
THURSDAY, 17 MARCH 2016

The House met at 14:15.

The Deputy Speaker took the Chair and read the prayer.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, the House is in session. We start with the Order Paper. I see the Chief Whip of the majority party.

(Notice of motion)

Mr M G E WILEY: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I table motion number 1 in my name:

That the following members be appointed in terms of Standing Rule 24 to act as temporary Chairpersons:

Joseph, D

Maseko, L M

Max, L H

Gillion, M N

Davids, S W.

The SPEAKER: Any objections? No objections? Agreed to. Chief Whip.

(Notice of motion)

Mr M G E WILEY: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I table motion number 2 in my name:

That in terms of section 6(3)(b) of the *Remuneration of Public Office Bearers Act*, 1998, (Act 20 of 1998) the upper limits of the salary and allowances of the Premier as proclaimed by the President of the Republic of South Africa by Proclamation No 10, 2016, published in *Government Gazette* 39750 of 26 February 2016, be determined as the salary and allowances of the Premier of the Western Cape with effect from 1 April 2015.

The SPEAKER: Any objections? No objections? Agreed to. The motion is agreed to.

The Secretary will read the first Order of the Day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. Consideration of principle of the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 2 – 2016].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: We do have a speakers list. I see the hon Minister of Finance.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see the Minister of Finance.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker and thank you members of this House. South Africa as we know is facing an economic stagnation and a looming fiscal crisis.

You will know that the World Bank sees the economy growing only at 0.8% this year and 1.1% the years thereafter. We know that the National Government has a deficit as a share of the GDP changed from 0.9% which was in surplus in 2008 to average to 4.8% in arrears per annum since 2010. There was a total net loan debt of the National Government as a percentage of the GDP that has nearly doubled from 21.8% in 2009 to 41% in 2015 and as we speak now, we now know it is above 50% and I will certainly do so regularly so that you understand the impact that this has on the economy.
[Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is your promise now.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: The country is facing a severe economic crisis as a result of your leaders' mismanagement of the economy and I will certainly continue to address this matter in this House.

If it was not for President Zuma and the Guptas destroying this economy we would have been in a much better space, but my hon colleagues here on this side of the House, they will deal with the Zupta matter. They will address this House this side of the House on the Gupta matter. They have ammunition and some of you will not survive it when they are finished with you. [Interjections.]

I hope that you have your bullet-proof vests on because the fireworks is going to start during this debate, but hon Mr Deputy Speaker, we also know that this debate is a debate on the principle of the budget and therefore I will certainly address the issues of the principles underlying our current economic situation.

Part of the underlying economic problems is the regulatory and policy uncertainties. You cannot speak about the National Development Plan in the morning and in the evening in the dark you are busy implementing the National Democratic Revolution. So that is a fundamental problem. This is an issue of principle but also there is the widening on the infrastructure gaps. There is the mounting trading deficit and this is a serious matter.

I hope you do not make any jokes of the drought. I hope you respect and understand that the drought has severe implications and my colleague, the hon Minister of Agriculture, will deal with this matter. The drought deals fundamentally with food security, not only in the Western Cape but in South Africa generally.

This is a narrative that was created by your President. Hon member Mr Dugmore, I cannot help, I am not a member of your party so if he creates this negative picture I am showing the mirror so that you can look into that mirror and certainly you cannot deny that your President is number one in creating this crisis in South Africa. You are going to see the fireworks that will start later as my colleagues will shoot in your direction.

There is also the rising cost of living. There is the inflation, hon Leader of the Opposition. There is the interest rate. There is widespread governance and management failures of care state institutions. We are now discussing the principle issues of the destruction of the economy by your President.
[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, Order hon member Mr Dugmore.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Mr Deputy Speaker, there is also the erosion of policy credibility that is spreading as the fiscal and monetary spaces diminish due to stubborn public sector wage pressures expanding above its productivity and deteriorating external financing conditions. Recently, the weakening of the rand that was supposed to offer some relief to growth in the manufacturing through exports and competitiveness against the foreign imports brought even greater despair to the country.

More precisely, while the rand lost 41% of its current value against the dollar

between January 2013 and December 2015 manufacturing production slowed to 1.3% in 2013, 0.1% in 2014 and 0.0% in 2015. This is the state of the economy that Mr Zuma is currently destroying.

So what are we saying, Mr Deputy Speaker? We are offering an alternative fiscal policy framework and the focus of the 2016 fiscal policy framework should be to bolster policy credibility and address key supply side barriers with a view to further the economy's productive capacity through infrastructure based development and as you have seen, the last ten days we have tabled a budget of R26.7 billion to deal with the infrastructure issues over the MTEF, and so this Cabinet has adopted the position of fiscal consolidation which should proceed without delay along the announced commitments to reduce the budget deficit and to ensure that sustainability concerns do not continue to weigh on already fragile investment sentiment.

The Public Sector Wage Bill should be reformed to realign nominal wages and productivity to narrow the competitiveness gap and boost efficiency.

In the same vein, objective performance monitoring and evaluation framework on state-owned enterprises should be strengthened to remove the structural bottlenecks to boost productivity and competitiveness, targeted credential measures such as conducting enhanced financial stress test on the balance sheets, reversing non-performing loans, improving asset quality management, clearer allocation and enforcement of responsibilities and accountability and greater private sector participation that are key to remedy

the structural issues and the vulnerabilities in our state-owned enterprises. Monetary policies should remain tight with principles to curtail wild inflation expectations and retain investment for capital as fiscal buffers.

Due consideration must also be given of the economic implications associated with rising costs of borrowing in the economy. Greater competition in product markets, more inclusive labour market relations and reduced skills, mismatches, remain indispensable to boost sustainable growth and enhance the economy's future tax base to rebalance the fiscal framework towards investment and exports.

Undertaking structural fiscal framework reforms to lower barriers to market entry should also reduce artificial consumer price inflation and facilitate reallocation of resources to more productive activities. The greatest fiscal risk facing South Africa going forward is that the Government underestimates the implications of these core issues and policy reforms fall well short of market expectations, in which case South Africa will descend into a period of internal devaluation and protracted economic recession.

South Africa has control over the domestic factors. There are domestic factors. We have control over those domestic factors and we should be able to provide leadership in that space and these are in the fiscal pressures the energy supply, the dysfunctional state-owned enterprises; the fraud and corruption policy uncertainties. High unemployment and labour law flexibility. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Seriously ... (intervention)

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Here are the alternatives hon member Mr Dyantyi. We have tabled these proposals at the Budget Council last month.

We propose the following fiscal policy instruments: we have tabled it as the collective Cabinet mandated me to table these proposals at the Budget Council. I am happy to report that the Minister has included all these proposals in the Budget Council documentation so this is our proposals. [Interjections.]

We have suggested that we cut the wage bill. That was tabled. That is going to happen. We have proposed that Government must conduct head counts of the employed personnel against the payroll. That is what we have proposed. That has been accepted.

We also introduced a moratorium on new appointments. That is something we have proposed. That is something that has been accepted. We propose conducting assessments of critical posts. We have proposed it. It has been accepted.

We proposed to consolidate cross-functional activities. We have proposed it. It has been accepted. We have proposed a total review of the public entities. You can laugh, hon member, we have proposed it. We have provided

leadership. It was accepted at the Budget Council. [Interjections.]

We have also proposed to develop a guideline for the determination of the remuneration of CEOs of public entities and the Chairperson and board members of public entities in South Africa. Some of these CEOs and Chairpersons of boards, national boards, are earning three, four, even in KwaZulu Natal R5 million as a CEO of a provincial public entity.

We propose that we relook at the salary levels of the chief executive officers and the board members, hon member Mr Tyatyam, so that we cannot have a situation where a member of the public entity earned double the salary of President Zuma. That is something that we have proposed, this Cabinet. Hon member the Chairperson of the Budget Council and I hope you will support him, hon Minister of Finance, Minister Pravin Gordhan, these were the things that were proposed. It has been accepted.

We have also proposed to improve the debt collection and set credible revenue targets to enhance domestic resource mobilisation. We have proposed under the leadership of the Premier to reduce the size of overseas delegations. We have also proposed to consider not using business class. We have also proposed the review of the VIP protection security budgets.

We have also proposed to explore alternative forms of communication, for example video conferencing and Skype, hon member Mr Tyatyam, you can use Skype. You do not have to fly up to Johannesburg. [Interjections.]

Reduce the cost, so video conferencing is some technology that you can use. I am very happy that you are very positive about these proposals. Thank you for your support into this fiscal policy instruments.

Hon member Mr Tyatyam, I think you will also appreciate that we are sitting here in the Legislature. Mr Deputy Speaker, sorry that I speak through the Chair of the caucus that side. I must address you. Far from cutting down of the democratic space of this esteemed House, by allocating also inadequate resources to Vote 2, we have allocated an additional R28.4 million over the MTEF to the Provincial Parliament and for the 2016/2017 budget. It has increased to R130 million, the second-largest percentage increase amongst the provincial votes.

We have also persuaded the National Treasury to conduct a national benchmark exercise on the funding of all provincial legislatures in South Africa, particularly in relation to their sizes, their functions and the effectiveness and I think hon members on this side of the House will concur that there are some other legislatures that are much bigger than ours; has much more money and do much less than we are doing and you know that is the truth and certainly you know that is the truth, and I want to thank you for your support in getting this investigation done by the National Treasury because you will not be able to get more money into this Legislature as a result of that benchmark exercise. I am particularly happy that the National Treasury has now agreed to this particular benchmarking study.

It is against the background that I have directed also scarce resources in the form of a qualified chartered accountant with Provincial Treasury to assist with the project management of the conversion to the GRAP and the new accounting framework. The additional cash would go towards the acquisition of their integrated financial system for the Legislature and I see the Secretary of Parliament is smiling so he certainly would be very happy for the additional resources in this particular space.

We have thus provided additional money, not only the money but also warm bodies to assist this Legislature to be compliant with the new legislative framework, the so called FAMPLA legislation.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I would also like to address the issue regarding the unfunded legislative mandate. We have also tabled this matter in the Budget Council. The Budget Council is now also looking into this matter particularly as it relates to the metros because there are huge implications for this.

The largest of these is of course above budgeted wage settlements. This requires a review of the wage settlement process and agreement to take account that provinces are the most impacted on by its outcomes. I am happy to announce that I see that the National Minister, when he tabled his budget in the National Assembly, did address this particular matter because you cannot have a situation where one national department negotiates above inflation salary increases without consultation with the National Treasury and I am very happy that those processes are now also subject to investigations.

On the other side it also includes cost of procuring ICT services through SETA, which the National and Provincial Departments are obliged to use, despite significantly higher cost than what is obtainable through private providers.

We have also addressed the issue of perks for politicians such as luxury vehicles and luxury housing. This is also a matter that was raised in the Budget Council particularly by some of the other MECs. We have also had discussions about the austerity and fiscal consolidation as it relates to the Ministerial Handbook, but fiscal consolidation requires leadership.

