
THURSDAY, 15 JUNE 2017

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. I have to announce that due to the resignation of Mr R B Lentit a vacancy has occurred in the representation of the Democratic Alliance in the Western Cape Provincial Parliament. This vacancy has since been filled by the nomination of Mr T A Simmers with effect from 12 June 2017. Mr Simmers was sworn in, in the Speaker's Chambers, on 12 June 2017. Congratulations, Mr Simmers. [Applause.]

Order. I would also like to request all members to rise and observe a moment of silence for the victims of the various recent natural disasters in the Western Cape.

[Moment of silence observed.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. You may be seated. I would also like to welcome on the centre gallery a delegation from the Ethiopian Federal Parliament and the Oromia Regional Parliament present in the House today. Most welcome here! [Applause.] [Interjections.]

Order. We then proceed with the Order Paper. Will there be precedence given to, hon Chief Whip, before you do it, hon Chief Whip Mr Wiley?

Mr M G E WILEY: Yes, before I ask that, notwithstanding Rule 198, that precedence be given to the subject for discussion, may I just say that the Premier and the majority of her Cabinet are unfortunately absent today because they are accompanying the President at the scene of the disaster in the Southern Cape.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon Chief Whip Mr Wiley, did you give precedence as well? Did you move that?

(Notice of motion)

Mr M G E WILEY: I give notice that I shall move:

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

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No object to the precedence be given? Agreed to.

We will then proceed with the subject for discussion, with the matter of public importance first. Hon member Magaxa, do you want to address me?

Mr K E MAGAXA: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. We submitted a letter dated 6 June or correspondence to your office regarding an urgent motion of no confidence that we were expecting to be dealt with today. I think it was submitted on 9 June to your office as per the procedure. We were expecting your office to interact with us as an ANC, having submitted that motion, and our surprise is that we do not see that as part of the Order Paper today of which it was supposed to be the day of engagement around that matter. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you hon member Magaxa. You have made your point. The matter was discussed in the Programming Authority where the Chief Whip was present and the matter has been programmed on the Order Paper, not on top, but it stands on the Order Paper as per the Rules, and it may be accelerated to be on top at some stage, so it is on the Order Paper as far as I am concerned.

Hon Chief Whip Mr Wiley, you wanted to? Fine? Thank you very much.
[Interjections.] Hon member Magaxa.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Can I just get clarity, Mr Deputy Speaker, why is it not

being prioritised for today for this sitting, because procedurally and traditionally we used to get a correspondence from your office indicating the way forward immediately two or three days after we have submitted a motion of no... any motion.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Ja. Hon member Magaxa, the only rule where the Speaker can interfere in the programme of Parliament is when it comes to a motion for urgent public importance. This is not a motion for urgent public importance. This is a normal motion asking for a debate of no confidence. So it is dealt with as a normal motion. It is programmed on the Order Paper and then the Programming Authority decides when they want to debate it. So if there has not been communication to you about the outcome then certainly I can follow that up, but the Chief Whip - your Chief Whip - was in the Programming Authority where it was discussed. So there is a difference between a normal motion like this one and a subject for discussion or a matter of urgent public importance. That is dealt with differently.

The last one - a matter of urgent public importance - in terms of the Rules the Speaker has the power and must determine whether she allows it or not. This one is different. The Speaker has no role to play in this one, unlike National Assembly where the National Assembly Rules have been changed where the onus is on the Speaker to determine yes or no. Our situation has not been changed. It is still the old traditional Rules so if there is a need to change it, certainly that can be discussed in the Rules Committee but at the

moment as it stands the onus is on the Programming Authority to determine when it will be brought to the Order Paper. That is the factual situation.

Hon member Olivier, do you want to go further?

Mr R T OLIVIER: Yes please, Mr Deputy Speaker. I am just not too sure, or maybe I am going to ask you to clarify it to us, the measure that is being used to determine the public importance of a motion, because to us this is a motion for urgent public importance. You are sitting and hence Chair, maybe you should clarify it to us... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, I will.

Mr R T OLIVIER: ...how to measure and who is measuring the public importance because we view this as a major public importance in my view and it should have been above the line, not below the line.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, I understand your point. A matter of public importance or a matter of urgent public importance is simply an opportunity to have a debate. There is no decision afterwards taken so it would be unwise to propose a debate on a motion of no confidence as a matter of public importance because there will not be a decision taken afterwards so this motion was introduced or was tabled in terms of the normal rules applicable to motions. Therefore the onus is not on the Speaker, but the onus is on the Programming Authority. So that may

certainly be taken up again in the Programming Authority. That is the technical legal position regarding the motion versus the matter for public importance.

Can we proceed with the motion? Hon member Dugmore?

Mr C M DUGMORE: Mr Deputy Speaker, I wonder if you will just allow me to address you. The issues as hon member Magaxa has pointed out, you have confirmed that on the Order Paper the motion of no confidence appears. I think the problem that we are having is that and I wanted to request in terms of what options are available to yourself as the Mr Deputy Speaker in the absence of the Speaker, because clearly the Programming Committee, which is led by the majority party, can essentially frustrate any time or date actually allocated to this motion. So it stands on the Order Paper but this House and the Leader of the Opposition have got no comfort from simply the publication of this. So what I would like to ask you, and given the fact that the DA dominates that party, it is clear that they do not have any interest in allowing even their own members to express their view as to whether the Premier should continue as the Premier, because clearly that is a very serious matter and why the hon member has tabled this. So we now have a situation with no date. It is simply on the Order Paper so the issue is, if there is continued reticence or refusal by the DA to allow a democratic debate on this matter, surely you as the Speaker could express a concern on that, because effectively what is happening, we are being muzzled in terms of an unacceptable situation. We understand the Premier

is not allowed to attend party meetings, but the very party that nominated her to this position still wants to keep her there. So this for us is an untenable situation for governance.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, I hear what the hon member says. Can I put it this way: the onus always is on the governing party whether to allow or not to allow a motion of no confidence. That is how it works in the Westminster System, but having said that it is also almost an onus or a compulsion on the governing party not to refuse for frivolous reasons.

If I can refer you to Erskine and May, which is the Bible on Parliamentary Procedure in the Westminster System, the 24th edition page 384, there are interesting paragraphs about that and certainly the governing party has the powers not to allow it, but by convention they would have to find good reasons not to allow it. I wouldn't go further than that, so the Programming Authority is the final authority but certainly if there is a clear-cut case of a party stalling and not allowing debates to happen over an extended period, certainly the Speaker will play a part. That is how far I am prepared to go at this stage.

Let us proceed and we will - do you want to address me hon member Wiley, not?

Mr M G E WILEY: Mr Deputy Speaker, I find this really odd that we are stalling a very important debate relating to the public health of this

province, to do a tutorial for the Opposition party with regard to the Rules of this House. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: What is your point of order? What is your point of order?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr M G E WILEY: The fact of the matter is that what we have done is 100% in line [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: What is your point of order? [Interjections.]

Mr M G E WILEY: ...but unfortunately the Opposition party... [Interjections.]

Ms P MAKELENI: [Inaudible.] ...understand democracy. [Interjections.]

Mr M G E WILEY: ...because they are the Opposition in this province, they are not prepared to bow down to the will of the majority in this House... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr M G E WILEY: ...which is a real pity.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: What is your point of order? Sit down! [Interjections.]

Mr M G E WILEY: So we will follow the Rules. If necessary we will hold the debate. We do not actually believe in their contention for the motivation for this motion of no confidence. We think it is frivolous. We are dealing with the most successful... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: What is your point of order?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Order, please allow the speaker... [Interjections.] Order.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Sit down!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Allow the member time.

Mr M G E WILEY: With due respect, Mr Deputy Speaker, they have had a chance now to disrupt proceedings to voice their opinion against the Rules. May I say that we are dealing with the most successful Executive anywhere on the African continent. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: No, sit down! [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr M G E WILEY: ...who by judgment of Chapter 9 Institutions like the Auditor-General constantly gets clean audits; is held around the world as an example of good governance... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr M G E WILEY: ...and now she will have a motion... [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Sit down! [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Order. Order.

Mr M G E WILEY: The subtext, Mr Deputy Speaker, and I will conclude on this, the subtext is that they think... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: What is your point of order?

Mr M G E WILEY: ...that members of this side of the House...
[Interjection.]

Mr R T OLIVIER: There is a point of order.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr M G E WILEY: [Inaudible.] ...their motion of no confidence, this is

simply not going to happen. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you hon member Wiley. [Interjections.] Order. Order. No, we are not going to allow this debate on the technicalities of this to regenerate to this level. [Interjections.] Hon Mr Skwatsha, I will see you, then we proceed.

An HON MEMBER: Skwatsha! [Laughter.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: [Laughter.] Hon member Tyatyam. [Interjections.] Hon member Tyatyam, I will see you and then we will conclude. [Interjections.]

He is not to be seen, then I will see the Chief Whip if you want to address me. [Interjections.] Order. Order. We will then conclude after this.

Mr P UYS: Mr Deputy Speaker, what hon member Wiley just said is that because of the will of the majority party they will allow or not allow [Interjection.]

Ms P MAKELENI: Exactly!

Mr P UYS: ...any motion of no confidence to be discussed, but Mr Deputy Speaker, I think it is actually your responsibility to intervene in a very important issue like this because a motion of no confidence is a Section

141 motion of no confidence in terms of our Constitution and therefore it is not an ordinary motion, but what we heard hon member Wiley already doing now, he was motivating why there is such a good Executive. If he started to motivate there is such a good Executive, why did he block in the Programming Authority with the majority of the DA a discussion of a motion of no confidence?

Why is he then scared to do that, and I think Mr Deputy Speaker, wherever we go in South Africa, a motion of no confidence always gets allowed to be debated. Why run away from the debate and a vote on that? Why?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you honourable ... [Interjection.]

Mr P UYS: ...and I really appeal to you, Mr Deputy Speaker, to allow this debate to go forward on the motion of no confidence in the Premier and of course in her Cabinet.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you hon member Uys. Obviously we cannot do it today. The ball is in the court of the Programming Authority but if there is a clear-cut case of a party deliberately wanting to stall such a thing, then certainly the Speaker will play a part. [Interjections.]

Can I just say in conclusion on this one, the Constitution in fact refers to motions of no confidence in Section 144 but it doesn't prescribe any procedure to get it to the Order Paper. It simply prescribes or simply says

what the consequences would be of a successful motion of no confidence.

We will now proceed. Hon member Wiley. [Interjections.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: Where is the lie detector? [Laughter.] [Interjections.]

**(MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE
SUBJECT FOR DISCUSSION IN TERMS OF RULE 139)**

Recent events affecting the Province as a result of fire, winds and floods that have left thousands of people destitute and traumatised by loss and suffering, while at the same time highlighting extraordinary acts of courage, sacrifice and dedication by both officialdom and the public at large.

Mr M G E WILEY: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. It is a pity that this particular debate of such gravity and importance for the residents of this province has been led into with the little bit of rank of the nature that it has. However, we do live in the Cape of Storms, and some people interpret this as part of being the Cape of Storms.

As we know crises are a reality in this province. We do have a lot of crises especially as far as weather is concerned. We are used to fires. We are used to storms. That is why it is called the Cape of Storms. It is not that we are going to have crises but how you deal with it, and today hopefully some of

the Ministers will report back to us and tell us about how the Province is dealing with this particular crisis.

As you will know, we were all aware that this crisis was going to be vested upon us during the course of last week. Weather warnings were very amplified in the media and we knew the storm was coming. We had a sitting here of one of the committees in this House and we had to adjourn early and that was an important meeting with the National Police Commissioner and we adjourned early because we knew gale force winds were coming. We knew that rain was coming, but what we did not know was that - and we thought it was only going to come to the Metro - what we did not know was that fire was going to vest itself upon the Southern Cape in the way that it did.

Today we will hear about the provincial response, about some extraordinary deeds, about volunteerism and heroism, about extraordinary community spirit not just from within this province but also from outside this province, all other eight provinces and the National Government came and assisted in this particular tragedy that took place in the Southern Cape. At least two members in this House, just to show you that it is a particularly narrow, very close to us, at least two members of this House lost property in that fire and in fact one person, hon member Simmers, Tertius Simmers, our new member will speak towards, make his maiden speech and I hope that you will give him a fair hearing in this. He also lost a house during this particular... [Interjections.]

Many thousands and you know... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr M G E WILEY: It is extraordinary that the hon member Dugmore, who used to be the constituency head for that part of the world, I would hope that he would vest the same level of *gravitas* and solemnness to this tragedy and to listen and to contribute positively to try and resolve the matter instead of the sort of remarks that he has just made now. Apparently this does not apply. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Below the line.

Mr M G E WILEY: Many thousands have been seriously affected by loss, damage and disruption to their lives. We would like to thank all those officials and volunteers both from inside this province and from without, the municipalities most affected and their councillors and also the MPs or the MPLs that took time out to go and assist. I would also like to thank the hon Chief Whip on the other side of the House for his understanding us having to cancel last week's sitting and the fact that we have had to realign this sitting as a result of this disaster, but I think it is understandable that with the President's visit in the Southern Cape that they have taken the time off to go and present the situation to the President of the country... [Interjection.]

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

Mr M G E WILEY: So we hope that on this tragedy we will be able to build for the future. [Time expired.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Your time has expired. Thank you. [Interjections.] Order. The hon member Makeleni.

Ms P MAKELENI: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I extend the ANC's heartfelt condolences to the families of the people who died as a result of the fires in and around Knysna. I would also acknowledge the bravery and selflessness of volunteers, fire-fighters, Bradley Richards who succumbed to burn wounds, and all others who came to assist also from other provinces.

I must further appreciate the quick response from the National Government for sending volunteers to assist during the fire disaster ordeal and the subsequent visit of the President, President Zuma, to the affected areas of the Southern Cape. This catastrophic disaster came after a series of similar disasters elsewhere in the province.

Whilst we welcome the assistance from many residents and NGOs to volunteer, we are however concerned of the conduct of the DA-led Government Departments and aligned NGOs who distributed food parcels with DA stickers to the affected people. This is a clear demonstration of a

complete lack of interest on the part of the DA. The separation of power in terms of the state and political parties must be observed.

I am reminded by the former South African President Thabo Mbeki, he borrowed from the novel by Charles Dickens, *A Tale of Two Cities*. The novel begins with the famous words:

“It was the best of times. It was the worst of times. It was the age of wisdom. It was the age of foolishness.”

While the vulnerable people needed help the DA chose to use this plight for their selfish interests by acting foolishly. They turned their worst of times to be DA's best times to promote DA using government resources. What a shame on you, DA-led government!

Whilst it may sound noble Premier Helen Zille and her government calls on corporate companies for donations towards the victims of the fires in the Southern Cape. The DA-led Government has never done so in previous disasters, affecting mostly people in disadvantaged communities. This conduct reinforces the DA's stance of treating the people of this province differently in terms of their social standing and political beliefs. It is no secret that most affected people are in the constituency of the DA, this time they are wealthy and affluent communities with very expensive private properties and other business activities.

In my constituency, Mr Deputy Speaker, in Imizamo Yethu and Masiphumelele informal settlements near Hout Bay, recently over 4 500 shacks have burnt and 10 000 residents were displaced and left homeless after homes were burnt down in the separate fires. Those fires left three dead and others injured. Equally other poor communities such as Joe Slovo Kosovo, Khayelitsha surrounding informal settlements Europe, Barcelona, Kanana, Dunoon, people have been left heavily affected by the storm, yet very little is done to rescue these vulnerable people from their miseries. None of this generosity and quick reaction was ever noticed from the DA-led Provincial Government.

Certainly the corporate companies never responded with such vigour and commitment they have just demonstrated over the past week. It is reported that for example Standard Bank donated R10 000 as compared to the R10 million in Knysna. This R10 000 was donated in the Hout Bay fires. We would like to see the R10 million coming to the people of Imizamo Yethu as well.

It is unprecedented for the Western Cape Government to allocate R75 million to deal with the consequences of Knysna fires, damage caused by recent storms and drought relief. It is said that the majority of these funds will go towards repairing schools, hospitals, road related infrastructure damages, image and [Inaudible.] support disaster management, coordination and drought assistance. However, the “how” part of the prioritisation of communities is unknown, but judging from the

previous occurrences nothing will go to the poor communities.

Mr M MNQASELA: Are you a sangoma?

Ms P MAKELENI: My colleagues will demonstrate how Knysna residents have been treated as the better residents of this province. This prompted a widespread cry from other communities and in social media as to why Knysna is treated differently and how resources are pumped there.

