] So this led to a Conduct Committee hearing ... [Interjections.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: No, Mr Deputy Speaker ... [Interjection.]

Mr M G E WILEY: This then led to a Conduct Committee and a ruling, for which he had to apologise for his behaviour. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Chief Whip, that does not refer directly to what is happening in the House now, so it is by a long stretch not quite a point of order. [Interjections.] Let me respond to the question that the hon

member Dugmore raised, this is the issue here. Hon member Gillion, are you on the floor?

Ms M N GILLION: Yes.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Do you want to take ... [Interjection.]

Ms M N GILLION: Mr Deputy Speaker, can I address you please?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes.

Ms M N GILLION: Mr Deputy Speaker, why do you allow it every time that the Chief Whip on the other side or the Premier to jump up, not even referring to a point of order, with frivolous points of order, you are allowing it all the time? Please, Mr Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Gillion, I take your point. It is not me allowing it, it is the question that the people do it and then you cannot get them down, that is the point. [Interjections.] Hon member Dugmore, I want you to address me on the question of the point raised there, whether you are implying that the Premier is racist, because that is the crux of the matter. [Interjections.] Did you say that in so many words?

Mr C M DUGMORE: Chairperson, what I basically indicated is that my interpretation of those lists of statements, that there is implicit racism in

those statements. So I am saying, what I did say, that implicit in her statements is racism. That is what I did say. [Interjections.] If you want me to withdraw that, I will withdraw that ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You will assist me by withdrawing that because I regard that as a reference, as being racist, saying the Premier is racist.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Okay. But is it correct to say, am I allowed to say that the statement she made was, in my interpretation, racist? Can I say that the statements she made were racist?

An HON MEMBER: Yes. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You are making it very difficult for the Chair to make a judgment call on that. Essentially you are implying that the Premier said racist things, which is not parliamentary. We have always ruled against being racist in the House, so it is in line with that, that I am saying please withdraw so that we can continue.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Just keep quiet and listen.

Mr C M DUGMORE: So Mr Deputy Speaker, did you indicate on an earlier ruling that you would look at it and then come back and make your ruling? If I am making this difficult for you, is it better for you to take it back and then make a ruling ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: That was on a different topic. This one is more clear-cut. [Interjections.] You cannot infer or imply somebody is racist.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Okay, Mr Deputy Speaker, I then withdraw that statement, noting the concerns that you have raised as the Deputy Speaker. But when we talk about institutionalised racism and ignoring of transformation legislation, we have a national law which, in regard to disposal of immovable assets, and I am referring here to Tafelberg, says that you have to ensure that that asset cannot be used by another user, must be used for social development objectives and in regard to Government socio-economic objectives, including land reform, black economic empowerment, alleviation of poverty. If that was the test that was supposed to have been used for Tafelberg. I would argue that this DA stands guilty of institutionalised racism and ignoring ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr C M DUGMORE: ... national legislation because it does not advance land or social housing ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, your time has expired now. [Interjections.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: That is my point.[Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The hon member Botha?

†Me L J BOTHA: Dankie, mnr die Adjunkspeaker. Ek wil graag die debat prakties maak. Transformasie – ja, luister ... [Tussenwerpsels.] ... word gedefinieer as ‘n duidelike verandering in vorm, aard of voorkoms. As jy so kyk na die DA en jy kyk na die ANC en vra jousef: wie het waar en hoe verander soos die definisie dit beskryf? Dan is die verskil hemelbreedte tussen die twee. [Tussenwerpsel.]

Die ANC het beslis verander. Hy verander vanaf ‘n bevrydingsinstansie na iets wat net na homself, sy leiers en vennote kyk. [Tussenwerpsels.] Gee vir my kans om te praat. [Tussenwerpsels.] ‘n Organisasie van baantjies vir boeties, hy stel geensins daarin belang, soos ons vir ‘n hele ruk al onder leiding van President Jacob Zuma sien, om transformasie in die samelewing teweeg te bring nie. Die DA, op sy beurt, is egter daarop ingestel om nie net transformasie te bevorder nie, maar om dit ‘n realiteit vir elke inwoner te maak. Wanneer ek praat van dit ‘n realiteit te maak, verwys ek veral na vroue en mans van kleur wat verskeie geleenthede in die Wes-Kaap gekry het. Ek moet beklemtoon dat ons op inklusiwiteit fokus. Die DA se beleid is immers vryheid, regverdigheid en geleenthede vir almal.

Vir die doel van die debat sal ek egter ‘n paar uitstekende voorbeelde gee van hoe ons transformasie bevorder en geleenthede bied.

'n AGB LID: [Onhoorbaar.]

Me L J BOTHA: Ek kan van vele vroue praat wat vandag in 'n posisie is, byvoorbeeld die burgemeester van 'n wêreldstad, Kaapstad, omdat ons egter ernstig is oor transformasie en dit nie goedkoop politiek wil maak nie. [Tussenwerpsels.]

'n AGB LID: [Onhoorbaar.]

Me L J BOTHA: Ons toon vier vroue in die Kabinet. Die DA vroue-verteenvoording in hierdie Huis, mnr die Adjunkspeaker, het ook verdubbel sedert 2009. Jare gelede sou ons huidige posisies maar net 'n droom wees, maar omdat ons vasbeslote is en geleentheid aangryp, kan ons praat van suksesse. Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, ekself verteenwoordig transformasie, met bevoegdheid en ondervinding en, mnr die Adjunkspeaker, ek moet sê ek is trots daarop.

Nog 'n suksesstorie is ons Speaker, 'n dame van die Kaapse Vlakte wat vandag aan die bewind is van die Provinsiale Wetgewer. Hierdie is eenvoudige voorbeelde, maar tog waarhede.

Moenie 'n fout maak nie, mnr die Adjunkspeaker, ons het hard gewerk om te kom waar ons nou is, maar 'n geleentheid is ook geskep en ons het dit aangegryp. [Tussenwerpsel.] 'n Program waar ons egter moet stilstaan en wys hoe uitstekend transformasie en strukturele hervorming in die Wes-Kaap werk, is die Suid-Kaapse Women at Work-program. Die program lei vroue op, bemagtig hulle en gee die nodige vaardighede om presies te doen wat baie glo

net mans kan doen. Vir diegene wat nie vertrou is met hierdie program nie, dit is padherstelspanne wat net uit vroue bestaan en hulle maak ondermeer slaggate reg, verf lyne op ons paaie en verseker oor die algemeen dat ons paaie onderhou word. Daar is agt van hierdie spanne wat elk uit ses vroue bestaan in verskeie gebiede regoor die Kaapse Skiereiland.

Wat hierdie voorbeelde duidelik aandui is dat ons besig is om die nalatenskap van apartheid stelselmatig op te los. Dit moet duidelik gestel word dat die DA eers in 2009 leierskap in die provinsie oorgeneem het, maar nie net het die wyse inwoners van hierdie provinsie besef dat die ANC nie dienste kan lewer nie, net na eie geldsakke kyk nie, maar hulle het ook besef dat dit net die binnekring is ... [Tussenwerpsels.] ... wat onder meer baat uit geleenthede.

Die ANC, mnr die Adjunkspeaker, wil aldag kritiek lewer, maar regoor die spektrum vaar die DA Wes-Kaap beter vandat hierdie DA die stad Kaapstad en die provinsie oorgeneem het in onderskeidelik 2006 en 2009 en met die erflating wat die ANC daargestel het.

Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Agb lid, u tyd is ongelukkig verstreke.

Me L J BOTHA: Die DA in die Wes-Kaap erken dat daar nog baie is wat gedoen moet word en daarom sal ons as 'n provinsie voortgaan om transformasie van alle stelsels en instansies steeds 'n prioriteit te maak. [Applous] [Tyd verstreke.]

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[Ms L J BOTHA: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I would like to make this debate practical. Transformation – yes, listen ... [Interjections.] ... is defined as a clear change in form, nature and appearance. If one looks at the DA and one looks at the ANC and you ask yourself: who has changed where and how as the definition describes it? Then the difference between the two is wide as heaven. [Interjection.]

The ANC has definitely changed. It changed from a freedom movement to something that only looks after itself, its leaders and partners. [Interjections.] Allow me a chance to speak. [Interjections.] An organisation of jobs for pals, he is not in the least interested, as we have seen for a long while under the leadership of President Jacob Zuma, to bring about transformation in society. In turn, the DA is focused not only to bring about transformation, but to make it a reality for each citizen. When I speak of making it a reality, I especially refer to women and men of colour who have received several opportunities in the Western Cape. I have to emphasise that we focus on inclusivity. The DA's policy is after all freedom, fairness and opportunities for all.

For the purpose of this debate I will however provide a few excellent examples on how we promote transformation and offer opportunities.

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.]

Ms L J BOTHA: I can speak of many a woman who today is in a position, for example the Mayor of a world city, Cape Town, because we are serious about transformation and we do not want to play cheap politics. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.]

Ms L J BOTHA: We have four women in the Cabinet. The DA's female representation in this House has also doubled since 2009. Years ago our present position would have been only a dream, but because we are determined and grab opportunities we can speak of successes. Mr Deputy Speaker, I myself represent transformation, with competence and experience and I must say I am proud of it.

Another success story is our Speaker, a lady from the Cape Flats who today is in charge of the Provincial Legislature. These are simple examples, but realities nevertheless.

Make no mistake, Mr Deputy Speaker, we have worked hard to get where we are today, but an opportunity was also created and we have seized that. [Interjection.]

A programme where we should pause for a moment, however, that shows how well transformation and structural reform work in the Western Cape, is the Southern Cape's Women at Work programme. The programme trains women, empowers them and provides the necessary skills to do precisely what many

believe only men can do. For those who are not familiar with this programme, it involves road repair teams consisting exclusively of women and amongst others they repair potholes, paint lines on our roads and ensure in general that our roads are being maintained. There are eight of these teams which each consists of six women in various regions across the Cape Peninsula.

What these examples clearly show immediately is that we are systematically solving the legacy of apartheid. It has to be stated clearly that the DA only took over the leadership of the province in 2009, but not only did the wise citizens of this province realise that the ANC cannot deliver the services and only looks at their own pockets, but also realised that it is only the inner circle ... [Interjections.] ... who amongst others benefit from opportunities.

The ANC, Mr Deputy Speaker, wants to criticise all the time, but across the spectrum the DA Western Cape has been doing better since this DA has taken over the City of Cape Town and this Province in 2006 and 2009, respectively, with the legacy the ANC established.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, your time has unfortunately expired.

Ms L J BOTHA: The DA in the Western Cape acknowledges that there is still a lot to be done and therefore we as a province will continue to prioritise the transformation of all systems and institutions. [Applause.] [Time expired.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Your time has expired. †Agb lid Bernard Joseph?

[Hon member Bernard Joseph?]

†Mnr Q R DYANTJI: Ja, ek hoor [Onhoorbaar.] baie swaar.

[Mr Q R DYANTJI: Yes, I hear [Inaudible.] with difficulty.]

†Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Agb lid Dyantyi, ek het gesê Joseph.

[The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Dyantyi, I said Joseph.]

Mr B D JOSEPH: The Western Cape Province led by the DA is historically, structurally and experientially a profound racist, colonist province. [Interjections.] [Applause.] This is a mere constant reminder to the historically marginalised expunged communities from the overall economic and planning structures. [Interjections.] The mere fact that the predominantly privileged colonial settler section of its inhabitants, the whites, continue to deny – it is you, ma’am – to deny this fundamental fact and find all manner of excuses for the occurrence of this sordid continuation of past practices in the current daily-lived experiences of ordinary, mostly poor, people in the Western Cape. It is a clarion call that fundamental change must still occur. That is why, at Worcester Traffic, traffic officers can still call their fellow colleagues: †julle kaffers. [you kaffirs.]

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

Mr B D JOSEPH: That is the type of thing that happens and this Premier and this Government have not spoken to those facts ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Order! Hon member Wiley?

Mr M G E WILEY: May I address you on this?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Just take your seat, hon member Joseph.

Mr B D JOSEPH: Thank you.

Mr M G E WILEY: Firstly, I believe that the hon member has exceeded his licence by using the word he just used, that is the first thing. Secondly, ...
[Interjections.]

HON MEMBERS: Why?

Mr M G E WILEY: Because it is unparliamentary to use it. Secondly, it is inherently racist, what he is talking about. Every member here has to be a South African citizen, we are not colonists.

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

Mr M G E WILEY: We are not colonists.

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

Mr M G E WILEY: And by constantly harping on the white, he is constantly

reiterating the racist theme and I believe that is unparliamentary.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! I will allow the hon member to continue but I will also look at Hansard, if necessary. If it is deemed to be a racist statement then we will come back ... [Interjection.]

Mr B D JOSEPH: The continued subordination of blacks, Africans and Coloureds, Indians, occurs despite the much-vaunted denials of the Premier, which is presumably happening throughout the province. The former, mostly white, functionaries of the apartheid regime are well entrenched in key provincial positions. They still occupy strategic posts and use the bureaucratic machinery to protect their own interests and those of their white brothers and sisters. The largely white managers in the Western Cape seem to promote white women under the guise of affirmative action. These phenomena are prevalent in the private sector too. Are the oppressors of yesterday the liberators of today? This sounds too good to be true.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Mr B D JOSEPH: Racism is a living experience for mostly ... [Interjections.] for most people in the Western Cape. To suggest that one should not refer to the tenacious efforts of racism is to conceal, hide and purposefully distort the experiences of black people in the province.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, your time has expired, just finish off.

Mr B D JOSEPH: The experience and the debate of this province in this House should be located in the areas of the horror of what is happening in the province in terms of drugs and substance abuse, gangsterism, abuse of women and children and rape in general... [Interjection.] [Applause.][Time expired.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, your time has now really expired. I see the hon Minister Winde.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Thank you very much, Mr Deputy Speaker. First let me start off by just picking up the subject for discussion today and say that I do not understand how the Leader of the Opposition brings a debate like this to the House about a month post the last time he brought pretty much the same debate. He couched it a little bit differently in the wording because, if you remember a month back ... [Interjections.] If you remember a month back when he brought this to this House he had to leave with his tail between his legs; he got a bloody nose. [Interjections.] And, Mr Deputy Speaker, you know, this is and if I read this ... [Interjections.] If I read this and I will just take up two words because I think we need to deal with just the two words: transformation and racism, and that is what I will deal with today. But still ... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Listen.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND

TOURISM: He brings this to the House and one wonders why, because you know Einstein says you keep on doing the same thing and you try to get a different outcome, it is not possible.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: It is madness.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: It is madness, yes, exactly, thank you very much. So I am going to deal with the two issues. I will first start off with transformation. And, you know, we have got a problem in our country ... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: So that is your transformation?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ... specifically around transformation. We have got a big problem in our country and we accept that and I will show you how, between what the ANC is doing and what the DA is doing, how there is a stark difference between transformation, how we see it, how it actually makes a difference on the ground for our very people who really need that transformation. [Interjection.]

So let us start off by seeing exactly what the ANC is doing around transformation. They have been in government at a national level for a long time and we see the organs of state and the leadership that has been put in place around making sure this transformation takes place. And, of course, we

have a president who really is standing up front and centre, making sure that we are taking South Africa to a new space. The big problem is, and my notes are written on this piece of paper on purpose ... [Interjection.] the big problem is that when we have a headline post a day that this country is supposed to celebrate around making a difference for people in this country, Workers' Day, and the headline says: "Mayday! Mayday!" – signifying not just Mayday to celebrate those that have jobs, but "Mayday! Mayday!" because the ANC is this sinking ship, the ship that is sinking – one thing, the captain is going down with the ship but this ship is sinking and sinking fast. [Interjection.]

And then they bring ludicrous and crazy motions to the House here and then they take objection when we have to show the difference.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Because you are showing rubbish, that is what you are doing.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: When we have the DA on the one side showing 127 000 new jobs in the agriculture and agric-processing space, taking us to 488 000 jobs in this province; agriculture, primary agriculture in the last year went from 214 000 jobs to 250 000 jobs and tourism went from 204 000 jobs to 261 000 jobs, that is about creating opportunity and transformation in the system. A poor family gets a job, you start to get real transformation as opposed to the corruption, as opposed to the zero percent growth. We haven't even got to the

stage where we are going to be starting to talk about the junk status. Imagine how much opportunity a junk status is going to create for people in this country, poor people in this country who do not have opportunities, who do not see transformation happening for them. I never heard one ANC member in this debate stand up and say to us in this House: have a look where we govern in this province and in this province and in this municipality, we are showing you how transformation takes place, not one person, ... [Interjections.]

Not one person. But, Mr Deputy Speaker, speaker after speaker in the DA stood up and gave you statistics as measured by the Presidency in the impact report, gave you statistics as measured by the Auditor-General, a national organisation, gave you these statistics as measured which show the actual difference, the real difference of where the DA governs and where the ANC fails. Where the DA governs we actually bring transformation to bear, we bring it about. We make a difference in people's lives where they get broadband. We make a difference in people's lives when we intervene and we see SMMEs started, where we see growth in the economy and black-owned companies are able to build their businesses, employ more people.

Today I came from a session where we were talking about innovation and you must see the most amazing innovation coming out of some of our young entrepreneurs in this province. And they, in turn, are getting international funding, they are taking their innovation and products to the world, fixing the world; that is happening in this province. [Interjection.]

That is happening in this province. That is where the real opportunities are lying. We spoke about – and one of the issues that the hon member Dugmore spoke about was the seriousness of land reform and he also spoke about BEE. Now if we have to probably say some of the biggest failures of the ANC, it is making real broad-based economic empowerment happen in this country. They have not done that at all. All they have done is enrich their friends; all they have done is created wealth for the few, not for the many. There is no transformation in those policies and those programmes, the pieces of legislation that they have put in place and that is why we are getting a “Mayday! Mayday!” because the ship is sinking. That is why reshuffle after Nenegate, etcetera, is giving us downgrades in the economy.

Can I tell you what I think is going to be the real tragedy and the real failure of the ANC which is probably going to happen in about 18 months’ time? It is going to come to them just before they get to the 2019 election. We will have had the downgrade, we will have had investment leaving our country at a rapid rate. [Interjections.] And what will happen is our income tax levels will be dropping to a level where that Government is not going to be able to help the 17 million people who receive a grant every month.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: There is the problem.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: They will not be able to pay the grants to those in need, the real, real poor of this country. [Interjection.] Then let us talk about who has failed

in transformation. All we know in the brand that the ANC is developing at the moment, this sinking ship, all we know about are failed SOEs, about the loss of jobs, zero percent growth rates, downgrades in the economy, selling our fuel reserves, it just goes on. R30 million bonuses for a few months' work for the CEO of ESKOM; total failure and then we make him a member of Parliament. This ANC failed time and time again and they failed again by bringing this debate to this House. It is absolutely shocking, but let us talk about something that is happening around the economy right now.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Sorry, just one second. Hon member Tyatyam, is it a point of order?

Mr S G TYATYAM: A point of order. But the member is misrepresenting in this House. There is no-one who got 30 million.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, as the previous ... [Interjections.] Order! As the previous Deputy Chief Whip, you would know that is not a point of order.

Mr S G TYATYAM: No, it is a point of order. He must not mislead the House.[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister Winde, you may continue. That is a point of debate. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: At the moment I think the biggest joke is that we are hosting the World Economic Forum Africa at the moment and when I left my office I saw our President standing with WEF behind him, making a speech. I bet you the whole world was laughing. But, you know, we have a new Finance Minister and let me quote you from his speech that he has just made now in Durban, the new Finance Minister says: The ANC must continue to justify that confidence it enjoys from the masses. What? [Interjections.] It must continue by running clean government. What? [Interjections.] By fighting corruption wherever traces appear. What? Every single thing that he says is an absolute joke. The world looks at it and guess what, the downgrades will continue because there is no leadership in that space whatsoever. Perhaps before I move, because I know my time is probably running short but before I move to the racism part ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ... of this debate, let me just finish by one more point as raised by the hon member Dugmore, which talks about land reform. I have raised it in this House a few times before and I keep writing, every second month, to the Minister of Land and Rural Development and we are still not getting the land reform for those black farmers in this province of which that Department is supposed to – they do not give them land, remember their policy does not give them land transfer, it only gives leases. We have got farmers waiting for

six years for a lease from that Department, from that political party and their National Government. Is that transformation? Is that creating opportunity?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order, hon member Davids

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Nothing whatsoever. They have failed, they have failed. The “Mayday! Mayday! Mayday!” is an excellent call for this sinking ship.
[Interjections.]