It was sad when one MEC in the Budget Council reported that in one province the MECs refuse to use a Government vehicle. They prefer to use their own private vehicles as MECs and then they travel over the whole province all over the show and every weekend they are all over the show because the more you travel, the more you become like Leonard Ramatlakane. [Interjections.] You travel and you spend travelling to every single area. The more you travel the more you claim. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You are so poor!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Mr Deputy Speaker, this MEC actually backed the Budget Council to start implementing measures. We said it is your responsibility, you must ensure that that does not happen. [Interjections.]

Hon member Mr Dyantyi, if you want to see what they claim per month as a MEC I am happy to provide it to you because you will be shocked to see what happens when they use their private vehicles because the MEC for Community Safety there can travel every weekend to every police station because the more you travel the more you claim. This is not in line with the principles of fiscal consolidation and so hon member Mr Dyantyi, let me conclude, since you want to hear the good story. [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Since you want to hear the good story, you want the real story. Here hon member Mr Tyatyam is the good story. [Interjections.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Op die einde.

*Mr Q R DYANTYI: At the end.

†Die MINISTER VAN FINANSIES: Op die einde! *At the end! †At the end as we say. Mr Deputy Speaker, I conclude, the Western Cape has a good story as reflected in this budget. We firstly are rolling out broadband technology to bridge the digital divide between the rich and the poor. It is bridging the digital divide between the platteland and the urban areas.

Also, we are building and upgrading 33 health infrastructure facilities. We

are building 15 new schools. We are investing in our infrastructure to the tune of R26.7 billion. [Interjections.] We are creating an environment that is conducive for economic growth. We are improving the healthcare in rural areas.

When we now visit healthcare facilities in the rural areas you will be surprised that people are now saying when they walk into our facilities, when they get the treatment, people are asking is this a private hospital? Good quality healthcare is also now in the rural areas.

Mr Deputy Speaker, in this budget we also see that we are improving on our service delivery targets. We are improving on our educational outcomes. We are running as a sub-national Government, a capable state. We are creating more jobs in this province. We are targeting the poor through spatial budgeting, but our communities do not feel safe and therefore we are targeting the budget for specific interventions through the Minister of Community Safety.

We are creating opportunities for our youth through internships, through learnerships, through EPWP, through the youth, the PAY programme, youth cafés, bursaries and many other interventions. My colleagues will speak during the budget votes on these interventions.

The hon member of Human Settlements frequently shows me picture images of the good top quality housing facilities we are now erecting in this

province. We are also building top class public schools. We are also creating sustainable alternative energy through the Premier's Green Economy initiative. We are now building excellent healthcare facilities all over the rural areas in this province, but this Government has taken up this challenge of the budget cut of R1.5 billion over the next three years. We were able to do so because of the first five years under the leadership of Premier Zille we built in enough institutional financial governance architecture in order to be able to absorb the situation. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon member Mr Dyantyi.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Mr Deputy Speaker, this budget is a budget for growth. This is a budget for sustainable growth. This budget is a budget for inclusive growth. This is also a budget for smart growth and this budget of R55 billion, when we have demonstrated a commitment to fiscal discipline, we have demonstrated a commitment to fiscal consolidation. So for over the next three years we have tabled a balanced budget and we will do everything to the best of our ability to manage this budget within our objectives, within this National Development Plan and within the alignment of our Provincial Strategic Plan. [Interjections.]

What we are doing, this budget is aligned to the objectives of the National Development Plan, so if the ANC attacks this budget they are attacking the National Development Plan. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Beerwinkel. Hon member Mr Dyantyi you must now remain quiet please. Your own member is speaking next to that mike. [Interjections.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Before I go into the core of my debate I would like to take some time just to remind this DA Government and specifically this MEC one more time of their place and role in this country. [Interjections.]

This DA-run Western Cape Province is not a separate state, let alone a capable state. [Interjections.] It is a part of South Africa. The MEC refers to this DA Government as a sub-national Government. Not only is this reference presumptuous but it is also unconstitutional because the Western Cape is a sphere of government; not an autonomous state. It is interlinked and interdependent of other states of Government. You are integrally part of a unitary state of South Africa and remember my last statement I made where you went wild. I am going to remind you, your very existence is dependent on national and other spheres of government working together. [Interjections.]

You seem to project an amicable relationship - Mr Deputy Speaker, can I please be protected from this howling, you cannot even hear what she is saying anyway.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please continue. I will watch the House.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Thank you. You seem to project an amicable relationship with Minister Pravin Gordhan, even volunteering advice with regard to wage negotiations as if those Ministers there cannot think or plan for themselves but let me just remind you that very Minister is a member of the NEC of the ANC and he is a member of my and the rest of these members here, the party of the ANC. [Interjections.]

So why do you then not extend that same hand of *Better Together* to us as well? Make up your mind! [Interjections.] Do you want to be a team player or a sub-national Government as you put it? Do you want to abide by the laws of the country as a whole or do you want to make up your own as you go along?

At National Parliament do you want to insist on freedom of speech but here in your so-called capable state you want to close down debate in this House?

I want to also advise you or just ask you very respectfully, leave your members in the other provinces to play their oversight role as we do here. Trust them to do that or else go and sit in National and fight for the provinces there but address the Western Cape when you are speaking here. [Interjections.] Address the Western Cape. [Interjections.]

Mr Deputy Speaker, the MEC speaks of domestic resource mobilisation initiatives. Provinces do not use that term “domestic”.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Just remember they are for concepts. [Inaudible.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: It is a term used by sovereign states like the South African Government, which the DA is not in this Western Cape. It is not. You are not a sovereign state. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Start with the DG [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: You are not a sovereign state. You are a province and you are in a unitary state. [Interjections.] Then the MEC speaks about building up a provincial volatility reserve. That is nothing else but a slush fund to deposit funds to be used at their discretion without rules of corporate governance. [Interjections.]

However, the very MEC who now just praised National Government - certain section of National Government conveniently finds excuses to blame that very National Government as to why a contingency reserve. That reserve is kept for unforeseen and unavoidable expenditure like floods and drought and national natural disasters cannot be created.

An HON MEMBER: Downgrades.

An HON MEMBER: You must report them...

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: The Western Cape has allocated R26.7 billion for infrastructure. This is the one vehicle by which development can be

facilitated in a holistic and integrated manner. That is of course if this DA Government is serious about eradicating poverty and facilitating the opportunities of wealth creation for the poor. The MEC made a huge hoo-ha about the 2016/2017 allocations that were supposed to support a budget for growth. I will show you further, Mr Deputy Speaker, how this is both a contradictory statement as well as a fallacy. The plan of this DA Government is supposedly a budget for growth but it is skewed growth.

The MEC speaks about putting the citizenry at the centre of all budgetary decisions and adhering to efficiency gains. The citizenry [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: The concepts...

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Since when did this DA Government become so interested and citizen friendly?

Mr C M DUGMORE: They avoid [Inaudible.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: We know that this DA Government and the budget for public participation has incrementally and drastically even in your time and you know about this Mr Deputy Speaker, been decreased.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Gooi kole! Gooi hulle!

*Mr Q R DYANTYI: Throw coals! Throw coals!

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: So in short, how do you then prove that you care about the poor citizenry and you want to make them part of all decisions that affect them?

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Brand hulle! Brand hulle!

*Mr Q R DYANTYI: Burn them! Burn them!

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Now Mr Deputy Speaker, in the future, the very near future, there is an Expropriation Bill about to go out for public participation. Remember we just spoke about active citizenry; putting the citizenry first. [Interjections.] But let us put this DA Government and this Parliament to the test and see how they encourage the poor citizenry to participate and get involved in this process...

An HON MEMBER: Not under the DA.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Or will it be the DA's favoured constituencies, the rich families owning vast tracks of land and unwilling to share that very land with the poor, their poor neighbours and their workforce? [Interjections.]

They speak about increasing expenditure on maintenance and to address ageing infrastructure. Yet just yesterday we got the damning report of the under-expenditure on maintenance in health and public works departments. Shocking! Shocking! [Interjections.]

The evidence is there, Mr Deputy Speaker. [Interjections.]

Visit the hospitals, visit the schools in rural areas, see the state of certain roads, so if this budget was so underspent in the third quarter of 2015 how would pumping more money into that dark hole for infrastructure help anything at all? [Interjections.]

In the MEC's budget speech he speaks about a combined planning committee that is made up of Public Works, Education, Health and Treasury representatives but the fact that the infrastructure spend targets are not met is contradictory. So what does that mean? That planning committee has failed and more importantly it is failing the poor. [Interjections.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: They are fighting each other there.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Talking about infrastructure - yes they are.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: They are getting quiet now.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Talking about infrastructure, the shocking news that we just had about two days ago was how the City of Cape Town, supposedly this best run City in Africa or wherever, I do not know, had to give back to National an unspent R227 million to be reallocated to other municipalities that can use it. How is this possible Mr Deputy Speaker? The best run city municipality could not spend conditional grants at that, conditional grants.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Gooi kole!

*Mr Q R DYANTYI: Throw coals!

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: And that was meant for an urbanisation project in Philippi because it did not have the capacity to upgrade Stock Road interchange also in Wynberg; who lives in those areas?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Black lives.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Who lives in those areas Mr Deputy Speaker?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: There you go.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Black lives should matter all the time. This MEC says that the greatest portion of the budget will go for infrastructure and it is also allocated to the City of Cape Town, that it will invest R26.7 billion... Excuse me. [Interjections.] Oh ja, over the MTEF and create 104 000 jobs. Yet, the City of Cape Town had a perfect opportunity to empower a community with job creation and infrastructure development, yet they gave that very money back that was supposed to facilitate that.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Hulle is uitgevang.

*Mr Q R DYANTYI: They have been caught out.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: So a budget for growth - yes, for skewed growth.

*Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Uitgevang!

†Mr Q R DYANTYI: Caught out!

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Mr Deputy Speaker, let me touch on another buzz word. This capable state sub-national Government that has domestic policies but now we hear about something else. It is called game changers.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Ah, the concepts again.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Energy, vocational training, e-Learning, school activities, tackling alcohol abuse, live and work amongst those; those are some mentioned. [Interjections.]

Now how can live and work be a game changer? That is what integrated communities and its planning are all about. It is a natural, it is a common thing to be done. In the MEC speech there is one - I repeat one short sentence - allocated to the biggest driver of public unrest and discontent and it reads like this:

“Continued support on the development of bulk water and sanitation master plans and municipal fire-fighting capability will remain a priority.”

Really, Mr Deputy Speaker, really! But let me stop there for a minute. Recently in the news we have read about this young murdered girl whose half naked body was found in a toilet - not in a toilet the way we know it, the way we have it, a toilet far in a back-yard away from the house that she is supposed to have stayed in.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You should be ashamed.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Mr Deputy Speaker, that is not only the lack of dignity that does not get considered. It is also the lack of safety that was brought about by the absence of bulk sanitation services and therefore a young girl loses her life.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Skaam julle! Skaam julle!