This prompted the Khayelitsha Development Forum to report and complain and raise a concern with Minister Jeff Radebe to the fact that why, when there is disaster of this nature and magnitude around Khayelitsha, both the Provincial Government and the corporate companies have never come to their assistance in the way they have done this time around. [Interjections.]

It is clear now whose interest the DA-led Government have in their hearts. They continue to perpetuate the notion of the haves and the have-nots. I can only come to the conclusion that it is in their genes and always put the interest of the affluent and rich over the poor and the marginalised communities. [Interjections.] It does not take a rocket scientist to know that the DA Government does not care about the plight of the poor people.

In conclusion Mr Deputy Speaker, perhaps I must make a point that a standardised format must be introduced as to how different spheres of government ought to respond in situations of this nature. [Applause.]

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

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The hon member Christians.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Mr Deputy Speaker, this is definitely not a political debate.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: So what is your [Inaudible.]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: We must learn... [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Do you have a speech?

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: We must learn from the people of this country who assisted one another, that were there for one another, irrespective of colour, irrespective of party lines. [Interjections.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Wag 'n bietjie, wag 'n bietjie!

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Wait a minute, wait a minute!]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: In Imizamo Yethu?

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Irrespective of party lines, people all work together

and especially in Knysna where people opened their homes for people that they do not even know, people deposit money in bank accounts, gave food.

An HON MEMBER: In Imizamo Yethu?

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: When I spoke to people that phoned me and I directed them to... [Interjections.]

I directed them to deposit money into bank accounts of other municipalities and so on so that is our job today. This is of public importance. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: There was no ACDP [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. [Interjections.]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: All that the ANC can do is criticise. [Interjections.] I want to thank all three spheres of government for the work they have done to help our people, all three spheres of government: the National, Provincial and Local government and we must! [Interjections.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: Give the name!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Order.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: You see Mr Deputy Speaker, what the people have shown is together we can bring about change. [Interjection.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: Give the name!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Together we can bring about change and I want to say that a lot of houses were burnt down, a lot of people lost their lives and all we do is politicking. All we do is criticising.

Can we not in this House give leadership and show them how we can work together to bring about change? [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: Criticise the ANC.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Mr Deputy Speaker, the important thing is, lives were lost, properties were lost and people are grieving and they are looking at this Provincial Government to give guidance and direction. [Interjections.] They are looking at National Government to give guidance and direction. They are looking at Local Government to give guidance and direction. [Interjections.]

Ms P MAKELENI: So does National [Inaudible.]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Can we not for once give guidance and direction and give people some hope? [Interjections.] Mr Deputy Speaker, it is

pitiful and shameful to hear from this side of the House criticising and not contributing to this debate. [Interjection.] Mr Deputy Speaker... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Hon member Christians, your time unfortunately has expired already. [Interjections.] Hon Minister Fritz. [Applause.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Mr Deputy Speaker, hon members of Parliament, members of this House, our distinguished guests and I see they are gone. The residents of the Western Cape, good afternoon.

It is an absolute pity Mr Deputy Speaker [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: At least you have a speech, at least you have a speech!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: It is an absolute pity that this debate is reduced to one particular geographic area in Mitchells Plain, Khayelitsha and the other one in Hout Bay... [Interjection.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Wag 'n bietjie!

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Wait a minute!]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: ...and that we have

emphasised all the time... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: And Dunoon.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: ...and we will see that this debate today focuses on the people affected on the Cape Flats by the storm [Interjections.]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Yes, yes, of course.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: ...and not only Cape Flats, other people's roofs also blew off so the storm in the Cape and the wind and the kind of gale force wind that happened, not only Knysna. [Interjections.] It took the whole Garden Route up from the bottom right up to Plettenberg Bay, past Bitou. [Interjections.] And it is so unfortunate... [Interjections.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: Where is your analysis?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: ...that it is always reduced to this little, you know, "them and us". [Interjection.] In fact not one of these members visited the areas so I don't know from what space and what basis are they talking. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: From experience. [Interjections.]

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

[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: What about you... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Mr Deputy Speaker, with the aftermath of the storm and fires, and I say, “storm and fires”, it is critical that you acknowledge the devastation that has been caused in the lives of thousands of people. In many cases people, families, entire communities have to pick up the pieces and with them having to rebuild their lives from scratch and I wonder and I wish and I have unfortunately the job to go and face people who are just after that and to experience the trauma of those people and then we come and sit here and make absolute jokes about the plight of people... [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: But then you must do it for... [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Yes, you are laughing about it, and yes, Mr Deputy Speaker, all communities, and our emphasis is all communities, rich and poor were affected by this.

Ms P MAKELENI: [Inaudible.] to Knysna before you... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: You must go to White Location and come back to me and come tell me and you do not need to go to London to Bell Pottinger to tell you what a bloody - what is a colonial and what is not a colonial. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Order. Order. There is too much dialogue going on with the Minister.

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

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister Fritz, speak through the Chair.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Mr Deputy Speaker, because my Department always puts the value and sanctity of human lives first we have been active on the ground from the outset, working as part of a broad team and I want to say to hon member Makeleni, it is Mr Deputy Speaker, it is one group, a small group of youth who collected money and that happened to be DA and that was unfortunate - and we must say it is a small group.

Ms P MAKELENI: You said the same thing... [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: That is not government money. That is a small group of their people who got money who then bought stuff and they put little stickers on, and it is unfortunately the situation. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: It is wrong!

Ms P MAKELENI: It was unfortunate... [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: But it is not government money. I want to emphasise there was no government money involved and I want to make the point. Mr Deputy Speaker, because ... (intervention)

Ms S W DAVIDS: It is not youth who did this, it is your sponsors that you get...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: We will continue and it is so interesting to see how all three spheres of government work together on the ground... [Interjections.] I cannot hear myself!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Davids, please calm down.

Mr C M DUGMORE: You must talk softer, then you will hear...

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: ...how all three spheres of government worked together and how they from Local Government together with Provincial Government together with National Government really came together and put aside their little nonsense differences and got to what is at hand to sort out the thing. It is only in this House where all this little petty nonsense comes. [Interjections.]

With specific reference to the fires in the Garden Route it is estimated that in excess of 400 homes and 170 informal housing structures have been destroyed, and yes, Mr Deputy Speaker, we also are deeply cognisant that both the poor and the vulnerable and members of the [Inaudible.] and the more wealthy class are affected by this. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Ja, you said that previously.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: That is so. †Ons kan nie weghardloop daarvan nie, en ons kan nie [we cannot run away from it and we cannot] - we cannot for convenience create a narrative that talks just about the poor or just about the rich so this hypocrisy of the ANC must really come to a damn end. This, and then their President runs to the same place that they just complained about. They just complain. You are a bunch of hypocrites. That is what you are, from the outset! [Interjections.]

From the outset, my Department insisted, Mr Deputy Speaker... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: ...that in partnership with our NGO partners... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister Fritz, just one second.

Mr R T OLIVIER: A point of order.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Is there a point of order or a question, hon member Olivier?

Mr R T OLIVIER: It is a point of order, Mr Deputy Speaker. Is it parliamentary for the MEC to call us - what did he call us?

An HON MEMBER: A bunch of hypocrites.

Mr R T OLIVIER: A bunch of hypocrites.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I did hear that, I was not sure whether the Minister referred to specific members in the House.

An HON MEMBER: And he has pointed to us.

Mr R T OLIVIER: He must apologise.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister Fritz?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: I said the same President would go visit and then he comes here and then this other bunch sit here and they also... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Okay, if it was a... [Interjections.] Order, Order.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: I do not know where the bunch starts. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please come to order. If it was reference to members of the House that would have been unparliamentary.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: I will withdraw. I will, they are so... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Hon member Dijana looks so beautiful, how can I not withdraw today? It is a really... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: The bunch... [Inaudible.] [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: No, no I do not need to

apologise. So I want to just emphasise the role of all sectors and all formations, the Department has been leading all humanitarian efforts in partnership with NGOs and partners of the South African Social Security Agency, which is Sassa, doing absolutely good work, Mr Deputy Speaker, I just wanted to make that point.

Our officials, led by Mr Sauls, Caesar Sauls at head-office and Mr Skosana in the local office down in the Eden Garden Route really work around the clock to distribute the donations of clothing, blankets, food items that have been streaming in.

The generosity from people some even as far as our neighbouring borders as Namibia has been overwhelming to observe. In fact I have seen in a long time humanity emerging and really moving far above... [Interjections.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Wag ʼn bietjie, wag ʼn bietjie! Ons kom agter jou.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Wait a minute, wait a minute. We are coming behind you.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: ...this little petty nonsense that we are hearing in many places and in fact one partner which they called the - what is it, white monopoly capital, which they were told by Bell Pottinger from London, a colonial company, to call that, they cannot even think for themselves, that DHL delivered 30 tons of donations. This is really... [Inaudible.]

Start thinking for yourself. [Interjections.] [Laughter.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Jy lag vir jousef.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: You are laughing for yourself.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Do not let white monopoly capital tell you what to say. [Laughter.] [Interjections.] Our service has not ended there. In addition to relief services our dedicated team of eleven social workers from the Eden Karoo regional office and specifically the Knysna local office have provided trauma counselling and debriefing to all our residents in the area - all our residents, white, black, poor, rich, †almal! [all!][Interjections.]

Provincial Treasury in the short term period has allocated an additional R5 million and Minister Meyer will speak extensively about that, to my Department to assist, hon member Olivier [Inaudible.] [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Order.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: ... with relief of disaster.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, Minister, just one second. Hon member Olivier and some other members as well on the ANC's side. There is too much talk going on across the floor to the Minister and I can't hear the Minister speaking. Please come to order.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: And so what we hope to launch in the next two weeks, possibly the next two weeks, we hope to launch a mass trauma counselling... [Interjections.]

Ms P MAKELENI: Can you go to IY as well?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: ...with NGO partners in all areas, I want to emphasise.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: O hene!

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Oh my goodness!]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: ...all areas where people can access and get trauma counselling... [Interjection.]

Ms P MAKELENI: Can you go to IY?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: ...and so that we can have a look at the work. [Interjections.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Oor my dooie liggaam sal jy daai doen!

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Over my dead body will you do that!]

Ms P MAKELENI: Can you go to Imizamo Yethu, Minister?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Mr Deputy Speaker, I want to take a moment and really thank my social work staff from the Knysna office. They truly made sacrifices and you know, they in their own case, five of my social workers, they were affected by those houses... [Interjection.]

Ms P MAKELENI: Ja, you are still studying Knysna, nè.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: You know, five of them were affected. The one's house was burnt down, but they made sure they are on duty to assist others. [Interjections.]

Mr P UYS: People have to listen to this.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: During this month of June I want to really make a point about the number of fire-fighters, young men and women who came from all over South Africa, all provinces... [Interjections.]

Ms P MAKELENI: Exactly that is why you... [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: ...all provinces, and they came to really fight that fire and in one instance, one young man lost his life. [Interjection.] Another man burnt badly and today, in the spirit of Youth Month, I want to salute them and say to them keep up the good

work. This Province and this government in this province are behind you, and will always be public spirited like what we have seen displayed within the whole Eden and the Cape Flats area. I thank you. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. [Interjections.] Order. Order. Hon Minister Meyer. [Interjections.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Daai was 'n swak toespraak.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: That was a poor speech.]

An HON MEMBER: Whatever!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Thank you for this opportunity to take part in this debate. I would first like to start by thanking the disaster relief workers that have worked tirelessly over the past eight days tackling the freak storm across the Western Cape and devastating fires that followed in particular in the Eden District.

For much of last week Knysna and other surrounding areas were engulfed in fires that saw the evacuation of at least 10 000 residents, many of whom lost everything. This was according to the disaster management officials the biggest disaster rescue operation in the history of South Africa.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Asseblief! Jy weet niks nie. Wag 'n bietjie! Ek is agter... [Tussenwerpsels.]

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Oh please! You know nothing. Wait a minute! I am behind ... [Interjections.]]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: The fires spanned at least 100 kilometres and were bravely fought by a team of 1 106 fire-fighters from the province and elsewhere. We are most grateful that the situation has now been contained, and moving forward the job will be to rebuild and restore Knysna and the surrounding region. [Interjections.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Knysna ja. [Onduidelik.]

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Knysna yes. [Inaudible.]]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: What we saw in the last week was an unprecedented natural disaster that required an unprecedented response. [Interjections.] Mr Deputy Speaker... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: It is about Knysna... [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Our efforts began with the proactive one day closure... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: ...of all schools in the province on Wednesday, 7 June, ahead of the Cape storm. This freed up the roads to a

large extent so that the emergency services could cooperate without unnecessary hindrance. It proved to be the most important decision also bearing in mind that around 144 schools in the province were also damaged in the storm. The Disaster Management Centre was also proactively activated on Tuesday, 6 June, and the team there did a sterling job in coordinating relief efforts across the entire Western Cape.

Tragically, twelve people lost their lives as a result of the disaster, Mr Deputy Speaker, five people in the Cape Metro and seven in the Knysna area including a fire-fighter. Our thoughts are with their families, friends and colleagues.

Yesterday the Western Cape Cabinet, under the leadership of Helen Zille, took the initiative to move the scheduled Western Cape Cabinet meeting from Cape Town to Knysna where the decision was taken to reprioritise R75 000 towards redress, million, I apologise.

Mr P UYS: R75 000?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: A million.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: It is a million.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: I apologise, R75 million, across addressing damage caused by the storm... [Interjection.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Wag 'n bietjie!

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Wait a minute!]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: ...and rebuilding the fire-ravaged town of Knysna and the surrounding areas and even outside the Eden area. This was to deal with many of these issues across the whole of the Western Cape. As members of this House will know, we have also declared the whole of the province a disaster area and so we had to respond in a very comprehensive manner yesterday.

We are also grateful for the immense contribution from the private sector and given the scale and the magnitude and the depth of this crisis we are particularly looking at five sources of funding, one from the National Disaster Management Centre, the private companies, the insurance industries, the Western Cape Government and also the corporate banks.
[Interjections.]

We also have received generous support, that has been provided by many companies, Pick 'n Pay, Spur, Clicks, Vodacom, Cell C and many other corporate companies. The allocation of R75 million will be to assist the recent disasters across the province and we have taken a decision to invoke Section 25 of the Public Finance Management Act, which allows the MEC of Finance to make emergency funding immediately available because we cannot wait for the adjustment budget later this year. So we look at funding from the Province, also the approach to the National Disaster Management

Centre, and we are particularly happy that Minister Des Van Rooyen was also present at our Cabinet meeting yesterday because he is responsible for the National Disaster Management Centre. In addition both the Plettenberg Bay Municipality as well as Knysna have already taken a decision to declare it as a local disaster and the Western Cape Cabinet has yesterday endorsed that decision, which will allow us to facilitate our application to the National Disaster Management Centre.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the allocation for R75 million will be implemented as follows:

Transport and Public Works will receive R5 million to deal with the road-related infrastructure damages and an additional R800 000 for the transport costs of the emergency evacuations.

R15 million for school infrastructure as a result of the adverse weather conditions and the fires. The 2017 main budget made substantive funding available for education and maintenance.

R1.2 million for health infrastructure as a result of the storm all over the Western Cape and the fire and in addition R15 million will be made available for the Department to deal with the cost associated with the Swartland Hospital, particularly the prefabricated units, replacement linen and technology. As members of this House will know, in March that whole hospital was completely burnt down. Investigations are still continuing in

that particular regard.

In terms of Human Settlements, because our primary concern is that people have lost property and for that we have now made available yesterday, R7.5 million to deal with the displacement of people due to the adverse weather conditions and fires also in Cape Town and the fires in Eden and particularly also focusing on the rural areas.

I am particularly happy that yesterday it was reported in the Cabinet that the resettlement of the beneficiaries is now taking priority and that our colleague [Inaudible.] Minister Madikizela has already profiled all the beneficiaries that need to be relocated in that particular area.

R5 million, as Minister Fritz has indicated, will go to the Department of Social Development for emergency humanitarian support and related expenditure to deal with the most vulnerable and I am very happy that he has also informed now the House about the extensive trauma support that he will lend to the people in that particular area. He has already instructed his Department to transfer some social workers to deal with the trauma and they will be there on site next Wednesday.

The Department of Local Government, R15 million for disaster management coordination, drought assistance and related infrastructure at municipalities. You can imagine the scale of this magnitude. Where you have no water, no sanitation it is very important that we have pump

systems also to pump up all these necessary systems that are required in dealing with both the sanitation requirements and the water requirements.

