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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL
PARLIAMENT**

The House met at 10:00.

The Speaker took the Chair and read the prayer.

The SPEAKER: Please be seated. Good morning hon members. Good morning to our guests in the gallery. It is great to have you join us here today. I would just like to reiterate that guests are not allowed to participate in the proceedings so you may not interject or clap hands or get involved in the debate but it is great to have you here with us today. To the members, if you could settle down please. I see the birthday boy is not here yet. So we have got a pretty long day ahead of us today in that we have got five separate discussions that we need to deal with and the Order Paper says that the first I think we are dealing with is the Department of Health, so I would like to ask everyone to settle down please and then we can proceed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

The SPEAKER: The Secretary will read the first Order of the Day.

1. Debate on Vote 6 – Health – *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 2 - 2016].

The SPEAKER: Hon members, I am very saddened. Minister, just before I go, to say that I have not received a speakers list, which is not in keeping with the way we manage our business and we have got five sessions and I would expect that during the course of the next ten, fifteen minutes there would be an effort made to provide the table with a speakers list so that I can be guided by who to address and recognise going forward. Chief Whip, Mr Wiley, I will give you an opportunity. Yes?

Mr M G E WILEY: Can I address you on this matter Madam Speaker?

The SPEAKER: Yes.

Mr M G E WILEY: Madam Speaker, I am equally angst driven by the lack of speakers lists despite numerous efforts to get the names from the ANC as to who is on their speakers list. Until five minutes ago it had not been submitted. We have now submitted a speakers list to the office of the Secretary for publishing without names next to the ANC's names.

The SPEAKER: Alright, colleagues, I think... [Interjections.] Order please members. I think it is incumbent on the Chief Whips of both parties to ensure that the necessary procedural matters are addressed. [Interjections.]

Hon member Mr Olivier, I am speaking. It is not fair to guests, to members to the departments that make the time for us to come to a scheduled sitting and not have a speakers list so in the absence of a list I am going to recognise the Minister and I trust that behind the scenes the necessary work will be done to provide me with a list so that we can proceed with our business. I recognise the honourable, the Minister, Minister Mbombo. [Applause.] [Interjections.] Order please members.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Madam Speaker, hon Premier Zille, Cabinet colleagues and members of the Provincial Parliament, Chairperson of the Standing Committee, head of Department and management of the Department of Health, our partners at the academic institutions, civil society and the health sector, members of the various media, our special guests, the representatives from the local communities, our consumers of healthcare, our partners in the private sector and business and most importantly, the citizens of the Western Cape, I greet you all.

Madam Speaker, *“it is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness.”* This means, in the face of difficulty or hopelessness, it is more worthwhile striving to do some good, to take action, however small, in response to our circumstances than only to complain.

This is the attitude we are taking into the coming year.

By all accounts, winter is no longer coming, it is here. Provincial health governments across the country are grappling with the challenge of this fiscally constrained environment. According to the IMF, the growth forecast for the South African economy is 0.7% in 2016, down from 1.3% in 2015.

The risk of labour market instability, expansion of unemployment, an increase in the Government fiscal deficit, made worse by the public sector wage agreement of 2015 and the present drought have all colluded to create a weak economic outlook for the country which is to be felt by the health sector.

Members of the House, there is a clear tension between our available resources and the demand for quality healthcare. The coming year will test our ability to walk that very tight rope.

In this 2016/17 financial year, the Western Cape Department of Health is allocated R19.983 billion to provide quality healthcare to approximately 4.8 million people who do not have access to private health insurance. This budget allocation represents a 5.94% increase from the previous budget.

This is significantly less than the 7.9% budget increase in the budget allocation in the 2015/16 financial year. This represents a budget shortfall of R600 million in the current fiscal year. In spite of the slash to provincial budgets, the Department of Health still receives the lion's share of the provincial budget. This indicates how health is the face of service delivery in

the province. Our Constitution elevates access to healthcare to a human right.

Within available resources, as a government, it falls on us to create a conducive environment for realising this right. This is not only about providing services. It is also about advancing the dignity of our people. As a capable Government, which respects the rule of law and the values of our constitutional democracy, we dare not fail in our mission.

†Somlomo Obekekileyo, *Honourable Speaker, †over the medium term, the uninsured population which is largely dependent on the public health service is projected to rise by 3.58% by the 2018/19 financial year.

We need to constantly improve efficiencies, prioritise, get more value for the rand and stay within our budget while we strive to improve health outcomes and the quality of care.

William Osler once said, “The best preparation for tomorrow is to do today's work superbly well.” Over the years, we have done extremely well in this regard.

Our entrenched governance and management practices, investment infrastructure, innovation and a culture of caring for both our clients and staff have given us a robust health system capable of weathering the coming proverbial winter.

Now in my last budget speech, if I have to reflect on the past year, I highlighted various areas which would form the focus of the 2015/16 financial year. I am glad now to report back on our progress.

Upon becoming Minister of Health in the Province, I promised to formalise a policy framework that would amplify the voice of communities; especially up to Provincial Health Council, which is a statutory body, which is chaired by me.

I am glad to announce that we have tabled the Western Cape Health Facility Boards and Clinic Committees Bill in Parliament. The public hearings for this Bill is set to begin on the 12 May 2016. The implementation of this Bill will encourage citizenry within the health system and improve communication between the health facilities and communities. This will give communities ownership of the health system rather than make them passive recipients.

We value the feedback we receive from our clients. We also strive to improve where there are gaps. To this end, a first-of-its-kind Independent Health Complaints Committee was appointed. This is an independent oversight body which will strengthen the complaints resolution measures we have in place. This committee further enhances the voice of the communities we serve.

Members of the House, also last year I stressed that achieving increased

access to healthcare is important. To do this, I promised to strengthen Community Based Healthcare Workers in the Province's primary healthcare system and we have done that. We have approved the Home and Community Based Care Service Design Framework, the first of its kind.

The framework outlines the implementation of the Home and Community-based Care Service in communities, at ward level, in line with the Healthcare 2030 vision document for the Province. In September of last year, we also hosted the Community Based Healthcare Workers Summit with non-government organisations in attendance. Today, we are joined by Nombulelo Makuba, and Doreen Marumo who are community healthcare workers from our NPO partners. [Applause.]

These partnerships are crucial in increasing access to health services and decongesting primary healthcare facilities. Making strides towards a person-centred approach to healthcare was high on our list for the past year and will continue to feature prominently on our to-do list. We have taken a critical look at bed capacity in acute health facilities.

Cabinet has, this past year, approved a new Hospital Bed Plan that recognises the gaps in the service and presents a vision of where we need to be.

In the coming year when I am looking ahead, I look to continue to strengthen the role of communities in healthcare. This will involve reinvigorating the Health Committees, Hospital Boards, District Health Councils and the

Provincial Health Council and these are all statutory bodies. At each level, the message will be clear: nothing about you, people of the Western Cape, without you.

The other important thing, this year I will prioritise the safety of healthcare workers and patients at our facilities. We have seen the increased incidents of crime targeting our facilities and emergency personnel on duty. The safety and wellbeing of our employees is important to us. It cannot be compromised. Healthcare workers who feel safe provide a quality service to patients.

I am appealing to members of the community to work with us, the SAPS and the community leaders to fight against the victimisation of health workers. Members of the House, the Department has also collaborated with the Department of Community Safety to have visible safety kiosks stationed at various facilities including for example Gugulethu Community Health Centre and Tygerberg Hospital. This is just the beginning. We intend to roll out to more facilities across the province.

The Department of Health has also committed a further R185 million towards safeguarding patients, workers and facilities and it gives me great pleasure to announce that the new Police Commissioner for the Western Cape, Lieutenant General Khombinkosi Elvis Jula, has been invited to form part of the Western Cape Provincial Health Council so as to strengthen our safety efforts, together with the SAPS.

Crime is a societal problem and no one department can curb it alone. I am convinced a closer collaboration with the SAPS and community safety stakeholders will greatly improve the safety of our staff, patients and facilities.

†Somlomo Obekekileyo, *Honourable Speaker, we will also continue to strive to improve the experience of clients accessing public health services, which is to strengthen the quality of care. We intend to do this by analysing the patient's journey through the system from the primary healthcare level, all the way to our central hospitals. At each point we identify weaknesses in the system and where we can fix, we fix inefficiencies.

Our particular focus area will be to create an electronic discharge summary that will improve the communication between facilities, health professionals and patients when they are discharged. The flow of patients within the Emergency Centres is also being addressed.

Now on human resources, in order to provide quality services public healthcare must be appropriately resourced. We need enough doctors and nurses to make sure that patients are cared for.

To this end, the Joint Advisory Governance Council has endorsed and began the costing process of the Province's medical students' training plan. This advisory committee, which I chair, is comprised of the Department of Health, four academic institutions of the Western Cape, namely the University of

Stellenbosch, University of Cape Town, University of the Western Cape and the Cape Peninsula University of Technology.

Central to this plan for medical students is the agreement with these institutions that they will increase the number of students admitted at their institutions, more so those from qualifying previously disadvantaged groups.

In addition to this, Stellenbosch University will now be reopening their undergraduate nursing programme which will go a long way to strengthen nursing in the province.

Caring for carers is part of our core business and it is something we cannot let fall by the wayside. Without our over 31 267 dedicated men and women in the Department's 482 health service points, we would be unable to meet the needs of the Western Cape's people.

I salute our dedicated staff members who get up and come to work every day; often under strenuous circumstances. To this end, the CAIRR Club programme has now been expanded from 38 facilities to 82 facilities.

I am glad to report that the Barrett Survey in 2015 has shown a reduction in the cultural entropy levels of the Department from 26% in 2011 to 21% in 2015. This is indicative of greater alignment between the personal values of the staff and that of the Department and how this impacts on their performance and productivity. Our staff are expected to uphold the values of

caring, accountability, integrity, responsiveness and respect.

While we are all under pressure, there can never be any justification for ill-treatment of people. That is why complaints resolution remains prominent in the performance agreements of all hospital CEOs in order to entrench accountability.

Speculation has been rife as to whether Provincial Departments will freeze posts. During times of austerity people tend to become increasingly concerned about the integrity of services they are to receive. This is understandable. In response to these conditions, the Department has devised innovative ways to cope with the impact of budget reductions. Decision-making on budgets and staff appointments have been decentralised to managers at strategic healthcare facilities. These managers are on the ground and understand the unique needs of communities better than the bureaucrats in ivory towers.

Those facilities will function as a decentralised business unit, operating within its designated budget and with its own controls and accountability mechanisms.

In prioritising healthcare allocations, the Department applies the utilitarian approach. This means that decisions are guided by the philosophy of providing the best value to all citizens of the Western Cape, with the greatest positive impact on the public health.

Now let me talk about public-private partnerships. Members of the House, the old model of governance where state departments were the only force behind providing services is long dead and gone. We have long recognised the mutual benefits behind forming partnerships with civil society and the private sector. In the past year, there were 249 metro and 48 rural district approved partnerships with private healthcare providers for the provision of family planning and baby immunisation services. This initiative obtained a silver award in the National CPSI Innovation Awards. It has since been expanded to include HIV Counselling and Testing (HCT).

This initiative, branded as “iKapa Cares”, is delivered through our partners Dis-Chem, and they are here. Pick ‘n Pay; Alphapharm as well as various independent pharmacies. In pursuit of greater access to healthcare, we are in the process of signing a Memorandum of Understanding with Transnet’s Phelophepha Healthcare Train and also I would like to announce another innovation we will be implementing with the private sector facilitated by the Bertha Centre at the UCT Graduate School of Business. Together with the Department of Social Development, we will begin the procurement process for Social Impact Bonds (SIBs) aimed at improving health and development outcomes for pregnant women and children from conception to five years old.

This compliments the Department’s ground-breaking First 1000 Days Programme which we officially launched earlier this year to promote child

health.

Mr M G E WILEY: Hear-hear! [Applause.]

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: We believe that the First 1000 Days in a child's development, starting from conception, moving through pregnancy, birth, and up to the first two years of life, are crucial for securing the child's life and bright future. Research indicates that both the physical and mental wellbeing and mental development of infants advances rapidly during the 1000 Days period. The brain grows up to 80% of its size in this time. The building blocks of this period are healthy eating, love and play.

Now in terms of the wellness, in line with the Department's long term strategic roadmap for achieving wellness – the Healthcare 2030 – we will continue spreading the gospel of wellness, promoting positive behavioural change and lifestyle related disease prevention.

Physical inactivity, unhealthy eating and harmful use of substances including smoking and alcohol, are considered major risk factors for a number of adverse health outcomes. These include obesity, diabetes, hypertension and other cardiovascular diseases. I am urging fellow members to look after themselves and their health. It is important that as leaders we lead by example. For us, WoW - we call it WoW, the Western Cape on Wellness, is one of our key intervention strategies for wellness. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: This initiative forms part of the Provincial Strategic Goal, PSG 3 intervention, a transversal operation between the Department of Social Development, Cultural Affairs and Sport and Community Safety, which aims to increase wellness, improve safety and tackle social ills within communities and this initiative represents a unique transversal and cross-sectoral partnering platform designed to activate, expand and maintain a healthy lifestyle.

This week marked the end of the prototyping phase and the start of the maintenance and scaling of the WoW Champions and Clubs in the Western Cape. This is a huge milestone for the province as wellness has started to make the shift from optional interventions to the mainstream health indicator.

Nationally the Obesity Strategy borrows many of its principles from our WoW, the Western Cape on Wellness! The Drakenstein pilot project represents integrated service delivery with optimal community involvement towards sustained impact that can be replicated in other parts of the province. So this is exactly what we mean by moving away from silos to a more integrated approach.

In the Paarl East area for example one of the key projects we have established is the Local Drug Action Committee, which has already begun its work in combating substance abuse.

This is just one example of the various projects we are bringing to this area. This transversal project highlights the effectiveness of integrated services which this pilot seeks to roll out.

The Western Cape Government has already identified alcohol and substance abuse as a game changer that requires all hands on deck. In line with this, my Department will implement Teachable Moment interventions at healthcare points for example like in Khayelitsha Hospital, Heideveld Community Health Centres and these aim to identify clients in our health facilities who show high risk signs of harmful alcohol and other substance abuse and provides onsite interventions designed to promote positive behaviours and lifestyles and to achieve this, requires our collective efforts as a whole of society.

Madam Speaker, with this said I direct the House's attention now to the specific programme allocations within the Health budget.

As I stated earlier, the Department is allocated R19.983 billion and the Provincial Equitable share amounts to approximately R14.5 billion and the National Conditional Grants to approximately R5.1 billion and if you look at in terms of our major conditional grant allocations these include:

- The National Tertiary Service Grant: R2.7 billion.
- The Health Facility Revitalisation Grant: R673 million.

- Health Professional Training and Development Grant: R510 million;
- The Comprehensive HIV/Aids Grant: R1.26 billion.
- NHI Pilot Project Grant, which is R17.3 million.

The National Tertiary Services Grant and the Health Professional Training and Development Grant increased by 4.32% and 4.2% respectively, which is a decrease in real terms. This has increased pressure now on central hospitals.

From an economic classification point of view, this year's budget allocation includes:

- R11.8 billion for compensation of employees so if we could look at that, our staff human resource takes a slice of our budget, a bigger slice.
- R6 billion for goods and services;
- R1.1 billion for transfers and subsidies;
- R664 million for capital assets.

The Health Budget is divided between the eight programmes and the compensation of employees has increased by approximately 7.5% and the goods and services by 5.9% and the budget, as I indicated earlier, is decreasing in real terms while the patient numbers are increasing and it is estimated that the budget per patient decreases by about 3% from 2015/16 to 2016/17. In spite of the constrained fiscal envelope, service delivery priorities are protected. Various projects have been initiated to ensure that the Department will be able to do more with less. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Subsequently, each budget sector has developed a plan to minimize the implications of the reduced budgets.
[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Progress with the project and sector plans are monitored on a monthly basis... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Minister, please take your seat. Order Minister, please take your seat. [Interjections.] Hon member Mr Dyantyi, you have arrived late and you come here with the intention to disrupt. I am advising you that interjections are allowed but I am not going to allow an ongoing commentary. So we have started off on a bad footing. We have never had a speakers list, and I am appealing to your conscience. Cooperate please. You may proceed Minister Mbombo.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Programme 1, Administration: the allocation is R710 million, which is 3.56% of the budget vote and this amounts to a nominal increase of 12.3%.

The key priorities include the Change Management programme, which aims to

improve the organisational culture in the Department by strengthening the leadership at all levels of the organisation; especially at the local facility level.

ICT is also recognised as a key enabler with enormous potential in improving the performance of the Department and the quality of care for patients. We will be developing an ICT vision that will provide a roadmap for the various initiatives. This is in line with the Province's values of innovation.

Programme 2, the District Health Services, the allocation is R7.8 billion, which is 39.1% of the budget of the vote. This amounts to an increase of R464.4 million or 6.31%.

The district health system receives the largest allocation within the Department and rightly so as more than 90% of the patient contacts are within primary care and district hospitals. This programme also includes community based services and the HIV/Aids programme.

Programme 3, Emergency Medical Services, the allocation is 4.9% of the vote in 2016/17. Over recent years, strengthening Emergency Services has been a priority. The focus of this programme is improving the response times to get patients who are ill to emergency care as soon as possible and importantly, provides patients with transport in between facilities.

Programme 4, Provincial Hospitals, this budget programme caters for the

general hospitals as well as specialised hospitals i.e. TB, Psychiatric, Rehabilitation Hospitals and the allocation is R3.1 billion for this year. This is 16% of the vote.

Programme 5, Central Hospital Services, the two Central Hospitals, which are the Tygerberg and Groote Schuur and also the provincial tertiary hospital - that is the Red Cross - are allocated R5.6 billion or 28.5% of the vote.

The hospitals serve as essential referral points for patients with serious and complicated medical needs from the province and beyond the Western Cape.

Programme 6, Health Sciences and Training: this programme has been allocated R340 million. R84 million of this is spent on bursaries for health professionals' training. We expect about 470 nurses to graduate this year within the province at universities and at the college.

Programme 7, Healthcare Support Services: this programme handles laundry, engineering services, forensic pathology services and the Cape Medical Depot. The allocation is R405 million, experiencing a 0.16% (0.6%) increase. The programme represents 2% of the total vote.

Climate change is recognised as a major risk globally and we need to mitigate our contribution to the problem in addition to strengthening of the health system to respond to the consequences and impact of the climate change. In this regard, the Department has set firm targets to reduce its electricity and

water consumption at the hospital and set up monitoring systems to measure performance at hospitals against these benchmarks.

Programme 8, Health Facilities Management is for the planning, design, construction, upgrading, refurbishment, additions and maintenance of health infrastructure. This program is allocated R806 million or 4.04% of the vote. The Department will continue to focus on improving and modernising the health infrastructure as a matter of priority especially in primary health emergency centres and psychiatric observation units. We are increasingly shifting the focus to maintenance of facilities to address the historical backlog in this regard.

The people have spoken, as such the business case for infrastructure planning for GF Jooste Hospital was approved by National Health.

An HON MEMBER: Yes. †Mooi! *Good!

An HON MEMBER: Well done.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: The search for a site is also at an advanced stage and we will be communicating these details soon. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: In the 2015/16 financial year - and we will be

communicating these details soon... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please members.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: In the 2015/16 financial year... [Interjections.]

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

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Ek praat nie baie vandag nie.

*Mr Q R DYANTYI: I'm not talking much today.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: In the 2015/16 year... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon members, order. Minister, could you please take your seat. [Interjections.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: So why did they close the [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: That is not a question for me to answer hon member Mr Dugmore. The Minister is presenting her speech. Please listen and you are allowed to interject but we will not condone on-going heckling. Let's afford the Minister the courtesy of presenting her paper. You may proceed, Minister and let us keep quiet on both sides of the floor please. There is too much noise. [Interjections.]

Ms T M DIJANA: [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: Sorry? Are you being out of order hon member Ms Dijana?

An HON MEMBER: Totally!

The SPEAKER: You may proceed, Minister.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Thank you Madam Speaker. Let me repeat, the people have spoken. As such the business case for infrastructure planning for the GF Jooste Hospital was approved by National Health and the search for a site is at an advanced stage and we will be communicating the details soon.
[Interjections.]

In the 2015 financial year we completed the following infrastructure projects:

1. A new Community Day Centre in Symphony Way, Delft;
2. A new Community Day Centre in Nomzamo in Strand;
3. A new dental suite at Worcester CDC; and
4. A new Emergency Centre and Paediatric Ward at Wesfleur Hospital in Atlantis.
5. Paarl Psychiatric Unit.

Over the coming year, we will achieve the practical completion of the

following projects:

1. Beaufort West, the Hill Side Clinic replacement;
2. Citrusdal Clinic, the upgrade and additions;
3. The Citrusdal Hospital, the upgrade and additions to Children's Ward, the EC and the calming room;
4. The Piketberg Ambulance Station, another replacement;
5. The Worcester Hospital, the final phase of the upgrade
6. The Groote Schuur Hospital, the new Hybrid Theatre; and
7. Worcester, for the Western Cape College Nursing for the new student accommodation upgrade. [Interjections.]

†'n AGBARE LID: Goed man, goed, goed.

*An HON MEMBER: Good man, good, good.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: In conclusion, given the budget pressures, Madam Speaker, it cannot be business as usual. Increasing efficiency and productivity in every corner of the Department is mandatory to get the best value for the health rand. In the words of Utata uNelson Mandela, "let our choices reflect our hopes and not our fears..."

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: The current financial challenges we face have not been the first and will not be the last. We have to be innovative and

solution seeking. We have to be creative and collectively consolidate our interventions in these very trying times and I want to take this opportunity to thank the Premier in absentia, my Cabinet colleagues for their support, Dr Engelbrecht and her management team for their leadership and support, our partners for their collaboration and most importantly thank every member of staff for their dedication and hard work, without which our performance would not have been what it is – amongst the best in the country.

†'n AGBARE LID: Hoor-hoor! [Applous.]

*An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear! [Applause.]

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: I would also like to thank those members of the public, members of the faculty and student representatives at academic institutions who took the time to send us their thoughts and advice on the 2016/17 budget. Significantly, I would like to acknowledge Dr Frans Krige from the Overberg District Health Council and Mr Nick Wayne from the Tygerberg Student Council for their ideas in this budget process. It is indeed the People's Budget.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: I also thank the staff in my office whose unstinting support is invaluable in enabling me to conduct my duties and lastly, but not least, I would like to thank my family and friends whose understanding, sacrifices and support have enabled me to do what I do. Now

I table this budget vote. I thank you.

An HON MEMBER: Yes, yes. [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you Minister. [Interjections.] Order please members, order please. [Interjections.] There is too much noise and can we just please settle down. In fairness afford the speaker on the floor the opportunity to present. I now recognise the hon member Ms Botha.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Ms L J BOTHA: Thank you Madam Speaker. [Applause.] [Interjections.] Madam Speaker, as stated in the 2016/17 Performance... which part did you not hear hon member Mr Olivier, from the Speaker, which part did you not hear? [Interjections.] As stated in the 2016/17 Performance Budget... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please.

Ms L J BOTHA: ...Healthcare 2030 underpins the strategic objectives of the Department of Health and this is what will inform the Department's priorities going forward. Treasury has allocated R19.98 billion to the Department for the 2016/17 financial year and this will be used to meet a number of objectives, which are set out in the performance plan. Strategic Goal Three commits the Department to increasing wellness, safety and tackling social

ills.

The South African Constitution clearly states that everyone has the right to have access to healthcare services including reproductive healthcare. This is important because a healthy society makes a huge contribution to economic progress as healthy populations live longer and are more productive.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Ms L J BOTHA: However, Treasury has also called for austerity measures to be in place and given the current economic climate, the reality is that even with this MTEF allocation, the budget is a reduction in real terms. Taking these challenges into consideration, the Department will have to come up with measures to ensure that the delivery of quality health services will not be affected in a negative light and that the poorest and marginalised are not deprived and compromised from receiving quality healthcare. [Interjections.]

An important - please can you listen? Maybe you should open your ears and listen.

An important development in the Department has been the realisation that there is a need to re-design primary healthcare services, which is an integral service provided by the Department to the people of the province. The Department has put together... [Interjections.]

Madam Speaker, can you reprimand hon member Mr Olivier? [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Members, hon member Ms Botha please take your seat.

†Me L J BOTHA: Jy maak geraas. Jy maak geraas, lid. Jy maak geraas.

*Ms L J BOTHA: You're making a noise. You're making a noise, member. You're making a noise.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Botha, please take your seat. [Interjections.] Can I appeal to the back bench of the ANC, please members, your cooperation is required. You will get a speaking opportunity and you are allowed to interject but it is becoming untenable, this on-going buzzing happening in that back row, so please I am appealing to you and if not I am going to have to take further action and ask people to leave the Chamber if you refuse to cooperate. You may proceed, hon member Ms Botha.

Ms L J BOTHA: Thank you Madam Speaker. The Department has put together a Healthcare Technical Committee, which has conducted a rapid appraisal of primary healthcare aimed at informing the implementation of the National Department's Ideal Clinic strategy.

We are pleased to note that the incidence of TB is decreasing in the Western Cape. The Department recorded 745 new cases of TB per 100 000 notified in the 2013/14 Budget compared to 830 cases per 100 000 in the 2011/12. Furthermore, 82% of all TB cases were successfully cured or completed treatment in 2013/14.

In the Western Cape, Eden District with a population of just under 600 000, nearly 90% of which are uninsured, was identified as a pilot site for the NHI Project. The district is divided into six sub-districts, which each one is headed by a medical manager tasked with managing primary healthcare services as well as district hospital services within the sub-district.

Madam Speaker, without getting into too much detail, the first objective of the NHI in the district was the enhanced district capacity in the areas of planning, monitoring and evaluation, while also improving the supply chain management systems and processes in order to ensure efficient and effective healthcare services are provided.

Some of the clinical services that the Department has been able to provide include community based services, school health, NGO run home based care and intermediate care and primary healthcare through community health centres. We are pleased with the progress that has been made and will continue to monitor the pilot project in this financial year.

Programme 8, Health Facilities Management, also allows for the provision of new health facilities and refurbishment, upgrading and maintenance of older ones, which need upgrades. This is an important programme considering that the Department has to provide health services to a continuously increasing population within this province. The Department has to ensure that current infrastructure can cope with the increase and make provision to build new

health facilities when necessary.

Currently, the Department is planning 77 projects for community health facilities that will be in the identification/feasibility phase in 2016/2017 and 15 projects in the design/tender phase. The Department also has to have nine provincial hospital projects.

There are a number of such projects that have been earmarked by the Department and all will ensure that the Department enhances its capacity for the delivery of healthcare services in the Western Cape.

As a result of the austerity measures in place, a concern was raised that posts would have to be frozen until such a time that funding was available. I have received correspondence from Dr Zahid Badroodien of Junior Doctors Association of South Africa Western Cape highlighting that at least 20 doctors were unemployed due to the non-availability of funds. This is especially concerning because the National Minister of Health, Dr Aaron Motsoaledi released a statement recently arguing that posts were not frozen and if there are doctors who are without work they must alert the Department.

The Department of Health is committed to youth development and is working incredibly hard to train nurses through partnerships with institutions of higher learning in the province. The Department aims to award 195 bursaries to nurses in 2016/17 as well as 50 bursaries to medicine students. However, the recruitment of qualified and skilled professionals poses a challenge. This

is due to the scarcity of skills in specialist areas.

The Department is also working together with the Department of Social Development to put in place intervention measures, which seek to address the broader societal issues within the Western Cape. Substance abuse and unhealthy eating are amongst some of the issues the Department will address. The Department will continue to provide a comprehensive, cost-effective package of health services to the people of the Western Cape.

The Department remains true to its vision of creating access to person-centred quality care. We acknowledge that there are challenges within the healthcare system and chief among them is the waiting periods patients have to endure in order to receive medical care. The Department is working tirelessly to find ways to reduce waiting periods. The refurbishment of some facilities and planned building of other facilities will further assist in this matter.

Madam Speaker, in conclusion I wish to appeal to the Opposition today to make speeches that will not smack of criticism but will provide critical input on addressing issues. [Interjections.] The role of the Opposition is to define clear workable solutions instead of just criticising for the sake of it. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please.

Ms L J BOTHA: The DA is committed to freedom, fairness and opportunity and as our leader describes, we are committed to building quality healthcare and I quote: “a South Africa in which a capable state - and this capable state is a DA-led National Government - provides real opportunities for people to better themselves and get ahead.”

I thank the Minister of Health and her Department, all healthcare practitioners for their commitment in improving the lives of the Western Cape people in providing quality healthcare.

Madam Speaker, the DA supports the budget for Vote 6. I thank you.
[Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Hon members, hon member Ms Dijana. Members, can I appeal to you, please do not cast aspersions on each other. We do not need to know who is competent or who is incompetent or he or she... I think let us stick to the issue at hand. We are busy debating a budget and I am appealing to both sides of the floor please members, afford the speaker on the floor the opportunity to present. I now recognise the hon member Ms Gopie.
[Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Just take the whole 20 minutes.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Gopie, you have 20 minutes. You may use it as you see fit. Thank you.

Ms D GOPIE: Thank you.

The SPEAKER: I wish you could all be as good as hon member Ms Gopie is. Please, she is a sterling example of what a good member is in the House. [Interjections.] Thank you. Well done. [Interjection.] Hon member Mr Dyantyi, thank you.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: May I address you, Madam Speaker?

The SPEAKER: Yes, you may.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You have just asked the House and members not to cast any aspersions on anyone. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: I have not cast an aspersion. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: To address like that, please...

The SPEAKER: I have actually paid compliment to hon member Ms Gopie. I complimented her. You may proceed, hon member Ms Gopie. [Interjections.]

Ms D GOPIE: Thank you Madam Speaker. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: You may proceed. [Interjections.]

Ms D GOPIE: We must congratulate the National Government for being so generous under the challenging economic climate within which we operate, by increasing the allocation of funding to the Western Cape. This goes against talkers who predicted that there would be a budget cut in this year. What must be asked is whether this Department has in the first place the political will to improve service delivery and secondly have the human capacity to meet the required services expected in a capable state. Our national ANC-led Government treats all provinces equally. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please, order members.