*Mr Q R DYANTYI: Shame on you! Shame on you!

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Would any of you sitting here accept a life like that?

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: DA skaam julle! [Tussenwerpsels.]

*Mr Q R DYANTYI: DA shame on you! [Interjections.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: This speaks to the scant regard for the poor and the vulnerable and their needs for basic sanitation and access to water; one line. Why then is the provision of sanitation not a game-changer? Why is that not a game-changer, because black lives to us... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Black lives matter.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: ...should matter all the time, but not there. This is how you compile a budget for skewed growth. Mr Deputy Speaker, compliance... [Interjection.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Dis bietjie seer nè?

*Mr Q R DYANTYI: It hurts a bit, hey?

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: ...to financial laws and regulations and I must say this - let me just say this again.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Okay, laat ek stilbly.

*Mr Q R DYANTYI: Okay, let me keep quiet.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Compliance to financial laws and regulations and achieving of clean audits do not and I repeat - do not translate into meaningful service delivery in communities where the services should be felt. [Interjections.]

Mnr Q R DYANTYI: 100%.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Audits do not measure service delivery. I have just proved this... [Interjection.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Hoor julle nou.

*Mr Q R DYANTYI: You listen now.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: ...with the clean audit of the City but the service looks like it does.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Hoor julle nou!

*Mr Q R DYANTYI: You listen now.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Why then do we have continued service delivery protests? [Interjections.] These are the budgets for technical growth devoid of all human elements. Another catch-phrase, the “whole of society” concept of the DA.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Ah, nice, nice!

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: It refers to the whole of the City society and the whole of the urban society because our citizen conscious MEC and the DA Government forgets about the whole of the rural society.

The SPEAKER: It is the whole of the DA.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: The very citizens for whom access to economic infrastructure and sustainable livelihood will remain a distant dream.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Julle is uitgevang.

*Mr Q R DYANTYI: You were caught out.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: This budget speaks to unequal growth.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Uitgevang.

*Mr Q R DYANTYI: Caught out.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: If it was indeed a whole of society growth budget, then why... no, if it is indeed a whole of society growth then you would have less flocking into the metro areas and the balance of wealth and growth would be spread across the province. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Like the South Africans.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Should people in the rural areas forever remain farmworkers and never feel and live development and the better life that we promised them? Clearly this capable state with their budgets for growth did not plan with the farmworkers in mind; did not plan with that murdered girl in mind.

In closing, Mr Deputy Speaker, this supposed budget for growth by the supposed capable state and supposed sub-national state is everything but growth for everyone. This is a budget for selective growth for the rich and

the favoured. It is not even a game changer. If anything, it plays games with the lives of the poor and the dignity of the vulnerable. I thank you.
[Applause.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Mooi, mooi! Nou kan julle handeklap!

*Mr Q R DYANTYI: Good, good! Now you can applaud!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon Minister Schäfer, the Minister of Education.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you very much, Mr Deputy Speaker. Minister Meyer's recent budget speech focused on growing the economy, affirming the Western Cape Government's alignment to the National Development Plan 2030, while responding to the weakened economic and fiscal outlook and committing to smart, sustainable and inclusive growth.

The 2016 budget gives effect to the budget policy priorities of the Western Cape Government which aim to support economic development and social progress and create public value for all while managing service delivery risks.

Key to economic development and social progress is a good education. Education in every sense is one of the most fundamental preconditions for economic growth. No country can achieve sustainable economic development without substantial investment in education but of course the amount of

money on its own does not mean that the right outcomes are being achieved. South Africa spends a very large proportion of our budget on education yet the results are not proportionate to it. It is vital that the money is spent on the right things and the right people doing things the right way.

I heard yesterday about a school in KwaZulu Natal where it is regarded as normal practice for teachers to arrive at the beginning of the school term two weeks late and leave two weeks early because they happen to be from another province yet they are being paid salaries that assume they are teaching from the first day to the last day of the term and I am told that the principal seems to accept this as normal practice. [Interjections.]

That is why we are not making sufficient progress in education in South Africa and that is the kind of accountability that is lacking in too many places and was highlighted by the Premier as a prerequisite for a democracy to flourish. It is an integral part of a capable state and this is the kind of accountability that is resisted by SADTU who oppose systemic tests, ANAs and any mechanism that will allow teachers to be more closely monitored.

The only tests in fact that they are interested in are the “jobs for cash eligibility tests.” Because of the importance of a good education for people to realise their potential and contribute to economic growth in our country I was very surprised when I saw the President’s SONA speech and Minister Gordhan’s budget speech as I was hoping to hear what their plans were for improving education.

I was shocked in fact that the President did not make any reference at all to basic education and Minister Gordhan said about one sentence even though 20% of our population comprises learners of school-going age. [Interjections.]

This is probably because a large part of our education system is in dire straits largely as a result of SADTU's continued stranglehold, a situation that the ANC is unwilling to address especially a few months before the local government elections. Essentially what the ANC is saying to our young people is "we do not give a Vytjie." [Laughter.]

Education is a constitutional right, a basic human right and the best possible vehicle to empower South Africans and to develop our country. Without a good education people's chances of employment are severely limited. Quality education is the key to an improved quality of life and leads to broad social benefits to individuals and society. It empowers individuals to obtain fulfilling jobs or to create jobs, contribute to the economy and utilise their talents to the full.

This in turn gives them self-esteem and dignity. You do not need to be a rocket scientist to see that the lack of access to quality based education is a significant factor in the prevalent problems in South Africa of poverty and inequality.

Every single child in this country must have access to the standard of education that will put him or her on the path to success. As a Government we believe that a future with more jobs, less inequality, better education and greater freedom to pursue opportunity is a vision that is shared by all South Africans and must be pursued vigorously.

To achieve this vision we need to ensure that our learners have access to a quality education and the only way quite frankly that this will be achieved is by way of a DA National Government.

In the DA as we have in this budget, we put our money where our mouth is. We have not only prioritised education in what we say, but in what we do and the money we allocate has been spent efficiently, effectively, wisely and ethically over the years and will be again.

This is evident in the fact that over the last six years since the DA has been in government in the Western Cape measurable improvements have been seen in our education system. Interestingly our unemployment rate is lower than the rest of the country as we have said many times, despite the problems of population growth.

In addition our economy is growing faster than the national economy, which nowadays is on a perpetual rollercoaster ride as the ANC plays games with our future and our economy by the practice of Zuptanomics. But I have noticed that a narrative is developing or rather is being developed by the

ANC that the DA inherited a well-functioning province and that we are simply riding away of historical facts. [Interjections.]

Well it seems it is time to remind the ANC and the public of a few facts. Since we have been elected to Government in 2009 the matric pass rate has increased by 14% after it had declined by 10% since 2004 under the ANC.

In 2015 after six years of DA Government we have just over 10,500 more learners passing matric and gaining access to opportunities than was the case under the ANC.

Well, why do you think they have grown, because they want to come to a DA Government. In 2015, 8 079 more learners obtained a quality pass required for university entrance than in 2009 and the number of learners in our lowest quintile schools achieving a bachelors pass rate has doubled. This shows the DA's commitment to the poor in action.

Ms P MAKELENI: It has got nothing to do with the DA.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Our maths pass rate has increased by 10% since 2009. It has got nothing to do with growth; it is percentage - and our science by a massive 20.4% and that is percent, not numbers. Under MEC Dugmore there were 85 underperforming schools in 2009 which had been increasing year on year. Last year there were 27.

Under the DA Provincial Government in the 2015 NSC ten out of sixteen schools in the Mitchells Plain area saw increases in the numbers of learners passing as well as increases in the pass rate. Mitchells Plain schools average pass rate increased by more than 20%. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order, order!

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Schools in Khayelitsha achieved a pass rate of 76.1% in the 2015 NSC.

Ms P MAKELENI: Do you know why?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Yes I know why - an improvement of some 23% since 2009. [Interjections.] Mr Deputy Speaker, may I continue?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes. The noise level in the House is a little bit too high. Please give the member a chance to deliver her speech.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you. In addition the final results for the 2015 NSC revealed one underperforming school in Khayelitsha. Under the ANC, in 2009, there were 15 and there are now more schools there than there were before.

Where the DA governs everyone benefits, especially the poor. This is what happens when you have a capable state - not a so-called capable state, a

capable state, where the budget is managed effectively, efficiently, wisely and ethically, something the ANC does not understand. More opportunities [Interjections.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: [Inaudible.] got worse under the DA.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thanks to the SAPS not funded properly. More opportunities are created for more people. If this is what we can achieve as a province in just over one term of office imagine what we could achieve for the country as a whole. It is thus also quite clear that we did not inherit a flourishing system at all. [Interjections.]

In 2009 we inherited a system that was in decline and it is directly as a result of a DA Government that we have seen improvements in all our key indicators.

The DA has a clear policy, unlike the ANC which cannot seem to agree on whether it is implementing the National Development Plan or the new growth path. We have appointed officials who are capable and competent for the job they are doing, not based on their political loyalty.

Under the DA our Treasury is not up for grabs to the highest bidder. In fact it is not up for grabs at all. The DA's national education policy will be focused on instilling quality accountability and strong leadership into the system as we have done in the Western Cape.

In National Government we will have a sustained focused and systematic approach to improving education as we have done in the Western Cape and will continue to do. [Interjections.]

A National DA Government will work with provincial education departments to ensure that all learners receive fair opportunities to succeed in life. Under a national DA Government education departments will not have to spend precious resources protecting our schools and our children because we will allocate sufficient police and social workers to address the societal issues that plague so many communities; not skew certain provinces in favour of others.

The Western Cape is the epitome of the capable state and accountable fair government. Together we can achieve this at national level too. We can build a South Africa based on freedom, fairness and opportunity for all our people.

We have a proven track record in the Western Cape. Now it is up to the voters to give us an opportunity to take us to more and more places so that they can benefit from the Government that is free of corruption; that manages its resources both human and financial effectively so that more and more people can benefit and our economy can grow so that the 8.3 million people who are unemployed under the ANC Government can regain their dignity.

In the Western Cape we have tabled a budget for growth but actually what we

need is to grow the budget to provide for all the needs we have and the only way that will happen is under a DA National Government. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The hon member Mr Christians.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Mr Deputy Speaker, Minister Meyer said that the budget he presented in this House is more than rands and cents. He was talking about the opportunities for the people of the Western Cape but not for a young lady that uttered the following words, and I quote:

“I want to know why, why did you do this when I told you not to. Now you made me do this, when you just could have stopped. You could have listened. God gave us a free will. Why did you try to take mine away?”

[Interjections.]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: This is the 21-year old young woman who had to stop her music career because she is in hiding because she was courageous enough to lay a formal complaint at the SAPS against the member Marius Fransman. She is in hiding, because now she cannot use this opportunity created by Provincial Government. [Interjections.] And I want to say what member Mr Fransman said further. [Interjections.] She said... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: "...member Fransman said further, he said a faction..."