Also because this is lastly also an agricultural province, Mr Deputy Speaker, R5.5 million has been made available to mitigate the impact on natural and biological disasters on the agricultural sector. R3 million for Environmental Affairs particularly for CapeNature as well as for Working on Fire. Also we have made R2 million available to Community Safety to deal with the associated requirements in terms of security.

Mr Deputy Speaker, we are of course very grateful for the rain and the snow that we have now received. The Western Cape is still an official disaster area relating to the ongoing drought afflicting the entire province. Every drop of rain is precious.

Sadly, while the storm provided some slight relief, the change of our dams have not been much. The problem was that the gale force winds blew the water away from the catchment areas. The result is that the dam levels in the Western Cape have increased on average 2% over the last eight days.

Currently the average dam levels are 20% in the Western Cape. The good news is that this is now our winter rainfall season and the forecast for more rain is rosy indeed with some good rain predicted. [Interjections.]

In addition we have seen our mountains covered in snow, always a good

sign for water security from spring time when the thaw sets in. The immediate reality, however, is that the Western Cape remains a disaster area in terms of the drought so all the water-saving measures remain in place including water restrictions. We urge the public to continue to use water as sparingly as possible over the next few months.

The bulk of this issue in terms of water security was also recently discussed, well attended by members of this Cabinet and the National and the Provincial and also the local communities, business communities, and the farming communities. We recently had, hosted by the National Department and this government, a Drought and Water and Sanitation Indaba and the outcomes of that investigations and research will certainly feed into our operational action plans in this particular regard.

Also Mr Deputy Speaker, instead our water challenges will not go away. Instead they will only increase in the years to come. The main reasons are quite simple - rapidly expanding population growth and the economy must grow in leading to an ever increased demand for resources.

The second is very important, we need radical behavioural change. When it comes to managing our water resources in this province we cannot continue along the same route we have been doing to date. The final matter is instead perhaps a warning to those who think we can continue to delay vital planning and implementation processes. The answer is, we cannot. We cannot afford to have National Government representatives in March this

year when our dam levels were only about 30% on average stating publicly there is no crisis in the Western Cape. [Interjections.]

No, we cannot be told that critical projects are delayed due to bad management or lack of funding or often simultaneously bad planning.

†Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Agbare Minister, u tyd is ongelukkig verstreke. Wil u nog 'n laaste sin klaarmaak?

[The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister, your time has unfortunately expired. Do you want to finish a last sentence?]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Mr Deputy Speaker, maybe on behalf of this government and the Cabinet to express our deep thanks and appreciation for all the people as my colleague Minister Fritz has indicated, we have good cooperation from the National Government, from the different provincial agencies, law enforcement agencies and all the municipalities in this regard and the thousands of volunteers and people from all over South Africa, all fire-fighters from all the nine provinces we want to thank them and please put on record our thanks and appreciation for their assistance. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you Minister Meyer. [Applause.] [Interjection.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: You blame the ANC for [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Dyantyi.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Did you say Minister Dyantyi? [Laughter.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Not quite.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Baie dankie mnr die Adjunkspeaker vir al daai “one week all seasons elements”.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker for all that] †one week all seasons elements.

The events of the last week brought much needed hope, relief as well as despair and hardship to many communities. In one week we got rain, snow, fires, storms and lightning. Do not forget about the drought. The past week’s events should make us all appreciate the devastating effects of climate change, a phenomenon that we should all be planning for. No longer can we plan for fires only in the festive season. Knysna is a case in point. Climate change means what used to be seasonal is no longer seasonal.

We take this opportunity to repeat our condolences to all the communities and families of the deceased. If the DA had its own way it would blame the floods and fires on the ANC. [Interjections.] It would say it was manufactured in Luthuli House. That is what they would say if they had their own way. [Interjections.] They would accuse Mantashe directly for

this act of having brought rain and brought fires... [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Nothing is impossible with you.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: If they had their way. [Interjections.] The events of the past weeks have brought some painful memories. The behaviour and actions of the DA consistently remind us of what my colleague referred to, the two nations in one narrative so accurately highlighted by the former President, that you have got in the same country one nation that is white, wealthy with proper world-standard services, and on the other side another which is pre-dominantly black, living in abject poverty and unserved. [Interjections.] This reality has been brought back to us.

Mr D JOSEPH: Blame the ANC!

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Under the DA Government this has been perfected. Within the same province, within the same cities in the province, two types of services and responses to challenges are at play. The DA-run Government regards and value property more than people's lives. [Interjections.]

Ms M M WENGER: Nonsense!

An HON MEMBER: Yes. †Kry hulle. [Get them.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: The DA template in the Western Cape - let me share that with you. [Interjections.] We now know the DA template for disasters in this provinces, despite the professional work done by officials of many of the departments, the DA Government has two different types of responses to any disasters in the province and in every municipality... [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: Exactly!

Mr Q R DYANTYI: ...and listen to this. Listen to this: any fires and floods affecting whites, wealthy, there is a tangible and quick action. [Interjections.] It is Knysna now, but not long ago you had fire threatening the property of the wealthy near Table Mountain and surrounds, and the list goes on, and they acted quickly. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: And the black people as well.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: They respond quickly with tangible actions. When fires and floods affect the poor and unserved they either blame Pretoria or do very minimal intervention. This is the template of the DA in the Western Cape in response to disasters. That is it! It must be put as it is. [Applause.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: That is just playing the race card.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: So what does this template mean? The DA is not following disasters, Mr Deputy Speaker. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Order.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: They are interested and take action on disasters that threaten the lives and property of the wealthy.

An HON MEMBER: No man.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Here are a few examples. Listen to this: in January 2013 devastating fires at the BM Section in Khayelitsha destroyed the entire community.

Ms P MAKELENI: And they are still there in temporary structures.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Today four years later they are still there in temporary structures. Nothing has happened. This is a fact. [Interjections.] This is not fiction. [Interjections.]

Ms M M WENGER: Where were you? [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: They remain trapped in those structures... [Interjections.]

Ms M M WENGER: Where were you? What did you do?

Mr R D MACKENZIE: What did you do about it?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

†Me P Z LEKKER: Julle is tweege sig! [Tussenwerpsels.]

[Ms P Z LEKKER: You are two-faced! [Interjections.]]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order hon member, your own... [Interjections.]

Your own members are making a noise and I cannot hear you.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: No banks, no insurance company, not even Pick ‘n Pay who have workers staying in BM Section who lost everything, did anything, but when you go to Knysna - this is what Pick ‘n Pay would say. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: The Premier...

Mr Q R DYANTYI: The Knysna Mayor, on ENCA said: “I met with Suzanne Ackerman of Pick ‘n Pay and Israeli Ambassador. They said whatever I ask for, consider it done.” That is Knysna.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Daai kan hulle nie doen in Khayelitsha nie. Daai kan hulle nie doen in Houtbaai nie. Daai kan hulle nie doen - êrens, nêrens en waar mense se lewens betrokke is. [Tussenwerpsels.]

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: That they cannot do in Khayelitsha. That they cannot do in Hout Bay. That they cannot do – somewhere, nowhere and where people’s lives are involved. [Interjections.]]

That is the DA for you. That is the DA. [Applause.]

†Mnr R D MACKENZIE: Waar was jy? Where were you? [Tussenwerpsels.]

[Mr R D MACKENZIE: Where were you? Where were you? [Interjections.]]

†Mnr C M DUGMORE: Die waarheid maak seer! Die waarheid maak seer! [Tussenwerpsels.]

[Mr C M DUGMORE: The truth hurts! The truth hurts! [Interjections.]]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: The Banks have poured over R20 million.

†'n AGBARE LID: Sjoe!

[An HON MEMBER: Sjoe!]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Vir die rykes, hulp stroom in.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: For the wealthy, aid comes pouring in.]

†'n AGBARE LID: Ja. [Tussenwerpsels.]

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

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Vir die rykes, hulp stroom in. Vir die armes, wat kry hulle? [For the wealthy, aid comes pouring in. For the poor, what do they get?] They get bags of sands. That is what they did. They get blankets. They get food parcels. That is what they do. [Interjections.] This is the template of the DA in the Western Cape. If ever you never understood it, this is it today. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

An HON MEMBER: Capitalist!

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Who is doing this? [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: What did you do? Nothing!

Mr Q R DYANTYI: The best run Provincial Government, as they would like to call themselves, they are the ones who do this, the DA-run Government.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Now you are blaming your President as well for

going there. [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: Expose them! Expose them. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I want to take this opportunity also to say to ABSA, †dankie vir die R10 miljoen rand,[thank you for the R10 million rand], but shame on you. To say to FNB, thank you for the R10 million, but shame on you.

An HON MEMBER: White monopoly capital!

Mr Q R DYANTYI: To Santam, with your R1 million; to Outsurance, to Old Mutual, to Discovery, to Pick ‘n Pay, to Momentum. †Julle het vir Knysna gehelp, maar julle kan nie vir die armes help nie. [Tussenwerpsels.] [You helped Knysna, but you cannot help the poor. [Interjections.]]

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Thank you for this, but shame on you! [Interjections.]

Mr D JOSEPH: It is for all the people. It is for all the people. You know it is a lie.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Because for this disaster in Knysna... [Interjection.]

Mr D JOSEPH: It is a lie.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: ...the R75 million that we are being told...

[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Order hon member. Hon member Joseph, that is not parliamentary. If you referred to a member you must please withdraw that.

Mr D JOSEPH: I withdraw.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: And apologise please.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I am sorry, I am sorry Mr Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You may continue.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I am sorry. My apologies, Mr Deputy Speaker.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Just, excuse me, just on a point of order, sorry, we did not quite hear what hon member Joseph said that warranted him withdrawing.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. I heard quite clearly and he was rude.
[Interjections.] No, we needn't repeat it. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: yes.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order please. Continue hon member Dyantyi.
[Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Masiphumelele caught fire so many times. Did this Cabinet visit them or even have a meeting in Masiphumelele as they did with Knysna and other wealthy areas? [Interjections.] Did they declare any million? Nothing! Zero!

Yet, in Knysna, R75 million and you want us to believe that that R75 million will go somewhere else as well? [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Race card!

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Here is the DA problem. This is a DA problem, so that you can understand this template. Here is their problem: racism is in the DNA of the DA. That is what it is. [Interjections.] This is just who they are. If you do not believe that ask Lindiwe Mazibuko. [Interjections.] †Ek kom daar, ek kom daar. [I am getting there, I am getting there.] To the DA black lives do not matter. [Interjections.]

Ms M M WENGER: There is only one [Inaudible.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: To the DA black lives do not matter. What matters to the DA is black votes as Mmusi would do here, giving them food parcels, mealie-meal with DA stamps just to win their vote. This matters to the DA, but their lives do not matter. That is the DA. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: The ANC all the people already [Inaudible.]

Mr D JOSEPH: People will never vote for the ANC.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: This is the message I have for your honourable leader... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Which one?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: ...that you are a black leader in a blue uniform. †Jy is net 'n kits-konstabel in die DA. Hy is 'n kits-konstabel... [Onduidelik.] [Applous.] [You are merely an instant constable in the DA. He is an instant constable ... [Inaudible.]. [Applause.]]

We have just seen that with this DC of Helen Zille that you are not a leader. [Interjections.] Hon member Mark Wiley would know what a †kits-konstabel [an instant constable] is. You just train them for six, you can say †“gaan na die ‘war’ toe...” [go to the war...] That is what you do and that

is what Mmusi Maimane is to the DA. †Hy is 'n kits-konstabel in blou uniform. [Tussenwerpsels.] [He is an instant constable in blue uniform. [Interjections.]] Let me get to the point which hon Ivan Meyer was raising. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: The voters like Mmusi. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Please come to order first before you continue. Order. Please continue.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Ek weet dit is baie seer. Dit is eina! Dis eina! [I know it hurts a lot. It is sore! It is sore!] The DA is never ready for any disasters, for any.

An HON MEMBER: No the ANC is a disaster. [Interjections.]

†'n AGBARE LID: 'n Kits-konstabel. Hy is ook 'n kits-konstabel.

[An HON MEMBER: An instant constable. He is also an instant constable.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: In May, on 13 May 2016 in this House we had a debate on the drought. Let me share with you, this is what, as I concluded, I shared with them, to speak about the issue of readiness because since then and now they still are not ready. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: You will be surprised, hey.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Because that is the challenge you put to them...

[Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: You will be surprised.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: ...as to whether then, because he now speaks about March 2017, so I want to take him back that there was plenty of time when we said the DA must tell us how are they doing with the effective administration of water resources; how they are going to address the issue of prioritisation; how they are going to reduce water demand; how they are doing and how they are managing agricultural use better than what was happening. In May 2016, it is only now, hon Zille the Premier †met sy hande op in die lug en hande tussen hulle beentjies, [with her hands in the air and hands between the legs] is declaring a disaster in 2017...

[Laughter.]

An HON MEMBER: Hey!

Mr Q R DYANTYI: ... not even late in 2016 because they have no plan as to how they can deal with the issue of the disaster. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Order. Hon Minister. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: It is not a point of order, I just want to ask is it parliamentary for the man to make all sorts of

aspersions ... [Inaudible.] [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: That is not a point of order, man.

†Die MINISTER VAN MAATSKAPLIKE ONTWIKKELING: Haai! Wat beteken dit? Wat beteken dit? [Tussenwerpsels.]

[The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Hey! What does that mean? What does that mean? [Interjections.]]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Order.

†'n AGBARE LID: Hande tussen die bene?

[An HON MEMBER: Hands between the legs?]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Hon member Dyantyi, I am not sure what you were saying at that point, is it something unparliamentary that you referred to?

An HON MEMBER: No.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Not?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: The point I am making is they are never ready for any disasters. †Hulle gooi hulle hande op in die lug as daar probleme is. As dit nie so is nie, dan sien julle hulle hande tussen hulle beentjies. Dis wat ek

gesê het. [Tussenwerpsels.] [They throw their hands in the air when there are problems. If not that, you see their hands between their legs. That is what I said. [Interjections.]] That is not unparliamentary.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I accept your word, I am not sure what you did mean by that, but I accept your word that it is not unparliamentary.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Thank you. Thank you. [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Today we are told, Mr Deputy Speaker, that about 10 Cabinet Ministers in this province, that the excuse that the President is visiting Knysna is an excuse for them not to be here. [Interjections.] Because if we were to go there many of these would not necessarily be there - because that disaster is very specific. The issues have been listed here and who has been allocated. There are many who are not here, whose departments the disaster has not affected. So I think you have got to be very straight with us on the absence of this entire Cabinet team that is not here today. I thank you Mr Deputy Speaker. [Applause.] [Time expired.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you hon member, your time has expired. Order. Can we get order please? We will now have the maiden speech by the hon member Simmers.

HON MEMBERS: Hear-hear! [Applause.]

†'n AGB LID: Hoor-hoor!

[An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!]

†'n AGB LID: Praat net die waarheid.

[An HON MEMBER: Just speak the truth.]

†Mnr T A SIMMERS: Nee, ek ken die waarheid. Baie dankie. [Mr T A Simmers: No, I know the truth. Thank you very much.] Mr Deputy Speaker, hon members, firstly, thank you for this opportunity to participate in this debate which is a matter of public importance but I believe it has also shown the true character of the Southern Cape's community.

It is extremely difficult to talk about the effects of any disaster, whether it be natural or otherwise, and sadly, I have observed this here today. It is even more difficult when you are directly affected by it. Not only did the Southern Cape disaster create unimaginable levels of fear and anxiety because there was a total communication blackout for more than 22 hours but also, like so many, I am part of the estimated nearly 600 residents that not only lost their houses but obviously lost everything.

Nearly 10 000 people residing in the areas of the Southern Cape have been displaced and has left so many of them empty especially because this was and still remains a situation out of their control.

Mr Deputy Speaker, as hurt as I may be, my heart goes out to those families who have lost much more than me but have also lost a loved one during both the fires in the Southern Cape and the storm that hit the Cape. Possessions can be replaced but 12 lives can never be replaced.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Dit is waar.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is true.]

Mr T A SIMMERS: Mr Deputy Speaker, out of the negative there is also positive and we have to acknowledge the fire-fighting teams, numerous SANDF members, countless volunteers and various community based organisations from across our country who so tirelessly worked side by side to assist those affected by this disaster.

I would therefore like to take this opportunity to also thank our Minister of Health and her district management team for ensuring that patients could be moved to other health facilities when some facilities were earmarked to be in danger of the fire. It has really been heart-warming as well to see how South Africans are rallying around our residents by donating various items to ensure that the basic needs of those affected are met irrespective of their colour or status. This truly proves that we as South Africans, irrespective of our race or social standing, can care beyond any boundaries.