Mr Deputy Speaker, let me move to the second part of this debate which is about racism. And the hon Leader of the Opposition starts off by saying the ANC, this glorious movement who brought in the Bill of Rights. He forgot to say this once glorious movement. There was a time when people could have been proud of the ANC. [Interjections.] Today you cannot find anyone who is proud of the ANC. [Interjections.] [Applause.]

Do you know that our colleagues on this side of the House, we have to take much time in our day ... [Interjections.] We have to take much time in our day to answer e-mails, SMSs, Whatsapps from ANC people who say: I am sick and tired of this political party that I have been a member of for so long, how can I join your party? [Applause.] [Interjections.]

The hon Leader of the Opposition talks about racism and he leads by saying this organisation, he talks about the Bill of Rights, the Freedom Charter. ...

[Interjections.] Let us talk about the Constitution. All of these documents which really talk about ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Minister, there are too many people talking at the same time. Hon member Olivier, I am including you in that comment as well. Minister Madikizela, you too.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: All of these documents which talk about a non-racial South Africa. I started this discussion by saying we acknowledge there is redress that has to take place and everything we do works on redress. [Interjections.] We acknowledge that where racism sticks its head out, we have got a history and a past in our country and we need to positively deal with this issue and take us forward as a country. [Interjections.]

But this political party actively goes out and seeks consultants to help them to develop strategies to divide our nation, to drive racist policies, to make this place a racist place. [Interjections.] This political party does that. It employs consultants to drive the absolute opposite to those documents that this hon member stands up here and talks about quite proudly.

The ANC, this once glorious – as the hon Leader of the Opposition should have said – this political party, the ANC, is a sinking ship, it is just about underneath the waves. You would have all seen that lovely cartoon ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: You would have all seen that lovely cartoon – and I see your own members are leaving, your own members are walking out. [Interjections.] This, I think it was the ones ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Mr Deputy Speaker, it was the ones with the red T-shirts on, they are the ones that are being ordered to leave the tripartite alliance ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Order, hon member. You have got a couple of seconds left before your time is expired and I want the House to come to order, please. Please continue.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: So, Mr Deputy Speaker, if I have a couple of seconds, I think that first of all this motion on the Order Paper, the ANC does not learn their lesson. They have brought it here again. Every single speaker just smashed them into the ground. They are a bankrupt, useless, corrupt party ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ... that is on the way out, going below the waves, sinking, “Mayday!” “Mayday!” ... [Interjections.] [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Please come to order. The hon Leader of the Opposition to respond.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Thank you, thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I think I am not going to claim as the ANC that we do not have challenges. [Interjections.] ANC is having challenges and it is common sense, knowledge, to everybody that we are at a serious situation where we have to deal with and confront the challenges we are faced with as a movement.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Unlike Zille.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Unlike those who are actually ignoring the reality they are confronted with, you know. I also would like to advise the DA to ask their members when they do not have anything to say, not to say anything. Hon Minister Madikizela and hon member Meyer should have told their own caucus that they are not prepared for this debate, you know, not just to embarrass themselves here.

Western Cape actually, I want to say we have lost Western Cape as the ANC,

not because of the DA's strength.

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

Mr K E MAGAXA: We have said that many times. We have lost the power in this province because of our own internal problems and we are not shy to say that as the ANC. It is those problems that are still confronting us even today and we know those problems and we are busy confronting those problems actually. [Interjection.]

Now Western Cape has an advantage over many provinces and central to those is the resources that we have in this province and this DA Government has failed to exploit that. We, as the ANC, when we were running this province, we exploited the advantage of this province. [Interjection.]

That is why we built houses and faster than the DA. That is why in this province we were able to deal with crime better than what the DA did. We provided lighting in poor communities, we provided basic services including electricity in dark streets and we also established the Bambanani Campaign so that we will reduce crime in poor communities. That is how we used the advantage of this province. We employed volunteers in each and every street to deal with crime situations and we reduced the crime. This man in front of this can testify to that, he was in that Department of Safety at the time.

But I just want to tell the DA, more than 80% of schools and hospitals that

they built were the projects and initiated by the ANC Government. They have got very little that came from them – [Interjections] – in dealing with the problems that confronted ... [Interjections.] In fact the DA today, those CCTV cameras we put in Khayelitsha in Site B, today they are white elephants. [Interjections.] People are killed under those cameras, finding those cameras not working. What is that if it is not racism?

Tell me what is that?

The DA Government reversed all the transformation processes instituted by the ANC Government. Hence now their concentration is to cook books in order to produce so-called clean audits. That is all that they are doing. It is common knowledge that Western Cape is the most racist province since the DA took over. We can take each and every department one by one. I can state without fear of contradiction that the only department that fairly reflects some acceptable representivity is the Human Settlements Department, precisely because it is a Bantu Affairs department according to racist DA Government. [Interjections.] It deals with the issues that they do not have to deal with as white people, that is why they do not care about it, ... [Inaudible.] you have. You can count, Mr Deputy Speaker, how many heads of departments are Africans in this Government of the Western Cape and tell me how many white HODs in this department or this Government? You just give us, before you make – manga-manga business, just tell us how many of those – those are the basic transformation mechanism, not shouting lies here. [Applause.]

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

Mr K E MAGAXA: Can I ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You only had four minutes. I have given you some injury time after the four minutes.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Thank you. Okay, I can summarise just one sentence.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I will give you one sentence.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Sorry?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Do you want to add ... [Interjection.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: Just one sentence, Mr Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Very quickly.

Mr K E MAGAXA: If the DA claims that it is not racist, why hon member Lennit Max is not – despite his qualification ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Your time has now expired.

Mr K E MAGAXA: He is nothing in the DA; why hon ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Mr K E MAGAXA: ... being a long-serving DA member, is still there [Time expired.][Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order, hon member. Your time has expired. Order! Can we get order before we proceed? That brings us to the end of this debate which was meant to last an hour and it almost went on for two hours. So we proceed to Interpellations on the Question Paper. The first interpellation, the hon member Nkondlo to Minister Grant. I see Minister Grant.

INTERPELLATIONS

Impact of insufficient number of traffic officers

1. Ms N D Nkondlo asked the Minister of Transport and Public Works:

Whether the insufficient number of traffic officers has a direct impact on the increase in road fatalities in the province?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Thanks, Mr Deputy Speaker. At the outset I must correct any misconception which may result from the wording of the question, which seems to suggest that the absolute number of road deaths is increasing from year to year in the Western

Cape. This is not the case. For instance, our records reflect an 11% reduction in the year-on-year road crash fatalities over the Easter long weekend 2016 compared to 2017. Also in this calendar year we have seen four consecutive months of decreases in fatalities. The gap between the numbers for 2016 and 2017 is increasing steadily on the positive side. There is already a 9% difference which is definitely significant.

The numbers of traffic officers at provincial and local government levels is only one of a number of related contributory factors that impact on road crash fatalities in the province and in the country. The Department of Transport and Public Works' approach to road safety integrates enforcement with education, engineering, ongoing evaluation and the use of technology in a holistic manner. As Government we accept that the current budget pressures may not allow us to employ the optimal amount of traffic officers, so we have to ensure that we use the limited capacity available to us in the most effective, efficient and integrated manner possible.

While my Department is in the process of addressing these specific capacity requirements, we are also focusing our efforts on education and communication initiatives to change road user behaviour and to get drivers, passengers and pedestrians to take responsibility for their own safety and the safety of other road users. Our education and communication initiatives include campaigns such as the award-winning First Kiss video advert campaign which focused on seatbelt wearing; secondly, the video advert campaigns focusing on the dangers of drunk driving and drunk pedestrians;

thirdly, partnerships with the long-distance bus, freight and taxi industries to proactively ensure the roadworthiness of vehicles and to prevent overloading; and a fatigue management campaign in partnership with SANTACA.

My Department, in partnership with Sanral, is implementing engineering and technology projects to better equip our officers and allow them to work smarter. Our automatic number plate recognition camera network already covers four key long-distance routes: the N1, N2, R27 and R61. This technology not only enables average-speed-over-distance enforcement, but when linked to hand-held devices in the field it provides our officers with direct access to data and intelligence to verify vehicle registration and roadworthy status as well as driver and operating licence authenticity and validity.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The hon member Nkondlo.

Ms N D NKONDLO: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I think as the hon Minister has indicated, that the issue raised in the question is one of the contributing factors, which I think the question acknowledges that because the question is very specific, to try and understand the impact and the impact being the measure of tangible and intangible effects of one thing or entity's action or influence upon another. So that is the basic question and there was no confusion when the question was asked.

So in relation to that, I think one of the things that I would be interested to

understand is that: what then becomes the effects on the standards of services which gets reduced to compensate for the vacancies and thus the heavy workload on current staff?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Joseph?

Mr D JOSEPH: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Tackling the crisis on the roads with regard to decreasing road fatalities requires a much more complex approach than simply increasing the number of traffic officials on our major roads. I think at this stage we must acknowledge the work that the Transport Department is doing, in particular those officers and officials who work shifts for many hours.

It must be obvious that legislation is needed to control the behaviour of drivers. It is actually sad to say that but it is unfortunate that people must be regulated at times, particularly on the roads. We need also to focus on the judicial system, the administrative processes, educational programmes on road safety awareness, as the Minister said, increasing communications, improving the efficiency and also support the administrative systems for traffic officers.

Another example where increasing of the number of traffic officers will not necessarily have a direct impact on the increase of road fatalities is when road users are under the influence of alcohol. It does not matter how many people you have, it starts with someone leaving his home or his destination,

getting into a car, respecting the rule of law and the lives of other people when driving with a family or alone, or with people. That is the basic essence, I think, of what we can do, all of us and everyone out there, to improve the situation.

Government must acknowledge the existence of corruption and that it becomes a threat when some officers are even trying to organise bribes. That is not good and I am sure the Western Cape and the Transport Department is doing everything, its best, to root out that corruption. I thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Nkondlo.

Ms N D NKONDLO: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I think one important fact that I think we have to try and do as this Government is not to always, when an issue is raised, to try and bring all the matters if we really have got the intention to solve a particular problem, because the question is very specific on the impact of the insufficient traffic officers which I think, for me, would have been something that I would have liked the response to actually educate me further about that particular impact. Again I think the MEC relates to the issue of an optimal amount which, at this point, we do not have.

Now I would like, firstly, to check with the MEC, is it not true that during Easter of 2017, Western Cape had recorded some of the deadliest crashes

with, I think, Gauteng as one of those provinces also with an increase of 57% road fatalities. And I am asking this because for me, I think it is important also to understand whether we know what the number of fatalities is that could have been prevented if we had a full optimal complement of our staff. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Joseph.

Mr D JOSEPH: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I am sure the Minister will comment on that; the point I want to raise now is that the pedestrians, on my information, is over 30%, I think it is 34%. Now where are these officers and how are they going to work on this percentage that really is a seriously high percentage of the fatalities?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Are you asking ...[Inaudible.]

Mr D JOSEPH: So in my opinion I would say that the officers have a specific role to play; they do have a specific role to play, and it is always the issue of the amount of staff and of course the amount of revenue that you have. But I am sure the Minister will be able to respond to say that more officers is not the answer to reducing the 34% of pedestrians that are part of the fatalities. I thank you.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: We miss Lennit Max here, we really do. Where is Lennit Max, hon Max?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The hon member Nkondlo. [Interjections.]

Ms N D NKONDLO: Mr Deputy Speaker, I think the argument here is that, having listened to the inputs and the responses, for me I think the most important factor here is that I think this is a matter that the Department would need to try and resolve and resolve soon. And indeed it does not in any way present any indication that only having a full complement of the traffic officers is going to resolve the problem. But I think it has to acknowledge that this is an issue that has been raised since 2014, and to date I think that particular vacancy rate is something that needs to be speedily resolved.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: The problem is when Max raises it ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Minister Grant?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is the problem. We do not want him to talk about that.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Mr Deputy Speaker, thank you for the members who participated in this debate. I just want to remind the House, and hon member Nkondlo asked a valid question: how do we cope? [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Just answer her.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Well, we also are the only province in the country, provincially, to have ...[Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Oh, please.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: ... 24/7 365 service and that is how we cope. We basically have to spread our assets thinner and we have to use our traffic law enforcement as effectively as we can. [Interjections.]

Let me also say I was also confused when I went to the press conference in Pretoria, about the preliminary Easter figures. Let me explain to you what happens. Those preliminary figures are the figures given by SAPS countrywide from their police sources only, from the Thursday through to the Sunday night. So, in other words, it is over a specific period of time. That was the 57% increase, but actually in the Western Cape if you look at our data over the full Easter weekend up to the Monday night, because we count the bodies in our mortuaries and we get that data independently from the Department of Health, there were three less people who died on our roads. [Interjection.] And that is a fact.

So the other thing, the other points that you raise were raised by the RTMC at that press briefing around the Easter carnage. And you asked what effect the number of traffic officers will have on the deaths. Well, I can tell you, based on the stats of the RTMC and the CSIR, according to their numbers 70% of

the deaths are due to human factors on the road. In other words, drivers who basically are tired or they have been drinking but they are human factors related to the crash. So the number of traffic officials who ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Just finish off.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: 70% reduction right there; the other 20% is to do with road conditions and various other factors and only 9% to vehicles themselves. And I think, Mr Deputy Speaker, when we start releasing the outcomes of our district safety plan, you will see the wisdom of having proper data in order to manage things properly because we have seen a huge improvement in one of our five districts and when we are ready to disclose that information, I will build and Department will build on these questions that you are asking and which are very relevant ... [Interjection.][Time expired.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister, your time has now really expired. We move on to the second interpellation. Hon member Maseko to Minister Madikizela. I see Minister Madikizela.

Construction projects: involvement of unemployed youth

2. Ms L M Maseko asked the Minister of Human Settlements:

(a) How are the unemployed youth, benefitting from the various

construction projects that are currently underway in the province and (b) what is his Department doing to maintain their involvement in the sector?

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Thank you very much, Mr Deputy Speaker. I will answer this question in two ways, both in terms of employment and in terms of SMMEs or emerging contractors.

The youth are benefitting through an apprenticeship programme, which is a three-year programme, as well as a short skills programme which is a three-months programme, in the following human settlements construction disciplines: in-class theoretical training; on-site experiential training and workplace exposure; on-site mentoring provided by the contractor. Youth apprentices receive learner stipends. A total of 170 unemployed youth were trained in various disciplines during the 2016/17 financial year. The target of the 2017/18 financial year is to train 120 unemployed youth.

During the 2016/17 financial year a total of 15.8% of the total provincial housing projects were awarded to Youth in Construction and these companies will be considered for development projects during the current financial year.

Of the 23 departmental construction projects undertaken during the past financial year, 52% of the work opportunities went to unemployed youth as part of the EPWE programme. My Department sources funding from various partnerships for the purpose of rolling out training where large human

settlements projects are undertaken. My Department then places learners on sites for mentoring and coaching purposes to complement the theoretical training provided. Weekly site inspections are done by my officials to ensure attendance and that the learners obtain the relevant exposure on site. Life-skills training is also provided and a social capital support base for the young people. I thank you.

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

Ms L M MASEKO: Thank you very much, Mr Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Hon Chief Whip.

Mr P UYS: Mr Deputy Speaker, in terms of the order of speakers the next one is hon member Davids.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, that was also my original – but I was told there was a change there. Was it not consulted with the Whips?

Mr P UYS: Not at all. I sat here all the time and I have not discussed it with him.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Honourable Chief Whip, just give some clarity.

Mr M G E WILEY: It is a simple typographical error. As you well know, the

interpellant follows the question. So it is unfortunately a typographical error that hon member Davids and hon member Maseko were swapped. Thank you.

Mr P UYS: Mr Deputy Speaker, to change members' names on a speakers list is not a typo error and I would accept that but then people must just have the decency, so work can progress properly.

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

Mr P UYS: Come to us, say there is a problem. We are all reasonable to understand that.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: My understand – I [Interjection.]

Mr P UYS: But do not spring a surprise on us.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No, sure. The point is taken. I was under the impression it was agreed by the parties. But be that as it may, can we proceed like this?.

Mr P UYS: Can I just ask what is then the new list of speakers?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr Chief Whip, you must assist me here. My sequence is that it is Maseko now, then followed by Davids.

Mr M G E WILEY: That is correct and unfortunately member Davids at number 6, the interpellant also follows just before the reply, the Minister. So member Davids falls off number 6.

Mr P UYS: Did you follow that, Mr Deputy Speaker?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: My problem is that the hon member Davids would then have two slots, one following the other, which is not allowable.

Mr P UYS: Ja.

Mr M G E WILEY: Mr Deputy Speaker, it is quite simple. What you can do is, it is simply hon member Maseko, then hon member Davids, then hon member Kivedo, then hon member Davids and then hon member Maseko. That is the norm. It is well-described in the Rules. So this is a typographical error and really, Mr Deputy Speaker ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr M G E WILEY: Mr Deputy Speaker, if the hon Chief Whip wants me to apologise for this, I will apologise for not consulting him.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, I do not want to hold up proceedings because of this, I want us to proceed. Can we proceed then that the hon member Maseko now speaks and is then followed by the hon member Davids?

Ms L M MASEKO: Thank you very much, Mr Deputy Speaker. In order for us to redress the legacy of apartheid and ensure that more South Africans access economic opportunities, we have to emphasise that the young people, young entrepreneurs and SMMEs, especially those owned by the youth and women, are given the platform to access the construction industry.

We have residents in the Western Cape with impeccable skills and knowledge and it is vital that we tap into that. Part of the Department of Human Settlements' aim is to build communities and not just houses.

Furthermore, communities that residents can be proud of and enjoy, communities where residents have access to all the basic needs and more; the more being access to schools, healthcare and recreational facilities, job opportunities and be close to their place of work. The number of developments that are planned for the 2017/18 financial year really do offer an opportunity. We want to believe that the Department is serious about empowering these SMMEs and, as earlier mentioned, especially those owned by young people and women. It is a well-known fact that SMMEs are one of the biggest job creators in the country.

If we are to address the 21% unemployment rate in the province and alleviate poverty then these SMMEs must be prioritised. In addition, we cannot have situations where young people are given opportunities that are not sustainable. Sustainable opportunities are crucial because it will help the SMMEs to grow, which leads to greater employment opportunities and also

allow them to start competing with the bigger and well-established construction companies.

Mr Deputy Speaker, this is about redressing the legacy of apartheid and empowering our people to play a continued active role in our economy. One aspect of growing an economy is active participation and continued strength. Residents, or rather SMMEs, should be in a position, financially and otherwise, where they are able to contribute to the growth of the economy. Therefore, being given an opportunity is extremely important. We have to ensure that projects, registered and qualifying enterprises are allowed to get their foot into the door.

In saying that, the question as per the Order Paper today: how is the unemployed youth benefitting from the various construction projects that are currently underway in the province?

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

Ms S W DAVIDS: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. My question is: in our quarterly report session with the Standing Committee and the Department it was said that of the 30% target of the quarter, the Department only reached 3% for youth in all the projects of the Department.

So my question now to the MEC is: given what is said in this Order Paper, how is it that you are going to change the target in these few months – with

your input you said that small emerging businesses are getting skills, but what if they have the skills but they do not get the opportunities? So how are you going to change that 3% that you are currently with in the new quarter?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Kivedo?

Mr B D KIVEDO: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker, fellow members and distinguished guests and also the media. I think I just want to speak on the merit of the case, I only have one minute. I think the ethos here is that we are looking at the DA's commitment to youth development and youth capacitation, that we are really taking the youth seriously. And I think in terms of the opportunity, as hon member Davids rightly said, it gives them the opportunity to get involved in construction work, develop a skills set and also crafts, etcetera, etcetera. It boils down to job creation, income generation and also development, but most critical of all is to keep them off the streets and I think that exit, or input in terms of exiting out of school into a job place is actually a healing process.

What is also important is retention, that means sustainability, that there should be sustainability and also acceleration. As far as the remuneration is concerned, that this sort of volunteerism or stipend will eventually lead to permanent employment and I think this is a critical issue. I thank you. [Time expired.]

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

Hon member Davids, do you want to use another slot?

Ms S W DAVIDS: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. My next question to the MEC is: is there any MOU signed with the big companies for opportunities for these youth that you are talking about?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Maseko?