[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Order!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: He said: "A faction in the ANC has spent R10 million last year to get rid of him; a faction in the Western Cape ANC spent R10 million to get rid of him." [Interjections.]

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

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Mr Deputy Speaker, can the... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon member Ms Dijana.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Mr Deputy Speaker can we please determine the relevance to this debate that the member is making? [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: R10 million is R10 million [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, member you may continue. This is a wide political debate and that is in order. Please continue.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: They know it hurts. I am going to give it further. Member Fransman is saying the enemy is within, and he says they have lots and lots of cash. They are promising people jobs. [Interjections.] They are asking people to table affidavits to sink him once and for all. That is what he is saying - your own member Fransman is saying that. [Interjections.] And I am saying that we are looking at fiscal policy and the ANC has got money to waste and get rid of Marius Fransman - to get rid of him. [Interjections.]

But let me say, Mr Deputy Speaker, he is referring to a big tank of money and the ANC is playing musical chairs. Now you see them and now you do not because some of them are going to disappear. Some of them are going to disappear. They are not going to be here, because they have got a new leader.

Now let me say the following. This is what I want to say: SAPS is doing absolutely nothing to assist this young lady. This young lady must put her life on hold because the ANC is playing political football with her. That is what they do. That is what they do with our young people and I just want to say the following also, that this lady has undergone counselling because of the political football the ANC is playing... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: And they are saying... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Member, just finish your sentence. Your time has expired. [Interjections.]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: They are promising people job opportunities because they say they have got a big fund. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: The ANC is busy falling. They are busy falling. They are fighting! [Time expired.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Your time has expired. Order! [Interjections.]

†'n AGBARE LID: Baie mooi!

*An HON MEMBER: Very good!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, please. Order, please come to order! [Interjections.] Please come to order before we allow the next member to start. The next speaker is Hon member Ms Maseko.

Ms L M MASEKO: Thank you very much. Mr Deputy Speaker, the Western Cape Government under the DA's budget is aligned to the National Development Plan, not the GDP, Gupta Development Plan. [Interjections.]

[Laughter.]

Our ANC colleagues will never agree with our allocation because we do not need Guptas for our approval for our planning. Mr Deputy Speaker...

[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Order!

Ms L M MASEKO: ...the writing is on the wall. The ANC of today under the leadership of President Jacob Zuma is the root of our downfall in South Africa. [Interjections.] I often wish that President Zuma would remain [Inaudible.] because once he begins to talk things fall apart in our country.

[Interjections.]

In the foreword of his 2016/2017 Annual Performance Plan Minister Madikizela stated that by accelerating housing delivery and making state land available for urban densification the Department will have delivered 105 950 housing opportunities during 2014 to 2019 term of government of which approximately 30 000 opportunities have been delivered. This is the mark of the Western Cape Government's intent to redress past injustice and to give opportunities to the most deserving who qualify.

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

Ms L M MASEKO: The Department of Human Settlements in the Western

Cape under the Democratic Alliance Government exceeds standard targets by delivering housing opportunities better than any other province. Security of tenure has been increased through title deeds transfer. The writing is on the wall. South Africans must not despair. The DA machine is heading for the Union Buildings. We are facing trying times despite our budget constraints. We will continue to deliver to those most in need in our province. [Interjections.]

Budget cuts were due to the gross mismanagement of the national fiscus under the misguided leadership of the ANC Government. The DA-led Western Cape Government's key mandate is to create growth and enabling environment so that we can create jobs. Our people need jobs [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Order!

Ms L M MASEKO: When the Department of Human Settlements in the Western Cape delivers housing opportunities it creates whole communities. The communities have room for job creating economic interaction.

Now here the National Minister of Sanitation is levelling the most ridiculous allegations against the Western Cape. I am recognising her only as the Minister of Sanitation because she is talking sanitation, failing to supply water to communities in Mpumalanga, White River, whilst the money has been already allocated to deliver the water supply. There is no ANC Government anywhere that understands delivery.

Mr Deputy Speaker let me indulge you while my colleague from the Opposition says we cannot talk about provinces like Gauteng. [Interjections.] Irregular Government expenditure totalled about R25.7 billion in the last financial year. This is a brand of ANC Government that we have come to know.

The Western Cape came out tops at 83% of departments receiving clean audits. The next best achiever was Gauteng at a mere 54%. It is no wonder that the ANC in this House fails to recognise the importance of clean audits as an indicator of the delivery as they simply do not know. [Interjections.]

To the people of the Western Cape irregular expenditure is not a reality. However, the Gauteng Department of Human Settlements blew R1.9 billion in public money. [Interjections.] I mean other culprits of irregular expenditure were the Gauteng Department of Transport, which blew R1.9 billion...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Ms L M MASEKO: Gauteng Department of Education...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Maseko just finish off, your time, your last sentence. [Interjections.]

Ms L M MASEKO: ...that blew about R1.7 billion. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Your time has expired.

Ms L M MASEKO: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. [Time expired.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! The hon Minister for Economic Opportunities, Minister Winde.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Thank you very much, Mr Deputy Speaker. This is the political debate... [Interjections.] ...on the budget. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: So what!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ...and you know the people out there, watching us on television at the moment, they are probably saying to themselves, we have seen this movie before, and you know, I thought about that and I thought about a movie. [cell phone/music in background] [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members, order!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: No, it was not me! Mr Deputy Speaker, it was not me!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! I did not hear what it was but that is not quite parliamentary. Hon Winde.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: I apologise, Mr Deputy Speaker. [Interjections.] But Mr Deputy Speaker... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! You may continue.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. You have all heard of a movie called *The Last 48 Hours*. Well quite frankly I am taking this budget, and we have got two budgets: we have a national budget and a provincial budget and we can put them into two movies. We have the ANC and the DA. We can put them into two movies. [Interjections.]

The first movie is *The Worst 48 Hours*. So let us look back at the last 48 hours from today. The last 48 hours in the ANC movie – “It was not me” with the theme song by Shaggy. We had Vytjie Mentor talking about Guptas and the President. Guess what the President said? “It was not me.” [Interjections.] [Laughter.]

We talk about Vytjie Mentor, the President says: “I did not know who she was. It was not me.” [Laughter.]

She was the Portfolio Committee Chair. She was the Caucus Chair. She flew to China with him. “It was not me.”

Moody’s are right here in this 48-hour movie, looking to downgrade this country because of what the President did and the R500 billion that exited our economy. Guess what the President says?

HON MEMBERS: It was not me! [Laughter.] [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: At the same time as I left my office today our Minister of Sport is on TV, Minister Mbalula, he is busy explaining about corruption in FIFA and guess what he is saying?

An HON MEMBER: It was not me! [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: “It was not me.” [Interjections.] Mcebisi Jonas came out yesterday - this is all in the last 48 hours, Mr Deputy Speaker. Mcebisi Jonas came out yesterday telling how the Guptas were involved in offering him a post. [Interjections.] He did not say “It was not me.” But guess what has also happened in the last 48 hours? These members on this side of the House must remember the name, Sifiso Buthelezi, because we also believe that he is being brought into Government.

He was just signed in, sworn in right now. He was sworn in to actually take out Mcebisi Jonas, because he is now pushing against this space we are finding ourselves in. The theme song on "*The Worst 48 Hours*" is "It was not me".

The second movie, Mr Deputy Speaker, is "*The Best 48 Hours*". Let's have a look at the last 48 hours in this province. So we could talk today, I could stand here and talk about the two schools that were delivered yesterday. I could stand here and talk about the meeting that the Premier and hon Minister Madikizela had today in launching the first phase of 17000 houses in Fisantekraal. I could have spoken about the award that our airport won last night in Germany as the best airport in Africa and the best staff award in Africa out of 550 airlines voted on by 13 million people who voted this airport as the best airport in Africa and its staff as the airport staff in Africa.

In the last 48 hours what I could talk about is the launch of the latest French investment into a French Tech Centre that was launched in Cape Town last night. Or I could talk about the Wi-Fi hotspots that we launched yesterday, the 50 first free Wi-Fi hotspots post our trial on the Broadband Project, one of the streams in the Broadband Project and that enabling environment. This enabling environment that we are creating in this country in this province.

On the back of that roll-out, and these members should listen because it is creating an enabling environment, we are rolling out a free Wi-Fi hotspot in every single ward of this province. The hon member Beerwinkel spoke about

only focus on the City and every single ward of this province getting a free Wi-Fi hotspot. So don't speak to the people in Bonteheuwel or Bridgetown or Elsewood Primary. Don't speak to these places where these hotspots, these 50 have rolled out. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: 48 hours.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: But not only the 250 megs that you are going to get free and the unlimited access to Government, let's look at the pricing that is going to follow on the back of that free Wi-Fi. No-one in South Africa has seen these prices before. After you have used your free Wi-Fi you can buy 700 megs more for R5. R5 for 700 megs. R15 for 2 gigs and R45 for 5 gigabytes of data.

That doesn't happen in any other province. But on the back of that Mr Deputy Speaker... [Interjections.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: Which company is that?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ...in a rural area where we have ran our first pilot project this innovation came out. This innovation which is now for sale, you can buy these at R100. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Buy it for them first.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: This innovation came out when we rolled out the pilot Wi-Fi hotspots and this innovation where a hotspot gives you a 100 metres around the area connectivity, this gives you a 1 kilometre. The inventor of this lives in a shack 1 kilometre away. After he invested this piece of equipment he can get free Wi-Fi 100 meters away. He now sells these products.

On the back of this Wi-Fi broadband, just less than 48 hours ago, I met with this entrepreneur. He was in this House when the Premier gave her State of the Province Address, Mr Katlego Mpai, this is his company which empowers small SMME's. This company is the company that empowers spaza shops that empowers the millions and millions of companies because it is very cost effective and promotes small businesses.

But my last point on the back of this broadband is, this morning I was handing out the prizes of a small competition that we run on how you use the internet in your society. A lady came to my office as one of the winners.
[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister just one second. Hon Dyantyi I have been very patient with you today. I want to name you by name now. Please discontinue all your interjections. You can't continuously comment on every statement made by the Minister. Please continue.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Her name is Tobeki Josi. She used free Wi-Fi in Delft at the pilot project. She was surfing the internet and found a writing competition. She wrote in for the writing competition, it was in the Netherlands. She's then got a job for a magazine in the Netherlands. This is the job, it's called African. She now serves on the board of this company and she is opening a South African version of *African Woman* in December on the back of this Wi-Fi that was rolled out in this province.

In the last 48 hours we got two movies. The one theme song "It was not me". The other theme song of "*The Best 48 Hours*" is the South African anthem and we are going to the Oscars very soon. I can assure you that the voters of this province and this country need to make a choice. And they need to choose whether they want "*The Worst 48 Hours*" or "*The Best 48 Hours*". And I'm telling you where the Oscar is going to go because of these kind of interventions on the budget spent of this Government and on the policies of this Government, that's where the Oscars are going to end up. Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Hon member Makeleni.