†Die intense karakter van ons Suid-Kapenaars kan vergelyk word, mnr die Adjunkspeaker, met die mite van die Phoenix-voël. Ons sal weer opstaan.

[The intense character of our Southern Cape people can be compared, Mr Deputy Speaker, to the myth of the Phoenix bird. We will rise again.]

†Die MINISTER VAN MAATSKAPLIKE ONTWIKKELING: Mooi!

[The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Good!]

†Mnr T A SIMMERS: Ons sal weer opstaan, ongeag die pyn en die grootte van die taak wat voor ons staan en ons gaan ons streke bou tot sy volle glorie en nog baie, baie hoër hoogtes, maar ons kan dit slegs doen in samewerking met die gemeenskapsorganisasies en die relevante departemente in ons sferes van Regering, maar ek wil weereens hierdie platform gebruik, mnr die Adjunkspeaker, om namens hierdie Huis, maar ook namens soveel individue wie nie dit kan hoor nie, baie dankie te sê aan alle rolspelers, ongeag hoe groot of klein u dink u bydrae was, u help 'n verskil maak waar baie dit nie eers kan sien nie. Baie dankie. [Applous.]

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[Mr T A SIMMERS: We will rise again, irrespective of the pain and the magnitude of the task ahead of us, and we are going to build our regions to its full glory and still much, much higher heights, but we can only do that in cooperation with the community organisations and the relevant departments in our spheres of government, but I would like to again use this platform Mr Deputy Speaker, to thank on behalf of this House, but also on behalf of so many individuals who cannot hear this, all role

players, irrespective of how large or small you think your contribution has been, you are helping to make a difference where many cannot even see it. Thank you very much. [Applause.]

†Die MINISTER VAN MAATSKAPLIKE ONTWIKKELING: Mooi!

[The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Good!]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Daardie is 'n goeie begin. Daardie is 'n goeie begin.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is a good beginning. That is a good beginning.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Simmers. Order. Minister Grant.

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

†Die MINISTER VAN MAATSKAPLIKE ONTWIKKELING: Hoor-hoor!

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

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Mr Deputy Speaker, Chairpersons of the various Standing Committees, hon members; let me first start off by congratulating the hon member Simmers on his heartfelt maiden speech in the Legislature today.

Secondly, I would like to say thank you to some, but regrettably not all members of this House, for your overwhelmingly sober and realistic

contribution to this debate this afternoon. Serious events and serious consequences demand serious responses. Across society, people who have lost loved ones and had their lives ripped apart, their homes, grand and humble, destroyed and their livelihoods interrupted, deserve to be taken seriously by society at large, and by government at every level. The contribution of this House to achieving this, with two exceptions, is sincerely appreciated.

It was this Legislature which released all of us from our duties here, so that we could be in our constituencies with the storm which hit us last week, and to remain there when the storm was compounded by raging fires, and I speak with experience, Mr Deputy Speaker, because I have been there for seven days, throughout the day and throughout the night.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Because you stay there.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: The Western Cape has endured a frightening litany of drought, storms and fires. Some of the damage to some people's lives and to the economy, has been slow ...
[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Hon Minister ...

MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... but overwhelmingly like the drought

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister, just one second. Hon member Beerwinkel, is that a question or a point of order?

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: MEC Grant has now on two occasions, while he is speaking, referred to “the exception of two”, meaning the two contributions here ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I am listening.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: ... and also referred to sober contributions, by implication saying that the contributions that came from this side are not sober, and if you are not sober you are drunk. So what is he implying by making statements like that? That is not parliamentary, Mr Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Beerwinkel, I cannot rule the word “sober” in that context unparliamentarily. I think it is parliamentary.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: I am sorry, Mr Deputy Speaker, the implication of what MEC Grant is saying cannot be parliamentary.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister Grant, I did not construe it that way. Did you refer in any way to the opposite of sober? Did you imply that?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Mr Deputy Speaker, definitely not.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Then you may proceed.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Some of the damage to people's lives and to the economy has been slow, but overwhelming, like the drought. Some of the damage has been swift and horrifyingly powerful. The destruction is difficult to comprehend, but as the American broadcaster, Daryn Kagan, reminds us:

“Bad things do happen in the world, like wars, natural disasters, disease ... [Interjection.] but out of these situations always arise stories of ordinary people doing extraordinary things.”

In reporting about the devastating Fort McMurray forest fire in May 2016 in Canada, a local newspaper made the point that a modern market economy often provides people with opportunities to act in isolation, rather than as engaged citizens. When disaster strikes, people are often hugely energised by their own sense of agency and their capacity to bond with, and to help their fellows.

We are indeed better together in the Western Cape, and in Bitou we strive to be the best together. In this spirit, Mr Deputy Speaker, I want to table the sincere thanks of the Western Cape Government to a wide range of

agencies, structures, businesses, organisations and individual people, for their selfless contributions to dealing with these disasters; to overcoming the immediate threats and to making it possible for people to have hope that their lives can be reconstructed.

When I sat in yesterday's Cabinet briefing and amongst our numbers, there were three members of the National Cabinet, all clearly committed to doing whatever was within their control, to assist the Western Cape Government and the municipalities involved, this was part of that message of hope. The helicopters and the other material support made available through their offices and the offices of their colleagues, were tangible signs of the same message.

The country, as a whole, responded to what was essentially a threat to one corner of South Africa, both in the Western Cape and also the Eastern Cape. Fire-fighters came from across the country to work long hours in a constantly life-threatening environment. The same can be said of various emergency services and the people needed to re-establish crucial facilities, such as running water and power. Municipalities freed their resources to be used where they were most needed critically. Wherever it was possible to make emergency arrangements, this was done.

My own Department arranged for approval of some Go George buses to be released, in assisting the ferrying of displaced people from Knysna, and then late on Saturday afternoon, in Bitou from Kranshoek, as people had to

be relocated to emergency accommodation.

As allowed for we also declared an emergency procurement process, to enable school repairs to be effected as quickly as possible, so that learners and educators could return to their schools in safety, and the latest figures for these schools, there were 113 storm damaged schools, with estimated emergency repairs of R13,7 million, and six fire damaged schools, with an estimated cost of emergency repairs, R8,3 million.

Mr Deputy Speaker, events such as these, have a randomness about them, which must make us pause and take stock. Equally there can be no distinguishing levels of aid, based on other than need. Less fortunate people need greater assistance sooner than those who can assist themselves.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Which you do not do.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: The need to redesign, replan and redevelop, which emerges from what has happened, may well present opportunities for vastly improved and more equitable solutions in the future.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I have a few closing points before I conclude, but it is a pity that some members of this House did not attend the Cabinet debrief in Knysna yesterday, because it was incredible to see ... [Interjections.]

how we worked across boundaries ... [Interjections.] throughout the disaster area, and the partnerships that we had between government and civil society and business, where there was overwhelming generosity and the human spirit triumphing.

And then, in response to some of the debate, let me say that there were two members of this House who worked tirelessly in both Imizamo Yethu and Masiphumelele in those disasters earlier this year.

Then, I also want to say that there is case study which is going to be written up, and that is about the private sector who came to our aid in Bitou, and with Edgars Stores, put up a disaster distribution centre, that did an incredible job, and this is purely from private donations, all non-cash, which enabled Bitou to assist people from as far as Tsitsikamma ... [Interjections.] in the east, to ... [Interjections.] as far as Brackenridge in the west ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: ... and it showed the incredible spirit which prevailed throughout this disaster.

Mr S G TYATYAM: [Inaudible.] for the elite.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: So, Mr Deputy

Speaker, in conclusion, I wish to repeat the thanks of Minister Meyer in respect of the Western Cape Government, and I am sure of this House, to all who have helped and will continue to help in those disaster ridden areas in the future. Thank you. [Applause]

[Debate concluded.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. That concludes the debate on this matter. We will now proceed to Interpellations. The first interpellation hon member Joseph to hon Minister Meyer. Order. I see hon Minister Meyer.

INTERPELLATIONS

Junk status, downgrade and the Western Cape Economy

1. Mr D Joseph asked the Minister of Finance:

What does downgrading to junk status mean for the Western Cape economy?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Mr Deputy Speaker, I want to thank hon member Joseph, our Deputy Chief Whip, for this question in terms of the interpellation.

Naturally the downgrade will impact on the cost of credit and, by implication, any increased burden of national debt service cost, resulting from an increased debt redemption and interest repayments, may have an adverse effect on the transfers from the national provinces.

You will recall that I have mentioned in this House earlier this year, that our debt service cost as a country, has risen from R147 billion, to over R162 billion. So part of this downgrading and the junk status, simply means higher debt service costs as a country, and as I also reported previously, Mr Deputy Speaker, the debt service costs in South Africa will now rise to over R200 billion over the MTEF. Therefore the existing constrained fiscal environment may be adversely affected by the recent credit downgrade.

The implications are expected to possibly cut across provincial revenue, that is the provincial equitable share, the conditional grant and also our own revenue, thus putting an increase in pressure on the budget of provincial departments to effectively deliver services.

Also, the expectation is based on the anticipated pressure on provincial allocation from National, due to the impact of a possible increase in the national debt repayment cost, the depreciating Rand and the possible increase in inflation, and the possible increase in the interest rate and the slow economic growth.

The impact of the depreciating Rand on the provincial budget is the inflationary cost pressures associated, particularly in the space of hospital services, where we have to procure some medication abroad. This also includes high-tech and specialised medical equipment, as well as increased medicine costs, effecting the delivery of health services.

All of us sitting here in this House, and even this House itself, uses Microsoft licensing, and all of this has implications for higher Microsoft license fees that we will have to pay as a direct result of the downgrade, because borrowing money becomes more expensive, and also in terms of the exchange rate.

Also, Mr Deputy Speaker, largely one of the growing sectors of the Western economy is the construction sector, and as a result of the higher costs, it will also negatively impact on the infrastructure delivery agenda of this government. It is expected also that a credit rating downgrade may also impact on investor and business confidence, and a potential adverse effect on the private sector fixed investments.

There is a concept that we use in economics, called gross fixed capital formation, and that is about 20% of our economy, and gross fixed capital formation, is largely investment into the economy, largely FDIs, and if the economy is downgraded, that also has a negative impact on gross fixed capital formation.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the indirect effect will emerge from potential revenue loss, due to the subdued purchasing power and activities by consumers. One of the other sectors of the economy that can stimulate economic growth - one is the status of our gross fixed capital formation. 20%, 1 and 60% through consumerism, but this downgrade certainly will impact on that. [Time expired.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister. Your time has expired. Hon member Joseph?

Mr D JOSEPH: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. South Africa has experienced its worst economic crisis since the dawn of the new South Africa. Despite the global crisis that affected South Africa after 2008, the economy showed no improvements, impacting negatively on economic growth. To be a world player in the economy, means that we are measured by the global markets who act on behalf of the investors.

South Africa was always recognised by Africa as a beacon of hope, and the gateway to Africa. This was the area where leadership showed stability in government, and played a significant role in investor confidence, and here I can refer to President Mandela and President Mbeki.

The Western Cape economy, which prides itself on good governance, accountability and economic growth, is faced with the impact of downgrading, leading to junk status.

Investors want to invest where good, clear and low risk economy policy exists, including a long-term return on their investments. South Africa is not an island on its own, it is not an island on its own. It needs the rest of Africa and the other global economic partners to succeed in economic growth. The ruling party, namely the ANC, is, at this point, at junk status. The President and his Cabinet are failing the people of South Africa, hence we are faced with this economic crisis. [Interjections.] I thank you.

†Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Orde. Agb Beerwinkel?

[The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Hon Beerwinkel?]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker for this sweetheart interpellation to give him opportunity to grandstand. But, let me say upfront, junk status is not a situation that any financial institution or country wants to find itself in. The reality is we are there. Every financial report you read or hear, spells out the reasons and its implications, and I am not going to be defensive about it.

I do not want to be part of the problem though, I would like to be part of the solution. This interpellation was clearly placed for debate for political expediency and as well as another opportunity to bash National, and to bash the President.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is so true.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: The same President that they are meeting with today, and smiling with broad smiles I am sure. This same DA is the same one that is always reminding us of how good they are. The Chairperson of Finance has now just told us that the Western Cape - if the Western Cape is as good as he says, by good governance and clean audits and all of that, why are you afraid that investors are not going to come here? Why are you afraid of junk status then?

This Baa3 rating, down from Baa2, is negative. However, it is still investor friendly, and the Rand is strengthening. This was the DA's opportunity to show the citizens of the Western Cape how proactive they are going to be about turning the situation around.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: They have missed it as well.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: The MEC has earlier said that there is a need for radical economic transformation. We agree wholeheartedly, but what are you going to do, and how are you going to do it? That is what we want to know.

It is also very disingenuous of them not to put to this House some of the measures that National Treasury is proactively putting on the table to attempt to turn this around. Also none of the measures that National has put out, to tell the citizens of this country, how proactive they want to be about turning the situation around, and it can turn around. [Interjection.]

South Korea is an example – can I just finish, Mr Deputy Speaker?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Quickly, your time has expired.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: South Korea is an example. When they went to junk status, they concentrated on education, skills development, increasing production, decreasing imports. These things are within the ambit of the Western Cape ... [Interjection.][Time expired.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member, your time has expired. You have another speaking turn. Hon member Schäfer?

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I just want to say, before I start my speech, through you to hon member Beerwinkel, that on 12 June, Moody's has downgraded South Africa's five largest banks. We certainly are on the border of not becoming investor friendly. So can we just keep up with the downgrade that we are moving down a very slippery slope.

So the ratings downgrade by the agencies Moody's and Fitch is a vote of no confidence in the economy of South Africa. A lack of investor confidence in our country's industry and service sector, both key to the development and growth of our economy, will have dire repercussions for our country's economic wellbeing. As prospective investors are dissuaded from bringing their money to our shores, our economy, along with our

national revenue, will begin to shrink.

This all translates into less money and tighter budgets with which the country will struggle to govern. The threat of a shrinking budget for the province of the Western Cape will hit the poorest members of our community the hardest. As the Western Cape invests the majority of our budget in poor communities, those individuals who depend on service delivery and clean governance, will be the hardest hit.

In dismissing the downgrades as nothing more than an economic fodder – ANC – the National Government seems to have completely forgotten that we are now entering a period of economic turmoil, from which a recovery will be incredibly difficult.

The Western Cape already has the fastest growing provincial economy in South Africa [Interjection.] further proof that the DA's economic policy model is the way forward to growing our economy and creating the jobs, hon member Tyatyam. A failure at national level to grow and create the national economy, only means that the Western Cape will have to become increasingly self-reliant to attract investors to our province, and this is the only way we can sustain our budget and provide much needed services to our people.

As the DA in the Western Cape, we refuse to compromise on our governance mandate, because the ANC, at National Government, is failing

to steer our economy in the right direction. The ratings downgrade means that the Western Cape economy will have to be more resilient in attracting investment to our province. [Interjection.] We look forward to continuing to lead by example, hon member Tyatyam, as the best run provincial economy in our country ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Please finish off

Ms B A SCHÄFER: ... and endeavour to restore our economy's glory where we elect to govern nationally in 2019. Thank you. [Time expired.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member, your time has expired. Hon member Beerwinkel, you have another minute.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Mr Deputy Speaker, I was referring to the measures that South Korea put in place. I would like to mention for this House, some of the measures that National Treasury is putting in place, that could have been mentioned here. Government calls on all South Africans, including the private sector and trade unions, to work even harder, together, to address these concerns. The foundation for a higher growth and socio-economic development has already been made.

The ANC's statement around the Moody's downgrade - we are not defensive about it, Mr Deputy Speaker. [Interjection.] We acknowledge that it will affect the economy and the poor. However, we cannot sit and

just acknowledge it, we have to do something about it. We have to put in place proactive measures, and what are they saying? It says:

“We are calling for urgent, in particular we call on social partners to work together to expand private sector investment in the local economy, continue to maintain the stable labour relations environment, remain focused on government’s programme of fiscal consolidation, and strengthen governance in state owned companies and state institutions in general.”

That is basically what hon member Schäfer is also saying. We must start doing more for ourselves.

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

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Thank you. [Time expired.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon member Joseph.

Mr D JOSEPH: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. The Western Cape Government - under the leadership of the Minister of Finance, Dr Ivan Meyer, and also the Minister of International Relations for the Western Cape - in the budget speech referred to growth. Growth for the people in the Western Cape, but the national landscape of the economy that is now

reaching junk status, is affecting economic growth in the Western Cape.