Ms L M MASEKO: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. The Department of Human Settlements in its housing development programme ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Just one second. Hon member Tyatyam.

Mr S G TYATYAM: It was Kivedo and number 6 was Davids. So why is ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Tyatyam, yes, we have changed the sequence a little bit, but hon member Davids will get another slot after her.

Mr S G TYATYAM: Another slot?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Ja, the last one, if she wants it.

Mr S G TYATYAM: Oh, okay. Yes, she must get it.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Maseko, you may continue.

Ms L M MASEKO: Mr Deputy Speaker, I just want to get clarity. This is my interpellation and my understanding is, after I do my statement now it will be the Minister who will be the last person to speak to the interpellation. [Interjections.] Are the Rules now changed?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! There was some confusion about the order. The hon member Davids had three slots and she cannot have two with one following the other. That was the upshot of the changes. So I am using my discretion to give her the opportunity for a third slot at the end, of one minute only.

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The third one. [Interjections.] She had two already.

Ms L M MASEKO: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I am going to take it, it is a freebee from hon member Davids for today.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please continue.

Ms L M MASEKO: Mr Deputy Speaker ... [Interjections.] Hon member Dijana, a skill of listening. Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. [Interjections.]

The Department of Human Settlements in its housing development programme has five strategy goals. [Interjections.] Allow me to highlight three.

Accelerate the delivery of housing opportunities, improve the living conditions of beneficiaries through the upgrading of informal settlements and facilitate job creation and empowerment opportunities.

The second part of my question asks: what is the Department doing to maintain the involvement of young people in the sector? [Interjections.] Mr Deputy Speaker, this question is extremely important because the aim should always be to address unemployment and address it urgently while, at the same time, alleviate poverty.

I believe this can be achieved by creating an enabling environment to stimulate job and empowerment opportunities for contractors, consultants and other service providers with a clear focus on youth representation, not excluding women.

When we talk about improving the lives of residents it should not only be the beneficiaries who would be occupying the brand new houses but also those contracted to build them. We have to be innovative, strategic and purposeful and ensure that these SMMEs are identified and given contracts to build and maintain our new communities in the province. We have to assist our SMMEs to navigate through the bureaucracy and red tape. We have to train and

empower them and we have to ensure that they are fully aware of how to access those opportunities.

In this province young people are hungry for a break. We have to be honest, though, and say that many are given opportunities and this is one of the reasons why annually hundreds of thousands of people move to the Western Cape. However, Mr Deputy Speaker, we can and should do more. If we are committed to redressing the legacy of apartheid, the opportunities to our young people ought to be prioritised. I thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member, your time has expired. Hon member Davids, if you want to use one minute?

Ms S W DAVIDS: Yes. Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. If we want to redress the legacy of the past we need to do transformation and transformation in the real sense of transformation is not open opportunities for all, it is transformation where we have to bring in the [Inaudible.] and make them part of the machinery of projects – mere skills are good, but I do not want to be a worker forever. I also want to have my own company, getting my own projects from Government and that is what we are lacking.

So my question to the MEC is: your HOD said you are only doing business with people that have an appetite in the Standing Committee, but you also said that you are going to open the session again in June for youth to get involved into the procurement processes of your Department, of which we

said it is good. But we want to know now, MEC, is there a political will to really bring the youth of the past – I am not speaking of open opportunities now, I am saying of the disadvantaged youth of the past ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Ms S W DAVIDS: ... into your projects for the new ...[Inaudible]. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, your time has expired. Hon Minister Madikizela.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Thank you very much, Mr Deputy Speaker. Let me summarise because there were a number of issues that were repeated by various speakers.

I do agree wholeheartedly on the issue of addressing the legacy of apartheid and let me just say that the fact that we are now talking about 60% of our entire budget going to PDIs is not accidental. The framework that we are talking about that we are going to open in June is that as a department we took a decision to say that instead of just going out to tender and allowing big companies to compete with the small companies, you are never able to achieve the transformation that you are talking about if you do it like that.

So what we did, we opened up a framework where we encourage people to

register and categorise them according to their expertise. For example, if we have to do construction in the Western Cape, we say this is complicated and you must allow those grade 9 contractors to compete among themselves because it cannot be done by the small contractors and then you break down those that are not complicated and allow the small guys to compete among themselves. And in that way you are able to get them from grade 2, 3, etcetera, etcetera. In that way you apply fairness and make sure that you divide the cake. You allow those who are massive to compete among themselves but allow the small guys to compete among themselves, so that you are able to do the transformation that you are talking about.

But more importantly, the responsibility of this Department, first and foremost, is to do quality housing. Being a construction company is a specialised skill and that is why we emphasise first that people must be skilled and go through the process of skilling them so that when the time comes for them to become SMMEs they are ready to build quality houses, because we cannot compromise quality through empowerment. We must empower but not at the expense of quality and I think we have managed to achieve that balance very, very well.

And the 3% that you spoke about, you rightly said that it was in that first quarter. But from this financial year, as I said, we have earmarked 15.8% just for young people and that is why we have said once we open the framework in June ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: ... we want all those young people to come in ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Just finish off.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: ... so that they can then benefit from that 15.8% of the opportunities.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. That disposes of the second interpellation. We move on to the third one, hon member Beerwinkel to Minister Bredell. Minister Bredell.

Rules of Order, municipalities: implementation of

3. Ms C F Beerwinkel asked the Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:

Whether he and his Department evaluate the Rules of Order of the 30 municipalities to ensure a uniform approach in its implementation?

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Baie dankie, mnr die Adjunkspeaker en dankie aan die agb lid vir die interpellasie. Gedurende die afkondiging van

die Wes-Kaap Wetsontwerp op Voorregte en Immuniteit van Raadslede, 2011, het munisipaliteite die uitdagings wat hulle ondervind in raadsvergaderings en komiteevergaderings met die Departement gedeel. Die Departement het dus 'n besluit geneem om, in terme van Artikel 14 van die Wet op Munisipale Stelsels, 2000, 'n standaard konsepverordening vir die reëls van prosedures vir die hou van vergaderings ontwikkel, wat deur die munisipaliteite aangeneem kan word.

Die standaard konsepverordening vir die reëls van prosedures vir die hou van vergaderings was in 2013 gefinaliseer. Gedurende die ontwikkeling van hierdie standaard konsepverordening het die Departement werkswinkels aangebied met munisipaliteite in die Wes-Kaap. Gedurende Augustus 2016 se Plaaslike Regeringsverkieping het die Departement werkswinkels aangebied vir raadslede waarvan hierdie standaard konsepverordeninge een van die agenda-items was. Die werkswinkels was aangebied met die volgende munisipaliteite: die Speakers van Eden, Sentraal-Karoo Distriksmunisipaliteit, Cederberg, Oudtshoorn, Weskus, Kaap Wynland, Bergrivier, Matzikama, Beaufort-Wes, Mosselbaai en Bitou. Die Departement is tans besig om werkswinkels of opleiding te reël met munisipaliteite in die Overberg-distrik en ook met die oorblywende munisipaliteite van Eden, Sentraal-Karoo, Weskus en Kaap Wynland Distriksmunisipaliteit.

Die doel van die werkswinkels, vir die opleiding in die standaard konsepverordeninge vir die reëls van prosedures vir die hou van vergaderings, is om te verseker dat:

1. die besluitneming vir munisipaliteite verbeter word;
2. interne orde in raadsvergaderings en komiteevergaderings gehandhaaf word;
3. voorregte nie misbruik word nie;
4. regverdigheid in raadsvergaderings geskied.

In terme van Artikel 14 van die Wet op Munisipale Stelsels, 2000, word dit van die Departement verlang om standaard konsepverordeninge te ontwikkel wat deur munisipaliteite aangeneem mag word, maar die munisipaliteite behou die reg voor om dit aan te neem of nie.

Die besluitneming om verordeninge aan te neem word bekragtig deur raadslede van die munisipale raad. Die Speaker van die munisipaliteit is in beheer van die raadsvergadering en is verplig om te verseker dat die vergadering in terme van voorgeskrewe verordeninge bestuur word en dat die verordeninge regverdig toegepas word. Dankie.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker and thank you to the hon member for the interpellation. During the announcement of the Western Cape Privileges and Immunities of Councillors Bill, 2011, municipalities shared the challenges they experience in council meetings and committee meetings with the Department. The Department therefore took a

decision, in terms of Section 14 of the Municipal Systems Act, 2000, to develop a standard draft bylaw for the rules of procedures for conducting meetings, that can be adopted by municipalities.

The standard draft bylaw for the rules of procedure for conducting meetings was finalised in 2013. During the development of this standard draft bylaw, the Department offered workshops to municipalities in the Western Cape. During August 2016 Local Government Elections the Department offered workshops to councillors, and these were conducted with the following municipalities: the Speakers of Eden, Central Karoo District Municipality, Cederberg, Oudtshoorn, West Coast, Cape Winelands, Berg River, Matzikama, Beaufort West, Mossel Bay and Bitou. The Department is currently organising workshops or training with municipalities in die Overberg District and also with the rest of the municipalities of Eden, Central Karoo, and Cape Winelands District Municipality.

The purpose of the workshops for the training in the standard draft bylaws for the rules of procedure for conducting meetings is to ensure that:

1. the decision-making for municipalities is improved;
2. internal order in council meetings and committee meetings be maintained;
3. privileges are not abused;
4. fairness is maintained in council meetings.

In terms of Section 14 of the Municipal Systems Act, 2000, the Department is expected to develop standard draft bylaws that can be adopted by the municipalities, but the municipalities reserve the right to adopt it or not.

The decision-making to adopt bylaws is endorsed by councillors of the municipal council. The Speaker of the municipality is in charge of the council meeting and is obliged to ensure that the meeting is managed in terms of the prescribed bylaws and that the bylaws are applied fairly. Thank you.]

†Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Agb lid Beerwinkel.

[The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Beerwinkel.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Thank you very much, Mr Deputy Speaker. MEC, thank you very much for your response. And it actually raises more concerns now that you have given that response about your Department having had workshops since 2014, in fact 2013 you said that it was finalised, 2014 it was published and in 2016 you were holding workshops, rightfully so, because a lot of these councillors and speakers are new.

I was listening very carefully to the municipalities that you had workshops with and you mentioned Overberg, obviously that includes Swellendam, towards the end. Now MEC, I am very concerned when I look at the Rules of Order of Swellendam Municipal Council that were gazetted in 2006. The Rules of Order of 2006 repealed the Rules of Order of 1998. So in 2016 they are still implementing Rules of Order of 2006.

Now, if they contain the regulations and rules as stipulated in Section 14, as you have just mentioned, one could understand that but they clearly do not. I have a copy in my hand and I will show you, I will give you some of the discrepancies which I would really appreciate if your Department look into very seriously.

As you well know, MEC, Swellendam is one of the most racially-divided towns. It is also one of the towns where a big billboard on the N2 announces it as the best municipality, having won the first prize, and when you go there and work there you will ask yourself: but how did you manage to get there?

Let me just mention one thing; I will continue as we go further. In the definitions of the Swellendam Municipality: General, Part 1, it gives an explanation of what a motion should be. Motion means a motion of which notice is given by a member, but if you page through these Rules of Order there is absolutely no provision made for anybody to submit a motion, except for a motion of joy and sorrow. Now, MEC, seriously? Now in a council, a municipal area as Swellendam, poor, separated by apartheid, N2, railway line, Transnet, huge tracts of land, why would people only want to make submissions or motions of joy and sorrow in a council meeting? There are huge issues that need to be addressed. There is no opportunity for any councillor to do that. [Time expired.]

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

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Joseph?

Mr B D JOSEPH: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I think this is a very interesting question, the fact that myself and hon member Beerwinkel have been councillors before so we understand and have a very good, strong interest in this. I visited the Municipality of Hessequa myself and have come also to the conclusion that after every new term, as the member said, there are new councillors. But every municipality, as the Minister said, is guided by a constitutional mandate and the Municipal Systems Act and it was clear after the 2016 elections; I expect the new councillors, the new council, old and new members to review and I think all of them go through a review process and all of them, as the Minister said, go through training. But I think what is important is that this referral to the order of rules and order of business is critically important for the execution of service delivery, for the order in that house and for the public to understand what that municipality is doing.

So yes, I think the point raised, particularly the point of Swellendam, if the Minister can respond to that but I can assure you that - [Interjections] – that the meetings I have attended in Hessequa and at others I am aware of and talking to ... [Interjection.] there are sound systems and practices in place and that if the municipal councillors follow the rules and review and put the best practice in place, democracy is at work. Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker.

†Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Agb lid Beerwinkel.

[The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Beerwinkel.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Thank you, hon member Joseph, but if you look at my question it speaks to the Rules of Order of 30 municipalities and I am looking for uniformity across the board. Clearly Swellendam is not there yet. However, there is good news from the MEC that they will be changing them. [Interjection.] May I then also just inform you, MEC, that a letter was written to the Speaker to urgently hold a meeting to amend these Rules of Order because clearly they are outdated. The response from the Speaker was absolutely arrogant, via you, Mr Deputy Speaker, absolutely arrogant, almost refusing the request for a special meeting to deal with this matter.

But MEC, if you would allow me to point out some more discrepancies in their Rules of Order. The Speaker may, of his own volition, change – I almost said violation – change the order of the business appearing on the agenda, yet a member who wishes to change the order of the business must speak to the Speaker prior to the meeting.

Now, I use this example here; if items on an agenda have changed, the Chief Whips get together before the time and the announcement is made here. However, here the Speaker can just decide in a meeting that he wants to change the order of a meeting. A meeting is also held after notice by the municipal manager – I also would appreciate, MEC, if you would look at the time span because it just says here: the municipal manager must give notice

to the public of a date and time and venue of the meeting, but it does not stipulate a specific time, it just speaks about a reasonable period of time before the next meeting. Reasonable can be anything. Reasonable to me is not reasonable to you, it is a relative term. So they need to be a lot more specific.

There is a deeper issue also at that municipality, MEC, which needs your approval and that is when members have an interest in an issue that is on the council agenda. Now ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Beerwinkel, your time has expired. You must ... [Interjection.]

Ms C W BEERWINKEL: Can I just make one more, one more ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I will allow you – you have another slot after this, I see, but ... [Interjections.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Oh, okay.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Okay, thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Joseph?

Mr B D JOSEPH: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I think it is important to note that legislation and policy should be the guiding document for all municipalities, in particular in the Western Cape Government where, either to get clean audits and to maintain their standard, it is important that there is uniformity. [Interjections.]

Interaction with the Speaker or clarity or agreements on House rules is important ... [Interjection.] but more important is the behaviour of the ANC in those municipalities. They do not contribute to the Rules of Order. If they cooperate and contribute, the municipality can perform better. Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon member Beerwinkel, you have got one minute in this slot.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Mr Deputy Speaker, it is a pity that hon member Joseph now took this debate into a different tangent in terms of behaviour ... [Interjections.] Because if your Rules of Order do not allow you to use your democratic right to speak in a council meeting, obviously things will go out of order. I am never going to condone unruly behaviour, violation of rules, I will never condone that but I will speak out when rules do not allow you to exercise your right.

The last thing, if I may, Mr Deputy Speaker, bring to the MEC's attention, Rule 28 there says that the Speaker determines the length of speeches. That is

right, that is fine, it is acceptable, but it is very unacceptable that the Speaker then also determines how many people may speak for the amount of time allocated. The Chief Whip here can tell the ANC you have 20 minutes to speak but the Chief Whip does not have the right to determine for the ANC how many members must use that 20 minutes. We can have one speaker, two, three or 20. That is what is happening in Swellendam and this is what is causing a lot of the animosity. One wants council meetings to run smoothly but unless your council urgently changes their Rules of Order, it is not going to happen. I am appealing to you, to look into this matter urgently, please. Thank you. [Interjections.]

†Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Agb Minister Bredell om te antwoord.

[The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister Bredell to reply.]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. The Rules of Order of any council are very important. We need to get our act together. Swellendam as a municipality has come a long way and, as I stated previously, we have got standard Rules of Order that we are work-shopping with all the municipalities. Our role as a department is to support municipalities and to have oversight, so we cannot instruct them but as we stand here today we had a workshop within Swellendam to talk to, not only the Rules of Order, other issues in the municipality; and we do it in all the municipalities.

I think from this Legislature we need to have a message that we want order in our council meetings and hon member Beerwinkel stated that. We want to better our decisions and support our councils to put them in a position to better their decision-making and obviously within that you need an open debate in the municipality. You need to open up the space for ordinary debate, and we will always, as a department, promote that.

That there must be a fair system, I have stated it before and I will always promote this in local government, that the Opposition does play a crucial role. It does not matter who is in control or who is in opposition, there must be rules and order and there must be a space for the opposition to express their concerns, and also to put their ideas on the table, so obviously we need to encourage that.

It is an ongoing system. We do have a lot of new councillors, we are busy with the training. One worrying aspect that I think we sometimes do get wrong currently, and I can see it more and more, that some of our Speakers think they are the owners of the agenda, and that is wrong. The agenda belongs to the council. A point on the agenda, one individual cannot remove that. We cannot have a system like that, it is not going to work. If there are points on this agenda here, the agenda belongs to the House, and if I cannot answer, I must give apologies to you, to the members, and you can then decide if you will allow me or not, but a Speaker ...[Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You are so right. That is where the DA has gone wrong.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: A Speaker cannot just remove items from an agenda. Then we are going to clamp down on democracy, and we cannot do that.

So currently, what I can promise the member, that we do workshop our Rules of Order, and that we work with the municipalities throughout. [Time expired.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister, your time has expired, and that disposes of Interpellations. We move onto Questions on the Question Paper, questions standing over to the Premier from 9 March. The first one, from hon member Magaxa.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

Questions to the Premier standing over from Thursday, 9 March 2017, as agreed to by the House:

Employment equity: Department of the Premier

1. Mr K E Magaxa asked the Premier:

(1) What is the staff complement of the Department of the Premier at top and senior management levels, and (2) whether it conforms to

employment equity in terms of the Employment Equity Act; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

The PREMIER: Thank you very much, Mr Deputy Speaker. As at 28 February 2017, the staff complement of my Department is 50 at senior management level and eight at top management level.

Number 2, yes. To quote the Employment Equity Act:

“The purpose of the Act is to achieve equity in the workplace by:

- (a) promoting equal opportunity and fair treatment in employment through the elimination of unfair discrimination; and
- (b) implementing affirmative action measures to redress the disadvantages in employment experienced by designated groups, to ensure their equitable representation in all occupational categories and levels in the workforce.”

Designated groups are defined as black people, women and people with disabilities.

It should be noted that the Act says that:

“It is not unfair discrimination to prefer or exclude any person on the basis of an inherent job requirement.”

The Western Cape Government does implement affirmative action measures for designated groups in compliance with Section 13.

It should also be noted that Section 15 describes affirmative action measures as measures intended to ensure that suitably qualified employees from designated groups have equal employment opportunity, and are equitably represented in all occupational categories and levels of the workforce of a designated employer. “Equity” or “equitably” is not defined in the Employment Equity Act, but the word generally refers to what is just or fair, when all factors are taken into account, and some of the factors I have quoted from the Act.

Section 15 also states that the measures referred to in subsection (2)(d), include preferential treatment and numerical goals, but exclude quotas.

It goes on to say that nothing in this section requires a designated employer to take any decision concerning an employment policy or practice, that would establish an absolute barrier to the prospective or continued employment or advancement, of people who are not from designated groups.

Further guidance is given in Section 42 regarding assessments and compliance. It says that in assessing compliance, the following factors may be taken into account:

“(a) The extent to which suitably qualified people from and amongst

the different designated groups are equitably represented within each occupational level in that employer's workforce, in relation to the demographic profile of the national and regional economically active population; then

- (b) Reasonable steps taken by a designated employer to train suitably qualified people from the designated groups; then
- (c) Reasonable steps by a designated employer to implement its employment equity plan; then
- (d) The extent to which the designated employer has made progress in eliminating employment barriers that adversely affect people from designated groups; and then

Reasonable steps taken by an employer to appoint and promote suitably qualified people from the designated groups.”

And that is the answer to the question.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Premier. I then move on to Question 2. Hon member Uys to the Premier.

Legislature's oversight role over the executive authority

***2. Mr P Uys asked the Premier:**

What is she doing to foster a stronger relationship between the executive authority and the Legislature and to strengthen the Legislature's oversight role over the executive authority?