Ms P MAKELENI: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Now back to the serious business of the House and leave the movies and the Oscars and the cartoon characters to those... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order!

Ms P MAKELENI: Mr Deputy Speaker, the DA Government really does not care about the majority of our people. Especially the poor and the rural citizens, mainly women in this province. This section of our society includes unemployed women, youth and those living with disabilities. More importantly a worrying factor is the young people who are increasingly plunged into drugs and substance abuse, exposed almost daily to gang violence and crime. Cape Town is rated high in terms of crime statistics and is amongst the 10 most violent cities in the world and number 1 in South Africa.

In order for this budget to be relevant and meaningful to the society, it must address the social ills, particularly in poor communities, in this province. We see and read about this every day and the government of the day must be seen to be serious in eradicating this demon. We know that one of the effective ways of fighting crime is to provide financial resources where they are needed most. Areas such as Kraaifontein, Delft, Kayamandi, Imizamo Yethu and Philippi are forced to live with overflowing drains and uncollected rubbish. Young children have to pass daily exposing them to harmful health risk.

This budget is silent on how the Government plans to eradicate debt and filthy surroundings in poor communities. In terms of 2011 Census,

Khayelitsha had a 391 749 population and is reported to have gone up to 2.2 million in the last 10 years. Its unemployment rate was recorded as 65.81% of which 50% are young people between the ages of 18 – 35 years of age, hence the implacable crime and violence are so high. Where are the 1.5 million jobs created in Khayelitsha pronounced by Maimane, I ask really? [Interjections.]

This irresponsible statement contradicts the freezing of already approved posts across the Department because of austerity measures imposed by the DA Government. The freezing of jobs is at the expense of jobs for young people in particular the young graduates. A glimpse across the social cluster of the Departments of Community Safety, Health, Education and Social Development observes a glaring absence of investment in women and youth empowerment and development where these are the critical and most effected members of the community.

Women development cannot be left to chance. It needs cautious and dedicated financial investment. Therefore the arrogance and ignorance of the DA Government is not addressing the Agenda 2013 of the UN and the NDP. For an example is, in Social Department, women development is a mere statement that does not find expression into departmental programmes. In fact, in the Poverty Alleviation and Sustainable Livelihood sub-programme, the revised estimate have reduced by 57.31%. On the other hand we remain concerned with funding. Payments and estimates are excessively high for contractors, outsource services and consumable supplies at 16.17%, 75.13%

and 257.43% respectively.

The same Department is reportedly struggling to find foster homes for disabled children in the province. There are 800 of 1 000 disabled children who need to be placed. Further there is a huge backlog of 743 care orders to be carried out.

On the education front there are still schools that are overcrowded like in Wallacedene. A promise to build extra rooms and employ more teachers have not been met. One SGB member said:

“We are nearing end of the term now and those promises have not been fulfilled. Other subjects such as Life Orientation are dropped. Classrooms have between 49 and 69 pupils and they have to take turns to sit on the floor”.

This unbearable situation is still facing public schools in poor communities, yet the Department received the lion’s share of the budget in the financial year.

Interestingly the Health Department is found wanting in dealing with the closure of GF Jooste Hospital. It is reported that MEC Mbombo said that a site for the facility had not yet been decided on but funding was available for the business case. What business case I ask?

One Mr S L Anthony died in Mitchells Plain Hospital and his family blames the hospital for poor service delivery, whilst the Stormers family from Redhill accuse False Bay Hospital of insensitivity for the mysterious death of their child. In 2015 the Department received more than 5600 complaints due to poor services rendered in hospitals. It will be seen that the budget is insensitive in terms of its patterns of expenditure.

We see funding is increased disproportionately in non-core functions such as advertising, catering, entertainment, consultants and services. We understand that it is election time. The Department lacks the capacity to manage the risk projects and programmes as opposed to core functions such as filling of posts, infrastructure development, goods and services namely providing adequate medicines in public hospitals, building enough schools and classrooms.

Equally, I am concerned with trends across many, if not all the departments, where funding is to favour the City of Cape Town Municipality rather than smaller municipalities that happen to have more rural communities with little economic activities other than farming and retail industries.

In closing Mr Deputy Speaker, this budget is failing to address the key social constraints effecting poor, youth, women, disabled and rural communities.

[Interjections.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Mooi, mooi, mooi.

*Mr Q R DYANTYI: Good, good, good.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Order. I see the hon member Mngasela.

†UMnu M MNQASELA: Enkosi, *Thank you, †Mr Deputy Speaker. To expect the ANC Government to do anything better for this country would be like expecting a snake to fly. The reality is we are facing an ANC Government that has lost credibility, whose President has not only lied to this country but who has failed on his oath that he took in Parliament.

Schedule 2 of the Constitution sub-section 1, which he has read in full view of all members in Parliament in the National Assembly and in front of all of us in the world, this is a President South Africa that we do not deserve. And I can tell you now that when we look at them going to this NEC over the weekend and expect that there will be anything different there - †inkomo ingazal'umntu ngoba kunzima. Apha eWestern Cape ... *it is so impossible because things are very hard here. Here in the Western Cape †we look at our budget, we give hope, we give meaning to the kind of government that South Africa deserves.

Last year when we were at our own congress in PE on the 9th and 10th of May, we took a decision to adopt a value charter. We gave hope to millions of South Africans that when we are in power in this country this is the government that we are promising. That freedom will mean not only words

but it will mean that the many young children who go to school without prospects of hope, will be able to have a better future for themselves. And that the employers and the employees who go to work without a fair and safe environment in South Africa today, when the DA takes power, will have a better environment.

And also when we talk about good education and fair education and fair living conditions – you heard what Minister Winde said about Minister Madikizela and the housing – that will mean that South Africa will live in a much better and fair environment and that opportunities will be given to the majority of South Africans, not to those who are close and friends to Zuma and Guptas.

An HON MEMBER: Zuptas.

Mr M MNQASELA: Now when you look at South Africa today, with a 7% interest rate increase to date, and you also look at what Moosa has said about Business Unity South Africa asking the President to be fair in appointment of businesses; when they give tenders they must give them fairly and they must give to everybody in a fair and open transparent system.

Where the President is proposing to us that they want to have tenders centralised. Imagine what would have happened. We are opposed to that nonsense because they want to give tenders to friends and families. If you are not Zuma, you are not Gupta, you are nothing in this country. And we do

not want a situation like that and that is why the DA Government is the reality in this very future to ensure that South Africa is a much better place once we have the time to do so.

We have got to save South Africa from this problem. We have got to save South Africa from this crises. We cannot sit back and do nothing about it. Enough is enough. It cannot continue unabatedly. We are the only province with cash reserves, more than R1.2 billion, that we are able to say that if there is a crises beyond what we are seeing, we will be able to ensure that we can save this province, but nowhere else in this country. Guess what happens? It's Zuma, it's Gupta, only them, they have got security of food, they have security of lifestyle, everybody else does not have any other security because we don't matter to this President and to this ANC [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr M MNQASELA: Shame. †Kunzima ukuba sithi. Kunzima. *It is very difficult to be us. It is indeed difficult. [Time expired.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member your time has expired. Order. I see the hon member Joseph.

Mr B D JOSEPH: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I have known about the first and the last 48 hours, but we will wait for another time to respond to

that. The EFF are unimpressed with the Western Cape Finance MEC's announcement of the Western Cape Provincial Budget for the year 2016/2017 as it is empty people and empty poor.

The measures in the budget are not designed to help the poor and the vulnerable. We have had an increase in the thresholds that will not make a difference in the people's lives. So this budget has absolutely nothing for poor people. Those were the areas where one would have thought that the Western Cape Government would seek to transfer more resources to those vulnerable in our province.

Clearly, this budget is designed to serve the interest of its elected few closely aligned to the DA. As EFF, we would recommend that the Western Cape Government humanise this budget, reversing and adjusting some of the measures outlined by the Minister in favour of policies and programmes that will directly benefit the poor struggling masses. This budget clearly reflects an attack on the poor, the young and families.

The RDP houses provided are in insult to the people. The amount set aside for housing clearly illustrates the intention to further dehumanise the poor people of this province. Money set aside for the eviction of the poorest of the poor by the DA's empty land eviction units should be utilised for housing instead. Coupled with this also, on a daily basis in our communities, we must battle for clean water, must worry about lack of sanitation and sanitation services.

Schools in poor communities must be upgraded and additional classrooms must be built. The systematic breakdown of schools in poorer communities is a result of bad governance by the DA Western Cape. This results in the preservation of previously white schools who have high fee structures forcing families to transport children to these so-called good schools. The money set aside for training is another process to enrich the DA connected cronies. This providing training programmes with zero benefit.

On housing, 11 000 for 2016. What about Blikkiesdorp? 11 000 houses? What about the 204 informal settlements? As EFF we therefore request that the budget be adjusted to service the poor and they are not staying in Camps Bay, Green Point and Constantia. I'm glad that you raised it. One day when the characters in the movie... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr B D JOSEPH: ...or the accident on Saldanha is being opened up, we will see.... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member your time has now expired. I see hon Minister Grant, Minister of Transport and Public Works.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Mr Deputy Speaker, hon members of the Western Cape Parliament, my Cabinet colleague

Minister Meyer is to be congratulated on tabling a responsible, sustainable budget for the 2016 MTEF period. Despite the economic circumstances, he has been able to announce a budget focused on growth.

In Minister Meyer's words, the budget is about inclusive growth, sustainable growth and smart growth. An outstanding example of the smart growth was the announcement yesterday by the Premier of the roll-out of the first 50 of 385 Wi-Fi hotspots which will bring affordable internet access to thousands of poorer residents, increasing essential information availability and in many instances reducing the need to travel.

This Western Cape Government is indeed an example of a capable government within a national state which is increasingly unable to become the capable state set out in its own National Development Plan. In this regard it would be remiss of me not to make some reference to the national level political actions which are so destructive of South Africa's progress.

When I addressed this House on the 23rd of February, I referred to the bizarre actions of the President in reducing the value of South Africa by an estimated R500 billion by playing a game of musical chairs with the key position of the Minister of Finance. One would think that that sort of damage would result in a major shift in strategy and the roll-out of a comprehensive plan of damage control. But no! Not in the thinking of the ANC led National Government.

Just when Minister Gordhan had tried to settle the nerves of the national and international finance and investor community, he too was thrown to the wolves through the very public, badly managed and even worse timed fight about SARS. By then it would have been understandable if the voters of this country, watching on in disbelief, had thought that nothing worse could happen to rock their already fragile financial world, but again, no.

This damaging state of affairs was in turn trumped by the revelations of yesterday confirming that a single, ultra-wealthy foreign family believed it was in a position to offer the post of Minister of Finance to another ANC politician. Is this what the National Government means when it claims to be striving to meet the ideal of a capable state? No. This is the action of an increasing chaotic state whose integrity is being steadily hijacked by outside huge financial interests which enrich a small group of ANC party loyalists.