Notwithstanding the national situation, the Western Cape is in a position where we have stable government. We are in a position with good leadership, to draw investors to the Western Cape, because we are an accountable government, and our focus is economic growth.

The interest into the Western Cape from various countries, various business organisations, is increasing by the day, and that brings hope for people in the Western Cape, as well as hope for the people in South Africa. The Western Cape has got the leading project plan for the alternative government in 2019. I thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon Minister Meyer?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker, and thank you to our Deputy Chief Whip, hon member Joseph and hon member Beverley Schäfer for their contributions. Mr Deputy Speaker, what is also important, is to ask the question: What are the implications of junk status to the ordinary citizens of the province? It is one level to debate about what the implications of the junk status to the economy are, but individual households, this is the implication. It means that:

- people will pay more for interest rates.
- food, electricity and petrol prices will increase.
- unemployment will increase.

- Government will be forced to spend less on social programmes.
- It will also mean low confidence, therefore low investments and no job creation.
- The Rand will be worth much less, making imported goods much more expensive.

What are we doing about it? This is what we are doing. We are changing the political narrative. Despite the downgrade, the Western Cape is part of the solution.

- We are changing the political narrative in the Western Cape.
- Business confidence is the highest in South Africa in this province.
- Unemployment in the Western Cape is the lowest in South Africa.
- We have created 127 000 jobs in terms of a 6.2% year-on-year growth.
- The Western Cape has the highest labour force participation in South Africa. We are changing it.
- The growth in building plans in the Western Cape was 14% in 2015.
- Also, Mr Deputy Speaker, we are building investor and business confidence. [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: When the JSE opened their office in Cape Town it signified that this place is open for business. In addition, about 654 000 square kilometres of commercial and residential developments

were approved, for construction in the Western Cape. Almost nine times than that approved in Gauteng for the same period.

So what we are doing, building a capable state, drawing investors investing in the economy. We are not losing hope, we are providing hope. Thank you. [Time expired.]

[Debate concluded.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister. [Interjection.]Your time has expired. That is the end of the interpellation. We move onto – order, order. Hon member Tyatyam, if you carry on like that, I might just call you Skwatsha again. [Laughter.]

We move onto Questions. The first question that we can deal with, is Question 3, Minister Uys to Minister Meyer. Minister Meyer, you are again on the floor.

Commercial banking services: appointment of service provider

***3. Mr P Uys asked the Minister of Finance:**

(a) What process was followed in the appointment of a service provider for the provision of commercial banking services to the

Province from 1 April 2017 and (b) who was the successful service provider?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Thank you for this question from hon member Uys. My answer is: The open competitive bidding process was followed in line with the provisions of the prescripts of section 7(2)(a) of the Public Finance Management Act 1 of 1999.

Who was the successful service provider. My answer is: Nedbank.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Uys?

Mr P UYS: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. May I ask the MEC, why the bid was not advertised via the *Government Tender Bulletin*?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Mr Deputy Speaker, this tender was advertised on the e-Tender portal. This is now the process that is also followed and the National Treasury also encourage us to advertise these tenders on the e-Tender portal.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Uys?

Mr P UYS: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. In a question for written

reply, the MEC responded on 13 April, by saying this tender cost the Department R3 million. Can he explain why R3 million had to be paid to Nedbank?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Mr Deputy Speaker, as you know, the politicians are not involved in all tender processes. I was informed by the accounting officer that the different institutions that applied for that particular tender, was between R3 million and R38 million.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Uys?

Mr P UYS: But, Mr Deputy Speaker, can we get an understanding. When you call for a tender for a bank, why you do pay the bank when they get the service for a big institution like this, with a budget of R60 billion, and you must pay the bank R3 million?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Mr Deputy Speaker, as hon member Uys was also a member of this Executive, he fully understands that there are financial implications when you are managing and administrating the banking of a government, and this is a practice that is followed by the National Government, and by all the Provincial Governments in South Africa, and as he would know and appreciate, I have all the documentation. This will also be audited. I am happy to report to him, the full set of documentation will be audited, and he will see that in the whole of South Africa, we are paying the lowest for the management and administration of

our corporate banker.

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

Mr P UYS: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Apart from the R3 million that the MEC's Department had to pay Nedbank for just approving the tender to them, is there additional banking charges and costs that you must pay to Nedbank?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Mr Deputy Speaker, I am happy to submit a written reply to that particular question.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Yes or no.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. We proceed. The next question is number 7, hon member Denis Joseph to Minister Meyer again. Hon Minister Meyer, Question 7.

State bank: implications

7. Mr D Joseph asked the Minister of Finance:

What implications does the establishment of a State Bank have for South Africa and the Western Cape?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Mr Deputy Speaker, also thank you for that question from the hon member Joseph.

Hon members, the banking sector is a very critical element of the economy, and a well-run banking system is critical for economic growth. The banking sector is a tool to stimulate economic growth. It has a wide set of banking products to lubricate the economy. As Cas Coovadia, the MD of the Banking Association of South Africa, recently wrote:

“South Africa has the second best banking industry in the world. We should be proud of that as a country, and South Africa has all the ingredients to be successful. South Africa has a vibrant and diversified business sector, a world-class banking sector, strong legal system, innovation and also a youth dividend.”

Hon member Joseph, international research shows that the public sector banks have performed poorly by financial measures, such as return on equity assets and non-performing loans.

Mr Deputy Speaker, State Banks are rooted in socialist, Marxist ideologies. A State Bank would operate like all other State-owned enterprises in South Africa. We are familiar with the performance of the likes of Eskom, Transnet, PRASA, Land Bank, SABC and SAA. Hon members, I have also seen how these State-owned entities are bleeding the state coffers. State-owned enterprises have become a fiscal black hole where taxpayers'

resources are disappearing.

I have also noted that some Provincial Governments in South Africa, under the ANC, intend to put their provincial revenue in a State Bank. Hon members, this is illegal in terms of Section 15 of the National Treasury Regulations. It determines that each provincial revenue fund must have a bank account opened in a commercial bank.

So that is the requirement of law, hon members. I can confirm today in this House, that this government will not support a State Bank, or transfer the provincial revenue into a State Bank, as it is illegal. My job is to protect the financial integrity of this government, and the R200 billion over the medium-term expenditure framework.

Mr Deputy Speaker and hon member Denis, my job is also to protect the taxpayers' money and all the research points to State Banks not being well run. I can also tell you a narrative. I have personally been to a State Bank in Tanzania as part of my doctoral studies.

When I went there, on this particular morning to have an interview with the THB, which is the Tanzania Housing Bank, when I knocked on the door, somebody showed me a notice on this bank - a State Bank. The notice read:

“This bank is permanently closed, no money.”

I vividly remember that particular situation, and I will not allow that situation to happen here in the Western Cape. I will also raise this issue with the Minister of Finance at the next Budget Council meeting.

Hon member Joseph, thank you for bringing this matter to the attention of this House, because as State capture happens, as the Gupta leaks happen, people are looking for another opportunity to steal money, and I will not allow the Guptas to steal this money through a State Bank.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Hear-hear!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Joseph?

Mr D JOSEPH: Thank you, hon Minister, for responding to the question. I would like to know, I have heard some other provinces' Premiers, in the media, talking about State Banks. So I would just like to know from the Minister, is there some research that has been done, that you are aware of, that has informed other Premiers or provinces to take such a decision? Thank you. [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Mr Deputy Speaker, I have also asked my colleagues to do some research and I have received a policy brief with the implications of establishing State Banks so we have done some preliminary research but there is also research that indicates the risk. One of the biggest State Banks that we have is also in China, and there are big risks in

terms of State Banks, particularly in terms of repaying loans.

What this research also indicates is that many of these State Banks increase the contingent liabilities of the State. So if you use the State Bank, the State Bank does not deliver on its commitments, and it becomes a contingent liability, and this contingent liability is nothing other than taxpayers' money. In South Africa we use that in the form of State guarantees, and certainly all the research, hon Deputy Chief Whip, indicates that it would be a crisis to go in this direction.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Uys?

Mr P UYS: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I want to ask the MEC for Finance why he is not telling the truth in this House? Earlier on he quoted Section 7(2) of the Public Finance Management Act, and that Act is very, very clear. You are only allowed, as a department, to bank with an authorised bank. Mr Deputy Speaker, whether it is a State Bank or not, is must be a registered bank with Treasury.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Uys ...

Mr P UYS: ... and why are you not telling us the truth in terms of Section 7(2)?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Order. There must be a concise question,

not a motivation. Hon Minister?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Mr Deputy Speaker, the Act is very clear.

It uses the words:

“Must be opened in a commercial bank.”

and not what - he is now misleading this House. The reference is - specifically refers ... [Interjections.] Okay, I will then ... [Interjections.]

No-no, I will then read it to you.

Mr P UYS: With a bank registered in South Africa.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: No-no-no. [Interjection.] Mr Deputy Speaker ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order, order.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: ... let me quote the Act, because I like to lecture the hon Chief Whip. [Laughter.][Interjections.]

It refers in terms of the National Treasury Regulations, it says, Section 15(2)(2):

“Each provincial revenue fund must have a bank account configuration

that consist of at least an exchequer bank account, and a paymaster general bank account, opened with a commercial bank.”

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I will give hon member Joseph a chance, and then, if there is an opportunity. Hon member Joseph?

Mr D JOSEPH: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Thank you, hon Minister, for the answer. I just would like to know what these proposals by other Premiers in other provinces - they must have a national impact where the ruling party is going. So I would like to know from the Minister what is the risk to good governance and the investors that would like to invest in our commercial banks then?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You are just wasting our time.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I think this is a very relevant question. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Mr Deputy Speaker, as the Chief Whip has indicated, members of this House like to believe that South Africa is a unitary State, and if that is the case, then whatever is happening in that fiscal environment affects the total fiscal envelope of South Africa, and so this question is very relevant in the bigger fiscal policy architecture of

South Africa.

So, in terms of the question that was raised by hon member Joseph, I think there are really two big implications. Firstly, and I think the hon members always ask what are we doing about it, I have already decided that I will put this item on the Budget Council to discuss it with all the Ministers in the Budget Council ... [Interjection.] because this is an important thing.

Secondly, Mr Deputy Speaker, this is illegal. We cannot have a situation that people open things in a State Bank. The law is very clear. It uses the word “commercial” bank. But I think we have seen that corruption is already out of control. [Interjection.]

But we are now also seeing, that because of all the loopholes that are being closed, the ANC ruling party and the Guptas are looking for other avenues to channel the money. It goes to Dubai, it goes in suitcases, in goes in trains and trucks and cars, and as hon Minister Fritz says, they steal everything.

So what they now want to do is to establish a State Bank, and, Mr Deputy Speaker, the provinces that want to establish a State Bank, are the Premier League Provinces, where the Guptas are active. So this is a vehicle to loot the State, or as we say, putting corruption in the autobahn.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: We move onto the next question. It will be

Question number 8. Again Minister Meyer.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Same sweetheart question.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Question number 8.

Dismissal of Minister P Gordhan: implications of

***8. Mr D Joseph asked the Minister of Finance:**

- (1) What have been the implications of the dismissal of Minister P Gordhan for investors and economic confidence in South Africa;
- (2) whether the fiscal policy of the National Treasury will be reviewed; if so, (a) what impact will this have on the Western Cape and (b) which measures will the Western Cape take to restore investors' confidence?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Mr Deputy Speaker, this is also an important question, because it also affects all of us, but also, more importantly, the citizens.

Hon members, we know that President Zuma has shuffled his Cabinet at 12:00 midnight.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Really! [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: We all know that no good things come out of the Presidency, let alone at midnight. As a member of the Budget Council, I had an excellent working relationship with the former Minister and the Deputy Minister of Finance. Both of them were outstanding political heads in National Treasury.

In the last Budget Council, Mr Deputy Speaker, where Minister Pravin Gordhan chaired, he started the meeting in a very unusual manner. He came in, in the National Treasury, he sat down and he pointed fingers at all the MECs and he said the following:

“I want you to know that I am not a friend of the Guptas.”

I could see in his remarks he was under pressure from Luthuli House to open the tenders to the Guptas. We all know that the former Minister and Deputy Minister were removed by the Guptas ... [Interjection.] The removal of both Minister Gordhan and Deputy Minister Jonas, is the main reason for the downgrading. [Interjection.] The removal of Minister Gordhan Mcebisi Jonas, has entered the new phase in the political economy in South Africa. Sovereign downgrades reduced investor confidence and business confidence, and the erosion of trust between society and the

government.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the South African public has no confidence in the ANC Government. Hon members will know, we all know that the government's ability to raise money has also been affected.

Also, we have seen an immediate loss of R80 billion in bank capitalisation on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange. In the weeks to come we will see further weakening of the Rand, increased inflation and higher interest rates.

Investors, hon members, look for four things. They look for:

- political stability;
- investor confidence;
- debt levels as a country; and
- your ability to pay back.

Hon members, since the removal of Minister Pravin Gordhan, we have seen further downgrades, as hon member Schäfer has indicated earlier. Since the removal of Pravin Gordhan, South Africa is also now in a technical recession, implying that we have two consecutive negative growth rates, but, hon members, leaders are dealers you know. In April, together with my colleague, Minister Alan Winde, we have met with the South African Reserve Bank, and discussed the economic and fiscal policy of South Africa.

We also discussed the role of the South African Reserve Bank in this particular regard. We also shared our economic performance with the South African Reserve Bank, and we also resolved a closer cooperation between both the fiscal and monetary policy instruments at our disposal.

The Western Cape promotes good corporate governance, as hon member Joseph has indicated, and we are regularly meeting business and investors. The City of Cape Town has the best credit rating in South Africa, that inspires business and investor confidence.

And the Western Cape, Mr Deputy Speaker, despite all of these things, is open for business, despite the downgrading of the economy, and we have an outstanding performance in this current situation. I thank you.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: So what is your concern about [Inaudible.]?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Is there a follow-up, hon member Joseph?

Mr D JOSEPH: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I just want to ask the Minister: now that the record of both the Minister of Finance and the Deputy Minister of Finance has become questionable in the link to the Guptas as the Minister has said himself now, I am asking whether this poses a further risk to stable government, in National Finance and Treasury, and whether it questions the integrity of the two Ministers at present?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Hon member ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Hon Minister, just one second. Hon member Beerwinkel?

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Mr Deputy Speaker, is that a new question? Based on what the basis of this question is?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: It may be, it may not be. The Minister can decide whether he wants to deal with it. If the Minister wants to deal with it, he can continue.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Grandstand ... [Inaudible.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: He gave him the question so he wants to [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Mr Deputy Speaker, I do not need to grandstand about the Guptas. The e-mails are out in the public domain, it is in the papers so nobody needs to do that.

But, Mr Deputy Speaker, what I do think and I think I will be a little bit more tactical in my response; I have to work with the new Minister of Finance, Minister Gigaba. I also have to work with the Deputy Minister, Buthelezi, who also responsible for the PAC, the Government Pension Fund.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: We know that. Don't worry about that.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: I would very much like to have a good working relationship with both these Ministers in terms of the National Treasury. I think it is important for me to note - and I cannot have a judgment on it - that the Deputy Minister was involved in PRASA - allegations of corruption, and I also note - I cannot comment on it - the allegations that the Minister of Finance had serious implications in terms of granting some Home Affairs issues, permits and citizenship to the Guptas. I note these two things.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You just want to [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: I have also decided that instead of what these colleagues are doing, I will not throw these things around, I will raise this in the appropriate forum, with the Minister, within the Budget Council, because I am concerned about the integrity of two institutions. One is the National Treasury, the other one is the South African Reserve Bank, and I will certainly put this as a matter of national importance on the Budget Council agenda.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister. We proceed. The next question is Question 10. Hon Minister Fritz?

*I-CAN Centres***10. Mr B D Kivedo asked the Minister of Social Development:**

- (1) (a) How many I-CAN centres are there in the Western Cape and
(b) how do they compare with Youth Cafés;

- (2) whether there are plans for the rolling out of these I-CAN centres to more areas, especially rural areas; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. The first part of this question is about I-CAN centres, and that falls within the Department of Economic Development. I want to, however, say that we are having a review of all youth type facilities, so they can be under one department to have greater impact. But I think perhaps the question must be asked to the Economic Development Department.

The second part of this question is directed at the whole question of Youth Cafés, and I can answer the part of Youth Cafés. They are spaces for youth to develop through the provision of many different services, from information technology, seminars, training, life skills, job preparation and placement, and then specifically, each Youth Café has its own character. So you have one where they prepare and train coaches in Nyanga, and you

have another one that focuses on media in Oudtshoorn, and in fact they have a live radio station there.