Ms D GOPIE: Our national ANC-led Government treats all provinces equal. This made it possible for this Department to receive a total of almost R20 billion or 5.4% more than the previous financial year. I want to start by stating that there is a correlation between this budget and adjustment estimates of the provincial expenditure and the annual report in the previous financial year because of the following reasons:

1. Underspending of almost 90% related to scheduled maintenance and capital projects, which resulted to the ANC calling for instituting of a forensic investigation into the matter. It is a shame that vital hospitals and clinics are not kept in good running condition!
2. Roll-overs of R78 million.
3. Fruitless and wasteful expenditure. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order! Hon member Mr Joseph, order please.

Ms D GOPIE: 4. Vacancy rate or slow / lack of filling of posts amongst other things; for example more than R27 million, reduction in respect of Global Fund.

These issues are worrying the ANC greatly - it includes, but are not limited to poor leadership where the Office of the Auditor General found that the Department did not exercise its oversight responsibility in meeting the targets set. This resulted in poor data collection to report reliably on the set objectives as well as underperformance in almost all sub-programmes within the Department. One wonders whether things will improve at this rate in the 2016/17 financial year.

The following are some of the on-going challenges, facing a lack of efficient management of public funds and of public health institutions.

On Wednesday, 16 March during the Budget Standing Committee session it became clear that this Department is the culprit of under-spending of R179 million in the third quarter and the actual infrastructure expenditure is at less than 56% in the same quarter. It was confirmed that this Department and the Department of Public Works have capacity constraints hence their inability to fast-track work on the capital projects on the infrastructure development and maintenance.

In Delft, about 120 health workers employed through Afrika Tikkun would be retrenched at the end of March due to increased criminal activities in the area. These are health workers who provide key home-based care and community support services to hundreds of patients in Delft. The MEC just said workers need to feel safe. How?

The issue of crime keeps on coming up and is affecting this Government across the board. There comes a time when all of us in this House will have to adopt zero tolerance on anything negative affecting healthcare in this province. [Interjections.]

The MEC also said that EMS has improved. This service of the Emergency Medical Services is being accused of tardiness and displaying an uncaring attitude towards the 70-year old Mitchell's Plain man who died when two ambulances allegedly refused to take him to hospital... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: They were not there, that is why he went home. [Interjection.]

Ms D GOPIE: ...when two ambulances... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please.

Ms D GOPIE: ...the Mitchells Plain man who died when two ambulances

allegedly refused to take him to hospital, claiming they did not have appropriate personnel and equipment to transport him. We are not surprised that poor EMS workers were confronted with that situation because EMS revised estimates has been reduced by more than 17% on machinery and equipment... [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is the best run province hey.

Ms D GOPIE: ...whereas revised... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order members. [Interjections.]

Ms D GOPIE: ...whereas revised estimates on agency... [Interjections.]

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

Ms D GOPIE: ...whereas revised estimates on agency and outsourced services increased by 32%. Yet, there have been progressive adjustments in the last few years including more than 6% in this current year. It would seem that the sharing of resources is done abruptly or does not take into account core functions of the EMS.

In the Provincial Hospital Services programme, we noticed a 100% and 600% increment on entertainment and venues/ facilities respectively, which is worrying. This money can be better utilised in order to improve aspects of

the programme.

In the Central Hospital Services, noticeable was the revised estimates of more than one hundred and 134% and 337% on advertising and catering respectively. This clearly cannot be said to be a core function of this programme.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Is this pro-poor?

Ms D GOPIE: It must be condemned. In the health sciences and training we again see an increase of revised estimates on advertising and 95% on contractors and at 203% on rentals, hiring at 62% whereas the core function is merely 7%. What a shame! This is a Department... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, hon Minister.

Ms D GOPIE: This is a Department of catering and entertaining. In the Healthcare Support Services, these two received increases of revised estimates of almost 200% and 125% respectively.

In the Health Facilities Management, money is pumped to consultants and professional services - an increment of revised estimates of almost 4000% - as if there is no capacity within the Department.

I wonder whether this money is not hidden for political election campaigning

as the DA is desperate to retain the Western Cape as the writing is on the wall... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please. [Interjections.]

Ms D GOPIE: ...and the trembling is inevitable. In an area called Enkanini in Khayelitsha people are forced to live with overflowing drains and uncollected rubbish. [Interjections.] Young children have to pass by daily exposing them to harmful health risks. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please members.

Mr D G MITCHELL: Where is the ANC councillor?

Ms D GOPIE: In March 2016, it was reported that the City of Cape Town has recorded five deaths and treated over 14 500 children for diarrhoea this season. This budget does not say how the Department plans to deal with scores of children affected by gastroenteritis yearly and this year alone twelve kids died of diarrhoea, and the Department is silent on how this DA Government plans to eradicate dirt and filthy surroundings in poor communities. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order.

Ms D GOPIE: In the Cape Flats the share of nurses is said to be up to one

nurse for twenty patients at a time. Many skilled medical and nursing staff is leaving the public health due to trauma caused by gang violence and crime.

Although this has been denied by this Department, a DA Councillor Mayoral member Mr Siyabulela Mamkeli confirmed that nurses work in volatile areas exposed to trauma.

This is so, although the City of Cape Town receives greater allocation than other municipalities, but continue to fail to provide proper security of public health institutions; health professionals, practitioners and workers.

The list of many challenges seemed to be endless. At Groote Schuur Hospital, a woman who suffered from pulmonary hypertension had her medication reduced because doctors said she has only six months to live. Contrary to this, her private doctor had said she was responding well to the treatment until it was reduced at Groote Schuur Hospital. This process is very critical ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Gopie, please take your seat. Hon members, there is too much noise in the House, too many private conversations going on from both sides. Please allow the speaker on the floor to continue. You may proceed, hon member Gopie.

Ms D GOPIE: Her private doctor had said she was responding well to the treatment until it was reduced at Groote Schuur Hospital. This process is a

very critical question to us all, how long must we wait for the implementation of the NHI to ensure that quality health care is provided to all citizens irrespective of size of one's wallet or colour of your skin?

Elsewhere in Paarl, a hospital told a raped child to come the next day for treatment. Clearly, an immediate examination would have ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

The SPEAKER: Hon member Dugmore, Minister Madikizela, please engage each other outside. Thank you, you may proceed, hon member Gopie.

Ms D GOPIE: Clearly an immediate examination would have contributed in collecting evidence, including DNA, for criminal proceedings and this was compromised. More worrying was when the poor child was finally attended to, she was not injected because there were no needles at the hospital. She was not even given antiretroviral treatment to prevent possible HIV infection. [Interjections.]

†Me P Z LEKKER: Skande!

*Ms P Z LEKKER: Disgrace!

Ms D GOPIE: The most disappointing thing is to read a statement by the Department's spokesperson saying "the incident is regrettable".

†Me P Z LEKKER: Skande! One word.

*Ms P Z LEKKER: Disgrace! One word.

Ms D GOPIE: The statement ended there, there are no consequences following a complete lack of poor judgement on the part of the hospital management. The consequences were dire for the poor child, including exposure to contracting HIV/AIDS.

In conclusion, this Health budget, although it purports to support the marginally poor communities, the very opposite is the reality when one is reading the fine print. It shows that the funding of various programmes is [Inaudible.] and undermines their core function at the expense of non-core functions such as catering, entertainment, use of consultants and professional services including contractors. The healthcare and welfare of the people of the Western Cape is still not going to improve under the DA Government. They will still suffer and live in miserable poverty and unhealthy and harmful areas as shown earlier in this speech. Thanks.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Gopie. [Applause.] In the absence of hon member Joseph of the EFF, I now recognise the hon Christians. [Applause.]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Madam Speaker, thank you for this opportunity. You sit in a difficult situation because you have less than R20 billion and you must make do with what is best for the people of the Western Cape. But I

want the ANC to be truthful about this. We are sitting in this mess because of political uncertainty. [Interjections.] When I drove in this morning ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: When I drove in this morning I heard again that we are going to be in trouble because of political uncertainty. Nobody knows who governs this country. [Interjections.] So, the important thing is you are sitting with a department that must render good services and you only have that and we heard what the Minister said, they have a shortfall of R600 million. So what do you do? And the important thing is that this budget is under strain. Now the budget will continue to be under strain because the ANC is not truthful.

The Province gets an allocation and that allocation must be managed but the problem is that the Rand is weakening because of politics by the Guptas. It's a fact. [Applause.] We must say – I mean we are getting less and less because of politics and who is governing this country? It is the ANC. So I want the ANC to be truthful. The people say, †*Skande!* *Shame! The ANC is a †*skande* **shame*. They say †*skande* **shame*.

So Madam Speaker, let me just say a couple of things. I'm delighted with the report on safety at the hospitals because safety is a major concern for the staff and the public, it's a major concern. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Another thing that I also want to bring under the Minister's attention is the stress of our nurses with the workload they have. Can the Minister just elaborate on that because I have been to Mitchells Plain and nurses are under tremendous stress with the number of people they are seeing on a daily basis.

Another thing that I need to compliment the Minister on is the Independent Complaints Committee. I think a lot can be done and I think that is an initiative, it is a first, it is an initiative to help that we have a better healthcare system because a lot of times people want to vent their concerns and now there is a body to look at that.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Christians, please finish up, your time has expired.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Thank you, Madam Speaker. [Time expired.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you. [Applause.] [Interjections.] Order, please. Hon members, can I call the House to order? I have to recognise the Minister in closing. I recognise the hon the Minister.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Thank you for the inputs from my colleagues,

my standing Chair, Committee and also Mama Gopie and also to hon member Christians. Thank you for the inputs.

The Province, out of nine provinces, it's the only province that has an unqualified audit. [Applause.] The one only.

The SPEAKER: Order, please! [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: In terms of the ... [Interjections.] Up to the extent now that actually some of the other provinces come to us. I hold meetings with the MECs and with their management to teach them best practices. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Hear- hear!

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: So we are the trendsetter. We do it for the patients, for the people .. [Interjection] because health, you cannot reduce it to a football because it is about the people, so that is why ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Dyantyi, thank you. [Applause.]

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: So we teach other provinces ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Minister, please address the Chair. Thank you.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: We teach other provinces how to run health systems.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: And hospitals.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: In terms of orientation there is that thing called DORA, which is the Division of Revenue Act, where it talks about the equitable share. I want to refer the member to the schedule, specifically Part A of the schedule that talks about the allocation of money to provinces so that you understand that actually it is the taxpayers' money. It is not the National Government's money that we are using.

Regarding the infrastructure delays, when we talk about building a hospital or a facility it is unlike where probably you are building a house because it has got to do with all the phases, which we call them, in terms of a gateway system. It starts from the concept until the time that you get the key. So it is not about the bricks and mortar. When we talk about the delay, actually when you start initiating infrastructure it might be that by the time you see the brick and mortar you would have undergone probably phase five. So when it reflects on paper, it is not that nothing is being done but for example, technology is also part of the infrastructure, so it goes beyond that.

Regarding the issue of the consultancies related to the infrastructure project, that was incorrect and we did correct that. It is not the correct figure and the member is aware of that.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: When we get consultants from the nursing agencies, people who are moonlighting, they are also reflected as part of that. So it is not that we have all these consultants, contractors, it is people that are coming to assist us. I say this because there was a member who asked if we don't have enough capacity that we have to get consultants from outside – so it goes beyond that.

It is the same issue with the laboratory services where blood is taken and all of that, it is reflected as a consultant but it is not part of that.

The Global Fund: I thought it is public knowledge that the Global Fund from international funding is coming to an end across South Africa.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: And also across other countries where the international community realises that actually the economy is far better, so they have to take their money to the very poor. So it is not that the Western Cape is not getting global funds because of the misuse or mismanagement of the money, it is everywhere.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: It is part of it.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: It is part of it. Luckily we have been given another opportunity where now for 1 April, this year where we will [Inaudible.] submit another project which is exciting. We will talk about it later on.

Now the community health workers, I think probably those that I have mentioned, especially Mama from Delft, will probably – whilst listening you might have been saying that this is not true. Africa Tikkun which is the NPO that has been supplying the Delft community, the community health workers, they have pulled out because they want to focus on education, as I indicated, with the intention of funding some of the NPOs – they do not get much of the funding. So they want to focus on education and not on the community health workers. So when they pulled out already there is another NPO that is also now applying for funding to continue. So I am not aware of any community health workers that will end up being retrenched.

† 'n AGBARE LID: Ja.

*An HON MEMBER: Yes.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Because there are still going to be things to do for them. And the issue of the safety, as I indicated earlier, the Government can do something up to a certain level. In the end it is also in the hands of the communities because the community health workers are not attached to a health facility. They go to the households, to homes, looking after families,

so when they arrive there and they find that one member is drunk and the other ones are fighting, the community has to take responsibility as well. And that is why for us, in some instances, to protect our community health workers we have to pull out of those households if the communities or the SAPS and all the others fail – because it is all about inter-sectoral collaboration, it is all about community involvement in health. So they have to take that responsibility but we have to ensure also us, as Health, that we can appoint that to provide safety for our communities.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Hear- hear!

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: The issue regarding diarrhoea deaths: these have been halved over the past year. If you compare the trends, it has been halved already. So if you look also in terms of the deaths from diarrhoea, it has been halved. In the Western Cape we have what we call the diarrhoea season, which is around about November until May, which is not uncommon under the circumstances. We have the sand and all of that. We have the same thing, for example, in the coastal areas like KZN/Durban because of the worm infestations that ended up, for example, in passing of that. But for that, if you look in terms of the trends you find that we have improved and we do have programmes throughout.

The issue of the GSH with the pulmonary conditions: sometimes you have to leave some of the aspects to the specialists, to the people who have been trained and undergone training in order to perform such. The issue of clinical

judgment goes a long way. For example, to treat pulmonary hypertension costs more than R200 000 per year for one person. So that is why we rely on the clinical judgment of our health professionals to make some recommendations and also as Government in terms of the prioritisation.

However, we understand that health is a right as well because it does not mean that now for some of them, that you end up not being able to provide the services but we have to look in terms of the checks and balances in terms of seeing how to provide the services, affordability and all of those.

With the issue of the EMS, in terms of the response to the emergencies, we have about a 75% response. Wait, I am not sure. I am not aware if there are any complaints that we need to be aware of. I invite the member to come forward and share those stories because what we have right now in terms of the evidence, is that we are very covered when it comes to the EMS.

And also noting again the issue of the response; again the communities should take a role and responsibility where we see cases of the ambulances being called, yet they will be robbed at gunpoint without even reaching the patient. In some instances, in other areas where, whilst they are fetching the patient in the house, their ambulance is in the road, they are being robbed at gunpoint and their cell phones taken and all of that.

So for us, we can assist up to a certain level where we can say that we do have our security patrol where they can accompany them, we can ask the

police but in most instances they are not there. But it is in the hands of the community to work with us so that we could be able to assist the communities.

I think that is all, thank you very much. [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, Minister. That concludes the debate on this vote. Members, may I ask that we have a pause for just two to three minutes to allow the officials to leave and for the next group to come in, with your permission. Thank you. Thank you to the officials.

[Business of the House paused for clearing of the bays.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Can we come to order, please? Please take your seats. The Secretary will read the next Order of the Day.

1. Debate on Vote 9 – Environmental Affairs and Development Planning – *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 2 - 2016].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see the Minister for Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning, Minister Bredell.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Honourable Speaker, Provincial Cabinet; Colleagues and members of the Legislature; the Head of the Department and

the CEO of CapeNature, invited guests, colleagues and friends:

Our world is rapidly changing. Population growth and urbanisation is placing increased demands on the shrinking resources and this, along with changing weather patterns, is already having a huge effect on all of us. A changing environment means that we must change our ways. We can no longer continue with business as usual. When it comes to our habitat and the environment we all live and depend on, behaviour change is becoming non-negotiable.

It is the job of the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning and the public biodiversity entity Cape Nature to ensure that our environment is used in a responsible manner and conserved for future generations. We are doing this amidst shrinking budgets; the challenge is real. Today I will present the 2016 budget speech for the Department as well as Cape Nature.

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Agb Speaker, dit is die Departement se verantwoordelikheid om die fyn balans te vind en te handhaaf tussen die onmiddellike behoeftes van die gemeenskap en die langtermyn volhoubare beplanning vir dieselfde gemeenskap.

Terselfdertyd moet ons dan gemeenskappe oortuig om in te koop by ons langtermyn planne. Ons moet byvoorbeeld vir boere wat kos produseer oortuig om fynbos te bewaar.

Ons moet mense wat grond soek oortuig dat vleilande noodsaaklik is vir almal se volhoubare toekoms. Dit is 'n moeilike taak. Ons sit byvoorbeeld met te min grond in die regte plekke. Dit beteken ons beplanners en leiers het 'n groot uitdaging om ontwikkelings te fasiliteer wat ons gemeenskappe nader aanmekaar bring met oplossings wat ten bate van almal is en wat aan gemeenskappe 'n lewe van waardigheid kan voorsien. Dit help nie daar is 'n wêreldklas natuurresewaat reg langs 'n buurt waar mense nie dienste ontvang nie.

***The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING:** Madam Speaker, it is the Department's responsibility to find and maintain the fine balance between the immediate needs of the community and the long term sustainable planning for the same community.

At the same time we have to convince communities to buy into our long term plans. For example, we have to convince farmers producing food to preserve fynbos.

We have to convince people looking for land that wetlands are critical to a sustainable future for all. It is a difficult task. We have, for example, too little land in the right places. It means our planners and leaders have a big challenge to facilitate developments that will bring our communities closer together with solutions benefiting all and provide a life of dignity to

communities. It does not help if there is a world class nature reserve next to a neighbourhood where people do not have services.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Daardie is waar.

*Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is true.

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSKAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: In die Wes Kaap is dit ons prioriteit om hande te vat en saam met ons gemeenskappe, ontwikkelings en bewaring te doen saam met ons gemeenskappe en hul inkoop te kry. Dis die enigste manier wat projekte volhoubaar kan bly.

†The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: In the Western Cape it is our priority to take hands and to manage developments and conservation with our communities and get them to buy in. That is the only way projects can remain sustainable.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the Department is taking an active role in improving the living spaces of our poorest and most desperate communities. This is being done through the ongoing implementation of the Western Cape Government's Regional Socio-Economic Project (RSEP) and the Violence Prevention through Urban Upgrading (VPUU) Programme.

Last year I explained how this programme is based on the proven successes achieved in the City of Cape Town's VPUU Programme in Khayelitsha since

2005, which the City is now also expanding to Hanover Park, Manenberg, Gugulethu and Nyanga.

Last year I announced the programme would be piloted in five partner municipalities, Saldanha Bay, Swartland, Breede Valley, Drakenstein and Theewaterskloof.

The main goal of our Provincial RSEP/VPUU Programme is to partner with active citizens to plan and implement upgrading and safety projects in poor neighbourhoods. Basically the projects seek to make communities safer and better places to live.

Entering its second year of implementation, the Department has allocated R38.5 million for the RSEP VPUU Programme. Minister Meyer announced in his budget speech that over the entire 2016 MTEF period R140,2 million has been allocated for this project.

This is another clear example of how this Provincial Government keeps investing in the most vulnerable areas of this province, striving to improve the lives of everyone who lives here.

†Agb Speaker, die Departement van Omgewingsake en Ontwikkelingsbeplanning sal vir die 2016/2017 boekjaar 'n begroting van R550 miljoen ontvang. Hiervan sal R261 miljoen toegedeel word aan CapeNature. Verlede jaar het ek aangekondig hoe CapeNature oor die MTUR

periode R91 miljoen sal bestee aan projekte wat daarop gemik is om toerisme te bevorder in ons provinsie.

Dit sluit in ses infrastruktuurprojekte by verskeie natuurreservate soos die Groenvlei Ontwikkeling in die Goukamma Natuurreservaat. Dié uitbreidings vorm deel van die Provinsie se planne vir die ontwikkeling van 'n Groen Ekonomie, 'n begrip wat resorteer onder die Provinsiale Strategiese Doelwit Een wat spreek van ekonomiese groei en werkskepping oor die volgende vyf jaar.

Daar is ook 'n sterk verbinding met die Provinsie se Strategiese Doelwit Vier wat spreek van die ontwikkeling van 'n volhoubare en inklusiewe omgewing in die Wes-Kaap.

In die mees onlangse boekjaar het CapeNature twee van die ses infrastruktuurprojekte voltooi, in die Rocherpan- en Cederberg Reservate. Dit is verder verblydend om te sien hoe die projekte reeds vrugte afwerp want CapeNature se inkomste uit toerisme die afgelope boekjaar het alle verwagtings oortref en die begrote inkomste oorskry met 25%. Wat die Departement betref sal daar vanjaar R4.5 miljoen bestee word aan programme ter ondersteuning van die Groen Ekonomie.

Ek wil ook net hier noem beide die Departement onder Piet van Zyl sowel as CapeNature onder dr Razeena Omar het skoon oudits verwerf wat 'n algehele verbetering is op verlede jaar.

*Madam Speaker, the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning will receive a budget of R550 million for the 2016/2017 financial year. From this, R261 million will be allocated to CapeNature. Last year I announced how CapeNature will spend R91 million over the MTEF period on projects aimed at the promotion of tourism in our province.

It includes six infrastructure projects at various nature reserves such as the Groenvlei Development in the Goukamma Nature Reserve. These extensions form part of the Province's plans for the development of a Green Economy, a concept included under the Provincial Strategic Goal One addressing economic growth and job creation over the next five years.

There is also a strong link with the Province's Strategic Goal Four addressing the development of a sustainable and inclusive environment in the Western Cape.

In the most recent financial year, CapeNature completed two of the six infrastructure projects, in the Rocherpan and Cederberg Reserves. Furthermore it is encouraging to see how the projects are already bearing fruit as CapeNature's revenue from tourism the past financial year exceeded all expectations and the estimated revenue was exceeded by 25%. As far as the Department is concerned, R4.5 million will be spent this year on programmes supporting the Green Economy.

I want to also mention here that both the Department under Piet van Zyl as well as CapeNature under Dr Razeena Omar have obtained clean audits which is a significant improvement on last year.

†Mnr C M DUGMORE: Hoor, hoor!

*Mr C M DUGMORE: Hear, hear!

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Baie geluk en dankie vir jul harde werk.

*The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Congratulations and thank you for your hard work.

Hon Deputy Speaker, when it comes to Biodiversity Management you may recall that we mentioned last year that the first of Cape Nature's strategic goals is to ensure biodiversity loss reduction in the Western Cape.

This includes maintaining and expanding the conservation estates in the province by various means including addressing wildfires and the continued invasion by alien vegetation in mountain catchment areas. In light of the current drought and water shortages in South Africa, weren't those comments timely and fortunate? I can assure you that the conservation efforts in the Western Cape remain a critical priority.

In addition to improving the ecosystem health through the management of our Protected Areas, expanding the conservation estate is equally important to ensure biodiversity loss is reduced in the Western Cape. This is aligned to the National Protected Areas Expansion Strategy and is done through a successful stewardship programme which is already top in the country in terms of the number of signed agreements.

The province is one of the primary water catchment areas in this country and the majority of those catchment areas are managed by CapeNature.

An HON MEMBER: Why do people vote ... [Inaudible].

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: That was in the time of the ANC. Through a five-year Integrated Catchment Management Strategy (since 2016 – 2021), CapeNature will be working to ensure ecological infrastructure is conserved, managed and restored in partnership with other stakeholders to ensure efficient ecosystem processes providing maximum ecosystem services to benefit the citizens of the Western Cape.

The 5-year strategy aims to ensure maximum ecosystem services are provided to the people of the Western Cape, while bringing the benefits of jobs through the delivery of integrated catchment management services. Additionally, from the Department's side we see the continued expansion of

the ground-breaking water projects in the Berg River Improvement Plan. The work being done is progressing well despite funding constraints.

Over 100 000 plants have been successfully cultivated, allowing for increased rehabilitation along riverbanks that have been cleared of invasive alien vegetation. The clearing of the new areas inhabited by invasive alien plant species is underway, while previously cleared areas are being maintained.

An amount of R9.9 million has been allocated for this critical project which will be further developed and expanded to the Breede River catchment area.

The Department has allocated an amount totalling nearly R2 million towards coastal management programmes, in particular for the Western Cape Coastal Management Programme as well as the development and implementation of the Estuaries Management Programme.

A total amount of R5.5 million has been allocated for programmes that will address air quality in the Western Cape. Plans are in place to have a complete network that comprises 11 continuous ambient air quality monitoring stations. It is envisaged that the studies will provide an overall assessment of the impact of air quality on human health so that key recommendations can be made towards improving air quality management, where required.

The Provincial Government, through this Department, continues to support municipalities to manage spatial growth pressures. This is done by

establishing and maintaining datasets for on-going monitoring and evaluation of spatial growth patterns, by making sure of tools such as the Growth Potential Study of Towns.

These municipality support initiatives need to be strengthened further through the continuation of the Built Environment Support Programme (BESP) which is an inter-departmental initiative that focuses on the mandates of DETP and the Department of Human Settlements. It specifically supports partner municipalities in updating and strengthening their Spatial Development Frameworks and Human Settlement Plans.

The Municipal Readiness Programme will provide ongoing capacity building support to the municipalities and will give effect to vital Planning Law Reform in the form of the National Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act 2013 (SPLUMA) and the Western Cape Land Use Planning Act 2014 (LUPA) across our Western Cape municipalities.

In this regard, I'd like to congratulate the Department for enabling the Western Cape Government to be the first provincial government to pass the new provincial spatial planning and land use planning law which is aligned to the national Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act (SPLUMA).

HON MEMBERS: Hear- hear!

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Honourable Deputy Speaker, the Department ... [Interjections.] The Department is also the first - and to my knowledge remains – the only provincial department that has presented a full Basic Environmental Management Inspector Training Course to municipal officials across the province. 25 officials successfully completed the course during the past year and was designated as Environmental Management Inspectors, also known as Green Scorpions.

An HON MEMBER: Well done.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: CapeNature starts with the new financial year on a positive note, entering the second year of its five-year Strategic Plan. While the organisation is working in an environment which faces resource constraints in meeting operational requirements, it will continue to make a meaningful contribution to the vision of conserving nature for a sustainable future.

CapeNature continues to focus on providing socio-economic benefits to communities and to promote equitable access to and sustainable use of natural resources through the biodiversity economy. Communities get socio-economic benefits through employment opportunities and to that end CapeNature's number of Full Time Equivalents (FTEs) in the Expanded

Public Works Programme will be increasing in the next financial year, after the organisation exceeded its targets last year.

This simply means CapeNature is creating more and more job opportunities to rural poor communities, thanks to its well planned and executed strategies across the Western Cape.

†Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, ander provinsies sukkel om die stroop van renosters te bekamp.

*Mr Deputy Speaker, other provinces are struggling to counter rhino poaching.

† 'n AGB LID: Los maar die renosters.

*An HON MEMBER: You can leave the rhinos.

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: In die Wes-Kaap het ons dalk nie renosters nie, maar ons het wel renosterbos en sederhout en skaars plantsoorte wat nêrens anders ter wêreld voorkom nie. In die een hand het ons dus 'n wortel, in die ander het ons 'n stok.

As die instelling wat moet kyk na die bewaring van die Wes Kaap, moes CapeNature in die afgelope jaar 64 gevalle van ernstige omgewingsoortredings hanteer. In die een geval is twee buitelanders gevang

met meer as 2 200 soorte bedreigde plante by die Knersvlakte Natuurreservaat en later skuldig bevind in die hof.

CapeNature bestuur wêreldklas reservate en die gewildheid neem toe, soos ek vroeër genoem het. Al die data wys daarop. CapeNature sal aanhou om toerisme te bevorder tesame met bewaring. Die inkomste wat die een genereer help natuurlik met die ander. In die 2014/2015 boekjaar het toerisme-inkomste sowat 68% verteenwoordig van al die inkomste wat CapeNature self gegenereer het.

Die belegging in toerisme infrastruktuur lei natuurlik ook tot belegging in die omgewing en verdere werkskepping en ekonomiese groei. Die eko-toerisme portefeulje sal vanjaar uitgebrei word met agt nuwe akkommodasie eenhede by Kogelberg reservaat, waarskynlik die middelpunt van die Kaapse blomme koninkryk met meer as 1 600 verskillende fynbos spesies.

Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, soos wat ek belowe het in my begrotingtoespraak verlede jaar, het die Departement en CapeNature die afgelope jaar weer uitstekende werk verrig.

Ek is besonder trots op dit wat bereik is en ek wil weer 'n oomblik neem om die Departement en CapeNature en al die mense te bedank vir hul harde werk en hulle mooi gesindheid. Ek wil ook vir Piet van Zyl en dr Omar bedank vir die leierskap en die samewerking. Ek dink hulle sal die eerste wees wat sal erken dat ons kan hierdie sukses net behaal as ons as 'n span saamwerk. So

aan hulle almal, al hulle direkteure, al die veldwerkers, baie, baie dankie dat julle omgee vir die Wes-Kaap. Baie dankie ook vir my kantoorpersoneel vir hulle bystand. Ek dank u. [Applous]

*The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: In the Western Cape we may not have rhinos, but we do have *renosterbos* and cedarwood and rare plant species found nowhere else in the world. In the one hand we therefore have a carrot and in the other we have a stick.

As the institution having to look after the conservation of the Western Cape, CapeNature had to handle 64 cases of serious environmental offences over the past year. In the one case two foreigners were caught with more than 2 200 species of endangered plants at the Knersvlakte Nature Reserve and later found guilty in court.

CapeNature manages world class reserves and its popularity is increasing, as I mentioned earlier. All the data confirms that. CapeNature will continue to promote tourism along with conservation. The revenue generated by the one of course aids the other. In the 2014/2015 financial year, tourism revenue represented about 68% of all the revenue generated by CapeNature itself.

The investment in tourism infrastructure of course results in investment in the environment and further job creation and economic growth. The eco-tourism portfolio will be expanded this year with eight new accommodation

units at Kogelberg Reserve, probably the centre of the Cape floral kingdom with more than 1 600 different fynbos species.

Mr Deputy Speaker, as I had promised in my budget speech last year, the Department and CapeNature have again done excellent work over the past year.

I am very proud of what has been achieved and I want to take a moment to thank the Department and CapeNature and all the people for their hard work and fine attitude. I also want to thank Piet van Zyl and Dr Omar for the leadership and the cooperation. I think they will be the first to admit that we can only achieve this success if we work together as a team. So to them all, all their directors, all the field workers, thank you very, very much for caring about the Western Cape. Also thank you to my office staff for their support. I thank you. [Applause.]

†Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Agb Lentit.

*The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Lentit.