In business terms, the shareholders of South Africa, ordinary citizens, are having their interests sold out from under them. As a consequence, too many face a bleaker future than they could have ever imagined and not all are in a position to relocate to the only province which represents the reality of a capable state. But the time of passive shareholders is rapidly disappearing. Shareholder activism is the order of the new day. Any businessman will tell you that.

In the same way, South Africa's shareholders, the voting public, will use the next shareholders meeting, the upcoming local government elections, to

record their rejection of the current board including its chairman, President Zuma. When in this House I previously asked what the ANC has become a bi-word for, I used the comparison of FIFA which had for many become a bi-word for corruption. In this regard it is interesting to note that the value of a background in the ANC has decreased so much that Tokyo Sexwale had to withdraw ignominiously, at the last minute, from the contest to choose the next President of FIFA.

A few years ago his time as a Premier and a Cabinet Minister would have guaranteed him at least a serious chance, if not automatic selection. In 2016 it did not even bring him to SAFA's vote. Oh, how the mighty have fallen. I have no doubt that the very serious allegations now emerging from FIFA about South Africa's Soccer World Cup will do even more damage.

So, Mr Deputy Speaker, this is the fragile economic and political climate in which Minister Meyer tabled his responsible budget in support of the Premier's SOPA vision for the next 3 years. As Minister of Transport and Public Works, it would be remiss of me not to highlight a particular result of the above political and economic turmoil which has the potential to impact negatively on the lives of many of the people who live in this province.

I refer to the increasing instability within Transnet and PRASA both of which are key to our residents' having access to improved commuter services and to our efforts to get heavy freight off our road network and back onto rail. Rail has been demonstrated throughout the world as being the most efficient and

cost-effective mover of freight. In a very disturbing move, the international rating agency, Moody's, has placed all ratings relevant to Transnet on review for a downgrade. With Transnet in the middle of implementing its 7 year demand strategy, this is no laughing matter involving a plan of R300 billion investment in ports and rail. The review will lengthen the 7 year implementation plan to 10 years and increase the cost to between R340 and R380 billion. That is no laughing matter.

The *Business Day* yesterday reported a respected credit analyst in a leading financial institution as saying about this development:

“It is not about Transnet but it's about the Government”.

And so there is an economic price to pay for political game playing. Unfortunately the people who pay this price are usually ordinary poor citizens. Fortunately these ordinary citizens all have a vote and will increasingly begin to vote on the basis of their day to day experience and not on the basis of some historical obligation.

Minister Meyer's budget also gives effect to the commitment of the Western Cape Government to inclusive growth. The Budget therefore highlights the role of this Government as a catalyst across various municipalities which have been able to provide supportive physical structures and facilities to improve the lives of their residents in communities.

To this end, an amount of R26.7 billion is budgeted for such infrastructure in local and district municipalities. I will expand on the details of some of these initiatives during my Budget Vote on the 30th of March. Suffice to emphasise today that these initiatives cover a wide range of road and communication improvements, education, health and social development facilities as well as other government offices.

The distribution of this investment is obviously directed by a range of current socio-economic considerations, policies and strategies and improving the lives of people in the Western Cape. In closing I would like to echo Minister Meyer's appreciation of the way in which all of us have worked together in very difficult economic times to contribute to workable, affordable plans, plans which can give people hope in a future for them and their children. Mr Deputy Speaker, better together is the way to go. I thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you hon Minister Grant. The hon member Denis Joseph.

†Mnr D JOSEPH: Dankie, mnr die Adjunkspeaker. Ek het 'n toespraak voorberei maar ek wil ook vanmiddag eintlik met 'n vraag begin wat vra "Vygie Vygie waar is jy?" en die President het geantwoord "sy is in die kamer langsaan". En ek wil ook by die Minister se stelling aansluit waar die Minister verwys na die *head count*.

Ek was in die Parlement in 2011 toe het hierdie *head count* al begin, maar die

ANC is nog nie klaar getel nie. Hulle kan nie spookmense vind wat in die regering werk nie en dis een groot probleem wat ons het. En die ANC praat glad nie meer hier in die Wes-Kaap van die Nasionale Ontwikkelingsplan nie. Ek dink hier is verdeeldheid.

Ons praat daarvan want ons onderskryf hierdie plan wat die ANC ingebring het. Die Wes-Kaap. Maar die debat vandag moet vir ons 'n aanduiding gee of ons as regering of politieke leiers waarde toevoeg tot die uitbou van hierdie land. Ons demokratiese land, gegewe ons geskiedenis van apartheid, 'n geskiedenis van oorlog wat genoodsaak het dat ons selfs 'n Menseregtedag moes ingestel het. Maar die geskiedenis leer ook vir ons dat niemand so 'n oorlog wen nie.

En die leiers by name, mnr De Klerk en ons eerste demokratiese President mnr Mandela, het ook tot die besef gekom dat niemand hierdie oorlog wen nie. Selfs met die dood van Chris Hani kon die visie vir 'n demokratiese Suid-Afrika nie stop nie. Ons land het gevorder tot op 2007 en 2008 het dit goed gegaan toe daar 'n wêreldwye ekonomiese ineenstorting was. Maar ongelukkig in daardie selfde tyd het die ANC ook 'n politieke ineenstorting beleef toe hulle ontslae wou raak van mnr Mbeki.

Dit het die land seergemaak. Ons Premier, toe sy aftree verlede jaar as Leier van die DA, het gesê dat die toekoms kan nie geskat word nie, die toekoms moet geskep word en in die Wes-Kaap skep ons 'n nuwe toekoms. Dit is makliker om die blaam te plaas op iemand anders of die blaam te plaas op die

verlede as om 'n klimaat te skep vir 'n visie waar 'n leier 'n fondament lê vir 'n toekoms vir 'n nuwe Suid-Afrika. Maar ons President, mnr die Adjunkspeaker, skep 'n klimaat van onsekerheid, 'n klimaat van wanhoop vir die burgers, 'n klimaat van selfsugtigheid, 'n klimaat van eiebelang en 'n klimaat van verdeeldheid binne die ANC.

Die sukses van 'n leier word ook gemeet aan vorige leiers se prestasies en die geskiedenis skets nie net vorige gebeurtenisse nie, die geskiedenis moet vir ons wysheid bring en ek dink die ANC benodig wysheid. Hulle benodig nuwe leiers en hulle benodig ook nuwe leiers in die Wes-Kaap. Maar die staatsbeheerde entiteite waarvan die Minister van Finansies gepraat het en waarvan ook ons in die Wes-Kaap praat wat nie waarde toevoeg nie, moet ondersoek word.

Ek is bly die ANC en die Nasionale Parlement by name die Minister van Finansies en die vorige Minister, nou besef die DA se oproepe moet in werking gestel word. Dit is baie belangrik om nou te besef dat ek dink daardie twee Ministers het genoeg wysheid binne die ANC.

Verlede week in Stellenbosch het mnr Tony Ehrenreich tydens 'n radiodebat vir meer as een keer saamgestem met die EFF en op daardie selfde debat het die EFF die samewerking met die ANC verwerp. Die R1 miljard-besnoeiing van die begroting oor 3 jaar is 'n gesonde beleid wat net die Wes-Kaap kan instel. Die Wes-Kaap Regering sal volhoubare groei, goeie regering inklusief vir die mense navolg om ons almal vorentoe te vat. In stede sowel as in die

landelike gebiede sal daar voorkeur en voordele wees van ons begroting. Die DA bly verbind tot ekonomiese groei, werkskepping, 'n goeie onderwysstelsel met basiese dienste aan almal en die bekamping van misdaad. [Tussenwerpsel.]

Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: U tyd is verstreke.

Mnr D JOSEPH: Baie dankie. [Tyd verstreke.]

*Mr D JOSEPH: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I have prepared a speech but this afternoon I actually want to start with a question asking "Vygie Vygie, where are you?" and the President answered "she is in the room next door". And I also want to join in the Minister's statement where the Minister refers to the head count.

I was in Parliament in 2011 when this head count had started already, but the ANC has not finished counting. They cannot find ghost people working in the government and that is one big problem we have. And the ANC here in the Western Cape does not talk about the National Development Plan at all. I think there is a division here.

We are talking about that because we support this plan the ANC has introduced. The Western Cape. But the debate must today give us an indication whether we as Government or political leaders add value to building this country. Our democratic country, given our history of

apartheid, had a history of war so that we even had to introduce a Human Rights Day. But history also teaches us that no one wins such a war.

And the leaders, namely Mr De Klerk and our first democratically elected President Mr Mandela, also realised that no one wins this war. Even with the death of Chris Hani this vision for a democratic South Africa could not end. Our country progressed until 2007 and in 2008 things went well when there had been a worldwide economic crash. But unfortunately during that same time the ANC also experienced a political implosion when they wanted to get rid of Mr Mbeki.

That hurt the country. Our Premier, when she retired as Leader of the DA, said that the future cannot be estimated, the future must be created, and in the Western Cape we create a new future. It is easier to place the blame on someone else or place the blame on the past than to create a climate for a vision where a leader lays the foundation for a future for a new South Africa. But our President, Mr Deputy Speaker, creates a climate of uncertainty, a climate of despair for the citizens, a climate of selfishness, a climate of self-interest and a climate of division within the ANC.

The success of a leader is also measured against previous leaders' performance and history do not only sketch previous events, history must give us wisdom and I think the ANC needs wisdom. They need new leaders and they also need new leaders in the Western Cape. But the state controlled entities the Minister of Finance spoke about and of which we also speak

about in the Western Cape that do not add value, should be investigated.

I am glad the ANC and the National Parliament, through the Minister of Finance and the previous Minister, now heeds the DA's calls and that it should be implemented. It is very important to realise that I think those two Ministers possess sufficient wisdom within the ANC.

Mr Deputy Speaker, last week in Stellenbosch, during a radio debate, Mr Tony Ehrenreich agreed more than once with the EFF and during that same debate the EFF refused co-operation with the ANC. The R1 billion cut of the budget over three years is a healthy policy which only the Western Cape can introduce. The Western Cape will strive towards sustainable growth, good government inclusive of the people to take us all forward. In cities as well as rural areas there will be preferences and benefits of our budget. The DA remains committed to economic growth, job creation, a good education system with basic services for all and the fighting of crime. [Interjection.]

*The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Your time has expired.

*Mr D JOSEPH: Thank you. [Time expired.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see the hon member Tyatyam.

Mr S G TYATYAM: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I think it's not worth it to respond to some members of the committees who did not even say a

word about the budget which they are supposed to oversee. It's not worth it.

Clearly they don't know why they are here. They must ask themselves whether it's worth it for them to come and sit here and misuse taxpayers' money. They must ask themselves. It's not even worth it to respond to MEC Winde because even Trevor Noah cannot do those gimmicks. They are useless, particularly in the Budget speeches.

In this House, Mr Deputy Speaker, we must pray for the Pastor. Because our Pastor here clearly has been indoctrinated. The Pastor who is leading the ACDP has actually been indoctrinated. It's not worth it. Really, we are going to pray for him and make sure that he comes right and serves his constituency because he is supposed to have a constituency, not to be an underdog of the DA in this House.