So those are the characters of the Youth Cafés. Unfortunately I cannot comment on the operations and the work of the I-CAN. They fall within the jurisdiction of Economic Development.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Kivedo?

Mr B D KIVEDO: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I thank the hon Minister Fritz for his answer. Clear, distinct and precise.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Dit was 'n swak antwoord daai.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: That was a poor reply, that.]

Mr B D KIVEDO: In terms of the multifunctional nature of especially the Youth Cafés, in terms of empowering and capacitating youth. Seeing that it is Youth Month, I would like to expand a little bit on it. My biggest concern is the rollout ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order. Hon member Kivedo, there is ...

Mr B D KIVEDO: My question is ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr B D KIVEDO: My question.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Ja, get to the question.

Mr B D KIVEDO: Ja, I am sorry. Not my concern, my question is, what do you have in the pipeline in terms of rolling these out to rural areas where young people can get access to these facilities?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Thank you, hon member. It is a very good question, it is not just good.

The first real rural Café was opened in partnership with Petro SA, who are now also bankrupt after they also stole all the money but they gave us money, so we opened it. [Laughter.] So we are just happy before they went bankrupt, we still ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Before they went bankrupt.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: So we opened that in the heart, in Groot Brak. It has a real rural character and you must just go see the kind of work that we have started with. We have not officially launched it. We have taken over, and the programmes are running.

We also have one in George and one in Oudtshoorn, and then a number of municipalities are now partnering with us, around giving us space and we

would look at the funding, and we have also applied for funding from private institutions.

So I think it is an all of society approach to make it sustainable to rollout. I must tell you, the assessment that has been done of that, has shown that young people are going mad for it. It is really giving young people opportunities, and it takes you in at one point and at the other end you are going to see a completely different product coming out, that is ready for the job market, or getting channelled into a direction for extra training.

So it almost becomes a purification process where you come into something, and you get channelled or you get the skills to get a job. I think the time for us to just have these little things that the ANC always has, little certificate ceremonies, that mean nothing. It is a piece of paper permitting me to – nothing. You stand there and all have a graduation ceremony with a piece of paper, and they all smile and the Minister, their former MECs are standing there. That is a joke. [Interjection.] We will stop the joke. Let us get people into work, and I think that is the whole idea with the Youth Cafés. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon member Kivedo?

Mr B D KIVEDO: Thank you. Just a final question to – thank you, hon Minister Fritz. Do you have a dedicated MNE mechanism or system in place in head office, or other district or regional offices seeing that there is

an input/output model, and you have to look at the return on investment. How is this being conducted? On a quarterly basis, monthly or annual?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Thank you. In the Cape Flats we would say *Shukran* for the question, specifically in the month of Ramadan. What we actually do - we are also past the issue of just doing things for the sake of doing them, and we give money to a whole lot of people and they do programmes that have absolutely no impact.

So we have two levels of impact. The one is from the youth programme, the Head Office itself. They have an MNE and they do quarterly checks, and then you have also from the Premier's office - remember, this is now transversal, and in the policy unit of the Premier's Department, there is this transversal group of young people - who are part of the Game-Changer, ladies and gentlemen - just to wake up Mr Olivier.

So that we can really know that we are having a real impact going forward but I think you are making the point that there is no use having stuff and there is no impact. Thank you, hon member.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. We move onto the next question, which is Question number 11. Hon Minister Grant?

Baardskeerdersbos: street lighting

11. Mr M Mngasela asked the Minister of Transport and Public Works:

Whether his Department will resolve the impasse relating to the street lights in the small town of Baardskeerdersbos; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker, and thank you to the hon member Mngasela for the question.

The response is that the road upgrade in the Baardskeerdersbos area is completed. The Department's application to Eskom for electricity supply to the Baardskeerdersbos street lighting has been acknowledged and approved by them. The Department has accepted the quotation and the deposit to supply the electricity has already been paid to Eskom.

Our streetlight maintenance contractors are currently installing the ducting, which are the sleeves underneath the road, for the electrical cabling. Once this work has been completed, the cabling will be installed by Eskom and the electrical power connected.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mngasela?

Mr M MNQASELA: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I appreciate the response given by the Minister. The community of the Overstrand Municipality, in particular Baardskeerdersbos, have been waiting indefinitely to get this sorted out.

Both the local municipality, the B Municipality and the Overberg District Municipality, have been at pains to get this resolved. I would like to know from the Minister, how long will it take to complete the entire exercise, so that there is light in Baardskeerdersbos?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: It takes ages. They cannot even fix a lift.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Mr Deputy Speaker, I asked the same question of my Department when they came with this reply, and I am reliably informed that it will happen within one calendar month. That the lights will be on.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: [Inaudible.] What does that mean?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. We will then proceed to the next question, which is Question number 13. Hon member Maseko to hon Minister Fritz.

*Child-support grants***13. Ms M Maseko asked the Minister of Social Development:**

- (1) Whether a girl-child under the age of 18 and under the custody of parents or a guardian who is reliant on a child-support grant, who has given birth to a child herself, still qualifies for a child-support grant; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) what are the repercussions for the person who impregnated the girl, whether the girl is younger or older than 18 years?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Thank you, hon member Maseko. The first part of this question, again, relates to the whole question of the National Department that determines who and when and who gets grants. We do not administer that. So I think that part you can defer there.

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The second part, however, is in terms of the Children's Act, it is very, very clear, and it states that if a girl child is younger than 16, and anyone has sex with that girl child, it is statutory rape.

An HON MEMBER: That is true.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Statutory rape. Very, very important, and the biological father will not have parental responsibilities

and rights in terms of the Children's Act in that case.

If the girl child is younger than 18 and the biological father is also younger than 18, the guardian of the girl child will be the guardian of the baby. Most often the mother of the child, right? So the mother of the girl.

And if the girl child is 17 and the biological father is 19 or older, the father will have all parental responsibilities, and that is the biological father, will have all parental responsibilities and rights, and not the maternal grandmother. If both partners are 18 and older, they will be holders of full parental responsibilities and rights of the child, regardless of the marital status.

Parental responsibilities and rights are described in Section 18 of the Children's Act of 2005, and it includes caring, maintaining contact and contributing to the maintenance of the child.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. There is no follow-up, we continue with the next questions, which is Question 16. Hon member Mackenzie to Minister Fritz.

Mitchells Plain Youth Café

16. Mr R D Mackenzie asked the Minister of Social Development:

- (1) (a) When is the Mitchells Plain Youth Café opening and (b) what programmes does his Department have in place to keep the youth of Mitchells Plain away from substance abuse;
- (2) whether the Rocklands Youth Centre is still in operation; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: The Mitchells Plain Youth Café is opening 21 June, and I have invited you as a very, very dear gesture of your good will.

Whilst the renovations are being done, the contracted service provider is having community outreach programmes. Conferencing sessions will precede the opening of the Youth Café, and in fact, on Saturday coming, they are having what they call an unconferecing session in Mitchells Plain around this. This is a process where the youth are consulted on services they need.

The (b) part of your question with the Rocklands Youth Café - the Rocklands Youth Café – remember the lease issues that we had and then they tried to charge us?. You know these private characters want to always, when they hear government they want to go very high, so we just could not afford the rent.

What the programme did and this is specifically [Inaudible.] they did a lot

of outreach programmes specifically in the School of Skills in Mitchells Plain and Rocklands and they have done a number of other outreach programmes that specifically led to leadership development, life skills, Digital Wallet, web design, entrepreneurship, Generation Y and applications development.

There is a very interesting programme that we are doing with the Youth Café at the moment. Ladies and gentlemen, honourable members, specifically hon Beerwinkel, from an economic development point of view - there are a number of young people who go to the School of Skills, and after P4, which is almost the matric of the School of Skills and I must just give you a background on the School of Skills because there are some people who may not know it, I did not know it.

The School of Skills is a type of high school for children who failed twice in primary school. They go to the School of Skills and they learn a skill. So some are upholsterers, others are hairdressers and some are home carers. What we are doing now is we are experimenting with one school together with the Youth Cafés. We are trying to see whether we can take them from that T4 level to actually becoming independent entrepreneurs. We are now shadowing them, assisting them and I know there are upholsterers, to move them to a point where they can actually open their own little upholstery workshops and all those old couches that you see lying around you will be shocked to see how they restore some of that stuff.

The other one is that they are excellent chefs those guys but because the qualification is not recognised, they are actually underpaid by big places, you know, some of our big hotels. So again, we are trying to see how we get them into the space of catering where they can become self-employed caterers and business people. Otherwise our programme is a wasted investment. Thank you, Sir.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon member Mackenzie?

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Thank you, hon Minister Fritz. I also just received an invitation from your office and I will attend. Can the hon Minister please tell us how is the Youth Café that is opening next week on the 21st, advertised and how are we going to get the community in Mitchells Plain to attend the opening, the youth, and what mediums of advertising have been used to attract the youth of Mitchells Plain and also what sort of services are we going to give the youth of Mitchells Plain at the Youth Café? Thank you.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: The Mitchells Plain youth is going to be just a continuation of the one that was in Rocklands, but the important point is we make sure that it is in the *Plainsman*, and you know the *Plainsman* is the best little advert carrier in Mitchells Plain. If it is in the *Plainsman* - but we are also going to look at other forms of advertisement at schools because we have seen, ladies and gentlemen, honourable members, the after-school function that the Youth Cafés are

now also playing, where the young can come do homework and projects and move to the next level in the after-school space, we have seen that now being very valuable.

So, we will advertise at all schools to ask young people and it is going to be at the bus, at the old town centre, in the bus exchange. So everyone must come there. You must pass there. It is really going to be very exciting. I am looking forward to the agenda. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mackenzie?

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Thank you. Can the Minister perhaps tell us what services will be given to the youth of Mitchells Plain at the Youth Café? Also, taking into account that a lot of the youth are not computer literate, what actions his Department will take to ensure that youth, particularly those unemployed youth who need their CV's to be typed out, what services that the Minister or his Department will provide to the youth of Mitchells Plain? Thank you.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: That specific Youth Café will focus a lot on digital development and remember we started with digital artisans, big companies like Google who came on board and so we continue with that relationship. Interestingly, we are also looking at issues like Digital Wallet, web design and other entrepreneurial programmes.

I think one important component, ladies and gentlemen, is to get our young people into a space that we sometimes forget, the social psycho kind of issues of our young people. We forget that and the one thing with Youth Cafés is, they actually work on that so that if you get a job that you actually go to work on a Monday, that you don't decide the party is more important on the Friday and that the braai is more important and you don't want to go to work, that you actually go to work. I think it is an important thing.

We talk about unemployment but we forget there are many jobs where our young people get opportunities and some of them really just throw them away because we haven't dealt with the other issues that hassle them, that are problems and those are the psycho socio issues and we are really looking at doing more around that, so that our young people can take citizen responsibility; go to work, basic responsibility, care for a child if you make a child, look after your family and those basic kinds of humanitarian issues.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mackenzie, your third opportunity.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Mr Deputy Speaker, can the Minister tell us what are the opening hours of the Youth Café so that we can obviously inform our constituents as to what time it opens and what time it closes. And then also, Minister, can you perhaps also tell us, given that the one in Rocklands was open before, how effective you think and how many youths

will the new Youth Café reach, given unemployment is so high in Mitchells Plain amongst the youth? Thank you.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Yes, I hear hon member Davids talking about the Standing Committee because a lot of the issues are raised there but I also want to say I think the Youth Café has for the first time made a big impact - we had a big shock with Mitchells Plain with the number of physical feet, warm bodies †wat oor die drumpel gegaan het. [that went over the doorstep.] And I think part of that is the whole issue that people only want to come there if they find it valuable. Otherwise they will not come.

Part of one of the questions that you asked was, the hours. It is normally from about 08:00 in the morning until about 17:00. Because it is in the town centre we can actually look at that because it is very ripe for evening classes or evening events for people who come from work so that our workers can also enjoy the fruits of some of the kind of facilities that we have.

We must just again then look at the TPA, the transfer payment agreement, and make it at night until 20:00 perhaps thrice a week but I think those are all issues that we can test and then roll out if it is successful. Thank you, hon member.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. That then disposes of the questions.

Just for clarity purposes. The questions not dealt with today will stand over till the next question time, but the two interpellations will have to be introduced afresh because the full quota has already been taken for next week's sitting, unless there is an arrangement that these two replace the previous two. That is just for clarity. We then proceed to Statements by Members. I see the DA first.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Hinana?

Mr N E HINANA: Mr Deputy Speaker, today I would like to highlight the continued success being made by the Democratic Alliance in the Western Cape. But in contrast in and amongst the challenges posed by the ANC as they continue to run the public transport services, just like other SOEs, into the ground, in the Democratic Alliance we have continued to make progress with regards to making our rural and urban spaces more accessible.

Mr Deputy Speaker, to the detriment of the people of the Western Cape, the commuter railway services remain a major hindrance to many poor and working-class residents. On a daily basis, our province continues to lose millions due to the mismanagement and poor leadership of PRASA. Trains are late, people are charged for coming late, people are dismissed because of frequent late coming and many people who have to come back to look

after their children returning from school in the afternoon could not be home early because of the failure and poor management of Metrorail leadership. Besides the ongoing allegations and reports of corruption associated with its services, for decades they have simply left their infrastructure to collapse.

Metrorail, we say to you - unequivocally - this is not acceptable. It saddens me that Metrorail, which was once regarded as one of the best passenger railways services on the continent, has been left to disintegrate like many other national SOEs. Millions of hours of productivity and billions of rands have been lost due to the inconveniences caused by the services.

Mr Deputy Speaker, trains are supposed to provide a safe, convenient mode of transportation. Instead they are unsafe and are failing to provide reliability to the commuters. The people of South Africa cannot wait any longer for the Democratic Alliance to take over the national government [Interjections.] so that they can fix some of the problems created by the ANC ... [Interjections.]

The TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON: Hon Member, thank you. Hon member your time is up.

Mr N E HINANA: ... in all the SOE's. The practical examples of many such endeavours ... [Interjection.] [Time expired.]

The TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON: Hon Member Hinana, Your time is up, thank you. I see the ANC.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Thank you Chair. This week we watched Ms Helen Zille give some half-hearted apology which she was clearly forced to give, to save not only her untransformed racist face, but also that of her weak puppy so-called party leader, Mmusi Maimane. [Interjections.] What was very clear from this so-called apology is that ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Order. One second. Hon Chief Whip.

Mr M G E WILEY: Thank you. The hon member clearly stated that the hon Premier is a racist, which is unparliamentary.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I was not in the Chamber that moment. That is racist if the member said that.

Mr M G E WILEY: He is reading from a prepared statement, so he can just repeat it if he wishes.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You cannot refer to another member of the House as being racist. You must withdraw that if you did say that. You must withdraw the word “racist” if you did say it in relation to another member.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Okay. That is racist.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Okay. What was very clear from this co-called apology is that hon Helen Zille continues to be an unrepentant, who was actually apologising for the possible harm she may have caused the Democratic Alliance. She was not apologising for having hurt and offended black South Africans who continue to bear the brunt of a colonial past which violently dispossessed them of their land.

The fact of the matter remains that Zille sees nothing wrong with her views about colonialism and that her views are actually representative of the views held within the Democratic Alliance. Zille called her leaders African nationalists and anti-white who dare to differ with her racist sentiments.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. One second, hon member. Hon member Wiley?

Mr M G E WILEY: Mr Deputy Speaker, you know, this constant reference to members by their surname instead of using the accepted terminology of “honourable member”, I mean ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes.

Mr M G E WILEY: ...it constantly creeps in. He has been here long enough to understand the Rules.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member. Point taken. That is so. We are all “honourable members”. Please do that.

Mr K E MAGAXA: In an absurd turn of events after a clear power tussle between the so-called leader of the DA, Mmusi Maimane and the hon Zille who still views herself as the actual leader of the DA, we are informed of a sanction which allows hon Zille to continue as Premier of the Western Cape but “suspended” from party decision-making structures. This clearly shows that the DA does not take the people of the Western Cape seriously.

How can a person continue as the Premier of a DA-led government yet is not allowed to form part of DA decision-making structures? On what basis does she continue to serve as Premier then? Where does she derive her mandate from?