Mr R B LENTIT: Thank you very much, Mr Deputy Speaker. I rise in support of the budget vote for the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning. Environmental policy, strategy, and programmes are key in meeting development needs in addressing infrastructure gaps for socio-economic transformation and integration. In order for there to be growth, there must be room for growth and the environment must be able to

sustain growth and development.

As such, the Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning is without question the backbone of the Western Cape's game changer strategy which ensures environmental sustainability for an enabling environment. We have already seen the consequent growth and increased employment.

According to Stats South Africa, in 2015, 210 000 jobs were created in the Western Cape. The Western Cape has a 63% year-on-year increase in job creation, whilst the national growth rate is a mere 16%. These sites of job are the result of an inclusive and transversal approach of which the efforts made by the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning are of note.

Provincial Strategic Goals 1 and 4 reinforces the commitment to delivery as per our Government's Better Living Model. As part of capacitating sustainable growth, the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning is a key enabler to ensure compliance within a legal framework to deliver on my DA's principles of Freedom, Fairness and Opportunity to redress the injustices of the past by enabling growth going forward.

The Department's 2016/17 business plan is part of a holistic delivery pledge. The game changer strategy is a delivery agenda to cement the Western Cape's

position as the best place in South Africa to start and grow a business and also for entrepreneurs to become part of the mainstream economy of this province and our country.

The Department's Green Economy strategy is a pledge to ensure that the development growth that we see happen in our province does not compromise our living environment going forward. The Western Cape's strategy on the green economy comprises of eight key pillars, namely:

- Green building and built environment;
- Sustainable transport and infrastructure;
- Clean energy and energy efficiency;
- Resource conservation and management;
- Sustainable waste management;
- Water management;
- Sustainable consumption and production ... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Slow down.

Mr R B LENTIT: As well as agriculture food production.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Slow down.

Mr R B LENTIT: When the Hon Premier Zille outlined the Western Cape Government's strategy at her State of the Province Address, she displayed

leadership regarding how her Government will implement the NDP through the game changer strategy.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Wag 'n bietjie.

*Mr Q R DYANTYI: Wait a minute.

Mr R B LENTIT: I say, Mr Deputy Speaker ... [Interjection.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Wag 'n bietjie.

*Mr Q R DYANTYI: Wait a minute.

Mr R B LENTIT: We are the only government that is implementing the NDP and we are doing it in a way that is sustainable.

Major commitments are made for the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning so as to advise and support the integrated development agenda of Government. Without this function, how would we grow?

The success of the Provincial Strategic Goal 1 and 4 depends on the output of all transversal departments in the economic cluster. As such I am optimistic that this Cabinet, which represents the DA, is fit to continue delivering a capable state.

†Adjunkspeaker, die Departement van Omgewingsake en Ontwikkelingsbeplanning het 'n mandaat om saam met ander departemente te werk om armoede te verminder en ingeligte bydraes te maak vir ekonomiese groei en ontwikkeling.

Dit kan net gedoen en bevorder word in die raamwerk van ons Suid-Afrikaanse Grondwet en in terme van wetgewing, sodat die Wes-Kaapse natuurlike omgewing bewaar kan word vir ons nageslagte.

Die Departement van Omgewingsake en Ontwikkelingsbeplanning het die voordeel van 'n dinamiese Minister wie ondersteun word deur toegewyde personeel wat bekwaam is om hul spelveranderlike mandaat van ons Regering uit te voer.

*Mr Deputy Speaker, the Department of Environmental Affairs has a mandate to work along with the other departments to alleviate poverty and make informed contributions to economic growth and development.

It can only be achieved and promoted within the framework of our South African Constitution and in terms of legislation, so that the Western Cape natural environment can be preserved for our future generations.

The Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning has the advantage of a dynamic Minister who is supported by dedicated staff trained to execute their game changer mandate of our Government.

†Mr Deputy Speaker, our first strategic goal, and that is to create opportunities for growth and jobs, which is only possible by means of implementing the fourth goal, enabling a resilient, sustainable, quality and inclusive living environment. It is an enabling environment that attracts investment to the province, grows the provincial economy and to create jobs and opportunities for all the people who live in the Western Cape.

The strategic intent of the fourth goal is to support high growth for the economic sectors and also to enable a resilient, sustainable, quality and inclusive living environment for all the people of the Western Cape.

The strategy then follows to improve and increase the CapeNature revenue stream. This business plan will mean better access for visitors to recreational facilities and heritage sites. This greater access, along with the excellent marketing done by our Government and its entities, will mean increased eco-tourism as the capacity for it now exists.

For the financial year under review, the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning, has a planned budget of R550 million of which R285 million is allocated to CapeNature, which calculates to 52% of the total budget and CapeNature's projects of this nature are already underway, such as the completion and the handover of Grootvadersbosch in the Overberg.

Project support is not limited to areas of eco-tourism and nature conservation but also to the capacitation of the hard infrastructure needed to develop. This Department assists our municipalities with their waste management programmes, ensuring even better service delivery at local government level. Similarly, expanding the Berg River Improvement Plan methodology to the Olifants/Doorn and Breede Rivers catchment areas, is an initiative that is meant to improve the water security in the province as a whole.

Following a difficult and unstable period as far as South African politics as a whole is concerned, many people fear the looming threat of junk status. I am, however, optimistic that the performance of this Government will encourage South Africans to vote for the only party that can turn the situation around and prevent this continued economic backsliding. I cannot wait for the DA to govern major metros beyond the Western Cape .. [Interjections] ... and to do what it does better than any other party in this country. We deliver the best services and the greatest number of opportunities.

The DA-led Western Cape Government is committed to the eradication of poverty, inclusive growth that can create jobs while also preserving the environment for the future generations. The DA supports the vote. I thank you. [Applause.]

Ms P MAKELENI: It is actually the ... [Inaudible]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! The hon Dyantyi.

Ms T M DIJANA: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Chapter 2 section 24 subsection (a) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa 1996 states: “Everyone has the right to an environment that is not harmful to their health or wellbeing”. This DA-led administration has violated this section. A case in point are the residents of Enyhunyhwni informal settlement, Emapheleni. A mother and her three children, who are suffering from illnesses caused by the insects that are visible in and outside their home have been to a neighbourhood clinic and were told there is nothing that could be done and it is because of the surroundings that they live in. The entire area is an environmental hazard with all sorts of dirt thrown in a wetland.

Given the current financial climate in the country we expected a budget that would speak to how quality services would be delivered to people and minimise the impact of the economic challenges felt by the people. A quick example of what I mean is that since the beginning of the year there have been serious complaints from ratepayers in the City of Cape Town for water tariffs that have increased so much. The expectation was for a budget that would try at least to respond to such challenges and this budget clearly does not.

The Department instead presented a budget that is concerned with budget reductions that would impact on the Department’s projects that failed last year. To remind you about reasons why we rejected last year’s budget, we said it lacked vision, it did not respond to the needs of the people, it did not

talk about upliftment of communities and development of rural areas. The only thing that is evidently different between the two budgets is that our concerns about the RSEP/VPUU being centred in the City of Cape Town and not benefiting rural areas was taken into consideration, with the Department piloting it in five other municipalities, namely Saldanha Bay Municipality, Swartland Municipality, Drakenstein Municipality, Breede Valley and Theewaterskloof Municipality.

The DA administration in this province is using resources to develop only those municipalities under their control. What is more concerning is the fact that the €5 million donation intended for the VPUU programme is excluded from the vote appropriation. The money is channelled to a non-profit company, the VPUU NPC. This will make it easier to use the money to fund the DA campaign for the Local Government Elections ... [Interjections.] as it will not be accounted for by the Department. Let me remind the DA members about this famous proverb ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Ms T M DIJANA :... which states...[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Just one second. Please take your seat. Hon Mngasela, is that a point of order or a question?

Mr M MNQASELA: It is a question, Mr Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Member Dijana, are you prepared to take a question?

Ms T M DIJANA: No.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The answer is no. Please continue with your speech.

UNksz T M DIJANA: †Hlala phantsi wethu, undwebe gqithi. *Sit down, you are curious. †Let me remind the DA members about the famous proverb which states, “there is none so blind as those who will not see”.

Let me come to my second issue, Mr Deputy Speaker. This Department tells us that it has developed three key policy priorities for the MTEF and given the fiscally constrained environment all departmental programmes are structured to meet the priorities. They are: from municipal planning focus to provincial planning, from land use planning to development planning and from planning to implementation.

For the past three years or more, the City of Cape Town has been topping the charts for the most violent protests in the country. [Interjections.] It is widely reported that most of these protests are centred on the issues of human settlements, electricity, water and sanitation. All fingers are pointing at MEC Madikizela who always, in his defence, alludes to the issue of suitable land

not available. Ours is that it is very hypocritical of the DA administration to claim they are to prioritise development planning, given the recent decision to sell public land, perfectly suited for housing, to investors with no strings attached.

On the old Tafelberg Remedial School site in Sea Point, sold by this Government, 260 mixed income affordable units could have been developed. There are other sites this regime have earmarked to sell or lease ... [Interjections][Inaudible.] land capture under the guise of mixed use development ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Ms T M DIJANA: ... for exclusive apartments, targeting investors and tourists. These are [Inaudible.] complex in the city centre, the Helen Bowden Nurses' Home in Greenpoint and Top Yard in Gardens. An organisation in the city, Ndifuna Ukwazi, captured this well to mean that this will only benefit the already privileged who are mostly whites. Furthermore, they stated that it entrenches the apartheid city and exposes failures by the Province to meet its legal and moral obligations to provide redress to the former residents of District Six and hundreds of thousands more Capetonians deprived of their right to the city. It is then high time to put the from land use planning [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Ms T M DIJANA: ... to development – †Mamela Madikizela, ndiyathetha, ndikwiflori ngoku ndiyathetha. *Listen Madikizela, I am speaking, I am now on the floor, I am speaking.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order, the members!

Ms T M DIJANA: Isn't that high time to put the from land use planning to development planning priority to test? It is also an opportunity for MEC Anton Bredell to prove that his Department is serious about the resources efficiency and sustainability in the Western Cape, which includes natural systems, land, inland water, biodiversity and oceans and coasts – observed by the Provincial State of the Environmental Outlook Report 2013 - to be under significant pressure.

In his foreword in the APP he said, “Resource use inefficiencies are leading to extensive environmental degradation and loss of biodiversity and agricultural resources, which ultimately results in a deterioration of social and economic conditions”.

With these two issues presented above, the Department must therefore show its resolve to address them by, amongst other means, bringing a halt to all sales of prime land owned by the City and Western Cape Government to private developers. This land should be used to respond to the significant pressures out there by, amongst other means, transferring the land to MEC

Madikizela for housing development. †Ubomamela MEC Madikizela. *You must listen MEC Madikizela.

The third reason the budget is rejected is because of this [Inaudible.] approach to fill vacant posts, build in an attrition rate and unfunded, even more vacant posts the Department has adopted. By December 31, 2015, the Department had kept a vacancy rate of 4.42%. The number of funded posts - 411 posts were filled. This number included contract workers and interns. It is not evident from the data presented by the Department how many were contract workers/interns and how many were fulltime employees. Only senior management level had no vacancies.

An HON MEMBER: Cosatu.

Ms T M DIJANA: In the previous financial year we had a picture of this Department with a staff complement of 543 while there were 109 posts not budgeted for, which was a similar case which we witnessed in the 2014/15 financial year, with no improvement. This kind of approach to fill vacant posts by the Department is a strategy to trap desperate job seekers to be overworked and underpaid. The story of lack of transformation in this Department remains unresolved with no hopes it will ever change. The directorate of the Department still remains white and male dominated, with only six females who are all whites and only one male of African descent.

More than 63,4% of the departmental budget is used for transfers and subsidies to provinces and municipalities as well as CapeNature, which receives about R261.7 million. The Department is left with about R252.7 million. Of this amount, 76% is used for compensation of employees. There is a visible red thread between all the departmental programmes where, for instance, of the allocation to Programme 1, 78.8% goes to compensation of employees; Programme 2 - 72,7%; Programme 3 - 84,4%; Programme 5 - 48.8% and Programme 7 equal to 83%. About 23% of the remaining budget for the use by the Department goes to Programme 1 where it is not used for the benefit of communities. It is instead used, as is evident in the budget annexures, to pay for advertisement, bursaries, catering for departmental activities and entertainment.

During the difficult financial times facing the province, we have a department that spends 23% on the things I mentioned above, while our people are facing shack fires and the prospect of flooding during winter for those living in informal settlements.

Programme 4, environmental quality management, for instance, is allocated R85.1 million. By now you know how much is spent for salaries. Moreover, they spent close to R15 million on consultants and professional services which is a golden thread in all departmental programmes where about 20% of its allocation is used for consultancies.

This is even worse for Programme 5 in which, after transfers are made to CapeNature, the Department is left with R14,4 million, uses R7,4 million for employee compensation and about R6,8 million for consultancy and professional services.

A question to ask, therefore, is: if we already have 76% of the budget going to salaries, then more being used for consultancy and professional services, one needs to ask: where will the money for service provision and delivery to communities come from?

I raise these as a point of concern for the Department to see how it can cut on the expenditure on consultancy and professional services. The money generated from those budget cuts could be redirected to disaster management during fires in Masiphumelele, Imizama Yethu and responding to flooding during winter.

Mr M G E WILEY: Who starts the fires?

Ms T M DIJANA: Last year during this debate a point was raised about environmental empowerment programmes, inadequate allocation of 0,4%. It is still the same this year. On the APP we see this programme has two sub-programmes, namely, one, Environmental Capacity Development and Support which is supposed to promote environmental capacity development and the implementation of community based environmental infrastructure development and economic empowerment programmes. Number 2,

Environmental Communication Awareness, which is responsible to empower the general public in terms of environment management, through raising awareness, including community-based promotion and awareness of and compliance with environmental legislation and environmentally sound practices.

There are two critical issues here, the first being: why allocate such a small amount for such an important programme? Secondly, you look at table 8.2.6 in the budget book annexures, you will be shocked what this 0,4% allocation is spent on – catering for departmental activities, 23% consultants and many others. Only 13% of the 0,4% is used for training and development. If this was in the NGO sector, the donor would take away its funding and close down the organisation.

It is not fulfilling its mandate. What must happen, therefore, to this programme intended for capacity development and awareness and only 13% of its allocation is used to achieve that? This is a programme that has the potential to have a direct impact on the lives of the poor. Even though it has increased from the previous financial year, it still remains extremely low in order to have a real impact on the socio-economic conditions of our poor communities.

The less said about CapeNature, the better. We are talking about an entity that is in trouble with its own self, an entity with 583 approved posts, 11% vacancy rates, including special projects. It is used for fiscal dumping as its

allocation does not yield any positive results for the poor and vulnerable, especially those in rural areas. The bulk of this entity's allocation is used to pay for compensation of employees.

Let me give one example. Programme 2, Biodiversity Support, which is meant to conserve the unique natural heritage of the Western Cape, is allocated, R24.6 million, and R22.3 million is used for employee compensation. It is the same with all the other programmes. Rampant destruction of natural resources by illegal means and resource-use inefficiencies leading to environmental degradation and loss of biodiversity and agricultural resources, which ultimately result in the deterioration of social and economic conditions.

As the MEC told us in his foreword, this is a growing concern in the environmental sector. In response, as I am pointing out in this debate, the budget allocation is mainly spent for employee compensation, consultants, entertainment, food for staff and only a small portion is used for what it is intended for.

It is with this, Mr Deputy Speaker, that I want to say the ANC rejects this budget. We cannot endorse a budget for the DA to fund its white entities and companies under the appearance of development planning. You can clearly see this budget is not pro-poor. It is intended to develop the rich more, while completely ignoring the poor and marginalised. Where is the DA Whole of

Society Approach when its own budget looks like this? This budget does not even begin to cover their flawed notion of a whole of society approach.

In closing, the municipalities in the Western Cape are in tatters. The Kannaland Municipality and Oudtshoorn Municipality - both are facing serious financial challenges. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Ms T M DIJANA: The Department, on the other hand, has a municipal planning support and there is nothing being done to assist such municipalities. [Interjections.] Instead other resources ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Ms T M DIJANA: ... are taken to DA controlled municipalities. Lastly, Mr Deputy Speaker ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Just one second.

Ms T M DIJANA: Lastly, Mr Deputy Speaker ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Before you continue, just calm down in the House, please and then you can continue. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] the DA!

Mr D JOSEPH: [Inaudible.] Guptas!

Ms T M DIJANA: Sit down.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister, is that a question or ...
[Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND
TOURISM: I would like to know if the esteemed member would take a
question.

Ms T M DIJANA: No, sit down! †Hlala phantsi! *Sit down!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The answer is no, unfortunately.

†UNksz T M DIJANA: Hlala phantsi! *Sit down! [Interjections.] Hlala
phantsi! *Sit down!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

†UNksz T M DIJANA: Hlala phantsi! *Sit down!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: We need to know who runs ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon Minister. Please take your seat.

Ms T M DIJANA: Lastly, Mr Deputy Speaker, in the budget we were told that the proclamation to determine the upper limits of the salaries of political office-bearers has not yet been issued. Can I now ask for the MEC to lead by example and not accept the salary increment for the year, given the financial challenges in the country and the province are battling with. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Ms T M DIJANA: Highlighting the above challenges, the ANC therefore do not support this budget. I thank you. [Interjections.] [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Order! Hon members, please come to order.

Ms M M WENGER: A point of order.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Wenger, a point of order?

Ms M M WENGER: A point of order, Mr Deputy Speaker. Is it parliamentary to whistle in the House?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No, it does not contribute to the dignity and decorum of the House but I cannot ask the member to withdraw the whistle, so ... [Laughter.] [Applause]. So, for future reference, no, it is not parliamentary. Order. Before I see the hon member Christians I want the House to come to order. Hon member Christians?

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Mr Deputy Speaker, the ACDP supports this budget. It is about conservation, it is about attracting business with the money you have. [Interjections.] I thought the previous speaker was going to talk about something about the budget but she was all around. [Interjections.] She was talking about sick children, touching on health, municipalities, touching on local government, so I do not know what she spoke about. [Interjections.]

But the important thing is she time and time again referred to race. She time and time again referred to race and that, when we are in a time that race is a sensitive issue, the ANC has continued to talk about race, playing the race card. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Order, please! Hon member, please one second. Hon member Dijana, you have just finished your speech. Allow the member now to make his speech.

Ms T M DIJANA: Yes, but ... [Inaudible].

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

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: We are talking about attracting people, business, looking after our nature, but the member did not address any of that. The member addressed things that were not relevant and I need to say the following. [Interjections.] We, in this House, must be examples to have speeches of reconciliation and not hatred. I just heard hatred from the member, but let me get to a few issues.

I want to compliment the Minister and the Department and CapeNature for the initiatives because I mean there are a couple of initiatives. The Berg River Improvement Plan is a great initiative and we need to compliment them for that because we are talking about water security and the member did not say anything about that.

The other thing for me that is very important is the Regional Socio-Economic Project, looking at violence prevention, upgrading communities and there they went into detail to name the areas that they are going to focus on and that is the type of debate that we must have. We must challenge the Minister, challenge the Department, how do you do more with less? And we have less at this moment. It is a small, small budget. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order, members. The Chair has a duty to give special attention to smaller parties to protect them but the members are

not assisting the Chair, so his time has expired and I am allowing him to finish off his speech now.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: And Mr Deputy Speaker, I just want to compliment CapeNature for job creation in the rural areas where it is needed most. I thank you. [Time expired.][Applause.]

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

An HON MEMBER: It is a minority party.

An HON MEMBER: No, it is not ... [Interjection.]

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Dankie, dankie agb Speaker. Dit is eintlik baie, baie teleurstellend. Laat my toe om eerstens vir die Komitee onder die voorsitterskap van die agb mnr Lentit te bedank vir hulle oorsigrol, vir die samewerking oor die afgelope jaar. Dit is goed as ons van mekaar verskil, solank ons by die feite bly.

*The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Thank you, Madam Speaker. It is actually very, very disappointing. Allow me to firstly thank the Committee under the Chairmanship of hon Mr Lentit for their oversight role, for the

cooperation over the past year. It is good if we differ from each other, as long as we stick to the facts.

But Mr Deputy Speaker, I just want to touch on a couple of things that especially the hon Dijana mentioned within her contribution to the House today. Now first of all, the dirt within the wetland areas, it is a concern. It is a concern that we within this Parliament actually try to play politics with the environment out there. We are all in this boat together and if you actually walk next to our main roads and so forth, it is shocking to see how people just do not understand their actions. They just throw things out of their cars – and it is people that do these things and it is a choice. You have got a choice, you can take litter and either you can put it in a dustbin - and it is within those kind of programmes that we need to work together to educate our community and the consequences of their actions because at the end of the day, if we are honest with one another, we are in trouble. Environmentally we are in trouble.

I will guess that if we got the same rainfall as we have currently had up till now in this year, in the period over eight years from now we will be without water.

†As ons dieselfde reënval wat ons nou gekry het, kry oor agt jaar, sou die Kaap sonder water gewees het, almal van ons. Dan praat ek van platteland, ons praat van die metro - en wat dan? So ons fokus moet op iets heel anders wees. Ons fokus moet wees op volhoubare ontwikkeling, volhoubare

omgewing vir die nageslag en dan kom ons op met lagwekkende toesprake in ‘n Huis soos dié.

If we had the same rainfall that we have had now, over eight years, the Cape would have been without water, all of us. Then I speak of the platteland, we speak of the metro – and what then? So our focus should be on something totally different. Our focus should be on sustainable development, sustainable environment for the next generations, and then we come here with laughable speeches in a House like this.

†Mnr R B LENTIT: Haai, jinne.

*Mr R B LENTIT: Oh, my goodness.

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Die watertariewe wat verhoog is, is skielik ‘n issue.

*The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: The water tariffs that have been raised are suddenly an issue.

†Mnr P UYS: Praat van jou.

*Mr P UYS: Speak of you.

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Dit is een manier om mense te kry om

water te bespaar, met 'n prys. Dit is nie 'n boete nie, dit is om die hulpbron te bewaar.

*The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: It is one way of getting people to save water, at a price. It is not a fine, it is to preserve the resource.

† 'n AGB LID: Dit kan nie wees nie.

*An HON MEMBER: It cannot be.

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: En dit gee vir jou 'n 10% na 15% besparing en daarna sal daar ander items moet inskop. Die probleem is net, ek wonder wat die agbare lid gaan sê as daar nie meer water is nie – dan gaan dit seker die DA se skuld wees. Maar ek wil dit vir haar stel dat die DA ... [Tussenwerpsel.] Die agb Dyantyi sal sy kans kry met plaaslike regering. [Tussenwerpsels.] Ek het reeds uitgevind dat die Zip Zap Sirkus het 'n paar vakatures, so hy sal net by plaaslike regering gaan aansoek doen ... [Tussenwerpsel.]

Agb Speaker, die watertariewe - en water is 'n geweldige probleem en dit is 'n ernstige probleem en dit is 'n ernstige probleem wat impak het op die ekonomie sowel as die kwaliteit van lewe van mense en as ons gaan grappies maak daarmee, gaan almal 'n baie, baie duur prys betaal. En ons moet dit besef en ons hoop ons kan hande vat om daardeur te kom.

Die afname in die begroting, ek wil regtig vir die agbare HoofswEEP vra of hy nie vir die ANC kan geld gee vir navorsers nie.

*The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: And that gives one a 10% to 15% saving and after that other items must kick in. The problem is, I wonder what the hon member is going to say when there is no more water – then it will probably be the DA's fault. But I want to put it to her that the DA ... [Interjection.] The hon Dyantyi will get his chance with local government. [Interjections.] I have already established that the Zip Zap Circus has a few vacancies, so he will just go and apply with local government ... [Interjection.]

Madam Speaker, the water tariffs - and water is a huge problem and it is a serious problem and it is a serious problem that impacts on the economy as well as the quality of life of people, and if we are going to make jokes about it, all are going to pay a very, very expensive price. And we have to realise that and we hope we can take hands to get through that.

The decrease in the budget, I really want to ask the hon Chief Whip if he cannot give money to the ANC for researchers.

† 'n AGB LID: Vir wat?

*An HON MEMBER: For what?

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Vir navorsers, for researchers because you know you put your foot in it like that. Why – hoekom is daar ‘n afname in die begroting? Dit is omdat die Nasionale Regering, die Nasionale ANC Regering nie finansies kan bestuur nie.

*The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: For researchers, for researchers because you know you put your foot in it like that. Why – why is there a decrease in the budget? It is because the National Government, the National ANC Government cannot manage finances.

† ‘n AGB LID: Ja.

*An HON MEMBER: Yes.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Simple as that.

† ‘n AGB LID: Ja.

*An HON MEMBER: Yes.

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Dit is die basis, dit is die [Onhoorbaar]. Hulle kan nie eers stry daaroor nie, so duidelik is dit. So dit is hoekom almal nou ... [Tussenwerpsel.] Dit is hoekom almal nou gestraf word. Die VPUU Program en hoekom dit bestuur word met konsultante is eenvoudig, agb

Speaker, dit is een van die vereistes en hoekom is daardie vereiste daar? Omdat mense nie vertrou het in politici nie en as jy luister vandag wat aangaan in die Huis dan verstaan jy hoekom mense nie vertrou het in politici nie.

*The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: That is the base, that is the [Inaudible]. They cannot even argue about that, it is so clear. So that is why everybody is now ... [Tussenwerpsel.] That is why everybody is now penalised. The VPUU Program and why it is managed with consultants is simple, Madam Speaker, it is one of the requirements, and why is that requirement there? Because people do not have faith in politicians and if one listens to what is happening in the House today one will understand why people have no faith in politicians.

That is why they put the money outside the political domain, so that somebody that they can trust, who is a professional, can manage those kinds of resources. I dare the member and I challenge her to come and prove one cent has come to the Democratic Alliance. She will not be able to do it.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Hulle steek dit weg.

*Mr Q R DYANTYI: They are hiding it.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Madam Speaker, I want to tell her about

the budget of this Department. [Interjections.] †U weet, agb Speaker, die Departement se begroting is nog nie 250 miljoen nie.

Die begroting van die Departement is nog nie 250 miljoen nie. Dit was die koste van Nkandla. Met daardie geld kan ons ons begroting verdubbel het. Dit is die impak van ANC-aksies op die omgewing.

Agb Speaker, brande is altyd 'n probleem. Ek dink die agbare lid se so te sê navorsing, kwansuise navorsing, het bietjie deurmekaar geraak. Dit sal ons seker hanteer met plaaslike regering. [Tussenwerpsels.] Jy kry twee soorte konsultante en ek dink omdat konsultante altyd so hoog op die lys is moet 'n mens dit dalk ook regstel.

Jy kry twee soorte konsultante. Jy kry regtig die konsultant wat waarde toevoeg – they add value – en dan kry jy die Gupta-konsultante.

*You know, Madam Speaker, the Department's budget is not yet R250 million.

The budget of the Department is not yet R250 million. That was the cost of Nkandla. With that money we could have doubled our budget. That is the impact of the ANC actions on the environment.

Madam Speaker, fires are always a problem. I think the hon member's so-called research is somewhat confused. That we will probably deal with in

local government. [Interjections.] One finds two kinds of consultants and I think because consultants are so high on the list one should correct that.

One finds two kinds of consultants. There is the consultant that adds value, and then one has the Gupta consultants.

† 'n AGB LID: Ja.

*An HON MEMBER: Yes.

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Nou die ANC werk met Gupta konsultante.

*The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Now the ANC deals with Gupta consultants.

† 'n AGB LID: Ja.

*An HON MEMBER: Yes.

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Waar die DA in beheer is, werk ons met mense wat waarde toevoeg en daar is niks daarmee verkeerd nie. [Tussenwerpsel.]

So agb Speaker, as ons kyk na Kannaland – [Tussenwerpsels] – ek kan nie glo dat enige lid van die ANC Kannaland noem nie.

*The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Where the DA is in charge, we work with people who add value and there is nothing wrong with that.
[Interjection.]

So Madam Speaker, if we look at Kannaland – [Interjections.] – I cannot believe that any member of the ANC mentions Kannaland.

† ‘n AGB LID: Ja.

*An HON MEMBER: Yes.

An HON MEMBER: Why?

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Ek kan dit regtig nie glo nie.
[Tussenwerpsels.] Wie is in beheer van Kannaland? Dieselfde party wat in beheer is van Oudtshoorn, dieselfde party wat in beheer is van Cedarberg. Moet ons aangaan?

*The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: I really cannot believe it.
[Interjections.] Who is in charge of Kannaland? The same party that is in

charge of Oudtshoorn, the same party that is in charge of Cedarberg. Should we continue?

†Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Orde, agb Dyantyi.

*The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon Dyantyi.

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Arme, arme ANC. Agb Speaker, Biodiversity and Coastal Management is ‘n direkoraat wat nou gestig is hierdie jaar. Lyk my nie die agbare lid is bewus daarvan nie en ons is besig om daardie poste te vul, so dit is ‘n proses. Dit is in 2015 gestig.

Dan Environmental Awareness and Education is ‘n program. Dit is nie poste en goed vir ons amptenare nie. Dit is mense wat ons inkry wat deel maak van die program, dit is mense waar ons kapasiteit bou, ons bring ook munisipaliteite by, so eintlik moet die ANC verlig wees oor die program.

So agb Speaker, laastens – en miskien gaan ek heeltemal net uit die rasdebat uitbly – wil ek darem net weereens vir die Departement sê baie dankie. Ek dink regtig onder dr Omar en onder Piet van Zyl se leierskap het ons regtig baie goed gedoen verlede jaar. Ek is baie trots om deel te wees van die span en elkeen in die span – daar is net ‘n paar wat bo sit, wat nie onder by ons sit nie, maar ek wil ook weereens beklemtoon, die mense wat in hulle kantore sit, wat die voetwerk doen, hulle is net so belangrik, hulle is deel van hierdie span. So aan elkeen van hulle wat harder werk om die omgewing vir ons

nageslag te bewaar wil ek baie, baie dankie sê. En daarmee lê ek dan ter tafel die 2016 Omgewingsake se begroting. Dankie. [Applous.]

*Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Poor, poor ANC. Madam Speaker, Biodiversity and Coastal Management is a directorate that has been founded now, this past year. It does not seem if the hon member has been aware of that and we are busy filling those posts, so it is a process. It was founded in 2015.