This year we mark the 60th anniversary of the historic march of women to the Union Buildings in 1956 and as we approach our Human Rights Day in a few days, with millions of women in the Western Cape who continue to live in sub-human conditions, we know that women, particularly black women, are the worst at the receiving end of the triple crises of poverty, unemployment and inequalities.

This Budget, as tabled by the MEC, does not speak to women's economic emancipation and their active participation in the economy. For a province, where more than 50% of the population are women, one would have imagined

that women's economic emancipation would at least be mentioned by the MEC. But unfortunately nothing to that effect. Of course we know that the hon MEC has been forced by the Premier not to raise these issues about women's emancipation because you can see how the Cabinet is formed. You can see how the position, in particular senior positions of the Provincial Government, look like. Women do not even occupy about 50% of those positions and through the committees we will be able to prove that women are getting backseats in this Provincial Government.

So, we are not surprised to see that the MEC is not talking about the emancipation of women and making sure that we remain strong in the economy. Therefore in his speech the Finance Minister said that this budget is a budget for growth, it's a budget geared for challenging, and it's going to make sure that it brings everyone together. But it is clear that the budget does not talk to inclusivity. It talks to the skewness of the budget. All the other regions that we have, have even less than what the Municipality of Cape Town is getting.

There is no equity given to those municipalities and we expect them to perform like the City of Cape Town. Clearly the MEC must look at how we make sure that in those municipalities we are able to put budgets that are going to assist their economic emancipation, economic growth. We can't continue to rely only on the City of Cape Town. There are many other municipalities who contribute in agriculture, who contribute to economic development and yet throughout this programme, throughout this speech, you

are unable to mention and give more funds to those municipalities.

In fact it maintains what the Minister gave us. It maintains the ownership patterns that we find ourselves in. It's clearly going to continue to be the black majority who will always be side-lined under the DA and unfortunately the DA, as it is here for the next 3 or 5 years, our people, and the majority, are going to continue not to benefit from what they fought for, for many years. It is going to mean that as a community, in particularly the majority, the inclusivity that we find keeps blacks as slaves here in this province. It keeps blacks under the white helm. It maintains the racially unequal economy.

The glaring imperatives of the inclusive economy are very clear that we are supposed to talk about, MEC, about equitable growth. You are supposed to talk about income distribution. You are supposed to talk about the changing of ownership patterns, but clearly it is not going to happen under the way your budget has been structured. The budget is supposed to speak to how we transform the apartheid spatial economy, how we transform the human settlement patterns ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Hon member, just one second. Minister Winde is there a question?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Yes, please. I would like to know if the hon member, esteemed

speaker, on the floor would take a question?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Tyatyam are you prepared to take a question? The answer is no. He is not prepared, so please continue.

Mr S G TYATYAM: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. The Budget in itself does not speak to the informal economy, in which the majority of that informal economy you have women participating. Yet, this budget is quiet about making sure that we continue to grow that informal economy and make sure that they participate equally like other players in the economy. It does not speak to how we integrate young people into the mainstream of the economy.

Because it is not only about young people looking for jobs. Young people must be able to be part of the new ownership patterns. I am sure that MEC Winde does not know that. It is not DA policy.

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

Mr S G TYATYAM: The only thing that we must say ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order! I will allow you one sentence. Finish off. Order, order hon members allow the hon member to finish off.

Mr S G TYATYAM: Even what the MEC is doing with the IDZ, that IDZ

does not have a plan for black industrial development. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member you have made your point now. The hon Minister Fritz.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. As I rise in this House today, I can announce that the repo rate has just been increased by 25 basis points. Now what it essentially means is that less money is put in our pockets through this ANC Government. They are the surrogates of this ANC Government and that is where I want to start. [Interjections.]

Ms M N GILLION: Stop waving your finger.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: I want to continue and say that constantly the theme coming from the ANC is that we consistently talk about National Government. But we need to sketch our existence because they themselves asked us whether we are a separate state or part of South Africa. We need to contextualise our existence within the national economic situation.

When I speak about the national economic situation, I may as well say the national economic disaster. It is disastrous for a number of reasons. The one is we have complete uncertainty as we stand here today and that is why we have another repo rate increase. We don't know whether the Minister of

Finance, the National Minister that is, whether he is going to be here by tomorrow or the day after tomorrow.

We don't know whether the Deputy Minister, Minister Jonas, is going to be here or whether he is going to be here tomorrow because the country has been taken over by a particular mafia led by the honourable, and I don't whether we can still say the honourable, our President Jacob Zuma.

And I think the notion of state capture starts with him because what we have seen - every institution of state, every part of state - that is why they have this huge fight for the Treasury. We have seen the NPA has been captured by the Zuma faction. We have seen they tried it with the others but every state owned entity, in fact all of them, have been captured by the faction Zuma. And of course Zuma captures the state and then his friends the Guptas capture him and so the capture of the state is actually through him. They captured Zuma. That's all they need to capture.

And so I think it's important when we talk about government in this province, the only government that is not the ANC Government - †In Afrikaans is daar 'n baie pragtige uitdrukking "dis soos vis en vleis" – die verskil is soos vis en vleis. *In Afrikaans there is a very good expression "it's like fish and meat" – the difference is like fish and meat. †But alarmingly, Mr Deputy Speaker, I saw a number of members here today who are very poetic and there is one Afrikaans poem by an Afrikaans - some people call him a "bruin" Afrikaans-speaker or so-called coloured - S V

Petersen, and the Afrikaanse †gedig gaan soos volg en hy sê:

“Laat dit dan wees o Heer dat ek ‘n duisend jaar gelee teen God en mens
gesondig het, dan weet ek nou op u bevel..”

*poem reads as follows and he says:

“Let it be then, o Lord, that I sinned against God and man a thousand
years ago, then I know now at your command...”

†En dan gaan hy aan. *And then he continues. †And today I think of him and
I think of this poet when he speaks and I think of the ANC when he talks
about, †nie net ‘n duisend, 20 jaar, laat dit dan wees so Heer dat ons as die
ANC vir 20 jaar teen God en mens gesondig het dan weet ons nou dat ons is
besig om te val. En ek dink dis die pragtige Afrikaanse gedig wat so waar
word in hierdie geval. *not just one thousand, 20 years, let it then be Lord
that we as the ANC has sinned against God and man for 20 years, then we
know now that we are busy falling. And I think it is this beautiful Afrikaans
poem that is becoming so true in this case.

And it is in that context that we need to say today, when we gather here, that
we almost came here today, not to praise Zuma and the ANC, but to bury
them. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND

TOURISM: Every one of them voted... [Interjections.] for Zuma.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: And I think that's what we need to say here. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Every one of them voted for Zuma.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Exactly. And the Zuma protection and beneficiation racket that now lies at the heart of our National Government is our state and that is the sad part. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: No, you voted.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: The time has now come for us, and I'm very serious when I say this, when we unequivocally have to say the time has come for Jacob Zuma and the ANC to go. We cannot allow the poor people to be pushed further into the grave of poverty. The hon members spoke about the toilets. I saw the schools in the Eastern Cape and I almost vomited when I saw that.

I don't want to wish it further away. The issue of toilets is important and we must address it. We must address it as a government, all of us together must address it, and we mustn't walk away from it. But it reminds me when I

think of the ANC. I am reminded of the title of the famous novel by Kenyan post-colonial novelist Ngũgĩ who says things fall apart. The centre will not hold and †foeitog, *shame, †the ANC centre is completely destroyed. It's crumbling. †Dis vrot. *It is rotten.

†And so allow me now to address some of the issues which have been raised by some of our hon members. I just want to emphasise what Minister Meyer very eloquently described as the state of our economy and the state of almost moving towards a depression, moving towards being downgraded. Yoh, it's heavy. It is really heavy. You know this province, and I want to say, Mr Deputy Speaker, that Minister Meyer reminded this House that for a long time, since this Government took over the from the ANC, we have exercised fiscal discipline.

We were the only people, when you get into an aeroplane, getting into economy class. We walk past all the ANC officials in the front, right to the back and we sit in economy class. For the last 10 years we have been doing this and we are so proud of that. Yes, †ons sit in *we sit in †economy class and we are very proud of it because we don't believe that government is about paraphernalia and about looking like you are important and blue lights because you want to be important.

The hon member Beerwinkel made a number of very interesting points. And it's consistently this narrative that the money comes from the ANC or the National Government. I wonder who pays the tax? I wonder where the

money comes from? They steal the money as a National Government. A whole lot of people pay tax so we deserve the money and I think we must get that into our heads and then we also get the last bit on the tax and so please understand that.

I want to address a number of speakers, including the hon member Tyatyam. When hon Minister Meyer spoke about the Budget, it is a budget for growth, it's a budget for inclusivity and it's a budget for sustainability and to illustrate this, just for your purposes here, hon member Beerwinkel, the inclusive budget speaks in my Department for the first time in the existence of this Provincial Government - we have seen so much money going to disabilities.

I tell you they forgot about the disabled people. They have completely forgotten and this former government, this is the former government sitting opposite us, they are the very government who did not build those toilets where women are raped today. The very same government sitting here. And so they are a waste of time. That is what they are.

In fact, they are such a waste of time in other provinces still that our Government, the hon Minister Schäfer has just received R50 million extra from the Eastern Cape Government because it can't build schools. They are incapable of building schools. That's called an Incapable State, and this is the essence of what we are talking about today. The Capable State versus the Incapable State. Gauteng got R200 million. Of course they will always get

more, but that's the point and a total amount of R530 million was returned to Treasury from the Eastern Cape Education Department alone. That is disgusting. That is disgraceful. That is what ANC Government is everywhere. Whether they are in the municipality or in a province, they are a disgrace. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Don't worry, my blood pressure will go up and down. I really want to say to the Reverend, they have a big problem with the Reverend, and he must pray for them I think they need prayers. And you know the Reverend makes a very important point.

They all spoke about women and women's rights. No-one is saying anything about the poor woman who is the victim of allegedly - well they can't deal with it. That woman is lost. Not one of them said anything in this House about it. So don't talk about women. You are hypocrites, stop talking about women. Because you are in your suits and then you want to talk about women. There is a poor victim. No-one knows what happened. The police are not moving, so don't talk about women, please.

I want to say to the hon member Maseko also, you know this other notion about clean audits, they are so lost because you won't find a clean audit anywhere where they are governing so that is why they continue to say they have a problem now with clean audits, you know. Amazing, amazing,

amazing. But I think the most important point that Minister Winde made and again Minister Winde made the point that more than 68% of our budget goes to the poor. I will take them to a girl in a †plek *place †called Bitterfontein.

Hon member Joseph spoke about young entrepreneurs. Can I take you to a girl who went through our programmes and is running a lovely shop at the moment. †Haar eie klein winkeltjie *Her own little shop †and she makes a little bit of money that can take her forward. So stop. And that's one. I can take you to many more. There is amazing progress and, in fact, I want to take the honourable member at the back with me to come and see some of the programmes we do to empower women.