The PREMIER: Thank you very much, Mr Deputy Speaker.

The Constitution requires organs of state to co-operate with one another in mutual trust and good faith. The Provincial Executive, through the Leader of Government Business, works together with the Speaker of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament to foster friendly relations between the Provincial Executive and the Western Cape Provincial Parliament.

Both the National and Provincial Constitutions require the Western Cape Provincial Parliament to put mechanisms in place to ensure that organs of state are accountable to it, and to oversee the exercise of political executive authority. This it does by way of its committee structures and the Rules of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament, among other mechanisms.

It is also instructive to consider the Constitutional Court judgement in *Economic Freedom Fighters vs Speaker National Assembly and others* in 2016. With regard to the separation of powers, the Concourt held that the

Constitution did not define any structures within which the National Assembly was required to operate to fulfil its oversight obligations. The Court pointed out that the mechanics of how to go about fulfilling these obligations was a discretionary matter best left to the NA.

Far be it from me to ignore the Concourt judgement and take steps to dictate to this Parliament how it should conduct its oversight over the Executive.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Uys?

Mr P UYS: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker, and thank you to the Premier. Hon Premier, thank you for starting, and I want to link my question to this, starting with trust and good faith.

Mr Deputy Speaker, maybe the hon Premier can just comment on that, how would she re-establish this trust and faith between herself and her Executive and the Legislature, when we heard that the Democratic Alliance charged her, and put general issues to her, like:

“Deliberately acted in a way which impacted negatively on the image and performance, and also unreasonably detrimental.”

Now why I am asking this, this is generic wording that your own party is putting towards you in a charge. How can we then restore trust in this Legislature, if your own party is saying that, in building a relationship?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Premier?

The PREMIER: I am not here to discuss party-political matters, and this is not a relevant issue.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Just answer the question.

An HON MEMBER: Answer.

Mr D JOSEPH: Irrelevant.

The PREMIER: So I would like you to rule on it ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order.

The PREMIER: ... but if he is talking about trust and good faith between me and my Cabinet, I can answer that question.

Trust and good faith between the Cabinet members, including myself, is absolutely fine and strong, including the caucus.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Are you sure?

The PREMIER: Yes, I am.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Is there a further follow-up, hon member Uys?
[Interjections.] Order.

Mr P UYS: Mr Deputy Speaker, the trust and faith issue is here around oversight and the oversight is between the Legislature and the Executive. I did not ask what is happening in Cabinet, because you appoint them, they must be faithful and trusting.

But let me move on, Mr Deputy Speaker. This afternoon the Public Protector addressed us, and I want to ask you that question, because it was a very serious one, where the Public Protector said that the Leader of the DA, and also a MEC in your Cabinet, his Department, is frustrating a very important organ within the Constitution, and how will you address that? [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon – before the Premier responds.

The PREMIER: [Inaudible.] new question.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Ja, I am not quite sure how it relates to the question ...[Interjection.]

Mr P UYS: It is not new.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: ... but the ball is in the Premier's court. If she has an answer then she can reply, otherwise we can move on.

The PREMIER: The answer is clear, and in fact the hon the Minister of Human Settlements gave the answer.

He says, very simply, that he needs to be informed if there is any blockage, and then he will immediately remove it, and he afterwards had a discussion with Advocate Griesel ...[Interjection.]

Ms P Z LEKKER: [Inaudible.] firefighting.

The PREMIER: ...and they are going to do it immediately. So the minute the Minister knows that there is a blockage, he has to find out what the blockage is, and he take steps to clear it. That is how we function here.

Ms P Z LEKKER: [Inaudible.] firefighter.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order. Hon member Uys?

Mr P UYS: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. It is around the oversight. Oversight also means oversight and implementation of legislation, and I would like to ask the Premier, we are still waiting, and maybe she has got an answer ready for us now, when will she not ignore the Legislature, and implement the Commissioner for Children and for the Environmental Commissioner. [Interjection.] Because that is not ...[Interjection.]

Mr D JOSEPH: It is not related.

Mr P UYS: ... implementing the constitution hon Premier. So tell us about that.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: My same comment would apply to this question. The Premier, if you want to reply?

The PREMIER: I really do believe that we should not be setting precedents on asking new questions disguised as follow-ups and also I have answered this question time and time again. So I refer him to my answers to the other questions.

Mr C M DUGMORE: No, you are running away [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Your last opportunity, hon member Uys?

Mr P UYS: Yes, we will register that and we will come back to that. Let me open a new issue. Not a new issue in terms of a new question, linking to the oversight, and I would like to ask the Premier, why is there no formal procedure in place for her to bring subordinate legislation to this Legislature? That is a very important oversight function of this Legislature.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Premier?

The PREMIER: If it is a function of this Legislature, then the Legislature must perform its function.

Mr P UYS: I am talking to you, hon Premier, not – it was to the Executive, not to the Legislature.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: We then move onto the next question, which is also a new question to the Premier. Hon member Uys to the Premier. Hon Premier, you may continue.

New Questions to the Premier:

Premier's visit to Singapore, March 2017

***1. Mr P Uys asked the Premier:**

- (a) What was the reason for her visit to Singapore during March 2017,
- (b) what the composition of the delegation was, (c) what the cost related to it was and (d) what the value of the visit was?

The PREMIER: Mr Deputy Speaker, what undermines the trust and good faith in this House, is the constant distortion and manipulation of facts, and wilful ignorance and slurs that are cast by some members on others.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Is that your answer to the question?

The PREMIER: That is a very, very serious issue, and I would like to begin my answer saying that because no serious debate happens in this House. It is

all personal slurs and insults ...

An HON MEMBER: What?!

The PREMIER: ... from the other side of this House, and that is what undermines good faith and cooperation in this House, believe me.

Mr Q R DYAYNTYI: What was the purpose of your visit to Singapore?

The PREMIER: The purpose of my visit was to promote trade, investment and tourism relations. I hosted a trade, tourism and investment seminar, facilitated by Wesgro in Singapore on 10 March 2017, and I also engaged senior Government officials around Singapore's Committee on the Future Economy, which was an extraordinary report, to understand Singapore's planned trajectory, forward planning, implementation and consecutive review, from the time of 1965 when the colonialists withdrew, up to today, and how we could learn from and align to expected outcomes which they have achieved every five year plan, from 1965 onwards.

I also visited the Institute of Technical Education to understand basic education preparation for two streams of education. Then I was accompanied by the following delegation: my husband came with me, Dr Laurine Platzky, Mr Bertram Ariefdien and Ms Phathu Mabuda. Three of us were there from 8 to 15 March 2017, and Ms Mabuda and Mr Ariefdien went earlier, and started ... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: It was a seven day visit. [Inaudible.]

The PREMIER: ... there from 28 February to 15 March 2017, but we were also in Japan after Singapore.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Hey, that is a †lekker [nice.] seven days.

The PREMIER: Now the costs for five people, that is myself, my husband and three officials ...[Interjection.] was R636 159.04. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: At what exchange rate?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: It is not a laughing matter.

The PREMIER: That was the cost for travel, accommodation and other expenses, as I said, to two countries, that are Japan and Singapore.

Then there was an amount that we transferred to Wesgro, which is our trade and investment promotion agency, of R500 000, and they facilitated with that, all of the business seminars and related business activities in Singapore and Japan.

In Singapore, for example, I also officially opened the MyOutlet Halal Hub, which holds potential for the export of local halal products into that region as

a whole. The value-add, when it comes to international engagements, is long-term, and it is therefore not easy to determine within a month or two.

However, based on interactions and the programme alone, the trip was a good return on investment. The business delegation that was with me throughout this visit also benefitted immensely from the networking opportunities, and I can tell you that in ...[Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Half a million [Inaudible.]

Ms M N GILLION: It was more than a million.

The PREMIER: In the mid-term I cannot tell you how much we learnt out of that trip. For example, how Singapore took two rundown, segregated colleges from 1965, built on them and turned the system into a world beating TVET system.

Ms P MAKELENI: Wow.

The PREMIER: It is something we could really emulate. They are the world's leading system now in TVET, and the last ratings I saw on mathematics education at primary schools ...

Mr Q R DYANTYI: What has that got to do with [Inaudible.]

The PREMIER: ...put Singapore at number one. And to look at the development from 1965 when there was really mass unemployment, mass poverty, all of the evils of a society, to where they are now, is very-very instructive, and to compare where they are now with, for example, a country like Zimbabwe, that has even decolonized its currency, and now starts trading in goats and sheep, and who had one of the richest economies ...[Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Is that a joke or what?

The PREMIER: ...and richest – no, it is true. It is actually true. [Interjections.] That is what is happening.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Currency in goats. [Inaudible.]

The PREMIER: Yes, currency in goats. That is what banks are accepting as collateral there now, and how people pay school fees there. And that is the difference. They had every resource you can imagine. They had one of the most thriving agricultural sectors in the world. They had all of the natural resources that Singapore did not have, and today they are still blaming the British while their economy goes through the floor.

If there is one thing that we can learn about, it is how Singapore managed to give everybody a future ...

Ms M N GILLION: [Inaudible.] Tweets.

The PREMIER: ... and how ...

Mr C M DUGMORE: Just be careful, hey?

The PREMIER: ... Zimbabwe destroyed its people's future.

Mr D JOSEPH: Well done.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: So that is why you tweeted.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Is there a follow-up? Hon member Uys?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I see now.

Mr P UYS: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. The Premier did not answer as to the total delegation that went along, she just referred to Wesgro and to the Department. Maybe she can reflect on the other delegates who went along as well.

But, I want to ask the Premier, hon Premier, is it not irregular in terms of financial legislation, for you to transfer R500 000, half a million Rand, to Wesgro, seeing that that is the entity linking up with the MEC of Economic Opportunities, and they have their own budget, and the question that then

arises, is how was that money spent that you have to transfer that money to Wesgro and not only take responsibility for your Department and yourself?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Premier?

The PREMIER: I can tell you that with the financial management under Minister Meyer in this Government, it would never have been transferred if it was irregular.

What Wesgro was doing is that they were setting up all kinds of meetings and presentations and delegations, and a whole range of things, in both Singapore and Japan. We had many open meetings, we had many discussions and promotion events, to promote wines, to promote imports from the Western Cape, to promote tourism and everything else, and they used the R500 000 for that.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Is there another follow-up, hon member Uys?

Mr P UYS: Still we did not hear what was the full composition, Mr Deputy Speaker, but let me then ask a follow-up question, and ask the Premier did she address the people in Singapore on security issues in the Western Cape and in South Africa, and if so, what did she say to them?

The PREMIER: I certainly asked a lot of questions on how they have almost no crime at all in Singapore, and I wanted to know how that could be, and I

also wanted to know how they could have an almost 100% corruption free public service, which was a matter of great insight and importance to me.

So I certainly could not go out there and boast about how well we are doing, because the police are not under our control in this province, they are under the National Government. [Interjection.]

The bottom line is, I learned an enormous amount about how Singapore manages to be a multi-ethnic, plural, complex, yet united society, free of corruption and crime. [Interjection.]

And the other delegates were: Ms Janine Myburgh, the President and Chairperson of the Board of the Cape Chamber of Commerce, Mr Jeremy Marillier, the Executive Director of Fish SA, Mr Joshin Raghubar, the Chairman of the Cape Innovation and Technology Initiative, Mr Shaykh Achmat Sedick, the Director of the M J C Halaal Trust, Ms Alexandra Fraser, Director of the Silicon Cape Initiative, Mr Gerhard Louw, the International Director of Tsogo Sun, John van Rooyen, the Director of Operations of Tsogo Sun, Ms Inge Dykman, who is from the Wesgro Tourism Unit, Mr James Milne who is the Wesgro Investment Unit, and Mr Shay Smith, the Wesgro Trade Unit, Asia and the Middle East.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: They are all Western Cape [Inaudible.]

The PREMIER: Of course.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Uys, further opportunity?

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

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I am just saying.

Mr P UYS: ... and thank you for the Premier responding to who was part of the delegation. Hon Premier, would it then not be correct to also take your MEC for Economic Opportunities with you on such a very critical, important tour ...[Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Ag, shame.

Mr P UYS: ... maybe to build his capacity. Yes, it's "ag shame", but you know, it is not a line function. The Premier is very quick to say this is not my question to answer when we do ask a question like that. Why did you not take hon Minister Winde with you?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: He was not part of your faction maybe.

The PREMIER: I think the hon member Uys really should ask Minister Winde, because he was scheduled to come, but because he has such a range of responsibilities, he has got to work out what is the most critical priority in relation to his many portfolios.

So he was going to come, and he came and spoke to me, and set out his alternatives, and we both agreed that he needed to focus on the other issues.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: In other words yours was not critical?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. We ...[Interjection.]

The PREMIER: It was absolutely [Inaudible.] ...

The PREMIER: ... but the point is that I can be very well briefed by Minister Winde and Minister Meyer's colleagues, and I go there on a basis of a very good briefing, with all the prior work done.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Premier. We move on. The next question I believe has been withdrawn for stand over. Then we are at Question number 8, standing over from Tuesday, 9 March. Hon member Olivier to Minister Schäfer. Minister Schäfer?

Questions standing over from Thursday, 9 March 2017, as agreed to by the House:

KwaFaku Primary School, unbearable conditions at

8. Mr R T Olivier asked the Minister of Education:

Whether the Minister and her Department are investigating further the unbearable conditions at the KwaFaku Primary School in Lower Crossroads; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. The answer to the question is yes, the preliminary investigation revealed that the material that was used to build the school was deteriorating, and that the norms and standards funding could not be used to repair the structure. This question stood over from 9 March 2017.

The Department has, since this question was submitted, commissioned reports by an architect and engineer on the condition of the school. I can also confirm that the WCED has, through the DTPW, repaired the damage to the school's ablutions and placed mobile units at the school. Learners and teachers have already moved into these units. The WCED has also scheduled the school for replacement with a new brick and mortar school.

The new school is currently in the planning stage. The fact that the location of the footprint had to change, because the mobile school has now been erected on the site of the new school, will however lengthen the planning phase. The anticipated practical completion date is July 2019.

The WCED has invested R1 million in the school in recent years, to fix the fence and to pave sandy areas. The ablutions facilities did not require attention at the time. The above investment did not include annual allocations

for day-to-day maintenance. The WCED has allocated R766 000 to the school for day-to-day maintenance since 2012/13.

The Department increased the allocation from R62 000 to R282 000 in 2015/16, and again to R305 000 in 2016/17.

The school did not submit any applications for emergency funding over the past two years as required by procedure. The WCED is investigating why the ablutions facilities were allowed to decay into such a poor state of repair, and how the school spent its allocations for day-to-day maintenance. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Olivier?

Mr R T OLIVIER: Thank you, MEC, for that response. MEC, given that this building was an experimental building built in the 2000s, and you are now investigating, what is the timeframe of this investigation? How long are you anticipating to get a full report on this investigation, seeing that this issue is kind of critical. Do you have any timeframe on when you are going to complete the entire investigation?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you. It is not critical in the sense that all the learners are in the mobile classrooms. So they are not in any danger at all. I follow it up regularly with my one-on-one HOD meetings every week, and I am hoping to get the report soon. It primarily relates to the spending of the money at the school. I am hoping to get it in the very near

future, but I cannot say exactly when.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Olivier?

Mr R T OLIVIER: Thanks, MEC. Despite the investigation, we accept that there is an investigation, but is there any kind of report as to why the Department, whoever, has allowed, whether it is the school or [Inaudible.] has allowed the condition of that school to deteriorate to that point. Is there any engagement or any report given to yourself on why are we at that state of affairs?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: I will have to wait until I get the full report to see whether they do address that. I have asked my HOD what we do, as well as my acting DDG infrastructure, how we monitor – sorry, may I be able to speak? [Interjection.]

I have asked them what we do in a case of experimental materials, to monitor the buildings, and I have asked that in future they put in place far better monitoring systems in respect of those kinds of buildings.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Olivier again.

Mr R T OLIVIER: No, MEC, can you give us an indication, who is conducting the investigation? Is it internal or is it an external investigating team? And then also, maybe you might not be able to give it to us now, but

the terms of reference of that investigation.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: I do not know exactly who is doing it. I know my HOD has been discussing it with my DDG of Institutional ...[Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You do not know who is investigating [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: ... Management and Governance. I do not know who investigates everything in my Department.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: No, you should know.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: I shouldn't know. I do not interfere in the day-to-day running of my Department. That is what I have an HOD for. He is dealing with our CFO and the DDG of Institutional Management and Governance, Mr Thomas Sidiso, and between the two of them, they have appointed people. So I have not gone into further detail on that school.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Is there another follow-up? Hon member Olivier, your last opportunity.

Mr R T OLIVIER: No. Thanks, MEC, for that response.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: It is a bad response.

Mr R T OLIVIER: No, thanks, MEC. MEC, will it therefore be possible, once the investigation has been concluded, that this House can be provided with such a report?

And, also - we accept the remedial action so far that learners have been moved here and there - what I would like to see is what is recommended in terms of corrective measures for those who really failed to rescue the situation, allow it, since 2004 up until ... the parents had to shut down the school, because something was horribly wrong there. If you can just provide us with that report and also just so that we can see what you are going to do with those officials that allowed that situation to [Inaudible.]

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister, you may respond.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you. I cannot say at this stage whether I can make it available. I will see when I get the report. [Interjection.] Sorry?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is bad.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: I will see when I get the reports and take the necessary legal advice, as to whether any rights will be infringed by making it public, and if it is possible, I will do so.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, we move to the next question.

Mr P UYS: Mr Deputy Speaker, sorry, a point of order, can I just get clarity from yourself to get an understanding. The previous question you said was withdrawn. Now normally there is a stamp over it to say it has been withdrawn. What happened to that question?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: My wording was “standing over”. It is standing over for some ...[Interjection.]

Mr P UYS: No, no, you said withdrawn.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: And I changed it to say “standing over”.

An HON MEMBER: He said afterwards.

Mr P UYS: Why is it standing over?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I do not know the reason for it, it was just a request that it stands over.

Mr P UYS: But was there a request for it to stand over?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes.

Mr P UYS: From?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I could not give the straight answer, I am not sure. I was just told that there was a request it would stand over, and the Chair simply let it stand over. That was the request. Chief Whip, can you assist?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Yoh!

Mr M G E WILEY: Yes, I was informed a little bit earlier that the question was going to stand over, because there was insufficient information available at the time.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: At this stage.

Mr P UYS: Mr Deputy Speaker, you must help me now, because a question on the Order Paper, that is the property of this House.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Yes.

Mr P UYS: It cannot stand over if both the member that asked the question and also the person who must answer the question are present, and they do not stand up and give a reason why it must stand over.

If the Premier did not prepare for it, it is something else, but it cannot stand over. No question on this side – remember, Mr Deputy Speaker, we agreed

that a question can stand over if the individual who asked the question is away on business of this Parliament. Then it can stand over, but it cannot stand over, I cannot just up now and say, "Oh, my question must stand over till next time."

So I do not understand and I do not follow the rationale ...[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I do not want to go into, to argue this ...[Interjection.]

Mr P UYS: No, I want you to rule on this, because it is wrong.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Normally there would be consultation before we get to the point of a question standing over, but it is feasible that - I am not sure what the content of the question even is - the information requested is still being gathered, and therefore the person is not ready to respond to it. That is possible.

It is also possible that the person to who the question was asked can get up and say, "I am not ready to respond to the question today, may it stand over?" That is also a practical arrangement.

So I am not aware of anything sinister here. Hon Chief Whip, you must just put me at ease.

Mr M G E WILEY: Mr member Uys is perfectly entitled to ask the question, however, once again, he waits until the Premier is out of the House before he raises it. [Interjections.] Why did he not stand up immediately and ask the question then?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes.

Mr P UYS: No, Mr Deputy Speaker, my understanding was that it was withdrawn, and that was one issue.

Now I heard that, and I missed that part where it is standing over. I cannot just let my question stand over, Mr Deputy Speaker, when I feel like it. It is not part of the procedures and Rules of this House.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Sy's moeg.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: She is tired.]

Mr P UYS: It cannot be. You have the executive authority and you have the person asking the question present. That is flouting oversight, Mr Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I cannot give you a straight answer there. All I am saying is it is possible that there can be consultation between the person who asked the question and the person who must respond to it, to do it at a later stage.