Then, Environmental Awareness and Education is a programme. It is not about positions and so on for our officials. They are people we involve as part of the programme, they are people building capacity. We also involve municipalities, so in fact the ANC should be relieved about the programme.

So Madam Speaker, finally – and perhaps I am going to stay out of the race debate totally – I just want to again thank the Department. I really think under Dr Omar's and under Piet van Zyl's leadership we did very well last year. I am very proud to be part of the team - there are only a few sitting at the top, not at the bottom with us, but I want to stress again, the people who sit in their offices, who do the footwork, they are just as important, they are part of this team. So to everyone who works harder to preserve the environment for our future generations I want to say thank you very, very much. And with that I submit the 2016 Environmental Affairs budget. Thank you. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister. We will now suspend business until about two o'clock and the bells will be rung to indicate the resumption of business before two. The House is suspended.

[Business of the House suspended at 12:13 and resumed at 14:00.]

1. Debate on Vote 14 Local Government - Western Cape Appropriation Bill
[B2- 2016]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister Bredell, Minister of Local Government.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker, hon Cabinet colleagues, heads of the departments and invited guests, ladies and gentlemen.

†Goeie middag. Enkele weke gelede het ek teen een van die mure van die Departement se kantore 'n groot plakkaat gesien van die Ouditeur-generaal. Die plakkaat het uiteengesit wat presies 'n skoon oudit behels. Weet jy wat sê die Ouditeur-generaal is 'n skoon oudit? En ek haal aan:

“'n Skoon oudit is wanneer alles wat gedoen word soos dit gedoen behoort te word”.

*Good afternoon. Some weeks ago I saw a poster from the Auditor General on one of the walls of the Department's offices. The poster set out exactly what a clean audit involved. Do you know what the Auditor General says a clean audit is? And I quote:

“A clean audit is when everything is done the way it should be done”.

Let me repeat that. The Auditor-General says that a clean audit opinion is received when everything is done in the way it should be done. I felt it was important to start by congratulating our 23 municipalities in the Western Cape who received clean audits in the latest financial year. That is 23 out of 30 hon Deputy Speaker.

Most recently another independent organisation, Good Governance Africa, revealed the best and worst run municipalities in the country. Good Governance Africa looked at 234 municipalities and assessed them across 15 different criteria split into three main groups, namely administration, economic development and service delivery. Good Governance Africa found that a total of 15 out of the top 20 municipalities in the country are in the Western Cape. I think we can give them a hand. [Interjections.][Applause.]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: The difference between a caring capable government and an uncaring incapable government is that a capable government does its best to address situations that are making people's lives

difficult. A capable government allocates money to areas with the biggest needs. A capable government constantly evolves and adapts in order to provide its people with the best opportunities to get ahead in life. A capable government tries to provide its people with a dignified life.

What is a dignified life? Perhaps it is best seen as having access to reliable and free basic services including water, electricity, and sewerage and refuse removal. Well, if those are the measures of a caring government then I am proud to state that it is indeed a fact according to Stats South Africa and various other independent organisations, that the Western Cape is the most capable and most caring government in the country.

†‘n AGBARE LID: Hoor-hoor!

*An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: If you think I am wrong, contact me and I will send you the proof. We are not where we want to be or where we must be, but we can state truthfully that we are doing our best and outperforming everyone on the process. Unfortunately other provincial governments in this country are ignoring the cries of their communities and instead building R8 million swimming pools for the Premiers and a R140 million websites like we have seen in the Free State.

An HON MEMBER: Yes!

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Other provincial governments like the Eastern Cape see the use of bucket toilets increasing not decreasing and children going to mud schools. In this province however, we are building a capable state. One that can and is doing everything it can to give citizens of this province a dignified life.

One of the major things impacting a provincial government, if not the single biggest issues, is funding. We all need more money. The small increases we see are not even enough to cover the costs of rising inflation. We are simply not getting the funding we require. That means we must do even more with even less and in local government this is especially true.

An amount of R217.8 million has been allocated by Minister Meyer for the Department of Local Government for the 2016/2017 financial year. The bulk of the money will be used to making a very real and dire impact in people's lives. Key to this goal is the community development work and Thusong programmes. These Thusong programmes will continue to assist citizens to access Government services such as ID social grants and birth certificates.

To date I am pleased to report that the provincial CDW programme has supported 60 community projects, focusing amongst others on food security and early childhood development. Over the past 12 months we have reached 905 000 people through the Thusong Services Centre and round 24 000

citizens through the Thusong mobiles which, as you would be aware, target mainly deep rural areas in this province.

My Department has accordingly provided operational funding to the amount of R1.5 million for the continued operations of our Thusong services and a further R1.65 million towards their maintenance. The Western Cape Thusong model including recent reports are so successful that the National Department of Public Services and the National Treasury will be relying on our models and strategies during the national review of the National Thusong Programme.

The National Government will be rolling out the Western Cape's plans country wide because they have found our model for reaching poor citizens to be the best in the country. Recognising my Department's role in improving the implementation model of the community works programme in this province, the National Department of Cooperative Governance allocated 1900 additional work opportunities which resulted in an increase of work opportunities from 7 648 to 9 051 over the past year.

Public participation: as part of my Department's commitment to support municipalities in enhancing participatory democracy, my Department has been rolling out an accredited local government SETA Trainers Course to municipal officials. Thus far, we have trained 53 officials from 21 municipalities in this province. Through this initiative we are ensuring that the necessary knowledge and skills are transferred to municipal officials who

upon completion of the training course, train their respective ward committees and community stakeholders.

We recognise that ward committees play a pivotal role in breaching the gap between the municipalities and their community. Over the past year my Department has continued to strengthen the capacity in ward committee members through various training initiatives as well as assisting with development and/or review their ward committee operational plans to enhance the functionality of the ward committees.

For the next year my Department will be assisting municipalities with the establishment of their ward committees at Know Your Ward committee campaigns. To this end, my Department is developing a ward committee establishment tool kit to assist municipalities in establishing their ward committees after the Local Government Elections in 2016. Depends if the Guptas all offer you another job.

I have referred to the 23 clean audits from our 30 municipalities before. Coming from a local council myself, I can assure you that getting a clean audit is one thing, retaining it is another. Regardless the Western Cape Government will be continue to work and ensure that good governing practices continue across this province with the aim to getting more than 23 clean audits in the next financial year.

With the emphasis on clean governance and Municipal Governance Review

and Outlook end grow process aims to directly contribute to good financial governance. Along with Minister Meyer I have extended the challenge to the remaining municipalities to strive towards achieving clean governance.

†Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, ek wil net 'n oomblik neem om oor Oudtshoorn te gesels. Die munisipaliteit is in Julie onder administrasie geplaas na jare se onreëlmatighede en kommer oor die toekoms van die munisipaliteit.

[Tussenwerpsels]

*Mr Deputy Speaker, I just want to take a moment to talk about Oudtshoorn. The municipality was placed under administration in July after years of irregularities and concern about the future of the municipality.

[Interjections.]

† 'n AGBARE LID: Die ANC.

*An HON MEMBER: The ANC.

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Oudtshoorn se mense is vir jare ingedoen deur administrasie wat nie die mense se belange op hulle hart gedra het nie, maar eerder hulle eie belange. Ek is bly om te sê daar is vandag beweging in die regte rigting. [Tussenwerpsels.]

*The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: The people of Oudtshoorn have for years been neglected by an administration that did not look after the interests of the people but rather their own interests. I am glad to say that today there is

movement in the right direction. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes ja!

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Ons het kundige tegniese en finansiële mense afgevaardig na Oudtshoorn toe. Ten spyte van dreigemente teen hulle en ten spyte daarvan dat hulle sukkel om enorme skuld las af te werk in die honderde miljoene, werk hulle hard om die munisipaliteit reg te ruk. Die forensiese ondersoek na die Raad is ook voltooi en 132 oortredings is opgetel. Dissiplinêre aksie is reeds aan die gang teen die individue wat genoem word in die verslag en kriminele klagtes sal volg teen die partye wat volgens die ondersoek blyk vervolg behoort te word.

Ek wil ook die buurmunisipaliteite van Eden-distrik bedank vir hulle bystand om ons en die Oudtshoorn munisipaliteit te help met die mannekrag en geld in 'n poging om die dorp reg te kry vir die KKNK. Baie van die Burgermeesters is vandag hier en ek wil regtig vir hulle baie dankie sê. Dit is 'n voorbeeld van 'n samewerkende regering en agb Speaker u sal dit kry net in die Wes-Kaap.

*The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: We have delegated knowledgeable technical and financial people to Oudtshoorn. In spite of threats against them and in spite of the fact that they are struggling to resolve the enormous debt

of hundreds of millions, they are working hard to get the municipality back on its feet. The forensic investigation into the Council is also completed and 132 offences picked up. Disciplinary action is underway against the individuals named in the report and criminal proceedings will follow against the parties that according to the report should be prosecuted.

I also want to thank the neighbouring municipalities of Eden District for their assistance to support us and the Oudtshoorn Municipality with the manpower and money in an effort to get the town ready in time for the KKNK. Many of the Mayors are here today and I really want to thank them. It is an example of cooperative governance and, Madam Speaker, you will only find that in the Western Cape.

†Mr Deputy Speaker, across the province we are making progress and will do even better together working closely with Minister Meyer's further initiatives which will include more support to municipalities to strengthen municipal financial sustainability. These goals are part of the provincial strategical file and encourages good governance and integrated service delivery. Operationally my Department will also focus on the establishment of a governance framework for municipalities in focusing on cooperative governance, ICT governance, stakeholder governance, infrastructure governance and financial governance.

This is in line with PSG 5. The country is currently experiencing a devastating drought and this province has also been badly affected. Local

disasters have been declared in the Witzenberg, Prince Albert and Oudtshoorn municipalities and disaster has also been declared in the agriculture sectors in the West Coast and Central Karoo.

During 2016/17, the provincial disaster management centre will continue to support these declared disaster areas. The socio-economic impact of the drought will be monitored through the drought working group and interventions and support will be provided on the need basis in cooperation with the Department of Agriculture, under Minister Winde.

To this end my Department has already reprioritised R2.7 million through the Municipal Management Support Grant. In addition, my Department has been instrumental in engaging the Department of Water Affairs in reprioritising its budget to support drought related projects. The provincial Disaster Management Centre is in the process of submitting a funding request to the National Disaster Management Centre in relation to ground funding for drought.

†Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, ons sal in die komende finansiële jaar nogmaals finansiële bystand bied aan die Nasionale Seereddingsinstituut, Lewensredders Suid-Afrika. Beide is vrywillige organisasies wat afhanklik is van borgskappe en donasies. Sonder hul hulp sal ons watergebiede baie meer gevaarlik en onveilig wees.

Gedurende die afgelope jaar het ons Departement begin met 'n 4-jaar

kapasiteit uitbreidingsprogram waarmee ons die vermoë om brande te bestry reg oor die provinsie wil verbeter. Graag bedank ek Sasol wat vanjaar 'n donasie van Hazmat-toerusting ter waarde van sowat R1 miljoen aan die Wes-Kaap Rampbestuur geskenk het. Die toerusting is toegeken aan die Sentraal-Karoo- en Overberg Distriksmunisipaliteite om reaksietye op nasionale paaie te kan verbeter. Die voorkoming van rampe bly 'n prioriteit en daarom dryf ons twee bewusmakingsveldtogte. Die eerste een is *Fire is Everyone's Fight* waarvan die hoofdoel is om sterftes en beserings as gevolg van brande in informele nedersettings te verminder.

*Mr Deputy Speaker, in the coming financial year we will again offer financial assistance to the National Sea Rescue Institute, Lifesavers South Africa. Both are volunteer organisations dependent on sponsors and donations. Without their support our water areas will be much more dangerous and unsafe.

During the past year our Department has begun with a 4-year capacity expansion programme to improve our ability to fight fires across the province. I would like to thank Sasol who this year made a donation of Hazmat equipment of about R1 million to the Western Cape Disaster Management. The equipment was allocated to the Central Karoo and Overberg District Municipalities to improve reaction time on national roads. The prevention of disasters remains a priority and therefore we are driving two awareness campaigns. The first is *Fire is Everyone's Fight* of which the main aim is to reduce deaths and injuries as a result of fires in informal

settlements. †The second programme to create awareness and focuses on fires and flood awareness and takes the form of the industrial theatre roadshow which always targets previously unvisited high risk movable communities.

Part of the roadshow is Gerry the Giraffe, our hugely popular mascot. The fire and rescue training centre at Wolwekloof near Ceres have been a huge success with specialised training courses presented to 749 students since August 2014. To date 19 municipalities as well as the South African Police Service that are working for fire, have benefited from the training presented at Wolwekloof.

2016 Local Government Elections: Mr Deputy Speaker, I will touch on this year's election. The Department of Local Government is preparing for the intensifying support of the municipalities both before and after the 2016 Local Government Elections. The two major initiatives are the following. Post-election the Department aims to provide in partnership with the Nelson Mandela Bay University, a fully accredited Councillors Training Programme. Secondly, a departmental... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order hon Minister, just one second.

An HON MEMBER: May I ask the Minister if he is prepared to take a question.

†Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Die Minister is bereid, u kan maar. Orde. Orde.

*The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Minister is prepared, you may. Order. Order.

An HON MEMBER: I wonder, Mr Deputy Speaker, if the Minister could tell us. In the time that the hon member Dyantyi was the Minister...
[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order hon member Dyantyi.

An HON MEMBER: ...was the Minister of Local Government of this Province, can the Minister please tell us how many municipalities had a clean audit during his time and what actions did he take against those municipalities that never achieved any good audits?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Hon Minister?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Mr Deputy Speaker, the answer is very simple. None and none. There was no clean audits and there was no action. In my previous debate I stated that there are a couple of vacancies at the Zip Zap Circus. We must not continue on this.

The Departmental Health Desk will be established to assist municipalities both before and after the 2016 elections. This desk will amongst others provide legal support to municipalities for any legal challenges that may arise during the election period. In preparation for the elections my

Department has already supported municipalities with their award committee summons and hosted a Provincial Participation Conference which was attended by more than 650 delegates comprising of ward committee members, councillors and municipal officials.

Post-election my Department will conduct fully accredited training to all new councillors with the financial support of the Hanns Seidel Foundation. Models to be presented will include rules of procurement, roles and responsibilities, the oversight function, the constitution of mandates to name but a few.

†Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, ons moet as Suid-Afrikaners meer betrokke raak by die demokratiese prosesse. Ons moet aktiewe burgers word. Mense moet saam werk om 'n bekwame regering te bou soos wat die Premier genoem het in haar Openingsredes van die Wetgewing. Dit is kiesers met stembriewe wat bepaal wie hulle lei. En dit is ons wat verkies word se plig om ons so van ons taak te kwyt dat ons daardie ondersteuning regverdig. Maar ons kan nie kla as ons nie stem nie. Ons moet in ons gemeenskappe kultuur kweek van samewerking. Ons moet aandrang op samewerking en respek vir mekaar. Die manier waarop ons mekaar respekteer al dan nie sal bepaal tot watter mate hierdie land sal werk.

Ons moet staan by die beginsels en waar ons van mekaar verskil moet ons onthou dat die ander persoon is net so lief vir die land. Hulle mag dalk 'n ander idee het. Hulle mag dalk 'n ander filosofie hê, maar dit beteken nie

hulle is nie lief vir die land en sy mense nie. Mense wat sinies is en dink hulle stem kan nie 'n verskil maak maar nie of hul aksie in die gemeenskap maak nie 'n impak nie, moet weer dink. Elke stem maak 'n verskil.

Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, dit is belangrik dat elkeen in hierdie Huis bou aan ons demokrasie. Ons skuld dit vir ons nageslag. Ek dank u. [Applous.]

*Mr Deputy Speaker, we as South Africans have to become more involved in the democratic processes. We have to become active citizens. People have to work together to build a capable government as the Premier mentioned in her opening addresses of the Legislature. It is voters with ballots that determine who leads them. And it is our responsibility, we who are elected, to do our duty in such a way that we justify that support. But we cannot complain if we do not vote. We have to cultivate a culture of cooperation in our communities. We must insist on cooperation and respect for each other. The way in which we respect each other or not will determine to what extent this country will function.

We should stand by the principles and where we differ we have to bear in mind that the other person loves his country just as much. They may have another idea. They may have a different philosophy, but it does not mean they do not love this country and its people. People who are cynical and think their vote cannot make a difference or that their action in the community does not have an impact should think again. Every vote makes a difference.

Mr Deputy Speaker, it is important that everyone in this House builds towards our democracy. We owe it to the future generations. I thank you.

[Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The hon member Mnqansela. Hon member Dyantyi, you are quite correct you are speaking after him so give him a chance now. Order!

Mr M MNQASELA: Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker. The hon members can rest assured that I am going to have a good time here. Let me just first appreciate the sentiment shared by the hon Minister and in appreciating that let me also acknowledge the presence of all Ministers here; the honourable members, the acting HOD of Local Government that is present here and his capable team that is sitting there with him; heads of departments present here, the Speakers and Mayors of our most beautiful and successful, capable municipalities. [Applause.] [Interjections.] Don't be scared, George is here. Don't be scared.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I want to express...[Interjections.] ...my unequivocal confidence in the Budget Vote No 14 of Local Government. It is very sober, stable and provides sound leadership under the stewardship of the Minister, Anton Bredell. [Interjections.]

† 'n AGBARE LID: Hoor-hoor!

*An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

Mr M MNQASELA: This budget ties directly with the resolutions adopted by the Democratic Alliance Federal Congress of the 9th and 10th of May 2015. This was, amongst, others a congress which provided a resounding victory for South Africans in the history of the Democratic Alliance. It is a budget that talks to freedom, fairness and opportunity.

Embedded in our values charter that brings hope to the Vision 2029 that sets a trajectory about the future of South Africa between now and 2029. And the †*poppe gaan dans*. *there is going to be trouble. You will see. We are on a trajectory. †*Die poppe gaan dans*. *there is going to be trouble. †Niza kudanisa ngoku. Niyaqonda? *Now you are going to dance. Do you understand? [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr M MNQASELA: Mr Deputy Speaker, allow me to share with the House the ideals contained in our Values Charter and the meaning of freedom and opportunity. Freedom is not a favour from Government. It is a right. It is an inalienable right. The freedoms intended by the framers of our Constitution we had was for all of us. Throughout history, the responsibility of leaders is to provide leadership. And I want to say that we will continue to see crises in this country because good men and women don't rise up and the fools take over. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: The Guptas.

Mr M MNQASELA: Now I want to say in South Africa people must therefore have a maximum amount of individual freedom consistent with law and order. African people must therefore have the maximum amount of individual freedom which we continue to talk about but the leadership does not seem to understand this freedom, which in 1956 women in Cape Town fought hard and tough for and they said we don't care, these armed guards and the entire force of government can shoot us and kill us, but we want to free this country. And those who are setting us back, history will judge you harshly. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Order.

Mr M MNQASELA: Mr Deputy Speaker... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Just one second.

Mr M G E WILEY: Mr Deputy Speaker the words that were a lie from hon member Makeleni must be withdrawn please.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I did not hear, what did she say? Hon member Makeleni, did you say something unparliamentarily? Please withdraw that if it is so.

Ms P MAKELENI: I withdraw.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Please continue. Hon member Mngqasela I am listening very carefully. You used the words freedom where this debate is about the Vote 14. It's a political debate but it must somehow relate to Vote 14. So use it as guidance, but I'm allowing you to continue. Order! I'm allowing you to continue so just keep that in mind.

Mr M MNQASELA: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. This is a freedom month and this budget must liberate our people from this terrible ANC Government. [Applause.] And this freedom includes, with all the respect that is due to the seat that you occupy, the freedom to earn a living and accumulate wealth in the way of our choosing, to live where we want to live, to date who we want to date, to study where we want to study and to ensure that the maximum participation by all South Africans in the economy remains the responsibility of all of us sitting here in this House.

I want to say, access to opportunities as described by the Minister earlier, talks to water and sanitation, access to decent shelter, which this Department does by coordinating these services as delivered by municipalities. All of this will be achieved by the realisation of a fair society. A fair society is one in which our achievements are determined by our own choices and hard work, not by the circumstances of our background. That means that a child who grows up †kuTsolo, eMqanduli, naseInanda *in Tsolo, in Mqanduli, in

Inanda, †in the very rural part of Ficksburg in the Free State - that child can become a brain surgeon or a scientist or indeed a leader of this country given the kind of bankruptcy that we are seeing in the National ANC Government.

Integral to a fair society are the requirements that opportunities are plentiful and not concentrated in the hands of a few. But everyone has the means to make use of their opportunities and that the strong do not exploit the weak. We don't want the circus of the animal farm that we are seeing today in this country as written by George Orwell. That some animals are more equal than others, that some animals may sleep in a bed but some may not.

The reality is the incidents of the recent days have been mentioned by members, I am not going to be led by them, but we really need the Western Cape Government to become a blue drop in every province in this country and that ultimately and indeed South Africa will be governed by our values. We need a blue government. The grinding blue machine and the real machinery of delivery in this country.

Mr Deputy Speaker, because I am talking through you. I am not going to listen to those who – †ndiyabona ngoku bamane bexhentsa bezombelela, baxhentsa bezombelela. Ndiyabona ukuba ninehlombe, ndiyabuya. Ndiza kuni. *I can see that they are dancing to their music, they dance to their music. I can see that you are excited, I am coming back. I am coming to you.

†Sekela Somlomo, ingxaki esinayo ... Kufuneka nifake ezi zinto

zasezindlebeni ndiza kukhe ndithethe kancinci. Ingxaki esinayo ngamaqungequ, oorhoxetyeni, ooswanasibomvana abangasayaziyo ukuba bathunywe ngoobani. Bahamba nje ngoku baleqa iidyasi zabo azinanto, abantu bashiyeke ngasemva. Ndithetha ukuthi ke sinoxanduva siyiDA lokuba sikhe sizame le nto kuthiwa kukuzisa iinkonzo ebantwini. Ndiyabulela ke kuba iNtshona Koloni le sinecham lokuba siyiphathe njengorhulumente weDA, siyayibonakalisa elubala naphandle into yokuba kwenziwa njani na kanye kanye xa uphetha urhulumente. Ziintoni ezibalulekileyo xa uphetha urhulumente uthunywe ngabantu. Ngoko singurhulumente obonisa abantu ukuba siyathumeke. Kwaye singurhulumente obonisa abantu ukuba asinaxhala kuba kweli phondo asinaqela liphikisayo. Sisithukuthezi ke silawula isithukuthezi kube kudala kuba izingqi asiziva kuwe Dyantyi negqiza lakho. Mandiqhube ke. [Kuyaqhwyatywa.]

*Mr Deputy Speaker, the problem we have ... Please use the ear devices because now I am going to talk a bit. The problem we have is with hypocrites, chameleons, who enrich themselves and who no longer know who mandated them. They are just going about chasing their empty coats, the people are left behind. I mean we have a responsibility as the DA to bring what is called service delivery to the people. I am thankful though because in this Western Cape, of which we have the advantage of governing as a DA government, we have shown publicly what should be done when you run a government - what is important when you run a government and you been mandated by the people. Therefore we are a government that shows the people that we can be mandated and we are a government that is unshaken because in this province we have no opposition. We are just too lonely all

the time because we do not hear the footsteps from you Dyantyi and your delegation. Let me continue. [Applause.]

Mr M MNQASELA: Mr Deputy Speaker, during the engagements with the municipalities, the Minister came back to the Standing Committee and said this to us. And we recognise that, and I think quite importantly, the honesty that came from the Minister. You know often in the Standing Committee, because we have a very good relationship, we ask hard, pressing questions. We don't shy away from doing our job. But I can tell you the spirit that exists in the Standing Committee and the familyhood of the Local Government is the one that helps us and we can see the true programmes and deliverables.

This Department has got four programmes and one of the areas that the Department has been pressing hard is to see how to maximise the budget of programme 3, the Local Government. Because the challenge is that you don't have enough money and yet the challenge is that the demands are too many. You've got to give to this municipality, tomorrow there is a disaster, the other day they cry shortage of staff, on another day there is problem with roads, there is problem with general infrastructure – and where do they cry to? They come to the Department.

That is why it is important to recognise the efforts done by the very hardworking men and women sitting there working for this Department.

†Bendicinga ukuba niza kubaqhwabela. *I thought you were going to applaud

them. †For the first time all of you clap for them, otherwise if you don't clap for them you say they are not working sitting there. So they are not working?
[Applause.]

The Minister came to us and said we need to revisit the current grant formula that is supporting municipalities. And I must say that it is an honest debate that we need to have as a country but fortunately the Western Cape is beginning to drive this exercise and then put forward a proposal. I would like to ask the Minister to fast-track this exercise so that this proposal can address the hard pressing issues around shortages of funding, especially the critical parts as contained in Section 152, Subsection 1 and 2 of the Constitution.

Because there are certain things that you must do as a municipality, failing which the municipality cannot be recognised as a sphere of government. But let me then come to the next area.

We must ask ourselves whether in this country, in this modern democratic dispensation, when we think about the history and the performance of the district municipalities, do they deserve a walk over to the future going forward or shall we then say let us repaint it and perhaps forget about them and abandon them completely? And that is something that we need to think about because the Minister says in his APP that he is going to add more money to support the operation, but also to support some of the challenged municipalities.

Because remember, when you talk about district municipalities and whether they should continue to live, you are not talking about those individual councillors, so I don't want them to feel that we don't want them. But what we are talking about is that you could perhaps broaden some municipalities and redraw the boundaries so that we give meaning to the source of revenue so that the connection and the tax base are enough in terms of the rates, the debt collection and the kind of pool of residents. The mix from the low and middle income and the high earners is not something that you only find in certain municipalities concentrated there, and others are left stranded.

Because what it does is it renders them null and void. But we should also encourage Government departments to consider having departmental offices and satellite offices in those areas where they know it is difficult to get to a service. Because in that way you also contribute to the revenue of the municipality. And that brings me to this point. We have made a point in the Standing Committee and took a resolution that we appreciate the work done by this Department in many of the municipalities in supporting them through programmes like MGRO, LGTAS, MIG programmes, Thusong programmes, Community Development Worker programmes, IDP Indaba and joint planned initiatives in engaging with various other stakeholders. And of course the work that is done with SALGA and by SALGA in the space of local government, we appreciate all of that.

But Kannaland Municipality has failed to do what Section 152 says a

municipality must do. And when that happens you then invoke a mandatory intervention that is contained in Section 139 of the Municipal Financial Management Act. In the Standing Committee we have absolved ourselves by removing this burden on our desk and have dealt with it conclusively and put it on the desk of the member of the Executive, both the Minister of Finance and the MEC for Local Government, Minister Anton Bredell. I can tell you, Mr Deputy Speaker, that if you don't address this question of management intervention in Kannaland as it was done for Oudtshoorn, you will have a situation where the next day you wake up you will be told that people there don't enjoy any of the services and the beautiful story that we are talking about. And that is why we need to come in there and ensure that Government intervenes, both the Province and the National Government, and deal with that issue decisively.

Before I finish, there has been some recommendations on the White Paper on the municipal finance grant which has been reduced by the Department. And also there has been some work done by the Financial and Fiscal Commission and of course SALGA in terms of helping to say what should this animal, of a new financial model to municipalities, look like. I hope, because there has been some work done by the Department in the province under the instruction of the Minister in saying, let us fast-track this exercise. But we want to see this proposal that the Department is coming up with so that that proposal talks to the bigger picture - we can then come and ask as the Standing Committee how within the framework of Local Government can we fast-track this exercise so that in 5 years' time when we can come back here, if some of

you are coming, we can still work together, and make sure that we have a different situation altogether.

And lastly we want to ensure that the people of the Western Cape don't have doubts. After the elections we will take all of the municipalities...
[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes!

Mr M MNQASELA: ...we will be governing every municipality, all 30, because people believe in us. We have delivered in the past and only action that speaks much louder than the empty vessel that comes from the other side. So what is reported, because you have no leader, no President, nobody. There is no Chief Whip there or there is no Deputy Chief Whip, but there is no leader. Leaderless. Directionless. Visionless. Useless. That is the reality that we are confronted with here. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Member just one second. Hon member Makaleni.

Ms P MAKELENI: Mr Deputy Speaker, I need to check if the member is referring to the members of this side as useless?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: What did the member say?

Mr M MNQASELA: The organisation is useless and they are directionless, visionless, leaderless and useless. It's a shame. I feel for you. And hopeless. I feel for you and many other 'less'. That is the reality that you are confronted with. If we were in another province - what we believe in as the DA is that we must always be an effective opposition when we are not in government and keep the government on its toes to deliver quality and better services to the people.

But when we are in government, here, we make sure that we press the finger, we touch where it hurts and heal the wounds of our people because †abantu banele yile ntsumentsumane yenzekayo. *people are fed up with the uncertainty that is taking place. †People need leadership. They need direction. And what we are giving in this province is an ideal government and the best regional government in Africa. And that's the reality. And if you don't learn you keep laughing and joking about it, you must learn so that you can sort out the Eastern Cape, sort out Limpopo, sort out North West and sort out Mpumalanga, sort out Free State and indeed sort out JJ Gupta Zupta and make sure that it is number one. So I'm saying that you've got those issues. Sort out those issues. I'm sorry but sort out those issues.

Now I'm saying my time has been well used. The DA remains the only hope and the beacon of the real vision going forward and for that we are very proud to associate ourselves with the most progressive and the most very beautiful vehicle of service delivery, that every person in South Africa wishes to have the DA Government in their town and for that we appreciate

it. Let me just finish off Deputy Speaker. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr M MNQASELA: Lots and lots of time. Let me just say that I...
[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Member just one second. Order. There is too much dialogue going on across the floor and within parties as well. Hon Mngqasela you are almost finished. Please finish off.

Mr M MNQASELA: You know, Mr Deputy Speaker, it's really such a disservice to the ANC what they are doing. Because they don't learn from this lecture because I would have thought that they would learn so that when they come to us they can become constructive, we can fill them. We are not filling them. Our Executive here is very lonely because they don't give them that. We need them to work. Now what I'm saying is that in Port Elizabeth we are there. Danny Jordaan must pack and go now. We are coming. In Tshwane we are coming. In Joburg we are coming. So that is the reality. You can cry and cry.