Hon Helen Zille is clearly an illegitimate Premier of the Western Cape. She broke her party code of conduct. She broke the trust of the people of the Western Cape and therefore simply cannot be allowed to continue as Premier of this province. She repeatedly abused her position as Premier to attack and offend black people by labelling them as professional blacks, refugees, and even sang the praises of some apartheid colonial legacies. She must go. [Time expired.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member, your time has expired. The DA. Hon member Kivedo?

Mr B D KIVEDO: Thank you. Mr Deputy Speaker, fellow hon members, the media and distinguished guests, a specialised gang-unit or the deployment of the SANDF is needed to stop gangsters from increasingly governing our communities.

Earlier this year, I released a press statement urging for the re-introduction of the Specialised Gang Unit, but National Government continues to fail to respond to our requests to the detriment of the people in the province.

Although the Western Cape Government has launched several initiatives to promote safe access for the youth to schools, further assistance from National Government is desperately needed.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the severity of gang violence has most recently led to four schools having to close down in Lavender Hill. Consequently, this is jeopardising the future of our youth. Both young children and adults in our communities are increasingly becoming characterised by fear, hopelessness and depression due to the amount of gang violence experienced on a regular basis.

At this juncture, I salute the resilience and dedication of Western Cape MEC of Community Safety, Dan Plato, who last week in spite of being threatened with death, still saw his way fit to lead a march of protestors against crime in the same Lavender Hill.

These instances are rife in communities where the youth are faced with despair and a lack of economic opportunity, eventually turning to gangsterism as a last resort in communities where no other alternative exists.

I fear that we are increasingly coming to the point where we are now being governed by criminals as the National Government refuses to address this issue.

In conclusion, Mr Deputy Speaker, less words and more action is what is needed to rid our society once and for all of these wicked elements. [Time expired.]

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

Mr Q R DYANTYI: No tweets. More action.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The EFF is not here, it is the DA again. The DA. Hon member Mngqasela?

Mr M MNQASELA: Mr Deputy Speaker, our youth are the future of this nation. It is vital that we ensure that they at all times acquire the necessary and relevant skills to become successful in life. We are in Youth Month and tomorrow it is Youth Day. I can proudly say that this DA Government takes young people seriously and puts them in the front of

service delivery.

I am also pleased that the Departments of the Premier and Social Development in 2013 had the vision to formulate the Western Cape Youth Development Strategy to ensure that by the age of 25, young people have all the tools they require to live a successful life of value.

With the view of becoming government in 2019, the DA Government here in this province has taken a leading role in creating an enabling environment that allows and ensures access to various opportunities across the spectrum, especially in our municipalities in the Western Cape. We are the only party that is very clear in how to address the challenges confronting our young people and the unacceptable 36.8% youth unemployment rate in this country.

This is where I would like to commend Minister Albert Fritz and his Department for the Youth Cafés in our communities, because this enables us to support, empower and develop our youth across this province, in all communities.

Mr Deputy Speaker, please allow me to also express my deepest appreciation to the Western Cape Provincial Parliament for hosting a successful Youth Parliament on Saturday 10 June 2017. More than 100 young men and women of diverse backgrounds, gender, race and demography, participated in the dialogue.

We need to now ensure that they are able to access every opportunity presented to them, and seize them fanatically so that they may enjoy the benefit that we have presented to them ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr M MNQASELA: ... better together. †Qina Mhlali qina. [May this spirit continue.][Applause.][Time expired.]

†'n AGB LID: Hoor-hoor!

[An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!]

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

The ANC. Hon member Makeleni.

Ms P MAKELENI: Mr Deputy Speaker, Western Cape Premier Helen Zille's refusal to appoint a commission of inquiry into the ongoing raping and killings of our children is shocking.

Let me put it on record that the ANC supports the call for the establishment of the proposed commission. [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order hon member. Just one second. Hon Minister Fritz?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: On a point of order. I just want to check, if something is factually incorrect, because the Premier never said she does not want to appoint a commission. That is a news report. That is in a news report. I was in the meeting! [Interjections.] You are misleading the House.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. It may be misleading the House. The Chair is unfortunately not in a position to rule on that. It is a debating point, not a point of order, but the member may continue.

†'n AGB LID: Dit is seer, dit is baie seer, ja.

[An HON MEMBER: It hurts, it hurts a lot, yes.]

Ms P MAKELENI: Let me put it on record that the ANC supports the call for the establishment of the proposed commission. We further believe that it will be an independent and credible exercise. We hope that its recommendations will go a long way in providing a long term solution to the challenge.

To date there are no less than 21 children who were brutally murdered, including molested and raped. More increasingly children are lured from playgrounds that are not secured and well monitored. In addition, many of the victims fall prey to people who are known to them. Every day it becomes more dangerous for children to play outside their homes and even to be sent to the local shops.

This is as callous as her broken promise eight years ago to appoint a Children's Commissioner for the province to advance and protect the interests of the children. Ironically the DA and Premier Zille burnt millions of taxpayers' money on the Khayelitsha Commission of Inquiry, even though there was an overwhelming objection to it. The DA-led Government failed to implement the recommendations of this Commission.

I also do not believe that such commission will be expensive. No amount of money can be compared to the lives of children and their welfare. For once Premier Zille, listen to the loud voices of the people.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. The DA next. Hon member Max?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Hear-hear leader! [Inaudible.][Laughter.]

Mr L H MAX: Mr Deputy Speaker, it is a known fact that we are a sports-loving nation and this includes our many young people across the province. With it being Youth Month then, the utilisation of sports can play a definitive role in getting our young people active, instead of them engaging in substance abuse, gangsterism or any of the other social ills we have grown accustomed to.

During this month we have an opportunity to ensure that our youth are given complete access to sporting opportunities in their respective communities. I make this call, because we have recently seen how gang

violence has been flaring up across the Cape Flats and in many cases it is mostly young people that are losing their lives.

This must be urgently addressed and corrected. We need to ensure that our communities are aware of the various structured sporting activities that are available at the more 180 MOD centres across the Western Cape.

The more we get our young people active, the more we will ensure that they are empowered and develop their sporting skills and talents. Furthermore, we will ensure that they choose to pursue the positives in society, instead of the negatives. Thank you. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. The ACDP. ACDP first.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Mr Deputy Speaker, yet again I want to bring the issue of bullying to the attention of the House. This month alone so many pupils were bullied at schools. An incident happened the other day, Mr Deputy Speaker, that is saddening. A Tuscany Glen High School learner, age 15, while writing exams, had condoms thrown in her face. They had to remove her and that was one of many attacks. She now suffers from anxiety attacks and she is on prescription drugs. She has also been placed on suicide watch and her parents fear that she will take her life.

The Minister of Education is not here, but the Chairperson is here and we try to engage the role-players but something must be done. It was said in

the report that the educator, while they were doing that to the young girl, was laughing and no disciplinary action was taken against the educator. Mr Deputy Speaker, the ACDP urges the Minister and the Western Cape Education Department to investigate this matter and bring dignity to our children that are bullied at schools. I thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. The ANC. Hon member Tyatyam?

Mr S G TYATYAM: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. The disastrous DA stumbles from calamity to scandal. Despite serious breaches of trust, Premier Helen Zille lurches from her own goal crisis with racist tweets aimed at people of colour to allegations of nepotism favouring her children and some family members.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Hon Chief Whip?

Mr M G E WILEY: Once again, I rise on the issue of alleging that one of our hon members is a racist, saying “racist tweets”. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. I did not hear it in that way. Hon member Uys?

Mr P UYS: Quite correct, Mr Deputy Speaker. It was not in that way saying she is a racist. It was a racist tweet and it is something quite different.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: That is a borderline case. Let me think about that but continue for the moment.

Mr S G TYATYAM: Left and right, borderlines are good. Part of this was to expedite the buying of government computers for the use of her son's business to promote his products in schools.

Internally the DA has no confidence in its immediate past leader Zille and her ability to continue as the Western Cape Premier but you expect us to be with her here continuously. Hon Zille can also not be trusted in decision-making positions in this government. She overstayed her welcome and she must go.

In the DA in this Provincial Legislature we know that there are many who do not want her, but they are afraid and are threatened by the hon Chief Whip of the DA of exercising their conscience to vote her out.

†Ningamagwala, ndinincamile, gxothani uMshologu lo. Uyamosha lo sisi. [You are such cowards, I have given up on you. You should fire this devil. This lady is messing up.] [Laughter.] †That is why the DA leaders do not want to put the no-confidence motion to vote today because †Bangamagwala, bayangcangcazela. [They are cowards, shaking with fear.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Order. The DA is next. Hon member Schäfer?

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Following two consecutive quarters of negative economic growth ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order. Please come to order before the member can continue.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: We are going to keep talking about this. We can safely and worryingly confirm that South Africa is in a recession. We have to ask ourselves, just how adept our new Minister of Finance, Malusi Gigaba, is at implementing his so-called “radical economic transformation”, when he clearly cannot even manage and grow our own economy? How are we going to govern when the backbone of our country is slowly crumbling?

Developing economies, including that of South Africa, emerged from the 2009 economic recession relatively unscathed. Along with many of its developing African counterparts, South Africa’s economy shrugged off a recession which hit the developed world hard. Yet while African countries such as Ethiopia, Nigeria, Tanzania, and Rwanda are currently some of the world’s fastest growing economies, South Africa under the Zupta-captured ANC, is shrinking.

There is no sign more crystal clear of pure political failure in a country than economic decline, especially in a developing country such as our own which should be capitalising on the recessions of economies beyond our shores. While the ANC bickers on about “radical economic transformation”

and “white monopoly capital”, courtesy of the now infamous Bell Pottinger siege of our country and its government, our economy is flat lining.

South Africa’s entry into economic recession is the political red flag of the inept and unsustainable leadership. Under the ANC, South Africa’s economy has come to a grinding halt. Now more than ever, the country is beginning to see through the promises made by a corrupt President and the party which continues to prop him up. The DA is waiting in the wings to take the helm of our country’s economy in 2019, bringing with it growth, jobs, and the prosperity our nation deserves.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member. Order. That concludes the Members’ Statements. We now move on to Notices of Motion. Are there any motions where notice is given? Hon member Makeleni first.

MOTIONS WITH NOTICE

Ms P MAKELENI: Mr Deputy Speaker, I give notice that I shall move:

That the House calls for the immediate establishment of a Commission of Inquiry into child murders in the province after the number of children’s deaths this year rose to 21 and demands that the Premier reconsiders rejecting such calls from parents and several organisations citing it to be too expensive.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Notice taken. Hon member Joseph?

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

That the House debates the importance of heritage in the Western Cape.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Notice taken. Hon member Wenger?

Ms M M WENGER: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the National Government's plan to cut the number of police officials over the next two years and the impact this will have on the Western Cape.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Notice taken. Hon member Dyantyi?

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

That the House institutes an investigation into the appointment of

Dawie Adonis as the DA-run Knysna Municipality Director for Community Services, even though he did not meet the requirements for the post at the time of his appointment 3 years ago.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Notice taken. Hon member Mitchell?

Mr D G MITCHELL: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the alarming national youth unemployment rate of 38.6% and the failure of the National Government to create a growing economy that directly affects the youth of the Western Cape.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Notice taken. Hon member Olivier?

Mr R T OLIVIER: Mr Deputy Speaker, I give notice that I shall move:

That the House notes with concern that hundreds of pupils at a junior secondary school in Joe Slovo, near Milnerton, are missing out on this year's education as the WCED refused to recognize their school; calls for an urgent intervention and for MEC Schäfer to explain how she

plans to deal with the situation.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Notice taken. Hon member Mackenzie?

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates bringing back the specialised units to contribute towards combating and fighting crime, violence, femicide and gang violence among others, in the Western Cape.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Notice taken. Hon member Dugmore?

Mr C M DUGMORE: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I give notice that I shall move:

That the House condemns MEC Donald Grant and his Department for stereotyping coloured people in the production of an anti-drunk driving video that has caused deep hurt and insult; calls for action to be taken against all those involved in the release of this video and demands an unequivocal public apology to especially the offended

community.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Notice taken. Hon member Hinana?

Mr N E HINANA: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the impact created by PRASA ...

[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. You may continue.

Mr N E HINANA: That this House debates the impact created by PRASA's failure to fulfil its obligation of being a safe transport service provider.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Notice taken. Hon member Davids?

Ms S W DAVIDS: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I give notice that I shall move:

That the House calls on MEC Mbombo to investigate reports that a

woman's life was endangered when she was turned away at Groote Schuur Hospital because of a shortage of beds when the doctors knew that she had a dead foetus in her abdomen.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Notice taken. Are there any further? Hon member Magaxa?

Mr K E MAGAXA: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the reasons why 76.6% top management positions in the province are still occupied by white people as reported in this year's Employment Equity Report.

[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 calls for the DA-run Government to implement more programmes to help fight the scourge of gender based violence and killing of young children in the province.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Notice taken. Are there any further? No further? We then proceed to – is there another one? Hon member Beerwinkel. The hammer almost came down.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Mr Deputy Speaker, I give notice that I shall move:

That the House calls for an urgent investigation into the appointment of Marius Botha, as the CFO of Mossel Bay Municipality, when he was found guilty of serious corruption charges, including fraud and money laundering pertaining to his previous municipal job in the Northern Cape; and calls for his immediate sacking, as the DA administration only placed him on leave.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Notice taken. Are there further? Hon member Makeleni?

Ms P MAKELENI: Mr Deputy Speaker, I give notice that I shall move:

That the House notes that Children's Protection Week has come and gone, but yet there is nothing tangible done by the Provincial

Government to ensure the safety of children, although 21 deaths have been reported so far, this year; mourns all the innocent lives of children lost in the province and calls on the authorities to come up with intervention to curb violence against young women and children in the Western Cape.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: 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 the increase in cash-in-transit heists in the province following reports that they have more than tripled since the beginning of the year.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Notice taken. Any further notices? We then proceed to the next section. Hon member Kivedo very quickly. In Motions Without Notice.

MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Mr B D KIVEDO: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House expresses its deepest condolences to the family and loved ones of 5-year old Minentle Lekhakha of the Strand who was brutally murdered last week. May her dear soul rest in peace.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

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

Mr S G TYATYAM: Skwatsha!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Tyatyam. [Laughter.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House congratulates ANC Western Cape PEC member, Sifiso Mtsweni, a NEC member of the ANCYL, on his appointment as the Chairperson of the NYDA Board and wishes him well in discharging his responsibilities.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

An HON MEMBER: Hear-Hear!

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 Mackenzie?

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

That the House commends the fire-fighters and disaster management personnel of Westridge and Khayelitsha fire stations for the assistance and response they provided during the Cape storm for the people of Khayelitsha and Mitchells Plain. I so move. Thank you.

[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 Lekker?

Ms P Z LEKKER: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes that tomorrow South Africa celebrates Youth Day, a day used to reflect on youth affairs and the youth uprising of 1976.

[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 Mitchell first.

†Mnr D G MITCHELL: Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, ek stel sonder kennisgewing voor:

Dat die Huis sy gelukwensing aan die nuutverkose DA Uitvoerende Burgemeester, raadslid Japie van der Linde van Beaufort-Wes oordra...

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

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

That the House congratulates the newly elected DA Executive Mayor, councillor Japie van der Linde of Beaufort West...]

†AGB LEDE: Mooi!

[HON MEMBERS: Good!]

†Mnr D G MITCHELL: nadat die DA & KDF koalisie weereens oor die ANC geseëvier het in die onlangse tussenvierkiesing. Hiermee verseker ons dat goeie, korrupvrye regering na 22 jaar aan die inwoners van Beaufort-Wes gebied gaan word. [Applous.]

[Voorstel soos deur lid voorgestel.]

Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Enige beswaar? Daar is beswaar. Dit sal op die Ordelys gedruk word. †Hon member Magaxa?

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[Mr D G MITCHELL: After the DA & KDF coalition again triumphed over the ANC in the recent by-election. With that we ensure that after 22 years good, corrupt-free government will be offered to the residents of Beaufort West. [Applause.]

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Any objection? There is objection. It will be printed on the Order Paper.] Hon member Magaxa?

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

That the House congratulates the South African Communist Party, Western Cape, for holding a successful elective conference on 14 and 15 May where comrade Benson Ngqentsu was elected the new Provincial Secretary and wishes them well in executing their revolutionary tasks.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Any objection to the motion being moved without notice? There is an objection. It will be printed on the Order Paper. Hon member Hinana?

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

That the House condemns the burning of buses, trains and looting of businesses in the train station in the Western Cape Province. 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 Gopie?

Ms D GOPIE: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House conveys condolences to the family of 3 children that died in a Wendy House fire in Valhalla Park on Friday last week, caused by an electrical fault and wishes a speedy recovery to the fourth victim recovering in hospital. I thank you.