Because they say a lot of things in this House but in the Committee they say the opposite. I also want to address the hon member Makeleni just in terms of, you know she has been saying something about the police. She has been saying that we don't care about her safety - their own, the Khayelitsha Commission, and I want to read this bit from the Khayelitsha Commission:

“SAPS could provide no explanation why police stations, that have very high crime rates and extremely difficult policing environments, should have the lowest police to population ratio in the province.”

The Commission considered that the problem lies with their whole plan and the design, which appears to display a systemic bias against the poor areas by this national ANC Government who controls the police. Let us remind you

that what you say in the House is the biggest load of absolute nonsense compared to what is really happening. I want to go on ... [Interjection.]

†Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Orde. U sal nou ongelukkig daai winkeltjie se deurtjie nou moet sluit. Die tyd is verstreke.

*The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. You will unfortunately now have to close the door of that little shop. The time has expired.

†Die MINISTER VAN MAATSKAPLIKE ONTWIKKELING: Ja ek wil net afsluit. *Yes, I just want to conclude. †I just want to conclude by saying ... [Interjection.]

HON MEMBERS: Sit down.

†Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Die tyd is verstreke. Wat is u laaste sin?

*The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The time has expired. What is your last sentence?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: I just want to conclude that we will as a Provincial Government with the budget allocated to us continue with competent governance ... [Time expired.][Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The hon Minister of Finance.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Shoo, Mr Deputy Speaker, this place was all over the show. I want to thank the hon members that took part in this debate.

In particular, when I listened to the hon Minister of Education, hon member Christians, hon member Maseko, The Minister of Economic Opportunities, the hon Mnqasela, hon members Joseph and Joseph, Minister Grant and Minister Fritz: there is one central theme.

Ms M N GILLION: Praise singers.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Minister Madikizela gave me a shorter version of it. He said we are in a CC listening to this debate.

Ms M N GILLION: Praise singers.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: CC is not praising, We are as a country, Madam, we are in a constitutional crisis.

Ms M N GILLION: [Inaudible.] Don't point at me.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: I am pointing at you because you do not understand the nature of this crisis. I withdraw my finger but not my argument. [Interjections.] Mr Deputy Speaker, the analysis of this debate ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order Hon Gillion.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: ... is South Africa is facing a constitutional

crisis. It is a crisis. If I listen to the hon Minister of Transport, the hon Minister of Education, the hon Minister of Economic Opportunities, this crisis is deep. So let us examine the nature of the constitutional crisis. I look today extensively back into the Constitution because part of the principles of good governance is predictability. We are asking in this crisis what can we predict and the Constitution gives us the answer.

I looked at Section 2 of the Constitution which determines that the Constitution is the supreme law of South Africa. It does not say that the Guptas are the supreme law of South Africa.

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: So, Mr Deputy Speaker, it is a *#nomrresident*. Section 7 of the Constitution determines that the Bill of Rights is the cornerstone of our democracy. It does not say that the Guptas are the cornerstone of our democracy - *#nomrresident*. I also looked at Section 18 of the Constitution which determines that everyone has the freedom of association. I have looked at it and the Deputy Minister of Finance, Mcebisi Jonas has the right of disassociation and to disassociate himself from the Guptas - *#nomrresident*. I also looked at Section 91 of the Constitution ... [Interjection.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: Mr Deputy Speaker ...

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Section 91. Would you like a copy of the Constitution?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister, just one second.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Here is a copy you can check.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister, please take your seat. Hon member Mr Tyatyam?

Mr S G TYATYAM: I would like to know if the Minister can take one question?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister, are you prepared?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: You set a good example. I follow your example.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The answer seems to be no, unfortunately.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: You are a good man, I like you, I follow your example. You are a brilliant person to follow. I follow your example. I looked at Section 91 of the Constitution because the members clearly indicated that this is a constitutional crisis in South Africa and I see that Section 91 of the Constitution determines that the President and not Mr

Gupta is the head of the cabinet and so, Mr Deputy Speaker - *#nomrresident*.

I also read that Section 91, sub-section 2, determines that the President appoints Ministers. I do not see any reference in the Constitution that Mr Gupta appoints Ministers in his Cabinet - *#nomrresident*. I also read in Section 95 of the Constitution that Ministers must undertake an oath or an affirmation to the Republic of South Africa. I do not see in this Constitution any reference that Ministers must undertake an oath to Mr Gupta - *#nomrresident*.

I also read that in terms of Section 97 of the Constitution, the President may, by proclamation, transfer any function to another member of his Cabinet. I see no reference in the Constitution that the President could transfer his function to Mr Gupta - *#nomrresident*.

I also looked at Section 92 of the Constitution. It reads that members of the Cabinet are accountable, collectively and individually, to Parliament for their exercise of their powers and the performance of their functions.

HON MEMBERS: Hash tag ... [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: I will come to the hash tag. I do not see any reference in our Constitution that Ministers are accountable to Mr Gupta, now - *#nomrresident*. [Interjections.] I am very happy you like the hash tag

nomrpresident because he is watching you from Luthuli House.

I also looked at Section 101, sub-section 2 of the Constitution. It determines that a written decision by the President must be counter-signed by another Cabinet member if that decision concerns a function assigned to another Cabinet member. The Constitution does not say Mr Gupta must counter-sign a decision by the President - *#nomrpresident*. [Interjections.]

This crisis that this country is facing is quite serious. We have now seen that the hon Minister of Tourism, Minister Derek Hanekom, came out publicly supporting the Deputy Minister of Finance and he said he is an honourable man, if he says Gupta has offered him a job it is certainly true. So certainly we are seeing the cracks coming out.

We are thankful for the moral leadership of the Deputy Minister of Finance and because the hash tag says no-Mr-President you must certainly understand that we are living in a constitutional democracy. People are asking what is the relevance? The relevance is very much about the budget. There will be more money if Mr President applies the principles of constitutional democracy and stops giving the money to Mr Gupta. This is the reality, this is the crisis but as we say the more things fall apart, the more the pieces fall into place for a new DA National Government in the Union Buildings.

HON MEMBERS: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: I want to ask my colleagues on this side of the House and the hon member that side to prepare for the journey towards the Union Buildings because the ANC is falling apart. [Applause.] [Interjections.]. Mr Deputy Speaker, we are facing a crisis in this country, people are suffering and the hon members on that side of the House certainly do not understand the severity of the crisis.

The hon Minister of Social Development just indicated what happened now while we were sitting here, an announcement by the Monetary Policy Committee of the South African Reserve Bank. You certainly have no clue of the depth of the problems that our people are facing but the people in the Western Cape have a choice and certainly, in August when we have the election, they will make that particular choice - because where the DA is governing there is a better government, there is an accountable government, there is a government that respects the principles and the values of the Constitution and hon member Tyatyam if you would like to ask me any question you are quite welcome to do so right now.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Tyatyam?

Mr S G TYATYAM: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. What is Clause 2 (a) of the Constitution? Do not read it, you are supposed to know it. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: He doesn't know it.

Mr S G TYATYAM: You are supposed to know it.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr S G TYATYAM: It talks about ...

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Mr Deputy Speaker there is no such thing as Clause 2.8 because it does not exist in the Constitution. [Interjections.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: No, no it does. [Interjections.][Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order. Order, take your seat please. That was the only question as far as I am concerned. Minister are you prepared to take another one?

HON MEMBERS: No!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Mr Deputy Speaker, I would like to take another question from the hon member.

An HON MEMBER: Clause 48 [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: This will be the last one then, hon member Tyatyam.

Mr S G TYAYTAM: The clause, Mr Deputy Speaker, speaks to non-racialism and non-sexism and the MEC only quoted point (b) of that section ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Where is the question?

Mr S G TYAYTAM: So what has he done to make sure that we advance point (a) of that section.

An HON MEMBER: What section?

Mr S G TYAYTAM: Section 2. What has he done?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you hon member Mr Tyatyam. Hon Minister, are you prepared to answer that question?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Mr Deputy Speaker, clearly the Caucus Chairperson certainly does not know what he is talking about.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. That concludes the debate on the Consideration of the principle of the Bill. Are there any objections to the approval of the principle of the Bill?

HON MEMBERS: Yes!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: There is an objection. I therefore put the question,

those in favour say aye.

HON MEMBERS: Aye!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Those against: no.

HON MEMBER: No!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I think the aye's have it. The ANC and EFF's dissent against the principle of the Bill will be recorded. The Secretary will read the Bill.

The SECRETARY: *Western Cape Appropriation Bill.*

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The House will deal with the separate votes from now onwards. The Secretary will read the second order.

The SECRETARY: *Introduction and First Reading Western Cape Additional Adjustments Appropriation Bill.*

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see the Minister of Finance.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. During the adjusted estimates of provincial expenditure 2015, tabled on the 20th of November, Votes were provided with the opportunity to make technical

adjustments to the appropriations voted in the Main Budget of 2015/16 financial year.

Subsequent to this and in compliance with Section 20 of the 2015 DORA, the Department of Basic Education has reallocated the Education Infrastructure Grant amongst provinces. From this process an additional amount of R50 million has been allocated to the Western Cape in the 2015/16 financial year resulting in an increase in the Education Infrastructure Grant for the Department of Education.

The additional allocation has been published by the National Minister of Finance and the National Treasury in the Government Gazette dated the 7th of March 2016. In order to be able to spend according to these additional allocations in the 2015/16 financial year, it is thus necessary to include the amounts in an Additional Adjustment Appropriation Bill for the 2015/16 financial year. The Grant is a Schedule 4 Grant in terms of the Division of Revenue Act 2015 and is thus an allocation to the Province to supplement the funding of programmes or functions funded from the provincial budget.

The purpose of these funds, as per the National Conditional Grants Schedule, is inter-alia to help accelerate the construction, maintenance, upgrading and rehabilitation of new and existing infrastructure in education.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the Western Cape Education Department will utilise the funding, in terms of the infrastructure norms and standards, which includes:

funding for building of additional classrooms - R8 million, school halls - R38 million and science laboratories - R4 million.

The Western Cape received additional funding because we are capable and the National Treasury acknowledges this by displaying a vote of confidence in our capacity to spend taxpayers' money responsibly and our ability to add public value. Mr Deputy Speaker, it therefore gives me great pleasure to table the Western Cape Additional Adjustments Appropriation Bill, the Additional Adjustment Estimates of Provincial Expenditure for the 2015/16 financial year and the speech for consideration. I thank you.

Mr M G E WILEY: Hear-hear!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister. The Secretary will read the Bill a first time.

The SECRETARY: *Western Cape Additional Adjustments Appropriation Bill.*

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Bill, together with the papers tabled, will be referred to the relevant committees for consideration and report. Before we adjourn I would like to remind members that the Budget Committee Meeting will commence after the adjournment of the sitting. That concludes the business of the day. The House is adjourned.

The House adjourned at 16:27.