The hon member earlier on made a statement here, Mr Deputy Speaker, and I think it's important to correct this because you don't come here and make empty and very wishy washy baseless statements. She is the constituent head of Beaufort West. In a municipality where the Mayor wrote to businesses

openly and said ... [Interjection.] No, no, no – I'm talking to the Speaker, not you. You don't deserve my attention. And said, if you want to get a tender from me you must give money to the ANC. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr M MNQASELA: And the hon member comes here and says the DA is doing that. I would have hoped that the member would have said she has tried to address that thing in Beaufort West which she has not been found anywhere on the record to have dealt with and it's a travesty of justice and on that note thank you very much. Thank you, thank you, thank you. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Dyantyi, your opportunity now. Please come to order before we start. Order!

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, voor ek my toespraak begin wil ek sommer iets hier sê want die LUR het vir my bietjie laat herinner hieroor ...*Mr Deputy Speaker, before I start my speech I just want to say something because the MEC reminded me somewhat ...†because he quoted a very important document, this Government's document. I want to just read a part for him that he selectively kind of forgot about, before I get to my speech. And it speaks about the conundrum that we have as part of these municipalities. And this is how it reads:

“If governance in a democratic sense as we would like it to believe, of the people by the people for the people, then how can we reconcile this with the situation in which the people largely do not feel represented, are frustrated, dissatisfied and in some instances radically disillusioned. Independent of age, colour, gender, language, province or social economic group”.

This speaks about the Western Cape as well. I thought I must just share that with you because as I am going to start my speech I am going to help you navigate this grant. Mr Deputy Speaker, let me therefore go to my speech.

In this Budget Vote of Local Government and the two before it this morning, we are again reminded that this is a Government that projects that things are good, in shape and with so many successes. This is this Government. The DA Government. But listen to this. They simply refuse to believe and accept what the reality tells communities on a daily basis. They just refuse that. They are getting quiet now. How many times have we heard of an inclusive economy, whole of society approach, capable state, evidence based decision making, clean audits and so on?

We have listened to the MEC. †Hy probeer, hy probeer. *He’s trying, he’s trying †attempting to apply his vision and policies for Local Government in this province. †‘n Goeie poging, maar luister hierna. *A good effort, but listen to this. The MEC has been very consistent in identifying what he understands as major problems that need urgent attention and I reminded him

the other day, namely as I reminded him, †nou die dag as u onthou *the other day if you remember.

In 2015 he told us about three major problems that needed attention: the need for new bulk infrastructure across municipalities in this province, the maintenance of existing infrastructure and thirdly remedy regeneration initiatives in municipalities. That is why it is sad and on those three things †ons stem saam 100%. *we agree 100%. But here is the problem with the MEC. †Hy is ‘n goeie ou, ‘n goeie vriend, ek hou van hom ...*He is a good guy, a good friend, I like him †but he is out of touch.

These are the critical issues you already named in 2015. You would have expected to see them being implemented now or at least some sort of progress. But you know what, no, none of that. Instead what we see in his forward Annual Performance Plan of 2016/2017 is a repetition of still identifying the same problems. The APP action plans do not respond to his vision and policy. What this means, if you listen, is that there is a mismatch between what he sees as a problem and a solution to it. He is out of touch.

The MEC correctly goes further in his forward plan and says the state of many fire services, especially outside of the metropolitan area, is a matter of increasing concern. I again I cannot agree more with him. But again, there is nothing in the APP. Another mismatch. †So hy praat maar alleen. Die Departement doen ander dinge. Nou dis die LUR van Plaaslike Regering in die Wes Kaap. Daardie is die LUR. It’s about leadership. Dit sal seer wees,

ek weet dit.

Die groot gapings. Nou luister hierna. Luister hierna. Die groot gapings tussen sy drome en realiteit is daar vir almal om te sien. Dis daar. Groot gapings. En toe sê ons vir onself in die Staande Komitee, help tog daar, help tog daar.

*So his is a lone voice. The Department is doing other things. That is now the MEC of Local Government in the Western Cape. That is the MEC. It's about leadership. That will hurt, I know that.

The great gaps. Now listen to this. Listen to this. The great gaps between his dreams and reality are there for all to see. It's there. Great gaps. And then we said to ourselves in the Standing Committee, help out there, please help there.

†It actually forced us in the Standing Committee to not just play oversight or critique or to provide a way forward. And as you will read the report of the Committee after he came to us, †ons help nou. *we are helping now.

Here are some of things we are saying to him, this must be done as recommendations. That he needs to introduce new revenue and housing programmes and he must start in Oudtshoorn and Kannaland. †Hy moenie net daaroor praat nie. Hy moet dit doen. *He must not just talk about that. He must do it. †Secondly to develop a plan to deal with the fire services capacity because he said nothing in terms of how it is going to be done. †Dis die

LUR. *That is the MEC. But thirdly to provide details of the departmental organisation review amongst other things. If you read that report you will see that. †Ons help maar bietjie as ons sien hy kan nie vorentoe gaan nie. Ons help maar bietjie. Ons help hom. *We help a little when we see he cannot go forward. We help a little. We help him.

They speak of a capable state. Yet the allocations to responses are not necessarily consistent with that. He just said now, speaking about the responses and how he is going to help, but the allocations are declining, going to those big municipalities worst for the district. We just don't know where he is going to build this capable state. Then he comes and says it's in the head of the †*blou koppe* *the DA. But in terms of the actions and the †realiteit, ons kan nie dit sien nie. Ons kan nie dit sien nie. Nooit nie. *reality, we cannot see it. We cannot see it. Never.

Strategic towns and small municipalities are struggling and it will take a long time to put on the road, being just potential growth towns. Now let's go as I proceed, let's go to their best song. This is their best song "Clean Audit". †Dis die beste song van julle. *This is your best song. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order!

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Nou kom ons stem net saam asseblief *Now let us please just agree †on your best song, the clean audit. Because as I lead you in this song I want to help your voice today, we want to help you to introduce

a new narrative for you to understand this. And this is the narrative. Let us say that they are doing better in this area of clean audit. But if we look at it in a broader context, †die DA kry 1 uit 5. *the DA gets 1 out of 5. [Interjections.]

† ‘n AGBARE LID: Nee!

*An HON MEMBER: No!

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Die DA kry 1 uit 5. Hoe? *The DA gets 1 out of 5? How? †Listen to this. Just listen to the following. I am saying that the DA is getting 1 out of 5. †Nou moet julle luister. [Tussenwerpsels.] *Now you have to listen. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order order! Order hon member Dijana. I can't hear your member speaking here. †Agb Mackenzie jou stem is ‘n bietjie sterk daar agter. *Hon Mackenzie your voice is a bit strong at the back there. Please continue hon member Dyantyi and speak through the Chair.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Baie dankie, mnr die Adjunkspeaker. *Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. †The Back to Basics Programme introduced by COGTA has five key pillars to take Government to a successful and sustainable trajectory, namely putting people first, integrate service delivery, financial management, good governance, capacity building and [Inaudible.]

There are five pillars. So out of those five pillars, their best song is only on

one. †Hulle kry 1 uit 5. *They get 1 out of 5. Which is all about an aspect of clean auditing. If people were coming first, let me take you there, if people were coming first in the City of Cape Town that is getting a clean audit, you would not get people that are murdered on a daily basis on their way to get proper services. †En laat ek dit in Afrikaans sê. Die DA is verantwoordelik vir die dood van Sinoxolo Mafevuka. Die DA en die Regering. *And let me say this in Afrikaans. The DA is responsible for the death of Sinoxolo Mafevuka. The DA and the Government. †The reason, if you heard.... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Please continue.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Sinoxolo Mafevuka lost her life because she had to leave her home in odd hours when she had to go and relieve herself far away from her home. Basic sanitation issues. Would you then say that this Government is putting people first? No ways! No ways. All you are interested in is clean audits. Because for that side for the DA and the Government.... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order. I'm looking specifically at the two back benches of the ANC. I will exclude the hon member Makeleni this time. Hon member Dijana and hon member Lekker. Hon member Lekker I am speaking to you now. Please continue.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: If you speak of service delivery it's one of the pillars out

of these five pillars. The municipalities with clean audits, the City of Cape Town, George and all of them: every day we are seeing protests in those municipalities. And yet there is a clean audit. †Dan sê ons mos vir julle as die mense dit nie kan kry nie, dit beteken niks. Dis net 'n kantoor-ding wat hulle doen. *Then we say to you if the people cannot get it, it means nothing. It is only an office thing they are doing. †This is the problem that you have in your hands. It will never make sense to the DA because you don't understand these issues.

The point is, if I may help that member, that when people go out as they are going to vote in these 2016 elections, people are voting in order to make their lives better, to get service delivery, to help their poverty situation. They are not voting for you to be good in your books. That's the point member Winde. That's the point. I hope you get it. That's the point.

Let me get the next point. †So die narratief, die nuwe narratief is julle kry 1 uit 5. *So the narrative, the new narrative is you only get 1 out of 5. †That's the new narrative of the clean audit. Please understand it in that context. It will help you because you can improve going forward.

Now let me go to the next point, Mr Deputy Speaker. †My volgende punt is die DA ... en vir my is dit 'n groot punt. Die DA is uitgevang in Oudtshoorn. Hoekom sê ek dit? Nou luister nou. *My next point is the DA, and to me it is an important point. The DA was caught out in Oudtshoorn. Why do I say that? Listen now. †Before the National Government intervened in Oudtshoorn

to put in an administrator, this Standing Committee ... [Interjections.] I will tell you.

An HON MEMBER: Who was [Inaudible.]?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: The DA included.

An HON MEMBER: Really?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Ja. Before there was an intervention where we now have the Administrator in Oudtshoorn, this Standing Committee went to Oudtshoorn and in that meeting were the Department of Local Government, Provincial Treasury and the Auditor General. Three important role-players. Oudtshoorn Municipality presented a report to us, which said we have been getting unqualified audits for three years under this MEC.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: But under your [Inaudible.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Under this MEC.

An HON MEMBER: Under the ANC.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Unqualified for three years, and they gave us the report which was saying to us: † “Julle moet nie worry nie, dinge is reg in

Oudtshoorn.” *‘‘You should not worry, things are fine in Oudtshoorn.’’ †In the [Inaudible.] of those departments. But when we went there in November to listen to a presentation from the Administrator that was introduced - you must thank COGTA for this - the Administrator gave us a report, a very serious report and once they presented, before we could speak, we then asked Provincial Treasury, Local Government and the Auditor General: ‘‘do you agree with the Administrator's report?’’ They all said yes. Now here is the trick. Was this Administrator's report revealing some things that those two departments under his leadership could not tell us for so many years?

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Under whose watch?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: And the essence is that the deeper you dig into the DA municipalities that is when you begin to understand. Some of the problems you have in Oudtshoorn that we were told of by the Administrator ... [Interjections].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order, hon Minister. Please continue, hon Dyantyi.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Baie dankie, Adjunkspeaker. Baie dankie. Net 'n paar voorbeelde. In Oudtshoorn praat ons van die hele munisipaliteit. As ons hier staan, daar is net een meterleser. *Thank you, Deputy Speaker. Thank you. Just a few examples. In Oudtshoorn we talk of the whole municipality. As we stand here, there is just one meter reader. †There is just one meter reader in

the entire Oudtshoorn. [Interjections]. We could not be told about that. That is one example. †Luister, luister. *Listen, listen. [Interjections].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: As we sit and stand here today, Oudtshoorn has a shortfall of R93 million. Why did you have to know that only when the Administrator is there under your leadership? As we stand here today, every day, that municipality cannot even pay their borrowings which are over R10 million. As we stand here today, these are things that in its oversight role this Department, together with its MEC, could not pick up. We found that in Oudtshoorn - for the first time we were told that the staff count is about 600, but in addition to the staff there are about 430 people who are in addition to the staff and they will say everything is good. [Interjections]. †Ek kom na julle toe. *I am coming to you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order. You can address the Chair.

Mr QR DYANTYI: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order. There is too much noise coming from the DA side at the moment. Allow the honourable member to make his speech. Please continue.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Ja, dit is baie seer punte, maar ek moet maar

voortgaan. *Yes, these are very sore points, but let me continue. †Just the last example. The crisis in the issue of refuse removal. It is possible to be told that a truck is broken and therefore today they will not be able to work. Now this MEC, all of that was happening under his watch.

An HON MEMBER: Under the ANC.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: As hulle in Oudtshoorn uitgevang is, sê ons daar is meer probleme ...*If they were caught out in Oudtshoorn, we say there are more problems...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Just one second. Hon Minister Winde, is that a question? Hon Dyantyi, are you prepared to take a question?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Bring it on. [Laughter.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I think the answer is yes.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Thank you very much. Who was the Mayor when these people were appointed? [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Member, you may continue.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: It is a very good question and I am definitely going to

answer his question. [Interjections].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order!

Mr Q R DYANTYI: But as I continue the point I am making is that ...
[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order! Allow the member to continue.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: The point I am making is that - just wait for the next Oudtshoorn, which will come from Stellenbosch, which will come from George, which will come from Kannaland. In all of that they are talking of clean audits. But †as jy daai gaatjie oopmaak, daar is baie vuil dinge daarbinne. *But when you open that little hole, there are many dirty things inside. †This is the essence of this.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Who was running it?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: And all of these things just to help him. All of these things, these are problems.... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order. Order, hon Minister Winde, honourable Beerwinkel. You are sitting next to an open microphone there. [Laughter.] Please continue, honourable Dyantyi.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: All of these problems happened in a time and with different leadership where the DA was a common denominator. So if you want an answer about the Mayor, you must start with the DA. The problems start there. In conclusion therefore, Chair, I am going towards my conclusion. The point that I must make is that under the leadership of this MEC, the Department is found wanting but also under his leadership its oversight role leaves much to be desired.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, your time is running out. Your time has expired now.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I wish you could give me more time. [Time expired.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order. Please come to order before we see the next member. Order! I see the hon member Hinana.

Mr N E HINANA: Mr Deputy Speaker, let me also accept the presentation that was made by the hon MEC Anton Bredell, on Local Government. But before I move forward, let me firstly say that we need to recognise the contribution made by the hon member Uys.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, just one second. Some people seem to think that he's not on the list. The list was changed with the consent of the Whips, so there is a new list. [Interjections.] Please continue hon member.

Mr N E HINANA: Let me first recognise the contribution that was made from the opposition by the hon member Uys for the sterling job that he did when the ANC had only four members in the Chamber. So he had to run up and down like a headless chicken to get the members in. But that is the exposure of what the quality of the ANC is. Out of the 14 that are supposed to represent their constituencies here - only five were present. As you can see: 2, 4, 6, 8 out of the 14 ANC. The constituencies represented by 8 members. [Interjections.] So it says a lot about the lack of vision and direction that the ANC has.

The SPEAKER: Order please!

Mr N E HINANA: Let me say that the Department of Local Government, under the leadership of MEC Anton Bredell, has been committed to delivering well governed municipalities that deliver basic services to the people of the province efficiently and effectively. Central to the Department is co-ordinating and supporting the municipalities and their duties, to ensure that the municipalities develop and function optimally. It is important therefore to remember that Local Government is the closest sphere of government to the people and as a result it is well placed to respond appropriately to the needs of the society.

This requires municipalities to have the capacity and will to work towards developing the community by effectively discharging their duties. When we

talk of municipalities that develop their communities we talk of municipalities that like the City of Cape Town. Recently the Mayor of Cape Town, Patricia de Lille, opened and handed over a library of R78 million in Kuyasa but because of the quality and the calibre of the people of the ANC, they deprive the community of development so that ...[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please!

MR N E HINANA: .. that kind of library can be accessed by people, so that they can study effectively. What we want for that area of Kuyasa is to develop people who are going to do exactly what the MEC of Education, Debbie Schäfer, is doing. We need to encourage and help those kind of libraries, but the ANC stopped the handover, depriving the very same people that they are representing here.

One of the biggest challenges facing municipalities is that some of them operate in communities where resources are limited and thus put a strain on municipalities' ability to deliver services in those areas. This becomes worse in an economic climate like this. We acknowledge that Treasury has requested that we all undertake austerity measures as much as we can and the reality is that service delivery may be affected. Furthermore, municipalities have to deliver basic services to an ever increasing population with a shrinking budget.

Mr Deputy Speaker, we have to acknowledge that if people migrate from

other areas to another province, we should recommend that people should migrate with their grants. For instance we are having problems with RDP housing allocations in that if you have an RDP house, wherever you are and you move to another province, you cannot get one. But the grants must follow people who move to other provinces. The equitable [Inaudible.] must follow those people so that people cannot come from one province to another province and be deprived of their rights because they have money that was not allocated accordingly.

Changing economic conditions also contribute to the challenges facing the municipalities. Municipalities are thus forced to rely more and more on municipal grants. It will therefore be critical for this Department to identify challenges and put in place mechanisms to deal with the unique challenges facing each municipality in the Western Cape.

We don't want to face a situation like what happens in the North West where members of the community, highlighting various issues on service delivery by those municipalities, get killed. Here I am talking about prominent business people like Wandile Bozwana in the North West who raised fundamental issues: what is it that the municipality must do, what the ANC is doing. [Interjections.] Wandile Bozwana was killed.

In Bombela Municipality, when the municipal manager refused to be dictated to by politicians, to award tenders to those business people linked to the ANC, what happened to him? He was killed. I can give a list of many people

who have refused to be dictated to in the ANC run municipalities; all of them. Where are they?

An HON MEMBER: Dead.

Mr N E HINANA: They are dead. But we will never find this in the Western Cape, because these are the best run municipalities with accountability. [Interjections.]

I want to say to the Leaders of the Opposition that the Democratic Alliance is not self-beating its chest, but the results come from independent bodies, outside, undergoing all of the five strategic goals that hon member Dyantyi was talking about. [Interjection.]

If we are going to say here that those goals are not reflecting good governance then they do not know what they are talking about. Last year the Premier announced the Provincial Strategic Goals and Strategic Goal 5 that commits this Department to deliver good governance and an inclusive society that increases access to information, in partnership with active citizens, business and institutions.

It is pleasing to see that upon assessment of the last three quarters, the Department will meet most of its targets. Furthermore, with the 2016/2017 medium term expenditure allocation the Department is set to continue offering the best support to the municipalities.

The Thusong and Community Development Workers - when we talk about the allocations of wards, we are talking especially in the Western Cape of R750 000 that is allocated to the wards. Hon member Dijana said that when you go to Philippi, Nyanga, Delft, and many others you will find that the areas are dirty, water is leaking and everything. But what she didn't say is that those areas that she is talking about are the wards that are being run by the ANC, and ANC Ward Councillors are allocated money. [Interjections.] What are they doing with the money? [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please!

Mr N E HINANA: They give it back. What are they doing with the money? They do not spend the money and everything that is there becomes filthy, dirty and the rest that she is talking about [Inaudible.]. We therefore encourage the ANC councillors that the money they have been allocated, they must spend in their wards. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please members!

Mr N E HINANA: Over the MTEF period the Department will be responsible for two conditional grants, namely the Community Development Workers Operational Support Grant and Thusong Service Centres Grant. The aim of the CDW grant is to provide financial assistance to municipalities to cover operational and capital expenses in terms of the line functions of the

community development workers, including supervisors and regional organisers. But this cannot happen in the ANC dominated areas, because the ANC has taken the lead of not obeying the laws. Even if anything is granted there is a procedure that it must follow. But the ANC is easily forgetful or is very ignorant. They take a cue from ...

An HON MEMBER: Gupta. Gupta.

Mr N E HINANA: ... President Zuma- either he forgets or becomes the front page of *Sowetan*: *Zuma is talking rubbish*, no, *Zuma is talking nonsense*.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Hinana, please finish up.

Mr N E HINANA: This is Vytjie Mentor. Despite the fact that they were moving all over the place, despite the fact that they worked together to canvas and everything for service delivery, what does Zuma say? "I don't know who you are." [Interjections.][Time expired.] [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: I see the hon member Christians.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Madam Speaker, the ACDP supports the budget. I cannot believe what the Minister said, when hon Dyantyi was MEC he received a naught for clean audits, naught. And he has a lot to say. So I want to say as follows, the Department ...[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Christians, please take your seat. Members, you cannot drown out a member on the floor, I am appealing to the back bench of the ANC, you have to allow the speaker to present. You are drowning out the speaker making it very difficult – no, no, it is specifically the back bench of the ANC, so I am expecting you to cooperate. You may proceed, hon member Christians.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: The Department must provide financial assistance...

The SPEAKER: Hon member Christians, take your seat please. Hon member Olivier, are you rising on a point of order?

Mr R T OLIVIER: Madam Speaker, can I address you?

The SPEAKER: Yes, you may.

Mr R T OLIVIER: I would request that you identify the members at the back bench. Some of us are not contributing to the debate at hand. When you include us it means that ...

The SPEAKER: Thank you. I will do so next time. Your point is noted, but I can tell you it is hon member Dijana and hon member Makeleni who are consistently contributing to the interjections. Thank you. To the people on the right, all of you please cooperate and play nicely now. Thank you. You may proceed hon member Christians.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Madam Speaker, the Department must provide financial assistance to the municipalities to improve the infrastructure and systems. I am asking hon Minister Bredell, out of the 30, 23 received clean audits. What is the problem with the remaining seven? Is it a lack of support by the Department, or is it a lack of experience by the municipality, or is it just corruption, is it stealing and robbing the poor? Because this is service delivery. So, if the Minister can just elaborate on what the problem is, why these municipalities cannot receive clean audits?

Another thing I need to say, I need to compliment the Minister on the two initiatives, helping municipalities when it comes to the elections, to train councillors after that and to give them the necessary support. It is a great initiative and we as the ACDP support that. The other thing that is very important to me is there is a big problem in Oudtshoorn. It has now been resolved, but can the Minister elaborate on the fraud charges that were laid there and who is responsible for those fraud charges and how far are we with those cases?

We also have a problem in Oudtshoorn with the Congo Caves going backwards; can the Minister give us an update and on the money being spent on the Congo Caves, and who is responsible for that? is a heritage site for our people, an attraction in Oudtshoorn and it is being neglected.

So, in closing I want to say, the Department is well run. When we sat with

the Department said that they are changing initiatives to assist municipalities. But in certain municipalities it seems that there is no progress going forward. I would like the Minister to explain that. Thank you very much.[Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Can we have some order please. I see the hon Minister.

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Agbare Speaker, baie dankie. Laat ek begin deur my Departement onder die leierskap van mnr Paulse te bedank vir hulle harde werk. Hulle is werklik ‘n fantasiese span om mee te werk, ‘n span wat die inwoners van hierdie provinsie eerste stel, ‘n span wat weet waarheen ons die land heen wil vat, en hulle bydrae, maak nie saak hoe groot of hoe klein, hulle gee elke dag ‘n honderd persent. Ek wil regtig aan hulle elkeen baie dankie sê in hulle verskillende direkorate. Ek wil tog ook so ‘n stappie verder gaan, ek dink ons moet van ons interns regdeur, ons sien julle daar by die werkers, elke persoon in die kantoor, uit ons hart uit bedank want dit is werklik ‘n totale spanpoging wat hierdie Departement op ‘n baie goeie rigting plaas om die mense van die provinsie te dien. Ook so my kantoorpersoneel, baie dankie vir hulle insette, elke dag gee hulle honderd persent.

*The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Madam Speaker, thank you. Let me start by thanking my Department under the leadership of Mr Paulse for their hard work. They are really a fantastic team to work with, a team placing the citizens of the province first, a team that knows where we want to take the

country, and their contribution, no matter how large or small, is appreciated, they give a hundred percent every day. I really want to thank them each in their respective directorates. I would like to go a step further, I think we must thank our interns we see there with the workers, every person in the office, from our hearts because it is really a total team effort that places this Department on a good course to serve the people of the province. Also to my office staff, thank you for your contribution, every day they give hundred percent.

Madam Speaker, it is disappointing to stand here...we actually ask of this House that each one of us, especially to the Standing Committee members on Local Government, myself, if we put the citizens of this province first, and we look in the mirror and we comment on today's debate, it is a disgrace. If we really work as public representatives to build this province and to serve the people, I really am disappointed.

Let me touch on a couple of things. I want to thank the Standing Committee members, on the DA side, thank you for your oversight role, thank you for holding us accountable. You have got debates going with us and you work towards trying to better service delivery. There are still issues we need to address, especially on when we call in our municipalities and I am going to interact with the Committee because we also get this from National Government side. They have got committees calling in the Mayors and the municipal managers and try to play 'big daddy'. We are all in this together, a constituted, interrelated, interdependent government sphere. This is who we

are. I am not going to allow my Mayors, my municipal managers, to stand before a Standing Committee and be demoralised. We are not going to allow that, we want to have in-depth debate, we are willing to answer to the questions where our Mayors and municipal managers are wrong, but it must be to the betterment of this province, otherwise there is no use in having those kinds of debates.

†Agb Speaker, agb Dyantyi baie dankie. Hy het 'n klompie goed uitgehaal, 'n klomp van die goed behoort eintlik by die Staande Komitee waar ons in diepte kan gesels. Dinge gaan goed in hierdie provinsie, soos ek gesê het in my begroting, maar ek het ook gesê ons is naby waar ons wil wees nie. Maar as jy 'n vergelyking tref tussen waar die Wes-Kaap is met hulpbronnebeperkings, en, en, in vergelyking met ander provinsies, is dit regtig *chalk and cheese*.

*Madam Speaker, thanks to hon Dyantyi. He picked out a few things, a lot of these actually belong in the Standing Committee where we can discuss it in-depth. It is going well in this province, as I said in my budget, but I also said we are not nearly where we want to be. But if you look at where the Western Cape stands in spite of resource restrictions, etc., etc., in comparison with the other provinces, it is really chalk and cheese.

† 'n AGBARE LID: Absoluut!

*An HON MEMBER: Absolutely!

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: If we look at clean audits, it is really, Madam Speaker, disappointing to hear the Opposition attacking the clean audits. That is what in a sense I get. You know, in 2009 it was the National ANC Government who came up with the idea of Operation Clean Audit. I was a mayor then. We warned them and said, listen, within five years it is actually impossible to achieve. And at that stage it was an unqualified audit, within five years.

The Western Cape last year, 2015, got 29 out of 30, we are the only province adhering to that. It was a National Government, ANC Government idea. Today the ANC members say there is no value in that. Leave it, throw it out the door. And you know it is important that we get out the right message. Service delivery starts with clean audits. You can't steal the money and expect service delivery. It starts with that, that's the foundation of service delivery. Last year the hon Dyantyi voted against the budget; today he starts off by saying it was a good budget. So I don't know, but somewhere with their advisors there is something wrong.

I also want to quickly explain the growth potential study I found, because I don't think people must get this wrong. When we do the growth potential study of towns, we have done it for a specific reason, and it is to see what makes a town tick. Why is that town ticking? It is not to say that your town is more important than my town, it does not mean that Provincial Government will go and spend all the money in one town. We need to spend the money on the right issues to make that town work. A town like Oudtshoorn, if

provincial, national and local municipalities invest in eco-tourism, that will save that town. We know it now, after having done that investigation. That is the idea of that study.

R8 million, hon Dyantyi, we have got R8 million, and after the MGRO and Altitec processes we will allocate that. We first enter into discussion with the municipality to determine where the needs are, and then we will align that. We are putting R37 million over three years in building fire services capacity within the rural areas. Our Back to Basics Programme in this country – again, the ANC's, national Minister's idea, who is making it work? The Western Cape. It is our money, they don't give a cent to this program. If we don't put money behind that, the programme will be dead in the water. It is a good programme, but there is only one province that makes it work...

The SPEAKER: Hon Minister, will you take your seat please. Minister Winde, do you rise on a point of order?

The MINISTER OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES: Yes, Madam Speaker, I would like to know if the hon Minister would allow me to pose a question?

The SPEAKER: Hon Minister, will you take a question? Yes, he will.

The MINISTER OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. There is a question that I posed earlier in the session to the hon Dyantyi, and the House I believe is still owed an answer. We heard about

hundreds of millions of rands going missing and being stolen and hundreds of excess people being appointed. I would still like to know if the hon Minister could let us know who the Mayor was who appointed those people and actually oversaw, as the Mayor of that town, this corruption and this overspending?

The SPEAKER: Thank you, order please members.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Thank you, hon Minister Winde for that question. It was Councillor Gordon April. H is a member of the ANC.
[Interjections.]

So, Madam Speaker, if we go back to Oudtshoorn which the hon Dyantyi called us to account on, if you look at the organigram, they have got 600 people on the organigram, yes, and there is an extra 600 people floating in the municipality. Actually, they paid for 1 200 people, and if you look at how they appointed those people, there was no process. It was like an ANC cadre deployment, they just perfected it there. So it is under their leadership, but the problem is we can throw mud on this issue, but we need to solve it, and we are busy with a process – and it is going to be a painful process. It is not going to be easy, it is going to be very difficult. The ANC thinks that by putting in an Administrator, it is all over, now it's done, dusted. There is no single individual who can save the municipality, especially not Oudtshoorn. It is a team that we will put in the municipality that will save the

municipality, it is not a single individual.

Madam Speaker, the hon member Dyantyi I think will agree with the following: That Local Government is the coal face of service delivery. Local Government is the foundation of service delivery, of serving the poorest of the poor in this country. Madam Speaker, if you look, since 2009, we in Local Government had six Ministers and acting Ministers in Local Government. That's what the ANC thinks of Local Government. Six, so there is no vision from National, there is no strategy, that is why when we call a Minmec, the new Minister – I don't know, they change so often it is now Van Rooyen, I think – he called a Minmec meeting; we've got eight ANC MECs, one DA MEC that should attend that, only three attendants. You cannot work like that. How do you build this province? But you see, it speaks to a broader strategy of the ANC, and they don't want to put it on the table. The ANC believes that they must keep people in poverty and trapped in poverty and then the people will vote for them. But the people will call them out, Madam Speaker, the people will call them out. In the Western Cape, when the hon Dyantyi was here they had done the same. In five years you had six MECs of Local Government.

The SPEAKER: Hon Minister Bredell, please speak to the Chair. Thank you.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Madam Speaker, in five years in the Western Cape, they had six MECs – the same. They don't care about Local

Government, they don't care about service delivery, because I think they don't know how to deal with the issues within. Barbara Hogan yesterday in the newspapers says the following, and I quote,:

“The ANC has to clear out the rot.”

The problem is, who is going to be left? I thank you.[Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you. That concludes the debate on this vote. Members, if you could allow two minutes for the officials to leave and for the next group to take up their place. We will pause for just two to three minutes. Thank you.

[Business of the House paused for the clearing of bays.]