The question was not withdrawn, Chief Whip, am I correct? The question was not withdrawn, it is simply standing over?

Mr M G E WILEY: And that was what was said.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes. I take your point, hon member Uys, but I can do nothing at this stage ...

Mr P UYS: No, I will not take it further now, Mr Deputy Speaker. All I want you to do is to consider. My understanding is that it cannot stand over. I would like you to really apply your mind to that.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I will.

Mr P UYS: Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The next question is the hon member Uys to Minister Schäfer. Question number 11.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: It is a circus here.

Mossel Bay EK Primary School

***11. Mr P Uys asked the Minister of Education:**

After deciding not to close the Mossel Bay EK Primary School, what support is she going to give to the school?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. The school can accommodate approximately 400 learners, but less than 150 learners are currently enrolled at the school. The school will receive norms and standards funding, post-provisioning and district support for curriculum needs in line with policy.

The district will encourage the school to recruit more learners so that the school can be optimally used. All other support that the school requires will be provided as for any other school.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Follow-up, hon member Uys?

Mr P UYS: Mr Deputy Speaker, thank you for the answer, and I must put it in perspective. The question is at the end of last year, the Department and the MEC told the school they are closing. In January they told the school they are not closing anymore, and now they lost a lot of capacity, because two members of staff were transferred, and I would like to ask, and this is the reason for the question; that school, at this moment, because of a change of mind within one month, is really not delivering a service that a primary school must deliver to that specific community in Mossel Bay, and that is the major problem that we have today in that school and in that community.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Ask her where is the [Inaudible.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Ja, please say that here in this forum.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister Schäfer.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: The DA is in crisis, please say it.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: It is quite ironic, Mr Deputy Speaker. When we do school closures and we publish notices and then we do not follow processes, people get upset ...[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: ...and when we publish notices and tell a school we are intending to close them, and when people make representations and I do not close the school because they make representations, and I listen to what they say, then you also complain.

The Department's intention was to close the school. We had a public consultation process, I listened to the parents, there were some concerns raised. My Head of Department said, "Let us give them another year and see how they go", and I agreed.

Mr C F BEERWINKEL: But do you know where the school is?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: So if there is – yes, of course I know where the school is. So, if there is any specific support that you think we need, that we can assist with, that is reasonable and feasible, I will happily listen to your request, and you are welcome to speak to me afterwards at any point.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Is there a follow up, hon member Uys?

Mr P UYS: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker, will the MEC then come back to us and see how they are going to build the capacity of that school in the interim, because once you have cut off almost like an arm and a leg, you cannot think that they can recover, and after a year it is easy to say, “But that school did not perform”, but by closing them in December and opening them in January, a lot of parents found new accommodation for the learners, and that is problem that they experienced there.

So, you will have to put in measures to really support that school to really be a viable school, and I would like to ask the MEC will she come up with that proposal, and what would be the timeframe?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister Schäfer?

An HON MEMBER: Let us hear you.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: As I said, Mr Deputy Speaker, if the hon

member would like to ...[Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: [Inaudible.] just answer. I think the answer is not there.

An HON MEMBER: No, man.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Just answer. You have not answered [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: If the hon member would like to discuss specific issues that he thinks need particular attention, can he please do so after this meeting and e-mail my office, and I will happily look into it and discuss it with my HOD, and see what we can do to assist the school.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Is that the end of this question? We move onto the next question. Question 3. Hon member Beerwinkel to Minister Bredell.

New questions:

Swellendam Council: meetings

- 3. Ms C F Beerwinkel asked the Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:**

- (1) (a) How many (i) municipal managers and (ii) Speakers have served the Swellendam council since 2006, (b) which document guides the order of their council meetings;
- (2) whether all councillors are allowed to debate and ask questions on items on the agenda before the council, if not, why not?

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Baie dankie aan die agb lid, vir die vraag. [The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Thank you to the hon member for the question.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Swellendam, terug na Swellendam. [Mr Q R DYANTYI: Swellendam, back to Swellendam.]

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Terug na Swellendam. [Gelag.]

- (1) (a) Vier munisipale bestuurders, agb lid. Vier Speakers sedert 2006.
- (1) (b) Die reëls en prosedure-verordeninge vir die hou van vergaderings soos gepubliseer op 3 Maart 2006. Ons het daarvoor gepraat.

Die tweede gedeelte van die vraag: In terme van die reëls van prosedure-

verordeninge, kan die Speaker beslis oor die spreekbeurt, wie 'n spreekbeurt kry, asook die lengte van die spreekbeurt. Die beslissing van die Speaker is dat twee lede per party 'n spreekbeurt per item kry en dat die spreekbeurt beperk word tot vyf minute per spreker per item.

Die rede vir bogenoemde is om orde in die raadsvergadering te handhaaf. Die politieke partye besluit dus wie 'n spreekbeurt kry en op watter item. Alle raadslede is gemagtig om vrae te vra op enige item van die agenda. Baie dankie.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Back to Swellendam. [Laughter.]

- (1) (a) Four municipal managers, hon member. Four Speakers since 2006.
- (2) (b) The rules and procedural bylaws for conducting meetings as published on 3 March 2006. We have spoken about that.

The second part of the question: In terms of the rules of procedural bylaws the Speaker can rule on the turn to speak, who gets a turn to speak, as well as the length of the speech. The ruling of the Speaker is that two members per party receive a turn to speak per item and that the turn to speak is limited to

five minutes per speaker per item.

The reason for the above is to maintain order in the council meeting. The political parties therefore decide on who receives a turn to speak and on which item. All councillors are entitled to ask questions on any item of the agenda. Thank you.]

[Hon Member Davids takes the Chair.]

The TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON: Hon member Beerwinkel?

†Me C F BEERWINKEL: Waarnemende Voorsitter, ek is baie bly dat die LUR besef ons is weer terug in Swellendam. Die vorige gesprek wat ons gehad het rondom Swellendam, rondom hierdie 2006-verordeninge, moet mos darem vir u sê dit kan nie voortgaan soos dit voortgaan nie.

Die feit is dat vier Speakers al Swellendam gedien het in hierdie tydperk, en nie een van hulle het dit raakgesien dat die verordeninge van 2006 nog gebruik word tot op hede in 2016.

U noem hierso dat enige persoon 'n vraag moet vra. Daar word nie so toelating gemaak in die reëls nie, ek het dit juis vir u uitgewys, LUR, en ek dink nog steeds, en ek gaan staan daarby, dis totaal onaanvaarbaar vir die Speaker om te bepaal hoeveel lede mag praat. [Tussenwerpsel.]

†Die TYDELIKE VOORSITTER: Verskoon tog agb lid Beerwinkel, kan u die vraag vra? Jou opvolgvraag vra, asseblief? [Gelag.][Applous.]

†Me C F BEERWINKEL: Baie dankie. [Tussenwerpsels.] Ek het nou lekker geleentheid gekry om die LUR terug te kry oor Swellendam.

Mnr P UYS: Die ANC moet jou help.

Me C F BEERWINKEL: Ja, man, ek moet vir julle help oor wat in Swellendam aangaan. LUR, kan u 'n tydperk daaraan heg vir wanneer Swellendam die reëls in hulle verordeninge, wat oud en afgeleef en onkonstitusioneel is, sal herroep? Asseblief.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Acting Chair, I am pleased that the MEC realises that we are back in Swellendam. The previous discussion we had around Swellendam, around these 2006 bylaws, should tell you that it cannot continue as it is continuing.

The fact is that four Speakers have already served Swellendam during this period, and not one of them has noticed that the bylaws of 2006 are still being used up to the present in 2016.

You mention here that any person may ask a question. There is no such

provision in the rules, I pointed that out to you especially, MEC, and I still think, and I will stand by it, it is totally unacceptable for the Speaker to determine how many members may speak. [Interjection.]

[The TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON: I beg your pardon, hon member Beerwinkel, can you ask the question? Ask your follow-up question, please? [Laughter.] [Applause.]]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Thank you. [Interjections.] I now had a good opportunity to get back at the MEC on Swellendam.

Mr P UYS: The ANC must help you.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Yes, man, I must help you about what is going on in Swellendam. MEC, can you add a time frame as to when Swellendam will revoke the rules in their bylaws, which are old and outdated and unconstitutional? Please.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Just stand here after you have discharged Zille out of office, then [Inaudible.]

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Waarnemende Adjunkspeaker, baie dankie. Net sommer tong in die kies, dit lyk my 'n tendens in plaaslike regering, want op nasionale vlak het ons vyf Ministers vir Plaaslike Regering

in ses jaar gehad, dis sedert 2009.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Acting Deputy Speaker, thank you. Just tongue in cheek, it seems like a trend in local government, because at national level we have had five Ministers of Local Government in six years, that is since 2009.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Will you answer the question? †Swellendam, asseblief.
[Swellendam, please.]

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Moet nou nie so wees nie.

Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Dis nie nasionaal nie.

Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Dit skep geweldige onstabilliteit as jy nie 'n opeenvolgende leierskap het nie, om aanmekaar te skuif, en dit is 'n bietjie van 'n probleem dat jy vier Speakers gehad het sedert 2006, en die verordeninge was nooit bygehou met verloop van tyd nie. Ek dink dis iets wat jaarliks nagegaan moet word, dis iets wat ons altyd moet bespreek, want ek dink daar sal altyd 'n *Tweeter* wees oor verordeninge.

Van die Departement se kant af is dit baie belangrik dat ons oop debatte het. Ek het dit gesê in die interpellasie, ek staan daarby, en ons het vandag 'n span gehad om met Swellendam te vergader, maar ek moet ook sê ons kan nie dikteer nie. Ons het nie daardie mag nie.

As dit ongrondwetlik is, natuurlik sal ons dit vir hulle uitwys, ek het dit opgevolg eers met 'n skrywe, dat ek persoonlik nie gelukkig is met hulle verordeninge nie, en ons is nou besig met die span om oor ons standaardverordeninge met hulle 'n werkswinkel te hou, en hopelik sal ons binnekort 'n nuwer verordening in Swellendam sien, maar dit geld eintlik vir al 30 munisipaliteite, dat ons hierdie oop debat filosofie in ons rade moet vestig. Ons almal verteenwoordig gemeenskappe, en hulle het die reg om gehoor te word.

Daar is geen enkele individu wat die alleenmandaat kan eis dat hulle weet wat is reg of goed vir 'n raad nie.

So die oop debat, die verordening, die standaardverordening, die hou van 'n werkswinkel daarvan, is vir ons prioriteit, maar dit moet binne die Grondwet wees. As iets buite die Grondwet is sal ons dadelik optree. Dankie.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Don't be like that now.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: It is not national.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: It creates enormous instability if you do not have successive leadership, to be shifting continually, and it is a bit of a problem that one has had four Speakers since 2006, and the bylaws have not been updated as time passed. I think it is something that should annually be checked, it is something we have discuss continually, as I think there will always be a *Tweeter*y about bylaws.

From the side of the Department it is very important that we have open debates. I have said that in the interpellation, I stand by that, and today we had a team to meet with Swellendam, but I also have to say that we cannot dictate. Wedo not have that power.

If it is unconstitutional, of course we will point it out to them, I have followed it up first of all with a letter, that I am personally not in agreement with their bylaws, and we are now in the process of having a workshop with the team on our standard bylaws, and hopefully we will see a new bylaw in Swellendam, but that actually applies to all 30 municipalities, that we have to establish this open debate philosophy in our councils. We all represent communities, and they have the right to be heard.

There is no single individual who can claim the sole mandate that he or she knows what is right or good for a council.

So the open debate, the bylaw, the standard bylaw, having a workshop on that, that is a priority to us, but it must be within the Constitution. If something is outside the Constitution, we will act immediately. Thank you.]

[The Deputy Speaker takes the Chair.]

†Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Agb lid Beerwinkel?

[The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Beerwinkel?]

†Me C F BEERWINKEL: Ek hoor die LUR sê hulle mag nie voorskryf wat moet gebeur nie, maar kan u vir ons ten minste inlig oor 'n tydperk gekoppel aan die begin van die proses, om die verordeninge te verander? Dat dit nie net 'n werkswinkel is wat gehou word nie, en gaan hulle terug, en dan vergader hulle net op daardie reëls van orde soos wat dit staan.

Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Ja, dankie. Ag, mnr die Adjunkspeaker, die hele idee agter die werkswinkel is dat ons daar moet uitkom met 'n verordening wat hulle kan aanvaar by hulle volgende raadsvergadering.

So dis die hele idee van die werkswinkel, dat hulle 'n verordening moet aanvaar by die volgende raadsvergadering, en so ook al 30 van ons munisipaliteite. Dankie.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[Ms C F BEERWINKEL: I hear the MEC says they may not prescribe as to what should happen, but can you at least inform us on a time frame attached to the start of the process, to change the bylaws? So that it is not only a workshop that is conducted, and they go back, and they then discuss only those rules of order as it stands.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Yes, thank you. Well, Mr Deputy Speaker, the whole idea behind the workshop is that we have to come out of there with a bylaw that they can adopt at their next council meeting.

So that is the whole idea of the workshop, that they have to adopt a bylaw at the next council meeting, as well as at all 30 of our municipalities. Thank you.]

†Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Ons gaan voort.

[The DEPUTY SPEAKER: We continue.] †We move on to the next question. Question 4, hon member Beerwinkel to Minister Schäfer. Hon Minister Schäfer?

Mullersrus Primary School: water-supply problem

4. Ms C F Beerwinkel asked the Minister of Education:

- (a) When did the Minister become aware of the water-supply problem at the Mullersrus Primary School at Buffeljagsrivier, (b) what did her

Department do to address the problem, (c) what were the findings, and (d) how long has the school been in this predicament?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I was first made aware of this issue in February 2016, in an e-mail from my colleague, Beverley Schäfer. My office immediately contacted the District Office to investigate.

After receiving our enquiry, the District Director for Overberg personally visited the school in early March 2016. The Provincial Department of Public Works had also visited the school around that time, because they had also been made aware of the issue.

Discussions regarding a long-term solution for the school began, a new system was commissioned in May 2016, and was installed in October 2016. However, there were concerns about the quality of the water which was reportedly discoloured. During this entire period, however, the Hessequa Municipality was providing water to the school upon request.

An HON MEMBER: What?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: However, this was not a long-term sustainable solution. In January, GIBB Engineering and Architecture was appointed by the Department of Transport and Public Works to investigate an alternative source of water. A new filtration and purification system is being

installed, which will filter the water from the canal to the school. The scheduled completion date is June 2017. The Education Department is currently carrying the costs of the water provided by the Hessequa Municipality.

- (c) It was GIBBS' opinion that the current arrangement of receiving raw water from the Buffeljags irrigation canal, with minor modifications to the existing filtration and sterilisation plant, was the most economical and effective means to provide potable water at the school for domestic consumption, and untreated water for irrigating the vegetable garden.

- (d) Since the school's establishment over 30 years ago, there has been no municipal connection to the school, which is on a farm. However, there have been alternatives and at no stage has the school been without drinking water. The delivery of water by truck is not sustainable, however, and we are informed that the solution currently being installed will be more effective and sustainable. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Beerwinkel?

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Mr Deputy Speaker, I am very concerned. Can the MEC please explain to me why Hessequa Municipality would be supplying water to Mullersrus Primary in Buffeljags?

Ms M N GILLION: In Swellendam.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: No, wait, wait, wait. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: No, I cannot, I am not a member of the municipality. I understand it was an arrangement between the municipalities, and then there was a threat that Hessequa would stop providing that, which is when the school starting raising the concerns, and we started addressing the issue to find a longer term solution.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Beerwinkel?

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Mr Deputy Speaker, I am going to personally invite the MEC to visit the school, because clearly she hasn't.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Ja.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: And to see that Mullersrus Primary in Buffeljags resorts under the Swellendam Municipality, and it is the Swellendam Municipality that is supplying water to the school now via a truck.

†Me M N GILLION: Nou watse nee [Onhoorbaar.]

[Ms M N GILLION: Now what is this no [Inaudible.]]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: But the conditions under which this water is being

supplied, Mr Deputy Speaker, needs to be seen to be believed. Clearly the MEC is not informed.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Beerwinkel, can it get to a question? Was that your contribution? There is no question there?

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: My question was, will the MEC please make a concerted effort to visit the school, so that she can acquaint herself with where the school is and which municipality ...[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, thank you.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: ...it resorts under, also which municipality is supplying water.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister, to respond.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: If I can I will visit the municipality, but the issue is being dealt with and I cannot visit every single school where I have a problem. I have 1 450, thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Is there another follow-up? Can we move on? Hon member Beerwinkel?

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Mr Deputy Speaker, this is shocking to say the least!

I, on a day, showed a picture of this school drawing water from a canal, brown, dirty, polluted water to a school. How can we in this 21st century allow that to be happening, and the MEC does not even know where the school is, or makes the excuse that – after my concerns were raised I would have assumed that one would make a concerted effort ...[Interjection.]

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

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: ...since 2016, Mr Deputy Speaker, it has been a major concern.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I have allowed you some latitude. Get to the question that you want to ask, otherwise we move on. Hon Minister Schäfer?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. The children are not drinking the water that is coming from the canal now. There was already a system in place, a filtration system, which the school was not operating as they were told to operate, they were operating it incorrectly, but they were still getting municipal water taken to them by truck every day. They were not drinking the canal water.

Ms M N GILLION: No.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: So that is not the – I mean, I cannot go rushing there because hon member Beerwinkel happens to have a

constituency there. I am dealing with the issue, my Department is dealing with it very well, and by June we will have a permanent solution there, but the children are not drinking that water.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Gillion, I have actually seen the hon member Beerwinkel first. So if she wants to take the opportunity? It is the last opportunity unfortunately, ja.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Mr Deputy Speaker, I am speaking from personal experience. I was at the school, at the canal, saw the filtration plant and heard from the principal that the children drink that water. It is pumped into a green water tank. It is then pumped into a pipe over the roof of the school, and then to the taps. The children drink that water, Mr Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Shocking!

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

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: They were drinking that water when they had the other filter system in place. My office spoke to the principal this morning, and he confirmed that they have had proper drinking water all the time.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: We then move onto the next question, Question 5. Hon member Olivier again to Minister Schäfer. Hon member Olivier, it is your question. Hon Minister Schäfer?

Sale of liquor on school premises

5. Mr R T Olivier asked the Minister of Education:

Why is she and her Department still considering the sale of liquor on school premises in accordance with the proposed Draft Western Cape Provincial School Education Amendment Bill?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you. As I have previously said in this House and elsewhere, I am proposing to address extremely restrictive legislation regarding alcohol on and off school premises, in terms of which even a purely adult staff function off the school premises of a school is defined as a school activity, where alcohol consumption is prohibited.

In addition, fund-raising events or activities where alcohol may be sold or consumed, are also prohibited under current legislation.

I am proposing to allow it under strict conditions for schools to supplement their income. Changes have been made to the original Bill, after public consultation.

In the amendment to be tabled, we are proposing that schools may apply to

the HOD for permission to sell or consume alcohol. The HOD may then impose conditions which, if breached, can lead to the withdrawal of permission and a fine. This solution has also been discussed with the National Minister, who is quite content with it and, I think, is going to propose something similar.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Olivier, you want to take a follow-up?

Mr R T OLIVIER: MEC, given the crisis at schools, varying from drugs, gangsterism, whatever it is - I understand this is for fundraising and people must apply, but do you think that this is correct, to create a school, a kind of a shebeen, by virtue of allowing applications for liquor at the school premises, while we are saying we are sitting with crisis at schools? Do you think that this can be a logic proposal to a school for fundraising?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Mr Deputy Speaker, once again the ANC is trying to turn things and twist them into something they are not. There is no proposal to put any shebeen at a school.

An HON MEMBER: No.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: A shebeen is an illegal outlet ...[Interjection.] of liquor generally speaking, it operates every day. There is no intention, at all, to have alcohol on a school property every day, at all,

ever. [Interjections.]

So, no, I do not because if it is going to be irresponsibly used, we can take away the permission. If schools do not wish to apply, they do not have to.

An HON MEMBER: Do not even start it.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: I would venture to say, I am not an expert on alcohol abuse, but what I have seen as a result of the Alcohol Game-Changer, is that the alcohol problems and abuse do not occur on school premises. It does not occur at schools, it occurs outside the schools in communities. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order. Hon member Olivier, your second opportunity.