[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 Mackenzie?

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

That the House commends Hester Grint, Jade Grint and Petrus van der Westhuizen from Oudtshoorn. She, her daughter Jade, and Petrus van der Westhuizen drove from Oudtshoorn to Knysna. They set up a coffee station, soup and water station to provide for the fire-fighters during the Knysna fire. This dedication is noteworthy and we should commend them for this initiative. Thank you.

[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: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House strongly condemns this week's arson attack on Metrorail and the vandalism that took place at the Cape Town Station

by commuters and calls for a genuine cooperative government approach to deal with the urgent priority to ensure safe, affordable, reliable and an efficient rail service to the citizens of Cape Town.

[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 Mngasela?

Mr M MNQASELA: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes with a great sense of gratitude, humility and appreciation the outpouring of love, support and humanitarian relief provided to the communities of Knysna, George and Bitou Municipalities as they battled fires that ravaged the Southern Cape last week.

Further notes the speed, professional response, coordinated efforts and the spirit of intergovernmental relations between all three spheres of government during this disaster. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Hear-hear!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Is there an objection? It will be printed on the Order Paper. Hon member Kivedo?

†Mnr B D KIVEDO: Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, ek stel sonder kennisgewing voor:

Dat die Huis sy innige meegevoel uitspreek teenoor die man en geliefdes van die onderwyseres, me Evangeline Brockman, verbonde aan Blomvlei Primêre Skool in Hanover Park wat haar lewe tragies op Sondag 11 Junie 2017 verloor het. Mag haar siel in vrede rus.

[Voorstel soos deur lid voorgestel.]

Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Enige beswaar teen die voorstel sonder kennisgewing? Geen beswaar teen die voorstel self nie? Goedgekeur.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[Mr B D KIVEDO: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House conveys its condolences to the husband and loved ones of the teacher Ms Evangeline Brockman, of the Blomvlei Primary School in Hanover Park who tragically lost her life on Sunday, 11 June 2017. May her soul rest in peace.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Any objection to the motion without notice? No objection to the motion itself? Agreed to.] †Hon member Tyatyam?

Mr S G TYATYAM: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House lauds the DTI for its work in the province and congratulates Hisense for their significant milestone in producing their millionth fridge and television at the factory in Atlantis.

[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?

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

That the House congratulates GreenCape for its achievements at the 6th Annual Eco-Logic Awards 2017, which identifies individuals and organisations that contribute towards an environmentally sustainable world. GreenCape scooped the gold award for its contribution to the green economy, a silver for waste management and bronze for climate change action. I hereby 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 Magaxa. Hon Leader of the Opposition, member Magaxa?

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

That the House rejects hon Helen Zille's disingenuous apology for praising some aspects of apartheid racist colonialism and calls on her to be a responsible leader and step down from the position of Premier. Thank you.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

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

Mr M G E WILEY: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House establishes an ad hoc committee to establish, investigate and report whether the hon Leader of the Opposition and the hon member Dugmore during a sitting of the House on 4 May 2017

deliberately misled the House when they made the following statements:

“She later called Africans refugees.”

Said by the Leader of the Opposition.

I quote:

“Most recently she exposed her adoration for colonial apartheid.”

The Leader of the Opposition.

I quote:

“The 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.”

Said by Member Dugmore.

I quote:

“Then we had the refugee tweet. No sincere apology about the hurt, because in her consciousness she has done nothing wrong.”

Said by Member Dugmore.;

I move that the committee consists of 4 members of the DA, 2 members of the ANC and 1 member of the ACDP. [Interjections.]

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Any objection? There is an objection – Order. It will be printed on the Order Paper. Are there any further? Hon member Mitchell?

†Mnr D G MITCHELL: Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, ek stel sonder kennisgewing voor:

Dat die Huis sy opregte dank aan elke DA & KDF aktivis oordra vir hul onbaatsugtige harde werk en opoffering met die aanloop tot die tussenverkiesing in Wyk 7 in Beaufort-Wes. Dis deur hul vasbeslotenheid dat sukses in die Munisipaliteit behaal is.

[Voorstel soos deur lid voorgestel.]

Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Daar is 'n beswaar. Dit sal op die Ordelys gedruk word.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

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

That the House conveys its sincere thanks to every DA & KDF activist for their unselfish hard work and sacrifice during the run-up to the by-election in Ward 7 in Beaufort West. It is through their determination that success had been achieved in the Municipality.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: There is an objection. It will be printed on the Order Paper.] †Hon member Makeleni?

Ms P MAKELENI: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House welcomes and commends the establishment of the #OneTooManySA campaign to protest against the rise of violence targeted at women and children and commends the civil society organisations that united under this campaign.

[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 sends condolences to the wife and family of Alderman Josephus from Porterville, a councillor of Bergrivier and former Deputy Mayor of the West Coast District Municipality who passed away on 23 May 2017. 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 commends the good work done by the Competition Commission in the province investigating alleged price-fixing and collusive behaviour by local companies and welcomes its decision to chase three Western Cape companies to the Competition Tribunal.

[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 Kivedo?

Mr B D KIVEDO: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House expresses its deepest condolences to the family and loved ones of Kyle Grace, the Grade 7 learner who died in a freak accident at Edgemean Primary School in Cape Town. May his dear soul rest in peace.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

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

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

That the House notes as sham the City Council disciplinary action which recommended to MEC Bredell to fine DA councillor Shayne Ramsay with R10 000 and community service; and calls on the MEC to prioritise the dignity of the poor who were insulted by the councillor by imposing a harsher penalty which should include removing Ramsay.

[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 Makeleni?

Ms P MAKELENI: I move ... [Interjection.] Mr Deputy Speaker, can I be protected?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Was there an objection?

Ms P MAKELENI: Delayed reaction.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. There apparently was an objection. Hon member Makeleni?

An HON MEMBER: They were sleeping!

Ms P MAKELENI: Mr Deputy Speaker, can I be protected?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Order. Please continue hon member, please continue.

Ms P MAKELENI: [Inaudible.] please, hon members.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I am waiting for you to start. You may now start.

Ms P MAKELENI: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes the damage caused by the recent Cape storms which destroyed people's homes, displacing thousands, and leaving several others deceased and conveys condolences to the families who lost loved ones.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

Mr M G E WILEY: Now there is insincerity if I ever heard! [Applause.]

[Interjections.]

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

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

That the House commends Impact Through Sports in Mitchells Plain and Mr Keith Meyer who organised donations during the Cape storm for victims which provided many people in Tafelsig with a hot meal during this difficult period. I move so.

[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. Sorry, hon member Davids, I have seen here first it is hon member Dijana.

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

That the House notes with concern that the Western Cape water crisis is a self-manufactured crisis as the DA-led administrations across municipalities failed to plan for revised water uses. This was evident in the time taken to respond to water leaks calls and now is left with less than 159 million cubic metres in the dams and notes further that declaring the province as a disaster area was only for the interest of a cash injection for the DA. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Any objection? There is an objection. It will be printed on the Order Paper. Hon member Hinana?

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

That the House notes and congratulates the Go George Bus Company,

the fire-fighters and all volunteers for their work in helping evacuate residents and fighting the raging fire in the Knysna area. 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 member Davids?

Ms S W DAVIDS: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes with concern that between January and March this year at least 3 159 structures were either damaged or destroyed by fires in the province, leaving 41 people dead; and calls for the delivery of houses and eradication of informal settlements. Thank you.

[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?

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

That the House acknowledges Working on Fire, the EPWP programme

which trains young people to be wildland fire-fighters, run by the Department of Environmental Affairs, for the incredible work they did to fight the recent fires along the Southern Cape. I hereby 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 congratulates the Iziko/Slave Lodge Museum for their successful launch of Through Positive Eyes, an exhibition which attempts to break the stigma of HIV/AIDS.

The House notes the exhibition is directed by a London based South African photographer and HIV/Aids activist, Gideon Mandel. Further notes the exhibition started in Mexico in 2008, Rio de Janero in 2009, Gauteng in 2010 and now we have the Cape Town chapter which started on 1 June 2017, with the following exhibitionists from Cape Town: Elihle Ndudula, Nadia Lobi, Basil Mtungane, Fiona Moore, Shaun Charles Cogil, supported by Gugu Dlamini and Phindile Masuku Tha from Gauteng.

[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 Mackenzie?

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

That the House commends councillors Joan Woodman, Washiela Harris, Thulani Stemele, Gouwa Timm and community activist Norman Arendse for working during and after the Cape storm to provide assistance to the victims of the worst storm in decades in Khayelitsha and Mitchells Plain. These are indeed true public servants.

[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 Dijana?

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

That the House notes with concern that Level 4 water restrictions are in full swing in Cape Town and demands that people in the Cape Flats

not be targeted with water shedding and increases in water tariffs; but instead the real water guzzlers should be identified and disciplined. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

†AGB LEDE: Mooi!

[HON MEMBERS: Good!]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Any objection to the motion being moved without notice? Is there an objection? There is an objection. It will be printed on the Order Paper. Hon member Mngqasela you may proceed.

Mr M MNQASELA: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes that Mossel Bay has been voted as the Western Cape's finalist for the TV Programme, *Kwêla*, in its *Kwêla* Town of the Year 2017 Competition.

This is a vote of confidence in the people-friendly and hospitable destination which is attracting young, old, local and international visitors. I further congratulate the contribution and the sterling leadership of the Mossel Bay Municipality. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Is there an objection? It will be printed on the Order Paper. Hon member Davids?

Ms S W DAVIDS: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes the slow pace of housing delivery in the province has led to land invasions in Khayelitsha and condemns the three separate land invasions during the last month.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

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

Mr S G TYATYAM: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes the ANC Western Cape called for the immediate suspension of the provisional rights allocation of West Coast rock lobster (crayfish), until it has engaged Minister Zokwana on the matter, following desperate calls it received from fishing communities and commends the organisation for taking up the struggles of communities in the absence of a caring Provincial Government.

[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 Lekker?

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

That the House welcomes the establishment of the new Sexual Offences Court in George and applauds the Justice Department for this intervention.

[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. Any further? Hon member Davids?

Ms S W DAVIDS: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House welcomes Minister Sisulu's intervention by challenging the sale of the Tafelberg site in court and commends the move to fight to reverse the legacy of apartheid spatial development which the DA is trying so hard to preserve.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Any objection? There is an objection to that one. It will be printed on the Order Paper. Hon member Olivier first.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes the shocking scenes at Stellenbosch University where Nazi-inspired posters were put up by three students that have since been suspended by the institution; welcomes the swift action by the university to identify and deal with the culprits; condemns the act and notes how fast premier Helen Zille's continued racist propaganda is perpetuated across the province. [Interjections.]

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Order, order. Hon Chief Whip?.

Mr M G E WILEY: We have no problem with the original intent of the thing, but it is done without notice, first of all, and secondly, it links two completely disparate things in order to ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Allow the member to continue. Order.

Mr M G E WILEY: We object to it being done without notice.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Notice is taken of that. It will be printed on the

Order Paper. Hon member Lekker, did you want to do another one?

Ms P Z LEKKER: Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The microphone is not on there. I cannot hear the member. Please continue.

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

That the House commends parents, teachers, and pupils in Lavender Hill schools who confronted gangs in the area to stop the daily gang related shootings that threatened innocent lives of children at school; welcomes the SAPS intervention of increasing police visibility and deploying TRTs; and condemns the Provincial Government's lukewarm response to the life-threatening situation, as usually, it shifted goal posts and resorted to a blame game and cheap politics.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Any objections to that one? There is an objection.

Ms P Z LEKKER: I thought as much.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: It will be printed on the Order Paper. Hon

member Olivier?

Mr R T OLIVIER: Mr Deputy Speaker, this is my own motion. I move without notice:

That the House notes with concern that pupils of Vukukhanye Primary School in Gugulethu missed out on a week of education due to community protests; notes further Lavender Hill pupils also missed out on a number of school days due to gang violence and calls on the WCED to come up with a catch-up programme for these learners.

[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 Makeleni first.

Ms P MAKELENI: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes with concern that the scourge of rape and murder of young women and children continues unabated in the province; last month alone 14-month old Lindokuhle Kota was raped and murdered by her father; 3-year old Courtney Pieters was also raped and murdered by her father's friend that stayed in the same house; 5-year old Minentle Lekhakha from Strand was raped, murdered and dumped

under a bridge in the area and 33-year old Unathi Madotyeni from Langa was raped and murdered; notes further the number of murdered children this year has risen to 21 and welcomes the arrest of perpetrators for all these mentioned cases.

[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 Mngqasela?

Mr M MNQASELA: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. This is the last one if the ANC will stop. I move without notice:

That the House wishes a speedy recovery to all persons who sustained injuries during the recent Cape storms and fire disasters. Furthermore, conveys our deepest sympathy and heartfelt condolences to all the families that have lost their loved ones, during this period. We wish all those affected, strength and comfort as they rebuild their lives. 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?

†Me C F BEERWINKEL: Dankie, Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, ek stel sonder kennisgewing voor:

Dat die Huis 'n leerder, Lorenzo Thabo, van Mullersrus, een van die armste plaasskole in my gebied, wat gekies is om aan die Boland O-13 15-tal vir die Nashua Week te Sasolburg vanaf 2 tot 5 Julie deel te neem, gelukwens en hoop dat die keurders van die Cravenweekspan sy talent ook sal raaksien en benut.

[Voorstel soos deur lid voorgestel.]

Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Geen beswaar teen die voorstel sonder kennis? Geen beswaar teen die voorstel self? Goedgekeur. †Hon member Tyatyam?

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House congratulates a learner, Lorenzo Thabo, of Mullersrus, one of the poorest farm schools in my area, who was chosen to represent the Boland U-13 XV for the Nashua Week at Sasolburg from 2 to 5 July, and hopes that the selectors of the Craven Week team also

notice and use his talent.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No objection to the motion without notice? No objection to the motion itself? Agreed to.] †Hon member Tyatyam?

Mr S G TYATYAM: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes the diabolic DA goes out of its way to hunt people that do not vote or agree with its instructions as is the case with the lie detector tests conducted in Mogale City where a successful no-confidence motion saw the Mayor removed; further notes it is the same DA that hired spies to look for dissidents in other municipalities, where DA councillors had to hand in their devices to find a leak and even in Cape Town where DA members of a sub-council were suspended for not voting as per instruction; and notes that we saw something similar today where a no-confidence motion against the Premier was blocked. So much for the DA that wants people to vote with their conscience. [Interjection.] The DA must really ask the Chief Whip of the DA ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr S G TYATYAM: ...to stop ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon member. Stick to your written script.

[Laughter.]

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Any objection to the motion being moved without notice? There is an objection. It will be printed on the Order Paper. Are there any further on this side? None. That concludes then Notices – is there one more? Sorry, Hon member Botha?

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

That the House notes and sends condolences to the family of Charles Lewin from Citrusdal who was a former councillor of the West Coast District Municipality. He passed away on 28 May 2017. 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. So there are no further – hon member Max. Another one?

Mr L H MAX: Mr Deputy Speaker, I competed earlier on. I was unsuccessful to be acknowledged but I knew I would get my opportunity. I move without notice:

That the House notes and congratulates Benni McCarthy on being appointed as head coach of Cape Town City Football Club. [Applause.] Benni who hails from Hanover Park on the Cape Flats, is still South Africa's leading goal scorer, with 32 goals for Bafana Bafana. He is also the only South African who has won the biggest European footballing title, the Union of European Football Association Champions League, with Porto in 2004. Benni is an inspiration and complete proof of what can be achieved if you work towards your goals and score it. [Applause.]

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Order, Order. I take it the applause means there is no objection to the motion without notice and no objection to the motion itself. Agreed to. Are there any further?

Order. We then proceed. We are not done with the Order Paper yet. We proceed to the Orders of the Day. The Secretary will read the Order of the Day.

The SECRETARY: Consideration of Report of the Budget Committee on the Division of Revenue Bill [B4 - 2017] (NCOP) (Ratification of final mandate).

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. When the House could not sit these past

few days, the Provincial Parliament received the report of the Budget Committee on the Division of Revenue Bill, conferring the authority on the Western Cape Delegation in the NCOP to support this Bill. This mandate was sent to the NCOP. If there is a need for some party to make a declaration of vote they can do it now, otherwise we can continue. I don't see any hands. So, are there any objections to the ratification of the confirmative authority on the Western Cape Delegation in the NCOP to support the Bill?

HON MEMBER: No.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No objections? Agreed to.

That then brings us to the end of the business for the day and the House is adjourned.

The House adjourned at 17:20.