The SPEAKER: Hon members, can I call the House to order please. We are now convening for debate on Vote 5, which is Education, and I would just like to welcome the officials from the Department and all our guests to this debate. We will now ask the Secretary to read.

Debate on Vote 5 – Education – *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 2 - 2016].

The SPEAKER: Thank you. I see the hon the Minister, Minister Schäfer. Minister before you proceed, if I could just ask you to take your seat. I would

like to ask, members, the process is that there is a speaker on the floor, the speaker presents via the Chair, we do not engage on one-on-one contact across the floor with each other. So, if I could ask, Minister Schäfer, if you could speak to the Chair and if members have questions that rise and ask if they could pose a question. Thank you, let us be orderly and get through this one quickly. You may proceed, Minister.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION : Thank you, Madam Speaker. Honourable Premier, in absentia; fellow Members of the Provincial Cabinet; honourable Members of the Provincial Legislature; the Superintendent General of Education and all senior officials of the Western Cape Education Department; Chairman of the Education Council Mr Bruce Probyn and members; representatives of the School Governing Body Associations and Unions; invited guests and my very most special invited guests, my husband, Mark, and my daughters Alyssa and Caitlin, without whom I could not do what I do and who enrich my life immeasurably.

Madam Speaker, I present today the 2016/2017 Budget for the Western Cape Education Department. It is my privilege to welcome a number of special guests here today, whom I will introduce at the appropriate point in my speech.

The last year has certainly been a most memorable year in education for a variety of reasons. Some of them were positive and some not so much. On the positive side, as a result of strong internal financial controls, the WCED

achieved a clean audit for the 2014/2015 financial year, and yes, we were very proud of that clean audit, becoming the first Department of Education in South Africa since democracy to do so. [Applause]

Then, of course, my personal highlight was the release of the 2015 National Senior Certificate results. The Western Cape was the only Province to have improved on its 2014 results, achieving the highest pass rate and bachelor pass rate in the country. [Applause].

We were also very proud when the National Minister announced that two of the top three matriculants in the country came from the Western Cape. Andrew Tucker from SACS and William Mey from Tygerberg High School. Very well done to them.

As a lawyer, I would also like to congratulate especially Claire Rankin who is here with us today and her mother and Clara-Marie Macheke who unfortunately cannot be with us because she has gone away, lucky her, and we are very pleased to have them here from the Springfield Convent, for taking the top spot at the International Schools Moot Court Competition in The Hague after toppling Team USA. [Applause].

With the release of the results of the 2015 Language and Mathematics systemic tests we saw pleasing improvements especially in the area of Mathematics – indicating that our many interventions in these areas are working.

Further evidence of this was when Sweet Valley Primary School claimed the number 1 spot in the national AMESA Maths Competition. For those who don't know, AMESA Maths is the difficult one, and a very well done to principal Ian Ryan and Deputy Principal and Maths teacher Mark Rushby. Unfortunately they could also not be here today.

In the past year we also saw the launch of some new strategies and pilots which I will elaborate on later. While we have had much to celebrate, it has also been a challenging year for a number of reasons, one of which directly impacts the budget I am presenting today.

It is common knowledge that our country finds itself in a very difficult financial position. Despite our Province's frugal financial management, as well as that we are experiencing a higher economic growth rate than the country as a whole, the Western Cape is unfortunately still greatly affected by this.

As a result of these difficulties, which are beyond our control, the Western Cape Government has had to make some very tough decisions - decisions that affect various areas of expenditure within the Education budget. They are decisions that we would prefer to have avoided making.

One of the main reasons for our financial difficulties, as we have referred to on numerous occasions, is the recent nationally negotiated wage increases. It

is somewhat ironically termed “Improvement in Conditions of Service”. Given the dire implications for our budget, I do have to ask if it is really going to improve the conditions of teachers.

It is inescapable that our class sizes will increase. We have no choice. I have seen a comment by a union asking what plans the Department is going to put in place to deal with the increasing learner numbers. The reality we sit with is that the only plans we can make are plans that involve doing more with less. It is time that the realisation spread across South Africa that there is not a bottomless pit of money to satisfy everyone’s increasing demands.

The effects of the wage increases alone on our Department’s budget over the MTEF will be approximately R1,3 billion based on this year’s inflation figures, which are increasing by the day. This pressure is likely to increase, as I say.

The shortfall that needs to be funded, over and above the provisions we had budgeted for, is approximately R450 million for the 2016/2017 financial year. The WCED has had to look long and hard at our budget to determine how we can fund the shortfall.

This is an extremely complex issue that involves trying to maintain stability in the system, retain as many of our pro-poor initiatives as possible, and still try to ensure that we move forward in achieving our strategic goals and equipping our learners for life in the 21st century.

75% of our budget is allocated for the compensation of employees. The remaining 25% is needed to fund all other programmes contained in this budget, including Norms and Standards funding, furniture, textbooks, infrastructure, examinations, learner transport, school nutrition, school safety and gamechangers.

So here I stand today, presenting a budget that, over the past few months, has brought us many challenges. However, despite these challenges, I believe it is a budget that reflects positively on the strategic outcomes we have set to achieve.

Madam Speaker, earlier this month the Provincial Minister of Finance announced that within the MTEF, the Western Cape Education Department would receive over a third of the Provincial Budget - an investment in education of R61 billion.

The Department will receive R19, 2 billion for the 2016/2017 financial year.

While this does represent an increase from the previous year this increase does not cover the cost of the increases pertaining to the ICS.

The bulk of the Department's funding is for Programme 2, Public Ordinary School Education, with an allocation of 73.2 % of the budget. This is

followed by Programme 6 Infrastructure Development, with an allocation of R1,4 billion.

In the Western Cape, 6.1% of the budget is allocated to Special Needs, 7.5% to Administration and 3.4% will be allocated to Early Child Development in Grade R.

In each of these programmes we have committed ourselves to spending on projects, resources and people that will fulfil our objective to provide quality education to all the learners in this province as outlined in our Strategic Plan for 2015-2019 and the Provincial Strategic Plan.

These objectives seek to improve the level of language and mathematics in all schools, increase the number and quality of passes in the National Senior Certificate, and increase the quality of education provision in poorer communities.

Given the extreme financial constraints we face, we have as a Government prioritised our front line services, for which I am grateful to my Cabinet colleagues and Provincial Treasury. In education, we have done our utmost to preserve the funding allocated to pro-poor initiatives.

These initiatives include the compensation for fee exemption of poorer learners, learner transport and other forms of funding to schools.

In fact, many of our strategies aim to ensure that our poorer schools are prioritised in terms of service delivery and roll-out, which I will highlight throughout my speech.

Our Government has gone beyond National Norms in supporting our poorer schools. For example, in 2014 the WCED offered 216 public schools serving poorer communities the option to apply for No-Fee Status. This was done to assist our poorest schools in quintiles 4 and 5 in alleviating some of the funding challenges they face.

In the 2016/2017 financial year we will continue to support the 216 schools that have been declared no-fee schools through our own funding mechanisms.

We will also continue to compensate schools that serve poor communities by the provision of fee compensation. In 2016/2017, the WCED has allocated just over R46,3 million to assist parents who simply cannot afford to pay their children's school fees.

In total it is important to note that 98.5% of our schools are either no-fee schools or have benefitted from fee compensation. This not only highlights the WCED's commitment to assisting our poorer schools, but also our commitment to assisting our fee paying schools to accommodate poorer learners.

Our Norms and Standards Funding to schools will also increase this next financial year, contrary to the first erroneous circular that was sent to schools last week. In 2016/2017, no-fee schools in Quintiles 1 – 3 will receive an increased amount of R1 144 per learner. Quintile 4 schools will receive R590 and Quintile 5 R204 per learner.

One of the WCED's biggest cost drivers is learner transport. With increased growth in our province, this has led to an increased demand for this service. Four years ago, in 2012/2013, we budgeted R203 million on learner transport. This financial year we will be allocating R311,956 million. This is R34,871 million more than last year.

Despite the budgetary constraints, I am pleased that our Department has found a way to ensure that this service has not been cut. I would very much have liked to expand it, but unfortunately it is not possible.

As an alternative to learner transport, the WCED also provides subsidised hostel accommodation, where available. One of the main driving factors behind the hostels is to provide a safe environment where learners are able to participate in a variety of sports activities, receive extra academic support from staff, as well as receive 3 meals a day. To meet this growing need, we are therefore allocating an increased amount of over R52,3 million to increase access to our hostel facilities.

In education, we deal with the effects of poverty every day with thousands of children from poor communities attending our province's schools, many of whom arrive at school hungry. The Western Cape Government is committed to ensuring that 465 000 of our poorest learners receive not just one, but two nutritious meals at 1023 schools every day.

The amount allocated to the feeding programme for the 2016/2017 financial year is just over R315,3 million. We have also taken over the MOD centre feeding programme from the Department of Social Development, to which is allocated R45,5 million

However, I do have a serious concern about the increasing cost of certain food items such as maize as a result of the drought we are experiencing across South Africa. This has already led to unexpected increases in costs for feeding scheme food items.

Just this month, we received an additional bill of R6 million from our service provider to cover these increases and it does not seem likely that these pressures will ease over the next year. We are therefore investigating innovative ways in which to ensure the nutritional value and quantity of our meals remains the same, despite these increases. I also had raised the issue with the National Minister last week.

Madam Speaker, as is evident from what I have already said, we are trying to do more with less and any assistance that falls in line with our APP and

strategic plan from the private sector and other non-profit organisations is welcomed.

It is on that note that I would like to share with you an update of the pilot we commenced with earlier this year, called the Collaboration Schools initiative.

A Collaboration School is a public no-fee school partnered with a non-profit school support organisation committed to increasing the quality of teaching and learning in that school in order to substantially improve the school's educational outcomes. The pilot is currently operating well in 3 schools. Each of these schools caters for learners from poor communities.

These public schools will receive extra training and development opportunities for their principals and teachers, additional resources for goods and services such as educational aids, scholastic materials, extra books, extra-curricular activities and funding for additional staff such as teaching assistants and a social worker in some cases. The accountability mechanisms will also be enhanced.

In other words, these schools will be provided with a range of additional resources, which they otherwise would not necessarily receive and which we cannot afford – all to the benefit of the learner and improving the quality of education in our schools.

Another exciting initiative that we have launched this year, which speaks directly to improving our language and mathematics level of learners at 105 of our poorer primary schools, is the Grade R-3 “living lab” project.

The project therefore aims to improve teaching methods and delivery at these schools through targeted interventions, monitoring implementation, and measuring impact. It also seeks to improve the involvement of parents in the education of their children. Competency Based Assessment tests have been completed for the Foundation Phase HOD at the respective schools. The results of these tests will then inform where development of each HOD is needed and targeted training and development will be provided.

Three NGOs have come on board to assist us with reading and mentorship programmes. The WCED is also fast-tracking the provision of education technology at the schools, as part of the Western Cape Government’s e-Learning game changer programme.

On that note – some good progress has been made in two of the game changers that directly involve our schools. The e-Learning game changer is designed to make a major contribution towards improving the quality of teaching and learning in the province and entrenching the skills people need to participate in our technology-driven economy.

We have refined the game changer to align it with all three of our departmental strategic goals. The WCED has invested R307.4 million

towards e-Learning in the 2016/2017 financial year and over R1,2 billion over a five year period.

The WCED is working to ensure that every school in the province begins to feel the benefits and transformative nature of this exciting project.

Within the last year or so, we have:

- Installed 4267 technology enabled smart classrooms across 309 schools.
- Connected 676 schools with the Wide Area Network.
- Installed 30 NEW Wireless LANS covering all instruction rooms at such schools as at 15 March.
- Refurbished 125 general Computer labs, and 180 CAT/IT/EGD subject-specific labs.

Within the next financial year we hope to see:

- Another 100 schools within quintiles 1, 2, 3, 4, and ELSEN Schools receive LANs, and;
- 400 additional smart classrooms across 37 quintile 1-4 and SNE schools.

While this roll-out is taking place, we have also embarked on a pilot which will involve 16 schools. These schools will be connected to WAN and LAN infrastructure, each classroom will be a Smart Classroom and every learner will be allocated a device.

These schools will develop examples of best practice on how to best integrate e-Learning into the classroom. I was delighted when I recently attended the National Teachers Awards, to witness our very own Gafieza Ismail from Spine Road High School win the National Teaching Award for Excellence in Technology-Enhanced Teaching and Learning. It is clear that some of our teachers have already grabbed the opportunities that ICT brings, and I hope that they will be able to share their knowledge with others.

Another one of our ICT champions is Warren Sparrow, here today also, Head of Information and Communication Technology of Rondebosch Boys' Preparatory School. He has recently been nominated for Global Teacher of the year Award and was ranked in the top 50 in the world. Very well done, Mr Sparrow, we are very proud to have you as one of our very own in the Western Cape. [Applause].

The After-school game-changer, which is predominantly in our schools, has made progress over the last year. The provision of after-school programmes is a necessity in some areas – not only to keep our children safe and occupied after school, but also to engage with them on extra-mural mathematics and language programmes, tutoring, sporting activities and cultural and behavioural programmes. Minister Marais will give more detail of this programme in her budget speech.

The WCED has budgeted R106 million for the after-school programme which includes allocations for tutoring, equipment, maintenance, feeding and sportsfields.

We believe that the programmes I have outlined so far will contribute to improved learner outcomes in this province. However, it is important that they run parallel to other strategies that aim to improve teacher development and capacity in the classroom with the aim of improving the levels of Mathematics and Language in our schools.

It is imperative that our teacher development plans incorporate the e-Learning game changer as well as the new Language and Mathematics strategies.

Ongoing training and development of our educators, with a particular focus on Language and Mathematics strategies and e-Learning/ICT integration will be prioritised. The WCED will be investing R146 million on training and development of both teachers and staff.

As I mentioned earlier, I was pleased with the results of the 2015 Systemic Testing which showed marked improvements in Mathematics and Language in the Western Cape over the last five years. The Systemic Tests provide the most objective picture possible of learner performance in Language and Mathematics, giving us the opportunity to assess whether we are improving the quality of education in the province.

This year the WCED launched new Language and Mathematics strategies which seek to further improve the quality of teaching and learning in all grades to ensure better learner performance and greater retention of learners in the schooling system, in line with our strategic goals.

On this note I would like to congratulate another two of my special guests for their writing and language skills. We first of all have our very own Spelling Bee champion with us today. Erin Sloan, a Grade 6 learner, or now in Grade 7, from Greenfield Girls Primary School, who won the national trophy in the 2015 Spelling Bee competition held in Johannesburg in October last year. Well done. [Applause.].

We are also very pleased to have with us here today Joel Greek, who has just been a jet-setter and flew back from overseas two days ago from New York after receiving an award as winner of a global essay competition hosted by the Lions Club International and United Nations. Joel is partially blind, 12 years old and is a Grade 7 learner at the Athlone School for the Blind in Bellville South. His winning essay on “Shared Peace” was chosen from contestants from over 100 countries that form part of the Lions Clubs International network. He is a very inspirational young man, he is dealing with some very difficult issues. Very well done, Joel. Congratulations to all of you.

Madam Speaker, I cannot complete this speech without addressing the issue of accommodation in our schools.

The reality is that this year alone, over 24 000, in fact almost 25 000 learners from other provinces enrolled in the Western Cape. To accommodate all these learners would require another 22 schools and 700 educators just for this year's intake ... additional intake.

School infrastructure therefore remains a priority for this Government as we seek to keep up with the growing demand in this province, as well as replace buildings that were built with inappropriate materials.

In 2016/2017, the WCED will be investing R1,4 billion in infrastructure of which R768 million will be allocated for new and replacement schools. I am pleased to announce that 15 WCED funded replacement schools are being built in the current MTEF as well as three ASIDI funded replacement schools and 5 ASIDI sports fields.

The 2016/2017 financial year will see the completion of 4 new schools and 3 replacement schools. The WCED also plans to hand over eight new schools, one of which is a special school for learners with disabilities and high support needs. The WCED will also commence building an additional seven schools in the current financial year. We are also building 172 additional classrooms at various schools to increase their capacity, and R15 million will be spent on building 108 Grade R classrooms.

Maintenance of our existing schools also remains a priority. R373 million will be allocated towards the maintenance of buildings. It is unfortunate that we have to spend money on repair work at schools as a result of burglary and vandalism or other unforeseen circumstances such as storm damage. In 2016/2017, R10 million has been allocated to the Emergency Maintenance Fund which will assist in repairing schools that have fallen victim to such events.

I know safety of our learners and educators remains a great concern for every parent and the WCED.

It is a reality that in the Western Cape we are faced with the scourge of gangsterism and violence which is plaguing some of our communities. Intentionally or unintentionally, this often spills over into our schools. The WCED's Safe Schools Directorate has been designed to assist with this through Crime Prevention and behavioural programmes.

This year, we will invest R30 million into the Safe Schools programme. While this funding will not necessarily end violence in and around our schools it will be used to provide and reinforce targeted security infrastructure support to schools such as burglar alarms and bars, stoneguards, access gates and behavioural interventions.

Another priority of the Western Cape Government is to provide opportunities for all learners to access a quality education, including those children who

experience barriers to learning. The Western Cape already leads the country in the provision of Special Needs Education. R1,1 billion will be allocated to Special Needs Education – an increase of R30,4 million from last year.

Madam Speaker, it is clear from the budget that I have outlined, that despite facing budgetary constraints, we as a Government have quite rightly done everything possible to minimise the effects on our poor learners. An enormous amount of work has gone into this, and I must thank our Chief Financial Officer, Mr Ely, Chief Director, Ms Veldman, and their team for their dedication and innovation in this regard.

Through the strategies and interventions I have outlined today, it is my hope that education in the Western Cape will continue to grow from strength to strength and that we will continue to see an improvement in our priority areas, as well as hopefully maintaining the top position in the country.

I look forward to the year ahead and even some of the challenges that it may bring. We are one innovative and very committed team in education and I am pleased with how we have managed the really hard knocks that have been dealt with in the past year.

As you have seen from the achievers we have here today, we also have very talented and committed learners and very dedicated teachers and parents who help them to achieve what they have done.

We will need to rely on all our inner strengths during this extremely difficult period, but I am confident that we will get through this stronger on the other side.

I cannot end of course without thanking the Superintendent-General, Penny Vinjevoid, for her extremely hard work in difficult circumstances, all WCED officials, our District Directors, Circuit Managers, and staff, for their dedication and commitment to making education 'Better Together' in this province. And last but certainly not least, a very big thank you to the excellent team in my office, you really are incredible, and of course to my family for their ongoing support. Thank you very much. [Applause].

The SPEAKER: I see the hon member Mr Kivedo.

Mr B D KIVEDO: Thank you, Madam Speaker. It is good to be back and thank you also for all the prayers that went out during my illness, my heart attack. I have a new heart by the way and I feel 20 years younger and more sprightly I would say. But in any case the God of the second chance has his own plans with me as well. I thank you for that. [Interjection.] Thank you, hon member [Inaudible] ... thank you.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Kivedo.

Mr B D KIVEDO: Hon member, Madam Speaker, the hon Cabinet Ministers, my hon colleagues, members of the Parliament, the HOD for the WCED, Mrs

Penny Vinjevold and the Dean, the Standing Committee on Education, my colleagues who helped me and assisted me and supported me right through this year, our distinguished guests, all sectors who are involved in education whether they are NGOs, CBOs or any other formation who are drivers in this whole process, thank you very much for your efforts and also the citizens of this beautiful province. Very welcome.

I think if one looks at the political landscape of South Africa at this very moment, at this juncture, there tends to be some issues and I do not want to sound negative. I have just said I have a new heart. [Laughter.]

But some issues tend to make one a little bit morbid. I think it is only human also to feel negative, but I think I want to urge and also inspire all South Africans, whether we are from the Western Cape or any other province, to be optimistic and to realise our dreams and to cling onto the dream and to make things happen.

An HON MEMBER: Amen!

Mr B D KIVEDO: This morbidity also shifted and it gave way after listening to the hon Minister Debbie Schäfer delivering her speech in terms of telling a good story. And I think this is what we need, a success story, not only for the DA, but for the Western Cape and for South Africans, a broader narrative. It is a narrative that will take us forward in our quest for nation building, for reconciliation, for restoration and for healing of this country. And I think, to

a certain extent, if we look at the pathologies that we are confronted with in our society, that the basis of it all, in terms of the solution, is underpinned by education; that is where it starts.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Hear-hear!

Mr B D KIVEDO: We are sometimes overwhelmed by crime, unemployment, vice, violence and politics, also to a great extent, but we take it with or without sugar, but I think what is important is that according to hon Minister Debbie Schäfer, in terms of the message of hope that she instilled in us in navigating, not only talking about the successes, but also eliciting the challenges. I think that is important, but not bemoaning the challenges and the problems, but navigating and always searching for solutions. And I think the solutions are a co-operative thing, my dear colleagues. It is not only for one person or one sector, like the education sector, to seek the solutions and to come up with solutions, but for all of us to take hands, irrespective of.

Another point that I want to make is that when it comes to education because it is such a universal - hon Minister Debbie Schäfer actually elicited also, the ethos and the spirit that education espouses. And I think we should be very mindful of the fact that education is there for all of us; it is for the taking. Our kids are in these schools. Our learners, our educators, our governing bodies, we are all intertwined. Whether we are politicians, whether we are MPPs, whether we are parliamentary officials, whether we are citizens, we are all connected to education because it is not a distinct entity. It is a

lifelong learning, it is about gaining, not only knowledge, but also wisdom, and developing a world view, a world perspective that can take us forward.

So, when it comes to education there is actually no contestation. It is a matter of, I would go so far as to say, it is actually cast in stone, that it has to be, even this budget has to be accepted by all ...[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes. [Applause.]

Mr B D KIVEDO: ... because if the opposite happens then we are running against the tide. †Geagte agb Adjunkspeaker, my gevoel is ook verder dat die hele idee van vryheid, geregtigheid en geleenthede, *Hon Deputy Speaker, I also feel that the whole idea of freedom, fairness and opportunity †comes into the equation. It comes into the equation because to my mind the greatest contribution that any government can make in a country is to give access to all citizens, to give opportunities for education, not as a privilege, but as a right, in order to create those freedoms, liberties and also a fair society. Where freedom has to do with, I mean, what is the meaning of a democracy, or the relevance of a democracy without freedom, fairness and opportunity? So all those help; it means nothing.

We look at what happened in Brazil, it became free, we go and read what Paulo Freire had to say about education for critical consciousness; if we develop that critical consciousness we become free. The same with Ivan Illich in Chile, the same issue happened, when people were in bondage and

his book, “The Deschooling of Society”: when we want to liberate ourselves, let us educate ourselves.

And nearer to home, in 1964, Guinea-Bissau was right on the brink of collapse because of literacy problems. Then they started with these Apex projects and programmes, and within 10 years, about 80% of the population has been literate and educated, and the rest is history.

So liberation comes with education and then also the freedoms. The fairness structures hinges on, and it has all to do with education; with human rights; how we respect each other, the privacy of others, †die liggaamlike, die lyflike, die besittings en eiendom van ander mense in terme van die transgressie en die skending van ander se vryheid wat eintlik grens aan sondigheid, en as dit gebeur dan is ons weg van die kultuur van menseregte *the physical, the bodily, the belongings and property of others in terms of the transgression and violation of the freedom of others that actually border on sin, and if that happens we have moved away from the culture of human rights †and the Bill of Rights and the Constitution, I think that is one of the basic tenets, guarantee that.

And I think we are moving, we can move; I think we have the will in this country. I think we have the guts also and the fibre and the vooma ...[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Amen!

Mr B D KIVEDO: ... to create this culture of human rights. Let me also say that the Western Cape has demonstrated this qualitative inclination in terms of approaching education, not only in terms of quantifiable issues, or infrastructure, or resourcing, or whatever, but qualitative issues by building on this ethos of excellence, of positive outcomes, of expansion. We have just heard about the wonderful accolades that many of our guests achieved and received. We are extremely proud of you.

And it is there for anyone, if we just put our mind to it that we can also achieve. The sky is the limit. †En daarom is ek bly dat leerders van meet af aan begin, sodra die handboeke afgelewer is, sodra die leermateriaal afgelewer is en al die bronne, fisiese hulpbronne, menslike hulpbronne, in plek is om onmiddellik te begin leer en te studeer sonder ophou eintlik, want aan die einde van die dag sal dit eintlik terugkerend wees. Daar is kruispolinasie tussen die wil van die mens om te leer en die uitsette in terme van die uitkomst, hoe jy dan vergoed sou word daarvoor, en dit is gewaarborg.

*And therefore I am glad that learners start immediately, as soon as the handbooks have been delivered, as soon as the learning material has been delivered and all the resources, physical resources, human resources, are in place to immediately start learning and studying without delays, as at the end of the day that will actually be beneficial. There is cross pollination between the will of man to learn and the output in terms of the outcomes, how one is then rewarded for that, and that is guaranteed.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I welcome that the Department has started relief to poorer schools, funding 216 additional “no fees schools”. Now, I am talking about a humanitarian act. This is really humanitarian, about being pro-poor, caring for the poor, and also to latch on to what the hon member Dyantyi said earlier. The COPTA’s five pillars, Batho Pele, yes? You said, people first, and this is exactly what is happening in education; people first, people first, the learners first. ... [Interjection.] Thank you for that also then.

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.]

†Mnr B D KIVEDO: Baie dankie. *Thank you very much. †Then, the transportation of over 55,000 learners and 44 million in compensation for free exemption of poorer learners. And I think at this juncture we should also kill off this notion and misperception that we are not rural friendly. [Interjection.] No we are. †Eksel self is ‘n plaasjapie. Hoe kan ek nie *rural friendly* wees nie? Ek is dan self ‘n plaasjapie. Ek is van die Tsitsikamma Wittekleibos, my wêreld, by Stormsrivier. Ja, dis die mooiste plek, wonderlik. *I myself am a farm boy. How can I not be rural friendly? I am a farm boy myself after all. I am from the Tsitsikamma Wittekleibos, my world, at Storms River. Yes, it is the most beautiful place, wonderful.

The Western Cape Government’s commitment to the feeding scheme is of extra importance this year where the province is facing rapid food price increases because of the drought. And I think, people, if we have to pray, let

us pray that this drought will also subside. It is a serious matter and I think it affects us all.

The budget includes several key interventions to further improve the Department's performance. Number one, the monitoring programme will ensure that text books are delivered on time and that the school improvement plans will be followed. And these school improvement plans, it has a lot to do with, not only structural improvements, but it is looking at under-performing schools. It is about giving mentoring; Mentor. Mentor, does the name sound familiar? Mentor. [Laughter.]

Mr B D KIVEDO: I also sometimes need a Mentor. [Laughter.]

An HON MEMBER: Order!

Mr B D KIVEDO: Order! No, it is good. The e-Learning game changer launched in 2015 will give access to high speed internet giving poor learners the same opportunities as others and prepare them for the future. And I think this is important. Therefore we welcome those learners who come from other provinces also seeking greener pastures, you know, and better opportunities, learning opportunities and we will give it to them. We are prepared to share our knowledge and our methodologies and our competencies and skills with Mpumalanga, with North West and with the Eastern Cape, especially. [Interjection.] You are right. Thank you. ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr B D KIVEDO: We welcome you ...[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Mr B D KIVEDO: Another important programme ...[Interjection.]

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

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Mackenzie?

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Is the hon member Kivedo willing to take a question?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The member is prepared. You may.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: May the hon member Kivedo please tell us why would learners be seeking greener pastures in the Western Cape? What is happening in those provinces? [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: He does not know probably, just tell him.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Dyantyi, allow the hon member Kivedo to answer the question.

Mr B D KIVEDO: Yes, I think it has a lot to do with... there are a lot of factors in play; it is wastage. †Dit gaan oor die verkwisting van geld, dit gaan oor onderprestasie, dit gaan oor onopgeleide leerkragte, dit gaan oor leerders wat nie die wil het om te leer nie; dit is infrastrukturele maar ook kwalitatiewe aspekte [Gelag, applous.] *It is about the wasting of money, it is about under-performance, it is about untrained teachers, it is about learners who do not have the will to learn; it is about infrastructural but also qualitative aspects. [Laughter.][Applause.]

But, you know what is happening, what is so tough for my heart actually, for my new heart? Now I have a second hand heart again. There is a song, a second hand heart, Ben Haenow, I think he is the singer. What touches my heart deeply now is the fact that I have to say the Eastern Cape is taking a dip, but I am from the Eastern Cape. But you know all the wise men come from the East, hey, or what? [Laughter.]

Well, I will stick here. I have found my home here. [Interjection.] To improve results in under-performing schools, it is important that new innovations can be tested and expanded if successful. I therefore welcome the Collaboration School Pilot Programme giving public schools a chance to improve through partnership. And I think this is exactly where the exchange of ideas and the buy-in of the private sector comes in. That is important and how we can use that as a driver and as a catalytic factor. †En ek dink dit is die hele dryfveer agter die hele proses. *And I think it is the driving force behind the whole process.

Education is one of the most important means by which we can relieve the plight of our children. Listen, all our children irrespective of race, creed, class, faith, culture. [Interjection.] All! This is the South Africa that I dream of, a South Africa that will come to realisation. It will. It is only through improved educational outcomes that freedom, fairness and opportunity can offer the foundations on which our children can build to realise their dreams. This education budget shows that the Western Cape Government is committed to redress the past ...[Interjection]

Ms P MAKELENI: What?

Mr B D KIVEDO: ... and give opportunities for everyone, to create a fair society. [Interjections.] †Ten slotte, agb Adjunkspeaker, ten slotte wil ek van die geleentheid gebruik maak ook om aan Minister Debbie Schäfer baie dankie te sê vir haar leiding, haar toewyding, haar innoverende ingesteldheid en dat sy altyd skeppend en kreatief te werk gaan om 'n nuwe onderwysbestel, verbeterde onderwysbestel daar te stel vir ons almal, en baie dankie vir u voorbeeld in hierdie verband. Aan Penny Vinjevold, baie dankie vir u en u span, 'n uiters bekwame span. Ek ken die meeste van hulle, amper almal van hulle en ek weet onderwys is in goeie hande, in uiters goeie hande. My Staande Komitee op Onderwys ...