Mr S G TYATYAM: You want to destroy schools.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Thanks, MEC. Let me put this question differently. Currently there is a proposal that schools can apply on fundraising evenings to utilise alcohol on school premises. Is my understanding correct? And the question is why do we allow that to take place because obviously any legislation, any policy, any guidelines, must be managed, must be monitored, and is it not an extra burden that we are bringing to schools, where you might find unintended consequences, because you might not necessarily have

schools or management of schools that might be able to manage this issue, and are we able to take that burden on? Are we saying this is correct, that we are using schools, and that is why I am saying, basically as mini shebeens?

I am not saying it is going to be shebeens, but I am saying bringing alcohol for whatever purpose, is for us bringing problems and someone else must manage that issue, and report to you, and I am saying is that correct that we are going that route? Is there no other mechanism of fundraising besides bringing this kind of a leeway into school premises?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: As I said, Mr Deputy Speaker, the amendment does not only deal with alcohol on school premises, but also off school premises.

Currently a principal cannot take his or her staff to a function off school premises, for a dinner, for example, an evening completely away from the school and is prohibited in terms of the Act. That is just ludicrous.

In addition, I am informed, and not in specific detail, that many schools already do this. So actually I believe it is going to make it easier for us to monitor, because if schools do not apply, they will face very serious consequences, and if they do apply and they do not comply with the conditions and responsible use of it they can actually also be prosecuted and face a fine.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Is there another follow-up, hon member Wenger?

Ms M M WENGER: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I would like to ask the Minister whether the draft Bill would allow sale of alcohol during school hours or to school learners?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, hon member Wenger. No, that is not the intention at all. In addition, the Bill will be tabled in the Legislature hopefully in the very near future, and then obviously the Standing Committee, of which the hon Olivier is a part, will take it through public hearings and consultation processes, and then we will see what people have to say about it, and we can reconsider if necessary.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: We then move onto the next question, Question 6. Again hon member Olivier to the Minister of Education.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Ja, let us hear. [Inaudible.] fair chance to answer the question.

“Plankieskool” in Uitsig: existing infrastructure

6. Mr R T Olivier asked the Minister of Education:

What is her Department doing to replace, preserve or maintain the

infrastructure of the existing “plankieskool” in Uitsig?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: In terms of Uitsig Senior Secondary the Western Cape Education Department is complying with a court order, agreed to between it and the school governing body of the school. To this end, we have taken the necessary steps to ensure that:

- Water, electricity supply and proper sanitation services are installed and/or maintained,
- Provided a source of drinking water to learners and staff in addition to the water supply to the ablutions facilities.
- We provided two security guards on school premises on a 24 hour basis,
- Taken steps to ensure that security arrangements have been put in place with the Department of Community Safety and SAPS,
- Devised and implemented a catch-up plan from the start of the second school term.
- In addition, DTPW, which is the custodian of the land and its assets, has employed its security personnel for the purposes of ensuring that the temporary mobile classrooms on site are not

vandalised after hours.

Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Olivier?

Mr R T OLIVIER: Thanks, MEC. Do you therefore confirm, MEC, that your Department was given an order to no longer close the school and to urgently maintain the school as you are saying that process is now underway, and when can we see the end result, that the school is now fully functional, fully maintained and replaced if it needs those replacements?

An HON MEMBER: Stop asking difficult questions. She cannot answer them.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: No, it is not correct. The court order was obtained by agreement between my Department and the governing body of the school, and the order was to the effect that nothing further would be done to remove any learners or teachers from the school, pending the formal closure of process, which has now commenced.

There was no undertaking whatsoever and no order whatsoever, to no longer close the school at all. The order was just by agreement that we would follow the formal process, which we are doing, and there was a meeting last week on the 25th with the community, for the public consultation process to happen.

[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Olivier, you may proceed.

Mr R T OLIVIER: No, MEC, do I understand correctly that this is by agreement between the parties, that maintenance and these things must take place, but is the intention of the Department to continue with the proposed closure of the school? Is that what I am hearing, or am I now misunderstanding you?

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Sy weet nie, sy weet nie.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: She does not know, she does not know.]

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: The agreement was not to generally proceed with the closure. The agreement was to proceed with the closure in accordance with the proper process, and the proper prescribed procedures.

There was no agreement that the entire school had to be maintained in the meantime, but that certain things had to be done, which I have mentioned in my initial response.

So the Department is proceeding with the intention to close, in respect of having the proper process. As I said, we had a meeting last week, then we will get the submissions and I will have to then consider those and make a decision as to whether to proceed with closing or not.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Olivier?

Mr R T OLIVIER: No, MEC. Is my understanding correct or incorrect, that despite the process that was incorrect, taken and by agreement, that you have agreed to do whatever you are doing, but yet you will continue with the proposed closure of the school? Is the resistance or the objection of the community at this point not valid in terms of you not to proceed closing; is it not a fruitless exercise to continue, whether it is a formal or not a formal process, yet the community were resistant that the school must be closed. So why is the Department still continuing on the vein of closing the school?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: The process was not incorrect. We have not started the process yet, but the people were being moved to other schools, because it was safer for them to do so.

Despite that, one member of the community, I am not even sure if he still lives there, is being very vocal about the issue, and he is kind of stoking up emotions in the community quite honestly, but the process was not incorrect, but we said that we would to start the formal process with a notice, which is what we have done, and the rest of the question I have already answered.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, we move onto the next question, Question 7. Hon member Uys to Minister Schäfer.

Garden Route Primary School, Mossel Bay

***7. Mr P Uys asked the Minister of Education:**

(a) When and to what degree is she going to address the shortage of (a) classrooms, (b) teachers, (c) a computer room and (d) a library at the Garden Route Primary School, Mossel Bay?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. The WCED provided four mobile classes to the school during the 2016/17 financial year, seven additional permanent classes will be built during the 2017/18 financial year, which will address the shortage of classrooms at the school. The contract for the seven classes will also include extra ablution facilities.

The school staff establishment has also grown over the past four years; one additional post was allocated to the school this year. The current educator/learner ratio of 1:37 is still very favourable, in comparison to other schools in the district and the province.

Part (c) to (d), refer to (a) above please. The school will be able to use their computer room and library for the intended purposes when the extra classrooms are in use at the school.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Uys?

Mr P UYS: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Thank you for the answer, and it seems like there is progress or some progress there. You also reflected last year that as part of UAMPS that you are looking at the growth in that area,

and also a school in Asla Park. What is the progress with that, and what is the timelines attached to that?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you. We are experiencing incredible growth across the province as you know, and our financial situation is dire, but we have increased the capacity of other schools in Mossel Bay, with additional classes at Hillcrest, Erika and Ridgeview in 2016, and additional classes at Milkwood and Hartenbos Primary for Sonskyn Vallei and Power Town in 2017/18.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Uys?

Mr P UYS: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Just to get clarity. The additional classrooms that you refer to, MEC, the seven, when will they be completed there, and will the library and the computer room be additional to the seven, or will the seven, or part of the seven be used for the library and the computer room at that school?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: The initial seven? I do not have specific dates for the building of the school, just during the 17/18 financial year. I can follow that up for you and let you know, but yes, when they are there, the existing library and computer rooms, which are being used as classrooms at the moment, will become available for their intended use.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Uys?

Mr P UYS: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Just to ask the MEC, did she ever visit Mossel Bay and really try to grapple with the issues not only at this school, but other issues as well in Mossel Bay itself? And let me get to this school, when last did you visit this specific primary school?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: I do not believe I have been to Mossel Bay recently, and I certainly will make an effort to get there. I have done quite a few visits around the province, but I have not been to that particular area, and I will make a point of doing so.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Uys, you have another opportunity if you want to use it?

That brings us to the end of question time. The time for questions has now expired. The remainder of the questions with the replies will be printed in Hansard.

We move onto Questions to the Premier without Notice, and we follow the sequence on the Order Paper. The first question, the hon member Beerwinkel.

QUESTIONS TO THE PREMIER WITHOUT NOTICE:

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Hon Premier, are you familiar with a company called Paper Video, and if so, who are the directors of this company, and what is your connection, if any, to any of

them?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Premier?

The PREMIER: Thank you very much. I do not know what that has to do with my work as Premier, and ...

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Just answer the question. You know or you do not know them.

The PREMIER: I would like you to rule on that. I am quite happy to answer the question, there is nothing wrong with answering the question.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Then answer the question.

The PREMIER: Paper Video is a social enterprise that develops applications for teaching maths, science, accounting and life sciences. It has done some very, very pioneering work, and has been used throughout the country, and has got endorsements from many leading educators. My son is a maths teacher ...[Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Your son?

The PREMIER: My son is a mathematics ...[Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: We just want to get that.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

The PREMIER: My son is a mathematics teacher, who has taught in Khayelitsha and who developed very good methods for teaching children, and he is trying to develop methods to teach children online. He and another maths teacher, who also taught in Khayelitsha, have started a social enterprise together. They have raised a lot of money to try and get those resources to kids from disadvantaged backgrounds, and have had some quite extraordinary results as a consequence.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Good work, good work.

The PREMIER: For example, Sipehelele Xabendlini, who came top in physical science ...[Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Okay.

The PREMIER: ...and got 96% in mathematics, from a school in Brown's Farm, when the Head of Education asked him what he had done to get that result, because it was certainly not based on the teaching in the school, his first answer to the question was, "I used the app called Paper Video."

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Okay.

The PREMIER: That was the basis of his result. So, I am very, very proud of my children, they are contributing to the new South Africa, they are not tenderpreneurs ...[Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Thank you.

The PREMIER: ...they are not there trying to use my name to get anything in this world. They are out there trying to contribute to society and make a difference, and I am particularly proud and pleased of my son who has made such an enormous difference to mathematics education throughout the country. [Applause]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Hear-hear!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Hon member Beerwinkel.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Daar gaan die blou baadjie nou.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: There goes the blue jacket now.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Beerwinkel, can I just say, the question obviously must relate to the executive authority, executive responsibility of the Cabinet Minister or the member or the Premier. So please, just make it easier for me and stay within the scope of the question.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Not taking away anything from the Premier's pride

in her son's work and what he does ...[Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Well done.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Has Paper Video received any work, for example, for the provision of software or hardware, from any Provincial Department during your term, and if so, did you declare your interest, Premier?

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Nou kom die ding.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Now it's coming.]

The PREMIER: I have absolutely no idea, at this stage, whether they received any work or not. All I do know is that they are registered on the Provincial Database, and declared, even though they did not have to declare the interest, they declared the interest fully.

So I do not know whether they are bidding or have bid. If they do bid, I hope they will be treated fairly. I hope they will get absolutely no advantage because of my son's relationship to me, and I also hope he will not get any disadvantage. He, like every other citizen, is allowed to make a contribution. If he produces a good product, he is allowed to have it fairly evaluated. I will have nothing to do with any process, and everything will be on the table and declared. There will be no †*agterbaksheid* [underhandedness], there will be no manipulation, there will be no directing of anything but it would be completely unfair if just because my children happen to be my children, they

should be advantaged or disadvantaged in any way in the process.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Beerwinkel, your last opportunity. Please continue.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Hon Premier, have you at any stage, during your term since 2009, ever conducted yourself in a manner towards any Government official, which could be construed as placing undue pressure on them to favour this company trading as Paper Video, as your Tweets clearly show that you vehemently, profusely promote only them for e-Learning support as is supported in this document.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Did you hear that?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Hon Premier?

The PREMIER: I can say that I have never put undue pressure on a professional official in this Government to do anything that the law does not allow. To do anything at all that the law does not allow.

In fact, quite the contrary to what the suggestion is, that my son has been favoured here, what he has done is actually raised millions of Rands for infrastructure and equipment and books that he has given, and his time, for free in the schools, from donors and from other people.

Ms P Z LEKKER: Please, do not market your son.

The PREMIER: So the bottom line is this, that the interest is declared. Even though, if you read the papers of registering your company on the database, it does not require him to declare his relationship with me, he did that, so that there can be no doubt about that.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: We will come to that.

The PREMIER: And anything that he has done, has been to raise money. He has used the Department's tablets on one training occasion, but they remain the Department's tablets, and the bottom line is he has raised a lot of money, poured it into the schools, given his time in that context, and there has been spectacular results by the way, for the kids who use it and use it well, who do not have good teachers, and he does it because he is passionate about teaching, because he happens to be very good at teaching, and if he ever puts in a bid ...[Interjection.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: It is not about that.

The PREMIER: ... I hope he will be treated fairly, and never get a favour of a disadvantage because of me. [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. We move on. The next question is hon member Kivedo. Hon member Kivedo?

Mr B D KIVEDO: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Hon Premier, our country has been downgraded to junk status.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Nou maar wat? Lees die vraag.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: So now what? Read the question.]

Mr B D KIVEDO: And we see and we feel the ramifications throughout the country. This is no stand-up Trevor Noah or Leon Schuster joke. It is a serious matter for all of us, all South Africans.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Nou wat is die vraag? Wat is die vraag?

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Now what is the question? What is the question?]

An HON MEMBER: We know.

Mr B D KIVEDO: I think it is an economic catastrophe like never before.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Wat is die vraag?

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: What is the question?]

Mr B D KIVEDO: The question, hon Premier ...[Interjection.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Asseblief tog.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Oh, please.]

Mr B D KIVEDO: ...zooming in on the Western Cape, what will the impact be in terms of our planning, our controls, our strategising, our operations, in terms of each and every department executing our mandates, the implications of this junk status? [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member. Hon Premier? Before the Premier responds, hon member Dyantyi, you are reaching the point of irritation now. Please, contain yourself. Hon Premier?

The PREMIER: Thank you very much indeed, Mr Deputy Speaker. I am glad that I got a question now to focus on outcomes, and what is going to happen going forward, because those are what matter to us and hon member Tyatyam interjected and said, "We are not interested in outcomes."

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

The PREMIER: Well, I can tell you we are interested in outcomes, because they affect people. We are interested in education outcomes, we are interested in economic outcomes, but that interjection explains actually very well what the hon the ANC is all about, because the whole issue of the downgrade ...[Interjection.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: The question was not about the results.

The PREMIER: The question ...[Interjection.]

Mr M G W WILEY: Sorry, Mr Deputy Speaker [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, I will protect. Hon member Tyatyam, the Premier has freedom to respond in the way she wants to respond, whether it is directly related to the question or slightly ...[Interjection.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: But she must not misquote me.

Mr D JOSEPH: But she is the Premier.

The PREMIER: Well, I heard exactly what you said. You said the results are not the issue.

Mr S G TYATYAM: The results are not [Inaudible.]

The PREMIER: The outcome is not the issue.

Mr S G TYATYAM: The question was about undue ...[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr S G TYATYAM: ...influence that she [Inaudible.]

The PREMIER: There has never, ever been undue influence.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You have made your point.

The PREMIER: And I made that point clear. There has never been undue influence, and there will never be undue influence, because I am not that kind of person.

Ms T M DIJANA: Lower that voice. We are not your kids.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please proceed, hon Premier.

The PREMIER: I am being emphatic, because you need to hear it. Mr Deputy Speaker, we are interested in outcomes, whether it is the economy or whether it is education, and it was tragic to read about the ANC's response to the downgrade, when they were all laughing, when they clearly did not have a clue what it was about ...[Interjection.]

Ms P MAKELENI: Oh, shame.

The PREMIER: ... and when they said "When we re-engage with the world, we can do it on our terms." [Interjection.] As if the rest of the world is going to ever want to re-engage with us with a government that is corrupt and lining its own pockets, and handing out contracts and tenders to their cronies and doing all of that sort of thing.

So it is an absolute cheek for the ANC to come here and even put

...[Interjection.]

Ms P Z LEKKER: Just like you are.

The PREMIER: ... these question in the House. Now the consequence of the downgrade are very, very serious at every level. The Rand is still currently holding stable, but economists predict that it will devalue, which means that everything we import is going to become more and more expensive. It means that, for example, connectivity and the licences ...[Interjection.]

Ms P Z LEKKER: [Inaudible.] it will make sense.

The PREMIER: ...and all of the other issues that we have to pay to keep the wheels of this Government turning, and the wheels of this economy turning, are mostly going to become more expensive.

But even more than that, what it means is that when your country is downgraded to junk, it speaks volumes about your government and it destroys confidence in the future, and the problem is that people then do not invest ...[Interjection.] and if you do not have investment, you cannot have growth and jobs.

And it also means that you have to pay a higher interest rate on your loans, which means that the huge slice that we already pay from the National Budget, to pay back our loans, will grow even further, and it means that if

there is less business activity in the country as a whole, there will be less tax overall, and if there is less tax overall and more of that tax money needs to be going into paying off debt, there will be much less for servicing South Africans. As the hon Minister Winde said earlier, he can envisage a scenario where, in a couple of years' time, we will not be able to service the requirements of social grants.

Now we are already in the situation, for example, where we have had an extraordinary 30% increase in the number of students at schools in Khayelitsha over the last four years, and if provinces only get their equitable share retrospectively, it means that we are not only lagging behind, but we will get less as we lag behind.

So the implications are vast. It may, if our currency deteriorates anymore, be marginally good for tourism, but it will be disastrous for agri-processing, and it will be disastrous for many other enterprises that we are trying to develop.

So the extent to which this Government can laugh about the downgrade, the extent to which the Minister of Finance can employ an advisor that actively pursues policies that will lead to a further downgrade, the fact that a new Minister can tell an untruth before the World Economic Forum, to the extent that this National Government fights corruption and is growing the economy, all of these things make South Africa a laughing stock on the world stage. A laughing stock on the world stage, and, Mr Deputy Speaker, these are the implications of the downgrade.

It takes years and years and years to turn something like this around. It can take at least seven years to even get to sub investment grade, and what should make us absolutely ashamed, is that our nearest neighbour, Namibia, has got a prime triple A rating, and Botswana also got a triple A rating, despite the decline in commodity prices.

Of course Zimbabwe hasn't got an economy left to speak of, but the tragedy is that this Government is learning the lessons from Zimbabwe and not the lessons of Namibia and Botswana. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Hon member Kivedo?

An HON MEMBER: Grow up.

Mr B D KIVEDO: Thank you, hon Premier, for eliciting the gross implications of this downgrading, and to my colleagues on the other side, I think we all take cognisance of the fact that we are faced ...[Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: What is your question?

Mr B D KIVEDO: ...with a major problem here.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You can [Inaudible.] a better workshop.

Mr B D KIVEDO: So thank you, hon Premier, for the implications, and for

my own sanity and also in terms of governance ...[Interjection.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Wat is die vraag?

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: What is the question?]

Mr B D KIVEDO: ...we will feel ...

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Nee, nee, nee.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: No, no, no.]

Mr B D KIVEDO: ...the effects of this downgrading over a long time.

An HON MEMBER: What is the question?

Mr B D KIVEDO: But talking about the short-term and intermediate-term, do we have contingency plans in place?

Mr D JOSEPH: There is the question.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: It is a statement.

Mr B D KIVEDO: I would say do we have a B-plan to outsmart the junk status scenario? Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Premier?

The PREMIER: Yes, we do. We have a plan to run a clean government, to run an honest government and to create a context here where, if there is any confidence in the subcontinent, it vests in this Government, and that with many, many companies wanting to invest in a place where services are delivered and where there is no corruption, we are, for good reason, the only province where there are more jobs being created. The hon Alan Winde spoke about that, not only in agriculture, but in agri-processing, and in other areas as well. We are making rapid progress.

So we do not want to succeed at the expense of the rest of South Africa, but what we want to do is to demonstrate that clean, good government makes a difference.

We are also doing another thing that Minister Winde spoke about today, and that is to encourage our own entrepreneurs to develop solutions to problems, such as our water crisis. They have already done that brilliantly with our electricity crisis, and with import substitutions, so we do not have to import so many goods. So, people are investing here, creating businesses here and do it in the Western Cape, because they have confidence in the future of this province. Thank you.

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

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

Mr B D KIVEDO: Thank you very much, hon Premier.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Question?

Mr B D KIVEDO: I think just a final positive comment from my side.

[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Kivedo ...[Interjection.]

Mr B D KIVEDO: I know, it can be translated into a question also.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Phrase it into a question.

Mr B D KIVEDO: The question then is ...[Interjection.]

Mr P UYS: [Inaudible.] question time now.

Mr B D KIVEDO: ... hon member Uys, that the DA, so what you say, Mayor, is that the DA ...[Interjections.]