*In conclusion, hon Deputy Speaker, I want to take the opportunity to also thank Minister Debbie Schäfer for her leadership, her dedication, her innovative attitude and for always going about things innovatively and

creatively to establish a new educational dispensation, an improved educational dispensation for all of us, and thank you for your example in this regard. To Penny Vinjevold, thank you to you and your team, a very capable team. I know most of them, almost all of them, and I know education is in good hands, in very good hands. My Standing Committee on Education ...

†member Theo Olivier, member Cameron Dugmore, member Lorraine Botha, Ricardo Mackenzie, my alternates, Chief Whip Mark Wiley, member Meirelle Wenger and member Daylin Mitchell: thank you very, very much for the support which you have rendered to me during the right and tough times. Sometimes we laugh, sometimes we cry, sometimes ...[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr B D KIVEDO: ...we shout at each other.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Hon member Kivedo, just one second. Hon member Mackenzie?

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Is the hon member Kivedo willing to take a question?

Mr B D KIVEDO: I will take the question.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Hon member Mr Kivedo, you mentioned mentoring and it was obviously mentoring of kids you are talking about, but do you honestly, does the hon member know Vytjie Mentor?

Mr B D KIVEDO: I know I am very fond of fig jam, vygie, it is 'n vyejam
[Laughter.]

†Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Agbare lid, hou by die onderwerp.

*The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, stick to the subject.

Mr B D KIVEDO: I must mention this, in terms of oversight, the Standing Committee on Education, thanks for the diligence, the dedication, sometimes extremely critical also, but we have to be, but thank you for the spirit in which we can conduct ourselves. I forgot hon member Ferlon Christians, thank you so much. I am sorry for that. You need special mentioning then. Thank you so much. All sectors of the ...

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.]

Mr B D KIVEDO: I mentioned hon member Olivier. All sectors in education, thank you very much for the hard work that you are doing, sometimes behind doors that are out of the public eye and ...[Interjections]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: I hope there are no Guptas behind that door.

Mr B D KIVEDO: ... all the learners, the parents, educators, for sterling work, our

directors, circuit managers, subject advisors, all officials, SGBs, governing bodies caretakers and also I end with these words. I know deep down in my new heart [Laughter.] that the crucial problem of school safety will be addressed. We are moving in the right direction in terms of addressing this specific issue as well. †Baie dankie, mnr die Adjunkspeaker vir die geleentheid. *Thank you very much Mr Deputy Speaker for the opportunity. †Thank you very much. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! The hon member Mr Olivier.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Gooi kole!

*Mr Q R DYANTYI: Throw coals!

†Mnr R T OLIVIER: Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, lede van die Huis, gaste wat hier is, die Departementsamptenare. Dankie vir die geleentheid. Mr Deputy Speaker, members of the House, guests who are here, the Department's officials. Thank you for the opportunity. †Mr Deputy Speaker, I must start with a quote from two great leaders this country has ever produced. Nelson Mandela once said, I quote:

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

Oliver Reginald Tambo, his best friend, also once said:

“The children of any nation are its future. A country, a movement, a person that does not value its youth children, does not deserve its future.”

†UMnu R T OLIVIER: Sekela Somlomo ndiqala ngoku kucaphula ngesizathu. Isizathu , Sekela Somlomo kukuba la maqhawe ayesilwela ukuba abantwana beli lizwe mababe kwinkululeko ngokwemfundo. Siyayibulela loo nto. Ndifuna Sekela Somlomo nokubulela ngokungazeznisiyo kumagosa eli Sebe.

*Mr R T OLIVIER: Mr Deputy Speaker, I start with these quotes for a reason. The reason is that those heroes fought for the children of this country to be free through education. We are thankful for that. Mr Deputy Speaker, I also want to thank the officials of this Department whole heartedly.

We must congratulate the officials for the hard work they put in on a daily basis. We must also congratulate the learners that go out in difficult conditions, in crime ridden areas, go out every morning and go to school and perform better with the support of their teachers as well as the Department. So we cannot be naïve not to recognise that fact.

†‘n AGB LID: Hoor-hoor!

*An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

†UMnu R T OLIVIER: Sekela Somlomo, mna njengomntu *Mr Deputy Speaker, to have a conversation ... †I normally like to have a conversation rather than to make a speech because it makes better sense to me than to read

my own speech. In my last input last year I had a conversation with the hon Minister and I raised a number of issues ...[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: But you did not address the problem.

Mr R T OLIVIER: ...and I think that is important and I want to do that again.

An HON MEMBER: Oh okay, fine.

Mr R T OLIVIER: I will now and then refer to my speech, but I want to raise a few issues, if you allow me. One is that unfortunately, and it has now been confirmed by the MEC, that we will continue having overcrowded classes, and that is a serious concern.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: [Inaudible.]

Mr R T OLIVIER: Ah shush. That is a serious concern. You know sometimes you must get into the sector ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr R T OLIVIER: ...to understand. We must liberate our minds at some point. [Interjections.] I think when we speak about education, and I think to liberate some of you, I think we must follow the lead of the Chairperson of the Standing Committee ...

†Ngoko Sekela Somlomo yingxaki leyo. Xa uMphathiswa esithi kuthi akukho nto banokuyenza, yingxaki kuthi ngoba Somlomo sinabantwana, ngakumbi eGrabouw, besisandula kufumana ingxelo kule veki yokuba basekhona abantwana abahamba iikhilomitha ezine ukuya kwezintlanu ngeenyawo kwisikolo samabanga aphantsi.

*Therefore, Mr Deputy Speaker, that is a problem. When a Minister says to us there is nothing they can do, it is a problem to us because we have children, especially in Grabouw where we recently got a report that there are still children who walk four to five kilometres to a primary school.

†Now, that's a challenge that we all have ... [Interjection.]

Ms P MAKELENI: Mackenzie, please!

Mr R T OLIVIER: During our oversight visit, as the NCOP in the Elim District, where an oversight member had to represent the Executive and totally forgot what his responsibilities are. Hon member Mackenzie, at that meeting, the Deputy Minister of Education, Mr Surty, invited the MEC for an engagement to look at this problem and see how this problem can be resolved. So I called on the MEC at my last input to meet with the Deputy MEC to see because I think that it is a critical issue.

We all understand it is a policy and the call that we are making that the MEC must engage seriously with the counterparts to see how we can deal with this issue. Because MEC, learners that walk, varies from your primary school

level up to high school. Now, if you have a learner who is in Grade 3 who must walk for almost 4½ kilometres to school, it is a challenge, and we must accept it. It does not matter where the responsibility lies, the MEC in this province needs to meet with the National Minister to see that they resolve this issue.

The second point, Mr Deputy Speaker, that I want to raise, which is also key and which is a challenge for us, is really the overcrowding issue. I have mentioned that the overcrowding issue is a concern because learners in those classrooms have a ratio of 1:60, 1:55 and we believe now it might be more because we have now learnt that almost 25,000 learners have been enrolled. I am saying that this issue must be addressed as a matter of urgency because we cannot expect that those learners in those conditions where they sit on the floor on top of each other can concentrate and still perform as expected.

Now, I do not care whether we shift blame to whomever, but I feel, as an MEC, you should lead those engagements and start dealing with it seriously. I think the answer of “I do not have money, give me money”, it is an “I do not care” issue. I think we must lead those debates and very seriously see how we can deal with these issues. ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! I will ...[Interjection]

An HON MEMBER: It is running commentary all the time now.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I will address that, yes. Hon member Mackenzie, I have been giving you freedom to say a couple of things, but it is going too far now. Your Minister will respond to the debate, so keep your interjections to interjections, not running commentary. [Interjection.] Order! [Interjection.] Hon member Mr Dyantyi, I am talking to you as well. And hon member Olivier, speak through the Chair please.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Mr Deputy Speaker, yes, I am trying, but you know with the constant ...[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I will control that. You can speak to the Chair.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Ja, alright. We must liberate our minds sometime. †Sekela Somlomo, enye yeengxaki esijongene nazo, le Komiti yoLongamelo, le Komiti isiSigxina iye yahambela ezinye izikolo kulo nyaka nakulo nyaka uphelileyo, endicinga ukuba bezizine. Kwezi zikolo sibonile ukuba imeko yesikolo, iziseko zesikolo ngakumbi indima yezindlu zangasese apho kufumaniseka ukuba ngakumbi isikolo saseWallacedene kufuneka sisebenzise izindlu zangasese enye kubantwana abangama 50. Loo nto sibona ukuba ifuna ukuba sizame ukuyijonga siyiqwalasele singuANC kuba abantana bethu abanakukwazi ukuba baphile kwezo meko zokuba iziseko zethu azikho kwinqanaba lokuba sizibiza ngokuba singoyena rhulumente ulawulwa ngokukuko sileli phondo, babe abantwana behleli phantsi kwezo meko . Yenye yeengxaki endicinga ukuba kwizinto esizenzayo masizame ukuyijonga, Sekela Somlomo. Enye ingxaki esihleli nayo Somlomo, apha evekini nakwezi

veki zigqithileyo sibone abantwana besenza umngcelele besiza apha kwiNdlu yoWisomthetho befuna ukuthetha noMphathiswa, bekhalazela iimeko abaphila phantsi kwazo ezikolweni. Asikwazi kuba eli lixesha abantwana ebekufanele ukuba basezikolweni kodwa bayithatha ...

*Mr Deputy Speaker, one of the problems we are facing, this Oversight Committee, this Standing Committee visited some of the schools during this year as well as last year, I think four of them. Among these schools one finds that, especially at a school in Wallacedene they have to use one toilet for 50 learners. We think we need to attend to that as the ANC because our children cannot live under those conditions where our infrastructure is not at the level where we call ourselves the best governed province while children are living under those conditions. That is one of the problems that I think when we do things we should try and look at, Mr Deputy Speaker. One of the problems we are sitting with, Mr Deputy Speaker, during the week and in the past weeks we saw children marching to this Legislature demanding to speak to the MEC, complaining about the conditions in schools. We cannot because that is the time they are supposed to be in class but they took it ... †upon themselves to come and raise these serious concerns with the MEC, and we would like that this MEC really deals with those issues very decisively because it is a challenge.

†Sekela Somlomo, ukhuseleko lwabantwana ezikolweni, andizukuthetha kuba ndiyacinga ukuba obekekileyo uSihlalo nobekileyo uCameron baza kuthetha ngaloo nto. Asikwazi ukuthi sihleli kwiNdlu yoWisomthetho sinabantwana abasezikolweni singakwazi ukluhala sikhululekile ukuba

abantwana bethu bakhuselekile ezikolweni. Yenye yezinto kodwa siyabona ukuba sikhona isixa sama R30 ezigidi esibekiweyo kodwa sisatsho ukuthi ...

*Mr Deputy Speaker, the safety of children at schools, I will not talk because I think the hon Chairperson and the hon Cameron will say more about that. We cannot be sitting in the Legislature with children in schools and yet we cannot be free knowing our children are safe at schools. That is one of the issues but we can see that there is an amount of R30 million that has been set aside but we are still saying ...

†It is just a slight increase from the 25/26 million that we have. †Loo nto ayikahlangabezani nokhuseleko lwabantwana ezikolweni. Abantwana abakhuselekanga nakootitshala. Enye into esikhathazo yindima yeengqesho yootitshala.

*That does not yet meet the safety of children at schools. Children are not even safe from teachers. Another issue that troubles us is that of the appointment of teachers.

†And I think that that is just one issue that we seriously need to look at.

Now, when you have 25,000 extra learners, you already have a challenge with teachers in class and it is going to be more overcrowded. We are calling on the Department to really look at the issue of extra teachers, particularly in your Quintile 1, 2 and 3 schools. [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Maybe you must [Inaudible].

Mr R T OLIVIER: I know, I have listened to you, but your response, MEC, is “I do not have money, I do not have” and it is a problem. You cannot just throw your toys out and say you do not have money. It is not a good excuse. It is for you to say, I have engaged with this MEC, this is the arrangement, this is what we need to do, and you report on those issues. You are not an island.

Mr C M DUGMORE: You cannot [Inaudible].

Mr R T OLIVIER: Exactly! That is all we are asking.

Ms P MAKELENI: Not you Mackenzie.

Mr R T OLIVIER: MEC, the last issue I want to raise, which is for me a serious concern; let me first say I welcome the clean audit of this Department, and I think there is this myth that we do not welcome clean audits. We welcome clean audits and we must welcome it in the sense that at this point, in its current form ...[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Hon member Mr Olivier, your time unfortunately has expired, but can you just give your last sentence?

Mr R T OLIVIER: ... in its current form really deals mainly with compliance. And what we are saying, given the issues that I have raised, is, when we get to compliance issues we must also at some point, MEC, address the issue of

performance.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, that is ...

Mr R T OLIVIER: And as long as ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: That is the end of your speech, hon member Mr Olivier.

Mr R T OLIVIER: ...as this is only on compliance, we will only welcome it ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr R T OLIVIER: ... from a compliance aspect. [Time expired.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Your time has now really expired. I see the hon member Mr Dugmore.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Thank you very much, Mr Deputy Speaker. It is indeed an honour to participate in this second reading debate on Vote 5 on Education. My colleague and comrade, hon member Theo Olivier, has raised a number of important issues, and I trust that hon member MEC Schäfer will respond to those.

We in the ANC believe that our role in the Opposition is not only to raise our voices where we believe that national policies in general, and the education policy in particular, are being undermined. It is not only our role to hold the hon Premier and the hon MEC accountable. It is not only our role to point to the continued failures to allocate resources to those schools and communities most in need, and unable to rely on extra income generated by parents and the support of business community. It is also not only our responsibility to serve the constituencies to which we have been deployed.

It is our responsibility as the ANC, and the movement that governs this country and is guided by the National Development Plan and the South African Constitution, and which is the official Opposition in the Western Cape, to also initiate practical campaigns in support of quality education. It has always been our role as the ANC to try and solve problems around common causes. This is the ANC I know. A movement which mobilises society to improve the lived reality. As we discuss this vote, it is clear that we all have a responsibility to contribute to a stronger culture of learning and teaching in our schools. This must be done by working with our public representatives, our schools, our communities and both the provincial, as well as the national department. At the end of the day we are in this together.

The future of all of our children, but especially those who attend schools in historically disadvantaged communities on the Cape Flats, the so-called township areas and in our rural communities, cannot be gambled with. We

have to make every effort to support these schools in particular.

We require not only a capable state, but also a developmental one. We, from the ANC side, are deeply concerned that there remain 29 high schools in our province who attained matric pass rates of less than 60% in 2015. Of these, 27 are public ordinary schools and two are independent schools; and just for those who might not be aware, independent schools receive public funding as well; and they are regarded as under-performing schools and these are the schools that we are talking about.

Five are from the Cape Winelands: Iingcinga Zethu Secondary - 51%; Masakheke Combined - 59%, Stellenzicht Secondary - 50%, Vusisizwe Secondary - 53%, Waveren Secondary - 53. There is one from the Eden Central Karoo: Murraysburg High School at 57%.

Four are from the Metro Central District: Intshukumo - 58, Kulani - 58, Langa - 41 and Silverstream Secondary at 43%.

Seven are from the Metro East: Kuils River Technical Secondary – 56%, Khanyolwethu Secondary – 50%, Scottsville Secondary – 57%, Simanyene Secondary – 56%, Thembelihle High – 59%, Kuils Rivier Technical – 59%, Wallacedene Secondary- 53%.

And five are from Metro North: Masibambisane – 50%, New Elseben – 47%, St. Andrew's Secondary – 39%, Uitzig – 52%, Athlone School for the Blind –

35%.

And four are from Metro South: Aloe at 51%, Woodlands Secondary – 54%, Sithembele Matiso – 53%, Nelson Mandela Secondary – 55%.

One is from the West Coast District: Ilingeletu and the two independent schools are Stone Fountain College at 45% and what is very concerning and the Advanced Learning Academy at 9%.

At the suggestions, Mr Deputy Speaker, of the hon member Mr Olivier, who is the ANC spokesperson on Education in this Legislature, and myself, as an alternative member of the Portfolio Committee, we requested the Department to brief our Committee on these 29 underperforming high schools as well as those primary schools which are classified in a similar fashion. We also asked for the school improvement plans of each of these schools and we want to thank this Department for providing these to the Committee and engaging in the discussion with us.

After we received these reports, we convened a meeting of the ANC Study Group and developed some proposals that were taken to the Western Cape ANC Lekgotla which convened two weeks ago. I am pleased to inform this House that the ANC in the province has endorsed our proposal to embark on a focussed campaign in support of all these 29 high schools. Our first objective is to ensure that each one these schools achieves a matric pass rate of more than 60% in 2016. Our second objective is to ensure that each one of

these schools increases the percentage of those who attain a higher education degree pass by 15%.

Although we are initiating this campaign as the ANC, it is not intended to exclude any other organisation or political party. We will work with everyone who supports these two stated objectives. The campaign is not intended to replace the role of the Department, the district, or the schools themselves. It is intended to add to and strengthen these efforts in a supportive manner.

We are putting in place a programme which consists of five elements. Firstly, to identify all of our public representatives, MPs, MPLs and councillors who serve the constituencies where the 29 schools are located and brief them about their role in the campaign, primarily to mobilise parents and our communities in support of this campaign.

Secondly, to engage directly with each school principal, SUB and RCL and ask for suggestions as to what they believe will assist them in improving their results in 2016.

Thirdly, to support those schools who believe that extra tuition for the matrics of 2016 will assist by approaching NGOs, volunteers and others to assist in arranging additional tutoring.

Fourthly, to arrange motivational sessions and study skills training for each

matric class at these 29 schools.

And finally, fifthly, to assist all schools to establish functioning alumni associations who will attempt, in consultation with these schools, to identify what value they can add.

We are serious about our responsibility to provide leadership and also our role as an effective Opposition in this province. We ask the hon members in this House to support our campaign. There is no reason that we cannot all get behind this initiative to bring quality education to our schools. We will work with all teacher unions. They are not the enemy; they are our allies. Our teachers deserve our support. We have been very encouraged by the offers of help and support we have already received.

While this campaign will focus on high schools, we will be very vigilant about the culture of learning and teaching in our primary schools which are not performing as they should. We should also take a focussed interest in what is happening in every ECD facility in our respective constituencies. Let us take the trouble to check on the qualifications of every teacher and every early childhood practitioner in these facilities and in Grade R as well, and make every effort to help them improve their qualifications where needed. We are a very resilient organisation as the ANC. We will never fail [Interjections.] to put the interests of our people, our province and our country first [Interjections.] whether in government [Interjections] or in opposition, our mission remains a transformation of our society into one

which is united, non-racial, non-sexist, democratic and prosperous.

I want to conclude, Mr Deputy Speaker, if I am allowed to, by saying that the struggle for quality and equal education lies at the heart of achieving this particular objective. As I see that time is still on my side, I think it is important to point out very clearly that while R30 million may have been allocated to the Save the Schools budget, the critical failing and our critique of the DA Provincial Government when it comes to school safety, is the fact that they threw the baby out with the bathwater when they came into power by, in the first instance, stopping the Bambanani School Safety Programme which communities supported and helped keep things safer.

The second thing was that although there had been an integrated Schools Safety Plan developed by Community Safety, Social Development, Education and Cultural Affairs and Sport, which developed an integrated approach and called for the need to co-operate with the National Government in dealing with the pathology in this province of gangsterism and drugs which has a particular effect on our schools, this province, under the leadership of the hon Premier, actually jettisoned and up until today has never integrated that integrated strategy. MEC Plato will tell you. These MECs need to revive that strategy of an integrated approach to school safety because the number of children that are dying indicates that there is not the political will to actually deal with this particular problem.

So, we also acknowledge the tremendous work that these officials do. We do

believe that as far as possible we need to take the party politics, the direct hard party politics, out of education because at the end of the day we are interested in quality and equal education for every learner. We will criticise when we have to, but what we do expect is that when we, for instance, raise issues which affect learners as hon member Olivier has done in regard to school transport, we do not think that it is actually necessary to have to resort to the Human Rights Commission to raise a denial of the right to learner transport of certain learners, we can sit down and engage. And our criticism which goes along with our words of advice to our MEC is to actually spend more time actually speaking to the affected communities who ask for an audience.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Hon member Mr Dugmore your time has now expired.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Thank you. [Time expired.] [Applause.]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Mr Deputy Speaker, we, as the ACDP, support the budget. And I want to say, when you look at the budget, you look at a lot of things and you look at where the money is allocated, but I must say it's a pro-poor budget. I'm worried about the After School programme, there's one in there. I'm worried about, we're all worried about, people wanting nutrition, there's money allocated there.

But, Mr Deputy Speaker, let me just say the following, that we had a

comprehensive meeting the other day where the Department came and said what the programme for the 29 schools was. They gave it to us. They identified the schools. They set the plans of action, the monitoring plans. That was given. It is a pity hon member Dugmore was absent, and his colleague didn't inform him. So we had a comprehensive talk.

The other thing is, he was also absent when we visited - safety is a concern, but we've done, as a committee, we've gone the extra mile to have the people in Safe Schools explain to us what the programme is and they gave us a comprehensive programme addressing that.

So, it is a pity he is an alternative member because most of the time he is not there. I also want to say; because I know my colleague, hon member Olivier; and I also share the concerns with him, and that is the stuff that we debate in the Committee. But you get a budget and you need to spend that budget to address the needs of the province.

Now the deep underlining factor is that we are not saying the 25,000 children of the Eastern Cape must not come, but our colleagues can speak to their colleagues and say run a better department so that you can keep the kids here. That is putting strain on the budget, so that is the real issue, and another real issue is the political uncertainty that we have. The Rand is taking a dip because of the National ANC. Another problem that put constraints on this budget. Another problem is we must ask the ANC to ask their colleagues not to steal the money [Interjections.] because that is the real problem. The real

problem is now we want to look at the consequences, but the real problem is the corruption of the ANC ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: ... taking taxpayers' money and squander ing it, I thank you. [Applause.][Time expired.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister Schäfer to reply. I see the hon Minister.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. [Interjection.] First of all, hon member Mr Kivedo ...[Interjection]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Allow the hon Minister to reply.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: I know the ANC is leaderless in every respect, but now really can they at least control their caucus. [Interjections.] Hon member Kivedo, I am very pleased that you are back in the House. We did miss you and I am very pleased to know that we are quite sure now that your heart is in the right place. [Laughter.]

Thank you also to the Standing Committee members. Your support is appreciated and I do think we definitely produce more mentoring in this country as a whole as well as in education.

Hon member Mr Olivier, I am not quite sure, I see every other spokesperson in your party gets quite a bit of time, but you only get 10 minutes. Is this a faction thing, or do they just not have confidence in your ability as spokesperson? [Interjections.]

As far as policy is concerned I do not think he listened to anything I said in my speech ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: There is one thing that the ANC does not seem to have realised in this country, and that is if there is no money you cannot spend it.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: I agree that we need more teachers. I agree that we need more learner transport. I agree that we need more classrooms. Tell me where to get the money. [Interjections.] Tell me where to get the money. [Interjections.] A child is walking for four kilometres here, in KZN they are walking 15 kilometres [Interjections.] 15 kilometres. So, the best thing that you can actually do - it is not National policy either for schools to have the additional free non-prepaying schools. That is a Western Cape initiative. The National policy is the iniquitous Quintiles

system which is forcing us to pay schools that are effectively Quintile 2 schools at Quintile 5 funding rates because that is all the funding we get from National Government. Now, if you want to do something constructive, challenge that in National Government.

As far as your quote from Nelson Mandela is concerned, I completely agree with you. It is just a pity things have moved so far away from Mandela's values. [Interjections.] I agree that you congratulate our officials. They are extremely hard working and do an excellent job. [Interjections.] No, I am also quite hard working myself.

As far as budget is concerned to liberate our minds, the best thing you can do for us is liberate us from Guptastan and this policy uncertainty and again you are playing with our economy. [Applause.]

As far as Grabouw is concerned, yes. As I say, four kilometres is within the policy. I cannot get more learner transport without more money. Simple as that! [Interjections.] Right. 100 mobile classrooms have been allocated in general in Grabouw and the high school has got four and the primary school has got three.

As far as underperforming schools are concerned, I share your concern and we are doing a lot about it. [Interjections.] We have... [Interjections.] If I can stop being interrupted, I can tell you what we are doing about it. We have detailed plans in place. Our Department is quite capable of

implementing those. Our HOD is very much involved in ensuring that they are implemented, and assisting those schools to improve. Having said that, any assistance is welcome from whatever quarter, provided they do not disrupt schooling in the process.

Thank you, for once hon member Dugmore has had some constructive suggestions, but I do trust that you will also share it with your colleagues in the 12 schools in KZN, and six in Gauteng, and 2 in the Eastern Cape, one in the Northern Cape and one in Limpopo who have got 0% pass rate in 2015.

[Interjections.]

As far as safety is concerned we already have an integrated approach to school safety. We have school safety committees who work very well with the Department of Community Safety. We also... [Interjections.] It is not working because the SAPS are under resourced. So if you really want to make a contribution, first of all liberate us from Guptaistan and second of all get your colleagues in National Government to properly resource the SAPS in the Western Cape so that they can actually do their job which is what they should be doing, not education.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Reinstate Bambanani.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: No, we are not going to go back to Bambanani. As far as the HRC is concerned ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Allow the hon Minister to respond please. Order!

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you very much. I think that pretty much covers everything, Mr Deputy Speaker. I'll reiterate it, it is quite clear. I am not happy with not having more teachers, I am not happy with overcrowded classrooms, but as long as we continue to have the ANC playing games with our economy, as long as the Rand keeps falling, we are going to be able to buy less and less and less every year. So, please deal with those issues and you will save us all a lot of trouble. Thank you.
[Applause.]

[Debate concluded.]

[Business of the House paused for clearing of the bays.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Can we proceed? The Secretary will read the next Order.

1. Debate on Vote 2 – Provincial Parliament– *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 2 - 2016].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see the Speaker.

Mr M G E WILEY: Hear-hear!

The SPEAKER: Hon Deputy Speaker, hon Premier, hon members of Cabinet, members of the House and our visitors in the gallery;

It is indeed a privilege today to introduce the Western Cape Provincial Parliament Budget for 2016/2017. This Budget gets introduced against the backdrop of serious financial challenges facing our country and our province, as articulated by our President, in his State of the Nation Address, as well as the hon Premier in her State of the Province Address.

Both Ministers Gordhan and Meyer have highlighted the need for austerity and cost containment and the elimination of non-essential expenditure. The state of the economy has a direct effect on our business and, in fact, with the 0.25% increase we have just seen, the staff are going to have to deal with that because the interest rate affects their ability to service bonds and other debt. In fact it affects all of us.

In his introduction of the budget, Minister Meyer intimated that the expenditure ceiling, nationally, is to be cut over the next three years by R25 billion. Now, R25 billion is a vast amount of money and that will be done by mainly curtailing personnel spending. Members will recall that in my budget speech last year I committed myself and the administration to do more with less. The Opposition spent a considerable amount of time debating, during last year's budget, on the shockingly low increase of only 4.89% in our budget and accused me of not fighting hard enough for a fair share of the

main budget for the Legislature. They even accused Minister Meyer of cutting money off the Legislature to close down the democratic space in the Legislature.

If you look at the Budget allocation for 2016/2017 you will find that the Provincial Parliament has received the second highest percentage increase of all votes in the Province. Let me take this opportunity to thank the hon Minister for his understanding and appreciation of our peculiar situation and the manner in which we could engage with Treasury in this regard.

Both the National and Provincial Constitutions empower the Legislatures to determine their own internal arrangements, procedures and proceedings. It is a very significant and entrenched feature of Parliaments across the democratic world. It is therefore disturbing that there is a concerted effort in the sector to establish a Legislative Sector, founded on legislation and a Bill is being drafted in this regard. The intention is to provide for inter-alia: uniform governance structures for all Legislatures, the values Legislatures must subscribe to and conditions of employment for all officials in Legislatures. This Bill will also make provision for regulation of a vast array of matters within Provincial Legislatures and these regulations will be made by the Speaker of National Assembly and the Chairperson of the NCOP binding Provincial Legislatures.

I am alerting members at this early stage because we are of the view that if this process continues in its current format, it will seriously infringe the

rights of Provincial Legislatures as autonomous institutions and will be in violation of both the National and Provincial Constitutions.

Hopefully the members of the Official Opposition, who have in the past so eloquently lectured me on what a constitutional democracy is all about, will support us in opposing any action deemed to be unconstitutional and infringing on our rights. We shall keep a close watch on that space and members will be informed of developments in this regard on a continuous basis.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Dr Lawrence in our midst, as the Acting Secretary of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament. Dr Lawrence will spearhead various projects, one of which is to ensure that WCPP is an optimal organisational structure to support our members. We have also identified various internal policies for review. The recruitment and selection policy is one such policy. We want to create an environment where, for example, our own staff can be promoted to more senior positions that they qualify for. Similarly, our performance management system will be extensively overhauled in consultation with all relevant role-players.

Mr Deputy Speaker, allow me to now deal with the specifics of our budget. As alluded to earlier, the Minister of Finance, Pravin Gordhan, in his Budget Speech, gave us the harsh reality of the South African economy.

The Rand has depreciated, confidence of business and consumers has fallen

and economic growth continues to decline. As one of the measures to address this decline, the Minister introduced the cutting of state expenditure, as I said, by R25 billion over the Medium Term Expenditure Framework period. It is against this backdrop that the Provincial Parliament has developed its 2016/2017 budget. As a Provincial Parliament we have a responsibility to look at cost containment measures as cutting costs frees up money to use in other areas of our business.

Our business is sound but we need every employee and every member's help this year in finding ways to cut costs. We need to look at our productivity levels and how efficiently we use our time. Our mission is to provide quality parliamentary and corporate support to enable members to fulfil their constitutional functions and to facilitate public involvement in parliamentary activities. The plans and accompanying budget seek to provide that support. The members often, or some members often, criticise the administration of this Parliament and so they should when criticism is due and in response the administration makes every effort to improve its service offerings to determine exactly what the needs of the members are.

However in order to do so the members of the House have a very important role to play. If they do not play this role it makes it very difficult for the administration to make headway. Every year the administration distributes a survey amongst the members of this House requesting feedback on the many services they provide. During the first quarter of this financial year the administration circulated a survey to all of the ordinary 31 members and

members were given two weeks to respond. Only 42% of members completed and returned these surveys.