Mr B D KIVEDO: I mean Premier. [Interjections.] I am terribly sorry.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr B D KIVEDO: What you are actually say is that the DA ...[Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: You are abusing this.

Mr B D KIVEDO: ...is more innovative than the ANC Central Government.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: No, she is the one [Inaudible.]

Mr B D KIVEDO: We are supposed to deliver on a national basis, that we are more innovative, more creative and ...[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr B D KIVEDO: ...and more visionary also for that matter.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member ...[Interjection.] Thank you.

Mr B D KIVEDO: Thank you. That is my question. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon Premier, if you want to respond to that? You have another opportunity.

The PREMIER: Well, that is undoubtedly so. We have got very talented people throughout the whole of South Africa. The trouble is the people cannot allow their talents to blossom if they do not get a good basic education, if they do not have a context in which they can use their

opportunities, and that is why this province attracts so many young people who really want to make a contribution, and who want to use their skills and capacities to make that contribution.

So we will continue trying to succeed so that South Africa can succeed. It is a matter of great frustration when we have to work with National Government cooperation, because frankly, when we have to work with national structures, it is enormously difficult to get anything done.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. The time allowed for Questions to the Premier has unfortunately expired. We will move on with the Order Paper, but before we get to the Order Paper there is an outstanding ruling which I have to give to the House, and I want the House to give attention, please.

During debate on 31 March, while the hon Minister Madikizela was speaking, the hon member Makeleni made an interjection. The hon Premier immediately, on a point of order, pointed out that the interjection by the hon member Makeleni was similar to a remark that had been made earlier by the hon member Davids, which remark was ruled to be unparliamentary, and which she had to withdraw and also apologise for.

The Chair did not hear the interjection made by the hon member Makeleni, and therefore asked her to confirm whether indeed she had used the specific words. The hon member denied using the words, and referred the Chair to Hansard.

The Table staff and I have consulted Hansard and listened to the recording, but the hon member's interjection, apart from the words "not sober", was unfortunately not clearly audible in its entirety. I am therefore not in a position to rule on whatever the hon member had said.

Ms P Z LEKKER: Amandla.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The hon member Dugmore also raised a point of order, namely that the hon Premier, in an interjection, had used the word *uyaxoka*, which he believed means "you lie". The Chair did not hear the hon Premier use the word, but I indicated at the time that I could not immediately comment or rule on the meaning of the word, and would revert to the House.

Hansard also did not record the word. However, the hon Premier indicated in her subsequent response, and I quote:

"And I am not prepared to withdraw it, because she knows what the truth is."

The "it" in the Premier's response may or may not refer to the word *uyaxoka*, but that is for the hon Premier to indicate. I am informed that *uyaxoka* indeed means "you lie", and it is therefore unparliamentary. It has also been ruled unparliamentary before.

I therefore ask the hon Premier to indicate whether in fact she had used the

word, and if so, to withdraw the remark. Hon Premier?

The PREMIER: Mr Deputy Speaker, yes, I did say *uyaxoka*, and I would never lie about what I said, but you put me in quite a difficult position, because I do know exactly what the hon member Makeleni said, and because she denies having said that, and because you cannot hear it, see it on the Hansard because these mics do not pick it up, you did not pick up what I said either, and I could easily get up here and lie, but I am not going to do that. I did say *uyaxoka*. [Interjection.]

So I get to have to withdraw, and they get off the hook because you could not hear what they said. I heard very, very clearly what the hon member Makeleni said, and I feel very strongly that if people continue what I accuse them of so they can get off the hook, makes it even worse.

So with regret, but I will submit to your ruling, I withdraw, but there is a double standard here.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Premier. I accept ... [Interjections.] Order. Thank you, hon Premier. I accept the Premier's indication that the microphones are not always clear, so it is difficult for us to pick up everything said in the House. We proceed now to Statements by Members. The normal sequence. First the DA.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

Ms L M MASEKO (DA): Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. We cannot beat around the bush when it comes to issues that especially our young people are dealing with. We have to deal with them head-on, in order to address them.

The state of our country's economy and the non-existing growth, because of the looting by the ANC, have driven young people to the point where they make decisions out of desperation to survive, where the everyday threat of pregnancy or disease is no longer a deterrent.

In saying that, there is an unfortunate, but dare I say unacceptable reality of young ladies, some as young as 13 years old, prostituting themselves along the main road in Robertson. As the sun starts setting you see them lining up in the street to offer their services to, among others, truck drivers.

In addition, we have young people abusing drugs and alcohol, which serves as a catalyst to this risky behaviour. What is even more concerning is that in 2016 there were 8 732 pregnancies of school-going girls reported nationally. More than 2 400 of these cases in the Western Cape.

When you engage with the young people, they all say we are doing this because we do not have money and food at home, we do not have clothes to wear, and the social grant only takes you so far. There is a big need to assist these young people. There is a big need for intervention, there is a big need to address the situation urgently.

As much as I am highlighting Robertson, and it is the reality, the fact is, it is not the only rural community facing this challenge. I do not want these girls to fall pregnant, contract a STI or HIV. The ideal is for them to be kids and enjoy their youth, instead of being forced into making decisions an adult ought to be making.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Maseko, your time unfortunately has expired. Finish off.

Ms L M MASEKO: Let me finish.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Your last sentence.

Ms L M MASEKO: We have to immediately get this young people out of this situation, to not only restore their dignity, but to ensure their future. I thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. The ANC. Hon member Dugmore?

Mr C M DUGMORE (ANC): It is clear that the behaviour of the hon Premier Helen Zille at our last sitting was very bad. While a point of order was heard against her, she accused another member of telling a blatant untruth, which is unparliamentary. In an unbecoming and infantile tantrum, she also grabbed her bags and stormed out of the sitting, whilst the matter ...[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, just one second. Hon Minister Madikizela?

Ms M N GILLION: What is your point?

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Mr Deputy Speaker, on a point of order. You have already ruled on this matter ...[Interjection.] I know that the statement is made after the fact, but I just want to check whether it is still relevant ...

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: ... for him to read the statement after you have ruled on this matter. [Interjection.] And she withdrew.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Ja, but I am not sure what he is going to say. Maybe he is saying new things. I will allow him to start off and see where the statement leads to. As long as he does not go on a very personal, derogatory fashion, then it is an order. Hon Chief Whip?

Mr M G E WILEY: Mr Deputy Speaker, it is a convention, including in this Parliament, that if you are going to attack another member, you have the common courtesy to inform them in advance ...[Interjection.] that you are going to attack them ...[Interjection.] so that they can be in the House – I would like to know whether that was done in this case? [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. I take your point, hon member Wiley, but I cannot respond to that. The member is free to respond to that. Hon Chief Whip?

Mr P UYS: Yes, so your ruling is member Dugmore can continue?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I said he can continue, but I am not sure what the contents of his statement will be.

Mr P UYS: Ja, thank you.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Hulle is nou bangbroek, hulle is bangbroek. Hulle bewe.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: They are now scared, they are scared. They're shivering.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. We believe that her actions were ill-disciplined as confirmed by the ruling of the Deputy Speaker today, and in fact actually amounts to contempt for this Legislature, and the undermining of the authority of the Speakership.

We further believe that these [Inaudible.] are the reasons why this Premier is regarded as not fit for purpose or to hold such a high office longer, from within and without her party, and we as the ANC believe that it is time for the Premier to go. Lately, we have also seen very many prominent

commentators, like Prof Willie Esterhuysen and Max du Preez, also supporting the need for Premier Helen Zille to step down. [Interjections.]

But instead we, as the ANC, have noticed that the Premier has now begun to play the race card against her own party, after she inflicted pain on the people for her continued praising of the gains of an oppressive slavery and apartheid colonialism.

We believe that the Premier attempts to pose as a victim, but refuses to ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr C M DUGMORE: ... to see the harm she causes this Legislature and her elected office.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon member Dugmore. Hon member Wiley?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: No, he is finished, do not worry.

Mr M G E WILEY: That matter has been canvassed so often, and it is a deliberate distortion what hon member Dugmore has just said. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Hon member Uys?

Mr P UYS: [Inaudible.] rule in that favour, so if that is the case, then we just continue in that respect.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Just say your point again?

Mr P UYS: I am sure you cannot rule in favour of what hon member Wiley said now. If that is the case, then I will not continue saying anything.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No, are you saying that deliberate distortion should not be ruled acceptable?

Mr P UYS: No, there is nothing like that ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No, I agree with you. Deliberate distortion is not parliamentary unfortunately, hon member Wiley, so you can take the “deliberate” away and then it becomes parliamentary, but to say “deliberate distortion” is not acceptable. Hon member Wiley?

Mr M G E WILEY: Well, then it is a distortion, Mr Deputy Speaker, thank you. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon member Skwatsha? Ag, hon Tyatyam. [Laughter.] Shall I say Deputy Minister?

Mr S G TYATYAM: Mr Deputy Speaker, hon member Wiley must withdraw

unconditionally for using that word because it is wrong to not actually refer to it when he is withdrawing.

An HON MEMBER: Which one?

Mr S G TYATYAM: Deliberate.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Tyatyam, my ruling is that he has already withdrawn that, but while we are at this point, let me also give some guidance on the usage of these types of words before I see the next person.

Let me again give some guidance regarding the use of words or expressions imputing lying, telling untruths, etcetera, because that is a topic which always confuses people. To say a member of the House is lying or tells a lie is always unparliamentary. It is however in order to say, "that is a lie". That you can say. Therefore, not referring specifically to a member of this House. It is also in order to say that any person outside the House is lying. That is not unparliamentary. It is acceptable within our freedom of speech. It is in order to say a member is telling an untruth. No problem to say a member is telling an untruth. However, to say a member is telling an untruth "and he knows it" or is "deliberately" or "willingly" telling an untruth is unparliamentary. Then you put a deliberate intention to it. You add something to it. Then it becomes unparliamentary. So, that basically is the distinction one draws from the Chair when it comes to these things. I see the next person. Who is the next party to speak? The DA.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Mr Deputy Speaker, I had one more paragraph about the Human Rights Commission. Just to conclude. I have not finished. I have two minutes for statement.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, you have 30 seconds left. You can continue.

Mr C M DUGMORE: And in conclusion it is clear that our Premier is now being investigated by the South African Human Rights Commission for breaching of the Constitution and the dignity of others. We believe that it is time for Premier Zille to go now. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. I see the DA. Hon member Mitchell.

Mr D G MITCHELL (DA): Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. The brutal and tragic rape and murder of Enrico van der Merwe, an LGBTIQ individual from Worcester, is a gross violation of the principles explicitly outlined in our country's Constitution. The fact that LGBTIQ South Africans still live in constant fear for their lives demonstrates an outright failure by National Government to uphold the country's highest rule of law.

This comes as no surprise, when our very own President, a man for whom the Constitution is little more than a piece of ornamental legislation, has openly and repeatedly discriminated against homosexual South Africans. The protection of LGBTIQ rights in South Africa is based on Section 9 of the Constitution, which forbids discrimination on the basis of sex, gender or

sexual orientation.

Let us not forget, Mr Deputy Speaker, that President Jacob Zuma remarked on homosexuals back in 2006 when he stated that should a gay man stand in front of him, he would “knock him out”. We simply cannot begin to protect these extremely marginalised members of our society, in line with South Africa’s highest legislative power, when the leader of our country continues to incite violence against them.

Instances of bullying, hate crime, corrective rape and murder in the LGBTIQ communities are rife in South Africa. We cannot allow these brutal acts to continue unabated with a government which continues to flout the legislation put in place to protect our people. How can we, as a country that has known and seen the most violent and brutal oppression, continue to let these acts happen? I thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. The hon member Joseph has tendered his apology. I see again the DA. The DA, another one. Hon Wenger.

Ms M M WENGER (DA): Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. The allocation of R100 million for the Muizenberg police station upgrade is yet another example of the National Government’s neglect of poor communities in desperate need of proper policing.

While we acknowledge that the Muizenberg station does need maintenance

and an improvement to its current state, it is absolutely unjustifiable that R100 million has been set aside for only one station while neighbouring communities are in greater need of policing.

A R100 million upgrade for a “police palace” in an area where 27 murders were reported last year, compared to Nyanga and Khayelitsha where as many as 440 murders were reported during the same period, is simply illogical. But what is worse is that the Deputy Police Minister does not even know what his Department’s powers and functions are – he assigned the blame for this bad decision to the DA. Deputy Police Minister, Bongani Mkongi, has no idea what he is talking about and does not seem to understand how government works or what the government that he represents is doing.

Policing is an entirely National Government function, as provided for by the Constitution. The decision of where and when police stations are built, and what budget is allocated for this purpose, rests solely with the National ANC Government. Yesterday, Mr Deputy Speaker, the NCOP heard that this decision was taken 17 years ago and the SAPS are only now getting around to it. The management of this Department is worse than pathetic – it takes two decades to maintain a police station and if the circumstances change in the interim it is just too bad for those police officers and just too bad for the citizens.

The ANC led Government has a history of under-resourcing poor areas. For example, Nyanga which records the highest number of murders each year, has

a police to population ratio of 1 officer to 754 citizens, while Camps Bay has a ratio of 1 officer to 121 citizens. For the Deputy Minister to then say that the ANC is responsive to people's safety needs is utterly disingenuous. Please rather practice what you preach. [Time expired.]

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

Ms T M DIJANA (ANC): Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. What a disaster the DA brought over Beaufort West with its power-hungry expansionist tendencies.

It made life impossible for Mayor Koos Malooi, who after a few months in the seat jumped the racist DA ship. Now the desperate alliance is at its weakest and faces a by-election in the Malooi ward that could bring an end to DA rule in this municipality.

The ongoing DA infighting and factionalism then resulted in it putting up a candidate that is the joke of the Karoo.

The DA's candidate, Japie van der Linde, was previously a DA MP, but removed after a gender attack incident. Subsequently he was deployed to Murraysburg as principal, and the pass rate at his school dropped.

He also benefitted with others who got a farm from the state, but ended up as

the sole owner. He is also known for various unbecoming relationships. Van der Linde in fact, seems to be a very frail man.

The DA then changed its constituency head for Beaufort West with someone of a less significant standing and stature. What is most disconcerting is the fact that DA candidate Van der Linde cannot properly serve the residents of Ward 7, as he does not even stay in that ward. Thereby the DA undermines the community of Beaufort West. I thank you. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Order. Order! The DA next. Hon member Joseph. [Interjections.] Can we come to order please?

Mr D JOSEPH (DA): Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. The economic instability associated with a nation with junk status will be detrimental to South Africa's currency. If not carefully attended to, the Rand faces a large possibility of becoming weaker when compared to other currencies. If the Rand goes into a free-fall situation, it will leave South Africa in a very, very bad inflation situation. It will mean that food and petrol prices will rise and the poor households will be mostly affected and they will suffer.

Poor governance at a national level will create uncertainty over the short-term trajectory of politics, which will weigh in on local and foreign investors. It will hamper investments that needed to be addressed and South Africa's challenges of unemployment, poverty and equality will remain a challenge.

The poor decision by the ANC Executive, the leadership, that created this down-grade can no longer be tolerated. The higher interest rates will make it impossible for poor people not only to generate loans, but it will be difficult for those to pay off the associated loans.

We urge the people of South Africa to rise together and vote the ANC out in 2019. As the workers have said, “Zuma must go”. Workers have rejected Zuma because of the junk status and the suffering of the poor. I thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. I see the ACDP first.

Mr D JOSEPH: Vote the ANC out.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS (ACDP): Mr Deputy Speaker, the ACDP is alarmed by the most recent increase in vicious attacks upon our paramedics in townships. It has become so unbearable for staff that they have requested to be moved to the Eastern Cape. We are told that approximately 50 officials would be booked off sick because of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder brought on by the vicious attacks and robberies.

Ms P MAKELENI: What are you doing about it?

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: The Northern Metro, Kalksteentfontein, has a record of 49 incidents of attacks, Khayelitsha in the Eastern Metro has 20 recorded incidents, Mitchells Plain in the Southern Metro has 85 incidents and

Hanover Park in the Western Metro has recorded 45 incidents. This occurs on weekends between the times of 8pm and 3am.

The ACDP would like to know what is the Western Cape Government going to do, what is the plan to ensure the safety of our paramedics? These people are risking their lives on a daily basis to the save lives of others but their good deeds lead them being placed in harm's way. I thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I do not know what is this [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Order! The hon member Beerwinkel is next. Hon member Olivier.

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

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Beerwinkel – order. Hon member Olivier?

Mr R T OLIVIER: Mr Deputy Speaker, just on a point of order. Is it parliamentary for the honourable leader of the ACDP to point at us, our members, and say “these are empty tins”? Is it parliamentary? [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Let me just – order. Order! Order. If the member referred to specific members of the House, then certainly that would be regarded as unparliamentary. Did the member refer to specific members in the House?

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: I did. So, I withdraw. I did refer to them.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon member Beerwinkel, you may continue.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Forgive me Father, I have sinned.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Just on a lighter note, Mr Deputy Speaker, we know who makes the loudest noise here, so I do not know why he is [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order. Order, members! Hon member Beerwinkel has already started. The clock has started running there.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL (ANC): I was just saying, on a lighter note, Mr Deputy Speaker, we know who makes the most noise. It is certainly not us. It is there.

The wheels of the DA bus are not going around, but are definitely falling off. Two recent incidents at committee meetings are proof of this and this morning at Budget Committee almost the same thing happened.

At a Finance Committee on 26 April to short-list candidates for a vacancy at the Western Cape Gambling and Racing Board, the meeting was delayed for almost two hours for the poor Chairperson to first try to correct the mess created by the administration for informing the wrong candidate not to

appear, because someone who should not even have reached the short-listing process was included on the list.

Then the Chair had to run around and find another DA member to sit in on the interviews. First the Chief Whip of the House tried, even though he knew he was not an ATC'd member of the committee. On objection from the ANC about the legality of the decision, member Mackenzie was then called out of a public hearing meeting which the Chief Whip repeatedly disturbed, only to discover again on questions from the ANC, that he too was not an ATC'd member of the committee to complete the process.

We then had to wait for an ATC'd member to come from the doctor to continue with the meeting two hours later. What an embarrassment to the DA in front of waiting candidates. This makes a mockery of your fit for purpose, on time, on task theory.

Then, Mr Deputy Speaker, on Tuesday 2 May 2017, the Interim Chairperson for the Department of Environment and Development Planning also had to delay the meeting for a while because she too could not find any other DA members to give the nomination for her to chair the meeting. This resulted in the ANC being nominated by the DA to chair the meeting for the sake of progress as officials had travelled from far to do presentations.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon member, your time has expired. Last sentence please.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Don't worry you have done it. Don't worry.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: We are waiting to see how the pressure on their DA members implodes the working of this Parliament.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. The DA next. DA.

Ms L J BOTHA (DA): Mr Deputy Speaker, 12 May marks International Nurses Day and the theme for 2017 is "A voice to lead – Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals".

As we are all aware, nurses are the backbone of any health department. They carry the burden of seeing every patient that walks into our facilities before they are referred to a doctor. It is for this reason that the Western Cape Department of Health will be launching its Provincial Nursing strategy during Nurses Day in line with the international theme. The strategy seeks to address leadership and capacity building amongst many other things. The Department cannot have nurses that do not understand how a health facility is run or how to better manage patient flow, for instance.

This year in particular, the Department is focusing on building capacity for their Operational Nurse Managers who are their core staff in ensuring that quality healthcare is rendered to patients and patient-centred care is practised and lived by all nursing staff.

The Province has therefore identified 660 Operational Nurse Managers who will be going through leadership capacity programmes, so that they can have skills to better manage staff and all kinds of patients and give sound advice.

The Department is faced with patients presenting with quadruple diseases, and to respond to the burden of disease which the province is faced with. They will be focusing on training nurse specialists for different specialist roles within nursing. This is to ensure that they better manage diseases within primary healthcare facilities.

Before the end of this year the Department will be conducting a nursing audit throughout their facilities in the province so that they can better monitor the standard of nursing in the province. It is quite crucial that they improve where improvements are required. They cannot afford to be complacent.

Finally, tomorrow 5 May, the world will be celebrating mid-wives, the men and women who ensure that our babies move from their cushioned familiar world, which is the womb of their mothers to the real world. Hon members, do help me while I salute them and all the nurses around the provinces for their hard work and dedication.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. That brings us to the end of Statements. We now move on to Motions. Are there any motions where notice is given?
Hon member Schäfer.

MOTIONS WITH NOTICE

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker, I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the radical economic growth of the Western Cape.

[Notice of motion as moved by member.]

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Notice taken. Any further? Hon member Dyantyi?

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

That the House notes that companies found guilty of collusion and price fixing are awarded contracts by the DA-run Western Cape Government and municipalities and calls for an investigation into how the companies keep getting these contracts.

[Notice of motion as moved by member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Notice taken. Any further? Hon member Botha?

No. Hon member Joseph?

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

That the House debates the skills development and learnership programmes of the Western Cape Provincial Government. I so move.

[Notice of motion as moved by member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Notice taken. Hon member Dugmore?

Mr C M DUGMORE: Mr Deputy Speaker, I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the legacy of slavery, apartheid and racist colonialism in the Western Cape. [Interjections.]

[Notice of motion as moved by member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Notice taken. Hon member Davids?

Ms S W DAVIDS: Mr Deputy Speaker, I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the regular informal settlement fires and floods in the Western Cape, which displaces thousands of people and too often leave many others dead in the province.

[Notice of motion as moved by member.]

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

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Mr Deputy Speaker, I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the fishing economy of the Western Cape.

[Notice of motion as moved by member.]

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

Ms P Z LEKKER: Thank you. Mr Deputy Speaker, I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates this DA-run Provincial Government's failure to implement strategies to combat gangsterism and drug trading in the Western Cape.

[Notice of motion as moved by member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Notice taken. Any further? Hon member Joseph?

Mr D JOSEPH: Thank you. Mr Deputy Speaker, I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the need for future alternative energy solutions.

[Notice of motion as moved by member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Notice taken. Hon member Dugmore?

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

That the House notes that many residents, ratepayers' associations, civil society groupings and in fact the City of Cape Town have expressed unhappiness with the Provincial Cabinet's decision ...[Interjection.]

HON MEMBERS: [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Carry on.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Sorry. It is – Mr Deputy Speaker, just on a point of order. Could I ask you, are other members allowed to interrupt while I am giving notice of a motion. Are they allowed to comment on the content of the motion?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I think the problem came in, you said initially, “without notice”. But it is actually giving notice. So, you are right. Carry on.

Mr C M DUGMORE: So, I want to ask, are they allowed to interrupt me if I am giving notice?

HON MEMBERS: Yes.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Is it not normally at the end ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The normal rules of debate apply where interjections are allowed, but it is interfering with the Chair to hear what you have to say. So, I would ask members not to make too many comments.

Mr C M DUGMORE: As I said:

... are not happy with the decision of the Provincial Cabinet to continue to attempt to sell off the Tafelberg School site for private use;

therefore welcomes the intervention of both the National Treasury as well as the National Minister of Human Settlements, who have come out against the decision and described it as inappropriate and;

therefore noting further that the ANC has also voiced its dismay at the attempted sale of this prime piece of land which has the potential to build and still has the potential to build social housing and calls for the reversal of this decision and a full-scale inquiry by the Standing Committee on Transport and Public Works. I so give notice.
[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Notice taken. Any further.

Mr M E WILEY: [Inaudible.] long, Mr Deputy Speaker?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: It is long for us, but it is not long in terms of what is generally acceptable for motions. Hon member Gillion?

Ms M N GILLION: Mr Deputy Speaker, I give notice that I shall move:

That the House notes the concerns of the people of Manenberg and Gugulethu regarding the former G F Jooste Hospital site which has been turned into a place for criminal activity and calls on the DA-run Western Cape Government to immediately decide on its future.

[Notice of motion as moved by member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Notice taken. Are there any further? Hon member Mngqasela?

Mr M MNQASELA: Mr Deputy Speaker, I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the Expanded Public Works Programme as implemented by the DA Government and its impact on the poor.

[Notice of motion as moved by member.]

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

Ms P Z LEKKER: Mr Deputy Speaker, I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the increased murder rate in the Western Cape which saw at least 9 people killed every day in the first three quarters of the 2016/17 financial year on the DA administration's watch and its failure to tangibly assist to curb such heinous crimes.

[Notice of motion as moved by member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Notice taken. Are there any further? Hon member Dugmore?

Mr C M DUGMORE: Mr Deputy Speaker, I give notice that I shall move:

That the House notes with deep concern that Premier Helen Zille has been formally charged for bringing her party into disrepute and tarnishing its image and that this also translates into bringing her office in fact, and this House into disrepute and therefore calls for her immediate removal.

[Notice of motion as moved by member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Notice taken. Are there any further? Hon member Joseph?

Mr D JOSEPH: Thank you. Mr Deputy Speaker, I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the impact of the youth wage subsidy's inability to address unemployment.

[Notice of motion as moved by member.]

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

Mr R T OLIVIER: Mr Deputy Speaker, I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the effectiveness of the WCED's Safe Schools Programme given the rising numbers of serious criminal activity in and around our Western Cape Schools.

[Notice of motion as moved by member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Notice taken. Hon member Makeleni?

Ms P MAKELENI: Mr Deputy Speaker, I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the lack of women and child safety and the failure by the DA-run Western Cape Government to implement strategies to protect the vulnerable in the province.

[Notice of motion as moved by member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Notice taken. Are there any further notices? Not? Then we proceed to Motions Without Notice. Hon member Kivedo?

MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Mr B D KIVEDO: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House extends its deepest condolences to the family and loved ones of the late PAC stalwart Philip Kgosana who passed on last week. In 1960 as a 13-year old he led thousands of people from Langa to Parliament to protest against the pass laws and was arrested. Hamba Kahle Comrade.

[Motion as moved by member.]

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

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

That the House notes that struggle stalwart and former secretary of this Western Cape Legislature and a well-known human rights lawyer, Peter

Williams, passed away following a long battle with cancer and further conveys sincere condolences to his wife, family, friends and comrades.

[Motion as moved by member.]

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

Mr L H MAX: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes and mourns the loss of hon member Nceba Hinana's mother, who last week tragically passed away in the Eastern Cape. Furthermore that this House sends condolences to the entire Hinana family in their time of bereavement. I so move.

[Motion as moved by member.]

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

Ms L M MASEKO: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes and congratulates Rial Visagie, who was elected as

the Chairperson of the Robertson Tourism Board. I so move.

[Motion as moved by member.]

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

Mr S G TYATYAM: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes the passing away of SACP Western Cape First Deputy Provincial Secretary, Tumisang Bojabotseha, an exceptional Marxist-Leninist thinker, who at the time of his death on Sunday 30 April following a short illness, worked as advisor to the Chief Whip of the ANC in the National Assembly and conveys condolences to his family, comrades and friends.

[Motion as moved by member.]

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

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

That the House notes and mourns the loss of and sends condolences to the family of 5 year old Iyapha Yamile after her lifeless body was found in Khayelitsha on Monday. The 5 year old disappeared on Sunday. Furthermore that this House, in the strongest possible terms, condemns the continued spate of attacks on the country's children after 4 suspects were arrested in connection with her disappearance and murder. I so move.

[Motion as moved by member.]

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

Mr R T OLIVIER: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House congratulates the Chris Hani High School pupils for a popular performance at the recent Cape Town International Jazz Festival. I so move.

[Motion as moved by member.]

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

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

That the House moves to acknowledge the efforts by Independent Outdoor Media to unite the city, recognising our Freedom Day by placing the largest South African flag at the top of Long street. United we stand. I so move.

[Motion as moved by member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No objection to the motion being moved without notice? No objection to the motion itself? The motion is agreed to. First the hon member Lekker and then I will come back. Hon member Lekker?

Ms P Z LEKKER: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House conveys condolences to the family of slain police constable, Christopher Mouton, who was accidentally shot and killed by a partner inside a police vehicle parked at Kraaifontein Police Station.

[Motion as moved by member.]

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

Ms M WENGER: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House extends its condolences to the friends and family of Mrs Esther Grande (nee Miller). Our thoughts and prayers are with Councillor Stuart Diamond and his family at this difficult time.

[Motion as moved by member.]

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

Ms D GOPIE: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House congratulates struggle stalwart, Father Alan Michael Lapsley, for receiving an honorary doctorate from the University of the Western Cape for his outstanding example to the community.

[Motion as moved by member.]

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

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

That the House notes and acknowledges, as part of the International Nurses Day which is on 12 May, the continued commitment and dedication of all our nurses. May our nurses continue to be that voice that leads in ensuring that quality healthcare is provided and that the Florence Nightingale candle keeps burning. I so move.

[Motion as moved by member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No objection to the motion being moved without notice? No objection to the motion itself? The motion is agreed to. First the hon member Lekker then I will come back to this side. Hon member Lekker?

Ms P Z LEKKER: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes a botched armed robbery at a Shoprite store Sassa pay point in Nyanga Junction on 1 May, where security guard Patrick Castle who was 25, was shot and later succumbed to his wounds in hospital; further notes that the three assailants took ten hostages including Shoprite staff, contracted cleaning workers and security guards; commends the swift response by SAPS to free the hostages, arresting two suspects and killing the third, and conveys our deepest condolences to the Castle family.

[Motion as moved by member.]

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

Mr L H MAX: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes and wishes the best of luck to the 2017 Junior Bok team, especially the 11 Western Cape rugby players that were selected to be part of the squad; that this House further notes and congratulates Ernst van Rhyn, also from the province, who will be leading the team during the U/20 World Rugby Championships in Tbilisi, Georgia which starts in June. I so move.

[Motion as moved by member.]

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

Mr B D KIVEDO: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House deplores the callous act of an alleged gang boss who brutally stabbed the Principal of the Bishop School of Skills in Bishop Lavis, Mr Wayne Abrahams, in the foyer of his school. We trust that justice would prevail and praying for Mr Abrahams' speedy recovery.

[Motion as moved by member.]

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

Mr R T OLIVIER: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House lauds Western Cape High Court Judge Elizabeth Baartman for pointing out that the Western Cape Education Department disrespected the rights of Grootkraal Primary School learners in Oudtshoorn for wanting to evict them to a place 17km away from their homes without following proper consultation and considering the best interests of the children; condemns the Department for this and calls on MEC of Education, Ms Schäfer to prioritize the interests of our learners.

[Motion as moved by member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Is there an objection to that motion being moved? There is an objection. It will be printed in the Order Paper. Hon member Maseko?

Ms L M MASEKO: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House congratulates Koos Steyn on being elected as President

of Pool Billiards South Africa.

[Motion as moved by member.]

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

Mr B D KIVEDO: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House acknowledges and expresses its deepest admiration and gratitude to recently retired Chief Director: Education Districts, Mr Clifton Frolick, for his monumental contribution to the sector and wishing newly appointed incumbent, Mr Allan Meyer, a prosperous and productive tenure. I so move.

[Motion as moved by member.]

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

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes that the South African Human Rights Commission

is the latest body to probe Premier Zille's pro-colonialism tweets, saying they might have been in violation of the right to human dignity and calls for her removal pending the outcomes.

[Motion as moved by member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Any objection? Is there any objection? There is an objection. It will be printed on the Order Paper. Hon member Lekker?

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

That the House commends SAPS Western Cape for securing convictions of 97 criminals who committed crimes including rape, assault, attempted murder and robbery in the province during the period January to March this year. Thank you.

[Motion as moved by member.]

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

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

That the House notes and congratulates the DA-led City of Cape Town

for establishing four more women-only road repair teams across Cape Town. The City now has eight women-only teams which means that 48 women are responsible for the maintenance of our roads in Bellville, Kraaifontein, Ottery, Plumstead, Ndabeni, Fish Hoek, Heideveld and Kuils River. I so move.

[Motion as moved by member.]

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

Ms S W DAVIDS: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes that another City of Cape Town housing project of 700 units in Valhalla Park has been compromised when gangsters demanded protection money and notes this follows on the sorry saga where the City indeed paid armed gangsters for so-called security services at other sites. Thank you.

[Motion as moved by member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Is there an objection to the motion being moved without notice? There is an objection. It will be printed on the Order Paper. Hon member Max?

Mr L H MAX: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House congratulates Demi-Leigh Nel-Peters, a resident of Sedgefield along the Western Cape's Garden Route, on her crowning as the new Miss South Africa 2017. Demi-Leigh will serve as a role model to many other aspiring girls in the province. Many of those inspirations are validated through her win. I so move.

[Motion as moved by member.]

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

†Mnr B D KIVEDO: Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, ek stel sonder kennisgewing voor:

Dat die Huis sy innige meegevoel betoon aan die gesin, geliefdes en skoolgemeenskap van die Graad 7-leerder, Enrico Galant, verbonde aan die Laerskool Norwood in Elsiesrivier, wat in 'n kritieke toestand in die hospitaal verkeer nadat hy in die kop geskiet is. Ons bid vir sy spoedige herstel.

[Voorstel soos deur lid voorgestel.]

Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Enige beswaar teen die voorstel sonder kennisgewing? Geen beswaar teen die voorstel self nie? Goedgekeur. Agb lid Dijana?

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[Mr B D KIVEDO: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House conveys its condolences to the family, loved ones and school community of the Grade 7 learner, Enrico Galant, of the Norwood Primary School in Elsies River, who is in a critical condition in hospital after being shot in the head. We pray for his speedy recovery.

[Motion as moved by member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Any objection to the motion without notice? Any objection to the motion itself? Agreed to. Hon member Dijana?]

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

That the House calls on the City of Cape Town to account to the Legislature and its Standing Committee on the local disaster declaration due to the present drought and measures to conserve water. I so move. Thank you.

[Motion as moved by member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No objection to the motion being moved without notice? Are you raising an objection or not? No objection to the motion itself? The motion is agreed to. I am not sure what the hon member Joseph is saying.

Mr D JOSEPH: [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Then I see you for the next one.

Mr D JOSEPH: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House congratulates the City of Cape Town for being selected for the 100 Resilient Cities initiative from more than 325 applicants on the basis of the City's willingness, ability and need to become resilient. This accolade shows the City's proven track record on the provision of the best level of basic services to the poor as well as the City's commitment to a pro-poor budget. I so move.

[Motion as moved by member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. No objection to the motion being moved without notice? No objection to the motion itself? The motion is agreed to. Is there an objection? My apologies. It will be printed on the Order

Paper. Hon member Makeleni?

Ms P MAKELENI: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House calls on the City of Cape Town to account and brief the Legislature and its Standing Committee on the averred sale of the initiation cultural site for commercial development. [Interjections.]

[Motion as moved by member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Any objection to the motion being moved without notice? There is an objection. [Interjections.] The motion will be printed on the Order Paper. Are there any further? Hon member Mnqasela?

Mr M MNQASELA: Mr Deputy Speaker, I am sure all members will support this one. I move without notice:

That the House congratulates the following honourable members:

Hon Maseko, hon Tyatyam, hon Botha, hon Hinana, hon Fernandez, hon Davids, hon Makeleni, hon Dijana, hon Mnqasela [Interjections.] and hon Lekker

on their graduation from the University of Witwatersrand in Johannesburg last week in the Advanced Certificate on Leadership and

Governance, and;

further calls on leaders and political representatives not to stop learning to encourage our young people.

I so move. [Applause.]

[Motion as moved by member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member. I take it there is no objection to the motion being moved without notice? No objection to the motion itself? The motion is agreed to. Hon hon Davids?

Ms S W DAVIDS: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House investigates the abuse, assault and evictions of farm workers in Drakenstein municipal boundaries. I so move.

[Motion as moved by member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Any objection to the motion? There is an objection. It will be printed on the Order Paper. Hon member Mitchell?

†Mnr D G MITCHELL: Dankie, mnr die Adjunkspeaker. Ek stel sonder kennisgewing voor:

Dat die Huis sy medelye uitspreek aan die familie ... [Tussenwerpsel.]

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

That the House conveys its condolences to the family ... [Interjection.]]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order, order. Allow the member to speak.
Please start again.

†Mnr D G MITCHELL: Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, ek stel sonder kennisgewing
voor:

Dat die Huis sy medelye uitspreek aan die familie van Desiree Pietersen
(19) wat gesterf het nadat sy deur vloedwater van hewige reën
meegesleur is in die begin van April tussen Prins Albert en Klarstroom.

[Voorstel soos deur lid voorgestel.]

Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Enige beswaar teen die voorstel sonder
kennisgewing? Geen beswaar teen die voorstel self nie? Goedgekeur. Agb lid
Dyanti?

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

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

That the House conveys its condolences to the family of Desiree Pietersen (19) who died after being swept away by a flood after heavy rain in the beginning of April between Prince Albert and Klaarstroom.

[Motion as moved by member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Any objection to the motion without notice? Any objection to the motion itself? Agreed to. Are there any further? Hon member Dyantyi?]

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

That the House notes the DA's Cederberg speaker, Joseph Farmer, this week resigned his position as Speaker of the Municipal Council; further notes this is the umpteenth senior councillor in the Western Cape that abandoned a post due to dissatisfaction with the DA micro management and that this is yet another DA-led council that has been destabilised by DA factions.

[Motion as moved by member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Any objections? There is an objection.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You can object!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: It will be printed on the Order Paper. Are there any further? Hon member Dyantyi?

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

That the House notes with concern the DA's Cederberg municipal councillor and Deputy Chair of Afri-Forum in that area, Collin Erasmus, that appeared in Clanwilliam Magistrate's Court on a charge of sexually assaulting a 13-year old girl; [Interjections.]

Further notes that despite many cases of young girls being raped and killed in the province, the DA supporters petitioned the court to release their leader and condemns the DA in the province for shielding a rapist and child molester.

[Motion as moved by member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Is there an objection to the motion being moved without notice? There is an objection.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: They can object!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Order. There is an objection to the motion being moved without notice. It will be printed on the Order Paper. Order. Are there any further? Hon member Dyantyi?

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

That the House welcomes the resignation of the Knysna municipal manager, Grant Easton, who was charged with misconduct relating to several serious irregularities on the DA's watch.

[Motion as moved by member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No objection to the motion being moved without notice? There is an objection. It will be printed on the Order Paper. Are there any further? Hon member Dugmore?

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

That the House welcomes the public statement by the National Treasury disputing the claim by the Provincial Cabinet that fiscal constraints was one of the reasons for the attempted sale of Tafelberg. I so move.

[Motion as moved by member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No objection to the motion being moved without notice? There is an objection. It will be printed on the Order Paper. Are there any further? Hon member Gillion?

Ms M N GILLION: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes the worrying political and governance flip-flopping by Community Safety Minister, Dan Plato, on the security of emergency workers, such as medics or those in ambulances and firefighting trucks.

[Motion as moved by member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No objection to the motion being moved without notice? There is an objection. The motion will be printed on the Order Paper. I see the hon member Uys?

Mr P UYS: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes that the former Western Cape Liquor Authority head, Adv Thys Giliomee, is being investigated for irregular expenditure during his tenure as CEO, and further notes that he was redeployed by the DA to Mossel Bay Municipality as municipal manager.

[Motion as moved by member.]

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

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

That the House welcomes the prosecution of a risk management official in this DA-run administration on three counts of corruption and seven counts of fraud involving the allocation of R35 million worth of security tenders and taking of bribes to do so. I so move.

[Motion as moved by member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Any objection to the motion being moved without notice? No objection to the motion itself? The motion is agreed to. Are there any further motions? Hon member Maseko?

Ms L M MASEKO: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House strongly condemns the belittling remarks made towards one of our councillors in the Langeberg Municipality by two ANC councillors. ANC councillors told the DA, Sifiso Malgas, who is paralysed from the waist down and wheelchair-bound that, and I quote, “he will never walk again and will for the rest of his life shit and pee in his pants in that chair”. The DA condemns these utterances and the belittling remarks that is sort of a culture to the ANC.

[Motion as moved by member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No objection to the motion being moved without notice? There is an objection. It will be printed on the Order Paper. Are there

any further? Hon member Mnqasela?

Mr M MNQASELA: Thank you. Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes the sentencing of the corrupt former ANC Mayor of Oudtshoorn, Gordon April, who was handed down 5 years by the Western Cape High Court and his co-accused who was also sentenced to 5 years, suspended and 1 year behind bars. I so move. Thank you.
[Interjections.]

[Motion as moved by member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Order! There is an objection to the motion being moved without notice. The motion will be printed on the Order Paper. Are there any further? For the last time? If not, then that brings us to the end of business for the day. That concludes the business for the day. The House is adjourned.

The House adjourned at 19:02.