In order to improve efficiency and modernise processes, the Human Resources and Communication and Information sections increased the functionality of the members portal on the WCPP website, in order to make available information regarding members remuneration and enabling allowances, as well as providing the facility to submit claims online. This functionality goes a long way in improving the service offering of the website and the ability of members to submit claims remotely from their constituencies. The administration put a lot of effort into developing training material and consulting in order to identify suitable slots on the programme, in order to conduct training with the members and over the course of two training sessions, sadly only 8 members attended which is less than 20%.

WCPP will in this financial year roll out the bulk of its Skills Development Programme, Project GROW, and all employees in WCPP will undergo training that has been tailor made to address skills gaps that were identified during a comprehensive skills assessment process. We are systematically addressing skills gaps that were professionally determined in an effort to make sure that skills development truly is an investment in the individual and in the Western Cape Provincial Parliament.

Mr Deputy Speaker, our budget for 2016/2017 of R130.821 million is an increase of 8.655% or R10.413 million on the revised estimate of 2015/2016.

In a provincial context this is the second highest percentage increase of all the votes as said earlier. We requested R34 million additional to our baseline. Included in the R34 million was R13 million projected for the implementation of the Financial Management of Parliament and Provincial Legislatures Act also known as FAMPLA. The balance was to enhance and strengthen support for oversight, increase public participation, strengthening security, increase allowances for political parties, ICT refresh and licensing and other strategic support services.

I would like to expand on the implementation of FAMPLA. The Act requires us to establish an oversight mechanism of Parliament and in our instance we have established a Parliamentary Oversight Committee to establish a Treasury Unit, an Internal Audit Unit, as well as an Audit Committee. We also need to prepare financial statements in accordance with the standards of Generally Recognised Accounting Practice, also known as GRAP. We have successfully implemented the oversight mechanism and provided internal support for this committee.

Currently the Department of the Premier provides the internal audit function for WCPP and, by agreement, this practice will continue. Similarly we utilise the Shared Audit Committee which will also continue. This arrangement will save WCPP approximately R3.5 million a year. I recall the hon member Uys vehemently argued that we should not share services but rather create our own internal audit unit. But then again the saving of substantial amounts of money by sharing services is apparently not high on

the list of the hon member Uys's priorities. The phrase † "moenie bekommer nie ons kry altyd die geld" *'don't worry we always get the money' † still echoes in my ear. Mr Deputy Speaker, the R130 million is allocated to three programmes mainly:

Programme 1: which is administration is R63 million and that is a 20% increase; Programme 2 : facilities for members and political parties is R44 million and that is a 6% increase and; in Programme 3: which is Parliamentary Services is R22 927 million; which is a total of R130 821 million. If you look at the budget, as per economic classifications, it is as follows:

Compensation of employees increased by 14.28% in 2016/2017 from the 2015/16 revised estimate of R50 million to R57 302 million. This is the provision of salary adjustments as well as the strengthening of the internal control function. Compensation of employees represents 43% of the budget. Goods and services increased by 6.7%, the revised estimate now moves to R32.6 million and this incorporates the funding related to the procurement and implementation of a new ERP system as well as fulfilling the FAMPLA requirements. It must be noted that the initial increase of goods and services was well under inflation, if the additional funding received from Provincial Treasury, specifically for the ERP system as well as FMPPLA requirements, is excluded from the baseline. Goods and services represents 25% of the budget.

Departmental agencies and accounts increased by 42% in 2016/17, this increase is due to the budget for TV licences being based on the total number of TV's in use as compared to a lower actual expenditure of the previous year and that represents .02% of the budget.

Foreign governments and international organisations - here we essentially refer to the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, where our subscription decreased by 42.31% in 2016/2017 and this decrease in the budget is due to two payments made in the 2015/16 financial year which increased the expenditure in that year. Only one payment is budgeted for in 2016/2017.

Households increased by 4.71% which is an inflationary increase. Non-profit organisations and political parties allowances increased by 6.04% in 2016 which consists of the payments to political parties and members enabling allowances. Non-profit organisations, which is political parties, account for 28.24% of the budget. The facilities for members, the enabling allowance, is R7 296 million and that is a 5.99% increase. The secretarial allowance is R10 624 million, that is a 7.16% increase and the constituency allowances increased by 5.59% to R26 318 million and that is a total of R44 million and it is just over 6.04%.

Mr Deputy Speaker, during the 2015/2016 financial year, the Communication and Information section achieved all its APP targets. These included the steady growth of our social media activities and following, as well as a more

than a 10% increase in traffic to our website. Recently the functionality of the website has been enhanced, in particular to the member's portal, in order to allow members to conduct specific transactions related to their remuneration, enabling allowances and claims online. This will be of great value to members particularly those who find themselves in their constituencies for protracted periods of time.

The library once again completed 100% of the received reference requests by the deadline and to the satisfaction of the client. They also exceeded their target in respect of the number of library publications produced, many of which have been referred to by members in their speeches in this House. The Records Management function was transferred to the Communication and Information section in October 2015. Since, two batches of records have been transferred to the Western Cape Archives Services, they are also in the process of finalising training for staff on the WCPP file plan. The first round of training will take place before the end of this month. During this year we were able to recruit a dedicated receptionist. Unfortunately we were unable to fund the second position and as a result one of the Service Officers has been seconded to this position but you will then appreciate that this then creates a gap somewhere else.

While we try to manage these challenges we can never totally mitigate the effect and then we find ourselves slowly building up backlogs in other areas and in the year ahead we will be revisiting our Communication Strategy in order to ensure that we are doing the most we can with the limited resources

at our disposal. We will also be implementing a new Internal Communication Policy in order to centralise and better co-ordinate communication within the institution, whether purely among the administration or between the body politic and the administration.

Information and Communications Technology is a key enabler of WCPP's strategic objectives as it strives to become compliant to FAMPLA, become a client centric and drive operational efficiencies and effectiveness. ICT is also a key enabler of the vision of creating a modern Parliament. While the ageing ICT infrastructure remains a concern due to lack of funding, efforts are being made to mitigate the risk of failure by extending the warranty period of the current servers and focusing the available funding on ERP prerequisites.

Lack of disaster recovery capability remains a concern and efforts are being made to look at ways in which this risk can be mitigated. The disaster recovery capacity will become a critical item once the ERP system goes live in April 2017. One such effort is to collaborate with the Centre for e-Innovation in the Office of the Premier to see how we can utilise the existing networking contract and spare capacity in their data centre. Mr Deputy Speaker, ICT will be focusing on three key areas during 2015 to 2019. These include implementing the ERP system and the continuous optimisation of its use in the institution, refreshing of ICT Infrastructure, including establishing disaster recovery ability and ensuring efficient and effective delivery of the ICT services, including improving availability of all services

and building capacity, internally to support, configure and optimise the use of our business systems.

The safety of members and staff is and always will be a top priority for WCPP. The security plan has recently been approved and the administration has currently finalised the implementation plan. In collaboration with our partners, the South African Police Services, the Department of Transport and Public Works and the Department of Community Safety, we will ensure that our members and staff are safe in the building and when they conduct oversight visits and public hearings in the Province.

We will need to finalise the demarcation of our precincts as this will aid our security planning. Accommodation also remains a challenge for WCPP and to this end we have conducted an internal assessment of its accommodation. We have now requested the Department of Transport and Public Works to take the assessment further and provide WCPP with recommendations in this regard. I have also noted the numerous concerns raised by members and staff about the conditions of the lifts in the building and I am in the process of engaging Minister Grant in this regard.

Our Human Resource Management will in this financial year roll out the bulk of its skills development project called Project GROW. All employees will undergo training that has been tailor made to address skills gaps that were identified during a comprehensive skills assessment process. The Western Cape Provincial Parliament is systematically addressing gaps that were

identified to make sure that skills development is truly an investment in the individual and the institution. Our Parliamentary Services; we will remain focused and true to our core mandate which includes making laws for the Province and participating in the national law-making process through the National Council of Provinces, oversight of the Executive and the implementation of approved budgets and plans and facilitating public involvement in all our parliamentary activities.

In terms of committees, we have a very functional committee system and our committees remain very productive when looked at in comparison with their counter-parts in the sector. We have demonstrated this in our ability and effectiveness in dealing with our budget process. We have a very intensive programme and are able to deal and complete our consideration of the Appropriation Bill in time before the start of the financial year. Our annual report process; similarly here we examine reports of the departments within a very tight but intensive programme and we get to finalise the process.

Our engagement with the executive; one only needs to sit in our committee meetings to observe the level of robust debate in these meetings. Our oversight visits; the effective co-ordination of these visits and the lessons and the observations made from them and our very effective participation in the NCOP legislative process and outreach programmes. Our ability to always provide mandates on Section 76 Bills referred to WCPP despite the constraint time frames.

All this has been made possible by the very effective administration and procedural advisory support provided by our committee staff and their counter-parts in other sections. For the year ahead we will still continue to improve in all of these areas and in delivering on these commitments we will be mindful of the following challenges:

The budgetary constraints may require us to still remain productive but with less available resources. This means that we will not be able to employ additional staff in this area and that our committees may have to do with less of what they are now accustomed to in terms of catering and refreshments, amongst others.

The limits imposed by the constraints on our committees scheduling; this means that despite our increasing work schedule we will have to be innovative in our scheduling of the business of committees. The Chief Whip has led this process and we will be implementing the new scheduling as we start the new year. With everything new there is bound to be teething problems but I have no doubt that by the end of this current year we will have resolved whatever challenges that may emerge.

Plenary Support Services; and here we talk to sittings of the House which are the primary platform for this Parliament to make decisions and resolutions that are critical for the governance of this Province. They also serve as the most public of places where important issues affecting the Province and its people can be debated.

We have seen very robust engagement in this House since its inception in 2014. Apart from the many debates that we have had on legislation and the Annual Report, we have also seen a total of 10 sponsored subjects for discussion debates. Our members have actively participated and put to effective use the following measures and mechanisms: questions to the Executive and these include written and oral, interpellations and questions to the Premier, statements by members and motions.

Our business is managed very tightly and thanks to the Whippery in the Programming Committee, under the able leadership of the hon member Wiley, who made sure that our parliamentary programme is adaptable, we are able to meet our constitutional obligations as a provincial parliament.

A lot of work in the current year has gone into the review of the Standing Rules. This has been a painstaking exercise for the administrative team but I am happy to say that the team has finalised proposals which now require the attention, firstly of the parties and then of the Rules Committee. We will be expecting parties in the Rules Committee to table substantive proposals so that we can do an absolute clean-up of our Rules and then move forward with our revised Rules.

We need to finalise the review process, not too long in the new year and although there is no vacuum in the interim, you will agree with me, Mr Deputy Speaker, that there are areas in our current Rules that require

immediate improvement and decisions must be made soon in this regard. Public Education and Outreach section continues to deliver on their mandate to raise awareness within our communities across the province about the Provincial Parliament, its processes and how they can exercise their right to be involved in these processes.

For the current year to date this section has been able to deliver more than 60 legislative education initiatives, primarily through workshops but also using other forms of engagement. This section is able to realise this because it works on establishing partnerships with organisations that in turn use WCPP education curriculum and material to educate their members and local communities.

For the new year this section will continue to work closely with the Committees section and others within the Legislature to ensure reasonable success for public hearing attendance and the ability of the public to make submissions on legislation and other measures.

The resource constraints do affect our ability to be very ambitious in our targeted education initiatives because we will need more staff to be able to increase the number of our workshops, while responding to the needs of committees to facilitate involvement.

With regard to Language Services, the unit is on course in ensuring that all programmed and confirmed meetings of the Provincial Parliament and its

committees are provided with interpreting services, that we meet our targets with regard to translations of the House Papers published in this period and they are made available in all of the three official languages.

With regard to Hansard services, we have seen a tremendous improvement in the turnaround time for the publication of the Hansard record in its various forms. The unrevised Hansard transcript, the revised final Hansard transcript and the completed Hansard volume, which is the book.

We have, however, seen an escalation in the cost of Hansard services primarily due to the practice of producing the Hansard books in all of the three languages. The escalation in cost is not in the production of the Hansard per se, but rather the cost of replicating the translation, the compilation and printing of the two more volumes.

While this remains a noble effort these costs have become unsustainable. Going forward we will be producing only one volume, containing in it the relevant language versions in which the members speeches was rendered. We will be providing the English translation of every speech rendered in Afrikaans or IsiXhosa below the original source language. Despite this change that has been forced by the need to contain our costs, we believe that we will still be remaining true to the letter of the Western Cape Provincial Languages Act of 1998 as captured in Section 2.2 of the Act.

In closing, Mr Deputy Speaker, allow me to thank our members for their

support. I would also like to thank Dr Lawrence and his team for their distinction in dealing with challenges under difficult circumstances. In the short time that Dr Lawrence has been here, he has demonstrated a thorough understanding of our business and has already started to make a difference in the senior management team.

I would also want to thank my office, especially Jannie Uys for the work that he has done and to you, Deputy, for all your support. I would like to say that slowly but surely the building blocks for a successful organisation are being put in place and I am convinced that with a collective effort we shall take WCPP from good to great. I thank you. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The hon member Wiley.

Mr M G E WILEY: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker and thank you to the Speaker for a very full report. There is not much left for me to talk about.

This year Vote 2 has received the second largest percentage increase in the overall Provincial Budget, namely 8.65%. Given the austerity measures that all in the country are having to experience, this is significant that a commitment to ensure that this Legislature continues to fulfil its oversight role. The increase must also be seen in light of the transition that the governance of this institution is currently undergoing.

This transition has been as a result of implementation, as the Speaker has

said, of the FAMPLA, the Financial Management of Parliament and Provincial Legislatures Act, which has forced certain cost riders upon this Parliament as well as structural changes in the areas of administrative governance. This budget has made allowances for these changes as stipulated by the Speaker in her introduction. Similarly, provision has been made in the Speaker's office for the inclusion of a Treasury Unit to ensure fiscal security and accountability.

More importantly, for us as members, has been the creation of a new oversight mechanism in the form of Parliamentary Oversight Committee and to this end we have followed the Act in the spirit and as a result we appear to be the only Legislature to have ensured independent oversight. In the other Legislatures the Speaker remained the Chair of this Oversight Committee, which rather defeats the objects of the exercise. One wonders what they may have to hide in those Legislatures. I want to thank the Speaker, the Acting Secretary and his staff, for seamlessly complying with the demands of the Parliamentary Oversight Committee. This Legislature is unique and successful, it allows free and regular debate and its oversight has received praise from the Auditor-General. It is the smallest per capita in the country and it runs on the smallest staff and budget. Despite this, the staff are efficient and dedicated, and we as members owe them a debt of gratitude for the work that they do.

However, Mr Deputy Speaker, I think we should also be deeply concerned by the tendency of the National Government to bring about centralisation. We

are increasingly seeing this in Bills that are being sent to this House. These Bills are highly contentious and controversial and, in our opinion, unconstitutional. These require in-depth analysis and public discourse via hearings and committee deliberations. This costs money. Because this province is the only opposition and province and widely acknowledged as being the best run administration in the country, it is incumbent on us to defend democracy.

Many of these Bills simply turn into bad laws and the resultant regulations cause mayhem in society and deeply affect this country from developing into a prosperous society. The task of defending people's rights we will willingly do, but it costs time and money. The current Expropriation Bill is a case in question and its future does not bode well for South Africa. Similarly, the single Public Service Bill will hamstring this country from any prospect to grow. Similarly, the indications are that there is a discussion, as the Speaker has already referred to, for a law to centralise the administration of all Legislatures and this will be the †*dood in die pot* *the end of it †for the separation of powers in this country.

Hon member Uys's comment when the Speaker referred to it was, 'that's good' - to put him in the right context. His ideas are simply communistic and begs the question as to which voter has had the opportunity to vote for this non-existent political party?

But, Mr Deputy Speaker, there is another significant threat to this

Parliament. This is the new tendency by the ANC in this House to disassociate itself from any responsibility for its actions, while its members in this Legislature show the utmost disrespect to the ethos of public accountability. "We are all members of this House", as hon member Dugmore said - in his absence - "we are in this together". We signed the Public Office Bearers Code of Conduct, we took the oath in front of the Speaker's bench, in front of a judge, to uphold the Constitution of South Africa, yet, when it comes to the real conduct of the ANC members they do all in their power to evade accountability.

The fact that so many of them missing in this Chamber is indicative of that. When Mr Fransman was asked to appear before the Public Accounts Committee to answer questions stemming from an Auditor-General's report covering the period when he was a Minister, he refused. The report questioned missing and misused money to the tune of hundreds of millions of Rands. He had to be summonsed by the Sheriff and then he appeared but then refused to take the stand and then he walked out, as did the Chief Whip, who was also summonsed. To prevent this Parliament from taking any further action he took it to the High Court. Last year's cost to this Legislature was R426 000 in legal fees and we are having to budget for an amount of R700 000 for this financial year to defend the right of this Parliament to do its work. What does Mr Fransman care? He is using the State Attorney to defend him and his personal legal advisor is the head of justice in the Western Cape, Advocate Mohammed. By the way where is Mr Fransman?

HON MEMBERS: Yes.

Mr M G E WILEY: Surely the Rules must be amended because the current Rules are old rules that applied to apartheid Parliaments, where Parliament sat for six months continuously. Our current Parliament system should be applied that if you miss 15 sessions of Parliament, including committees, you should be booted out. [Interjections.]

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Hear-hear!

Mr M G E WILEY: Similarly, the Chief Whip is currently embroiled with a disciplinary committee, for what was probably the most publicly witnessed demonstration of defiance of the Speaker's Authority in the history of this Legislature; when he, almost single-handedly, prevented last year's SOPA from taking place. So much for free speech and being an honourable member. As member Dugmore said: "we are in this together." So far the lawyer engaged to guide the process of the disciplinary committee has cost this Parliament R23 940. There are numerous other cases where ANC members have tied down committees and staff in order to hold their members to account. This effectively deflects members' energy, time and budget from doing their core business, namely holding the Executive to account not the members to account.

We cannot continue like this and in due course we are going to have to change our Rules and the Code to ensure that members who have no honour

and do not intend to respect accountability are kept to the Code and House Rules we all agreed to. This budget has already embraced the required austerity measures and in line with this the committees have had to make adjustments to effect savings. The routine later afternoon slots that have a significant impact on overtime have been curtailed and in some cases shelved. The Speaker also alluded to the other cuts including a limitation on foreign visits and independent committee visits.

Another area of cost containment has been to reduce the automatic translation and printing of Hansard in all three languages. The ANC has been quick to make political mileage of this matter but the fact of the matter is that this adjustment is in line with the practice in other Legislatures, but more importantly, it is in line with, as the Speaker said, both the Language Policy and the Act. †Maar ek moet vra; hoekom is daar soveel lede in hierdie Huis wat nooit hulle huistaal praat in hierdie Huis nie? Hulle praat nooit die huistaal nie maar hulle is so geheg daaraan. *But I have to ask, why are there so many members in this House who never speak their home language in this House? They never speak their home language but they are so fond of it.

Ironically, it is the very ANC and its fronts, that have been in the forefront of this oppression of Afrikaans, around this country and at universities.

In closing, I would just like to touch on a couple of things. The Speaker talked about the National Council of Provinces. The National Council of

Provinces does what it wants, when it wants and how it wants and most significantly, it wants to do a lot of it here in the Western Cape and there are a couple of reasons. Obviously there are political reasons; that they want to try and show the Western Cape up, which unfortunately every time they try, they fail, because we are a well-run province and we have little to hide. But, more importantly, one of the single best ways to have a successful outing is to use the Parliamentary staff of the Western Cape Parliament to assist them with the committee work. They do all the work, then they give the raw work to their officials who write the final report and take the credit for it. But the fact of the matter is that most of the work gets done by the Western Cape Parliamentary staff when we have these visits.

The last time when they cancelled the follow up to the National Council of Provinces Taking Parliament to the People in Eden, which was a massive disgrace as far as public expenditure is concerned, they cancelled at the last minute. The cancellation costs of the hotel and airfares to get to that was R28 000. That is still considering on the other side whether they are going to reimburse us for that, just the cancellation costs, for us.

But ladies and gentlemen, Mr Deputy Speaker, there are other ways in which the National Council of Provinces makes a nonsense of democracy. For instance yesterday. We were asked to participate, as it is our right, in the National Council of Provinces in the Human Rights Day debate. We got an invitation, the Premier ... Can we get some protection if you do not mind?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon members back there, allow the member to speak.

Mr M G E WILEY: Thank you. We were invited to take part in the debate yesterday and hon member Mackenzie was tasked with the responsibility and he was going to have a full go at them with regard to the disgraceful Human Rights record of this Government and the support of other African countries whose Human Rights records are some of the worst in history of this continent - like Omar al-Bashir and the High Court pronounced on that earlier on this week. He was going to have a field day and when he gets there they change the topic. [Interjections.] They change the topic. They have to talk about water and drought.

I am pleased to say that being the very flexible young man that he is, he made an outstanding speech [Interjections.][Applause.] and told the House and the country about how badly the Minister of Agriculture pays his own labourers. [Interjections.]

The point is, Mr Deputy Speaker, these things cost time and energy and it is not good for this country to have chaos the way that it is run under ANC Government. I want to thank Parliament and congratulate ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

The SPEAKER: I would like to rise on a point of order please. Is it

parliamentary for a member to tell another member “you are always drunk?”

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Madam Speaker, I did not hear that. If somebody did say that, it is clearly unparliamentary. Will the hon Speaker direct me to the member who said that? Is there a member that will concede that?

The SPEAKER: It was hon member Dijana who ...[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Dijana, did you say that? Hon member Dijana, if you did say that withdraw immediately.

Ms T M DIJANA: Okay, I withdraw.

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

Mr M G E WILEY: I want to thank Parliament for the presentation on the portal. I must admit I am not a particularly great fan of interweb technology but what we witnessed and what ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order.

Mr M G E WILEY: ... they presented to us ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Member Dijana, please. Hon member Mackenzie, allow the member to continue. Hon member Wiley please

continue.

Mr M G E WILEY: Hon member Mackenzie, contain yourself. All right. But, seriously, the members portal and those of you who missed the presentation by Parliament missed a very helpful instrument that has been put at our disposal. I think it's also going to aid the speed with which claims are processed and make it a lot easier. So thank you very much for that. It was very disheartening to see the low attendance at that, and other workshops, I might tell you. But, it is not unremarkable, especially when on the other side of the House the attendance level is absolutely abysmal. That is why we have not changed the Rules. We have not changed the Rules that the quorum does not include two parties because we could never rely on our colleagues on the other side there to maintain the quorum.

Lastly, I would just like to speak about security in the precinct of Parliament because the precinct of Parliament has been used over and over again, as well as in disciplinary matters, especially relating to members of the other side there, who hide under the fact that the precinct of Parliament is not absolutely clear. So when they get ordered out of the House, what is technically meant to happen is that the Sheriff over there, the Sergeant at Arms, is meant to escort them straight past their offices, down to their car and tell them to leave the premises.

That is what the rule says. [Interjection.] So what do they do? They fly down to some other floor and they hide out there and in some cases - and I would

suggest that the hon member keeps quiet because the CCT cameras showed that you allowed a person to come into this House by using someone else's pass key! [Interjections.].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order! Order! Please continue.

Mr M G E WILEY: It is the truth. [Interjections.]

Ms P Z LEKKER: Do not come and make a noise here. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Members please calm down, allow the member to continue his speech, he is almost finished.

Mr M G WILEY: As they say, Mr Deputy Speaker, the cameras do not lie. I just want to take this opportunity to - although our security is often a matter of concern to all of us, I just want to thank .. [Interjection.]

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The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order, order. Hon member Wiley, just take your seat for a moment. We have asked before, the Speaker has also asked and I am asking again, the three back benches of the ANC, particularly at the back there, you cannot continue like that all the time. Please allow the member now the opportunity to continue his speech and to finish off. Mr Wiley you may continue.

Mr M G E WILEY: The fearsome threesome. Mr Deputy Speaker, I just

want to thank the South African Police Service for the work that they do for us. A lot of it is done under cover in that ... [Interjection.]

Mr P UYS: Under cover [Inaudible.] [Laughter.].

Mr M G E WILEY: What I am talking about is that you often do not see what they do but they do an enormous amount of work and I wanted to take this opportunity to thank them very much for the service they render and I hope that in time to come - there has been a marked increase in some of the surveillance and we want to thank them for that. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see the hon member Mr Uys.

Mr UYS: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker and thanks for that under-cover speech we heard. †Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, ‘n Provinsiale Wetgewer in krisis. Dit is wat ons gehoor het vandag hier van die Speaker, gehoor van die personeel en laat ons dit baie duidelik ervaar en dis die prentjie wat geskets is ook toe ons laas met mekaar gepraat het. *Mr Deputy Speaker, a Provincial Legislature in crisis. That is what we heard here today, heard from the staff and let us experience this very clearly, and that is the picture that was sketched when we last spoke to each other.

†Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, wat ons moet baie duidelik hier moet sê is in 2016/17 is daar geen addisionele geld bewillig nie. Die Speaker moet dit erken, daar is R9 miloen bewillig en dit is werklik –

*Mr Deputy Speaker, what we have to state clearly here is that in 2016/17 no additional funds have been allocated. The Speaker has to acknowledge that, R9 million was allocated and that is really –

†it has been ring fenced for one specific project and that only and that was for the ERP and the implementation of the legislation.

†Dit is onaanvaarbaar en ‘n skreiende manipulerings van hoe geld van die Provinsiale Wetgewer weerhou word, en die Speaker wil dit nie erken nie en dit lyk of sy niks daaraan wil doen nie. Maar kyk ons na die begroting wat ons gesien het hierdie jaar wat gekom het van die Minister van Finansies is daar [Onhoorbaar.] reserwe van R442.5 miljoen – dit is in die begroting. Verder is daar R52,8 miljoen opsygesit vir reserwe vir eiendom en dan as ons verder kyk dan sien ons tot aan die einde van Januarie hierdie jaar, 2016, is daar ‘n onderbesteding van R334 miljoen van hierdie departemente wat hier sit. Maar hulle kan nie R34 miljoen gee vir die Wetgewer om die nodige funksies te verrig nie.

*It is unacceptable and a blatant manipulation of how money is being withheld from the Provincial Legislature, and the Speaker does not want to acknowledge that and it seems she does not want to do anything about it. But if we look at the budget we saw this year that came from the Minister of Finance there is [Inaudible.] reserves of R442.5 million – it is in the budget. Furthermore R52,8 million was set aside for reserves for property and then if we look further, we see that until the end of January this year, 2016, there has been an underspend of R334 million

by the departments sitting here. But they cannot give R34 million to the Legislature to perform the necessary functions.

†Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, die beleidsrigting en prioriteite en hoe en tot watter mate dit geïmplementeer word, en ook in hierdie Departement hang baie sterk saam met die begrotingstoekenning.

In die begroting van hierdie pos – pos 2, Provinsiale Wetgewer, is daar verder ‘n baie duidelike en doelbewuste skuif weg van die primêre mandaat om te verseker dat alle Provinsiale staatsorgane aan die Provinsiale Wetgewer verantwoording doen en dat die Provinsiale Wetgewer toesig hou oor die uitvoering van Provinsiale uitvoerende gesag, en ook wetgewing.

Die kernfunksies en verantwoordelikhede van die Provinsiale Wetgewer is juis om ondersteuning te gee aan die Huis en Komitees om hulle in staat te stel om hulle wetgewing en oorsig effektief te vervul, gemeenskapsdeelname te bewerkstellig en dit is net logies dat dit dan so in die begroting weerspieël word, want ons het gesê daar was nie eers een sent verhoging in enige van daardie funksies nie.

*Mr Deputy Speaker, the policy direction and priorities and how and to what extent it is implemented, also in this Department, is strongly linked to the budget allocation.

In the budget of this vote – Vote 2, Provincial Legislature, there is further a clear and concerted move away from the primary mandate to ensure that all Provincial state bodies are accountable to the Provincial Legislature and that the Provincial Legislature supervises the execution of Provincial executive authority, as well as legislation.

The core functions and responsibilities of the Provincial Legislature are after all to provide support to the House and Committees to enable them to perform their legislative and oversight effectively, and facilitate community participation and it is only logical that it is reflected as such in the budget because we have said that there has not even been one cent increase in any of those functions.

†Mr Deputy Speaker, the budget of this Provincial Legislature has 3 programmes and the Speaker referred to that. Programme 1: Administration and that is the one then where you normally cut. But, we see an increase in administration of 20%, Mr Deputy Speaker, but when we look at Programme 3 and that is Parliamentary Services - and this is really the heart and the core of what we do here, there we see a decrease of 10.71%. And this is the core functions in this specific programme, programme 3 and what do we find there when where we see the decrease?

We see the plenary support, we see committees, we see public education, we see Hansard Language Services and what do we see? We see a

decrease of down to 10.7% in the most fundamental, critical ones and in administration an increase of 20%. from R25.674 million to R22.927 million.

In August 2015 - and it is still in this financial year and we had hoped that there would be something happening in this budget - the Parliamentary Oversight Committee received a report from the Secretary to this Legislature, not from anybody else, but the Secretary to this Legislature, where she stated:

“The Western Cape Provincial Parliament cannot implement disaster recovery which places the institution at risk in the event of a failure or loss of ICT infrastructure equipment.”

Secondly, the ICT infrastructure was acquired in 2009. The equipment is overdue for replacement as they have reached their end of life. This places the institution at risk that we will be running out of ICT resources shortly. I will carry on with what the Secretary to this Parliament said:

“... no funds available to compensate staff for working the extended working hours required to support committees, plenary sittings and; approach to oversight visits will have to be revisited.”

I understand why we see there is an opposition to what the NCOP is doing because they want to cut back on oversight visits out there in the community. I continue with what the Secretary to this Parliament said to this Parliamentary Oversight Committee:

“At present the Western Cape Provincial Parliament Committee support service is on the brink of collapse.”

I am not saying that, she said that.

“If much needed interventions do not materialise soon there are real signs that the service is no longer able to absorb all the pressures exerted on it and more importantly on the individuals who comprise it.”

This is increasing the incidence of - and we have seen it happen here, Mr Deputy Speaker: fatigue and burn-out expressed by team members, specifically staff members, the use of sick leave increasing drastically - and I do not blame them for that and it's something they cannot help. Decline in the quality of work and ability to meet standards.

Intervention in terms of psychological effects on staff is perhaps the most neglected and I wonder, if you really know what is happening within the staff and what is happening there in terms of this section. A system should not be allowed to collapse. The Secretary went that far -

a system. Meaning it is on the brink of collapse. It should not be allowed to collapse.

The cost of rebuilding it will be much more and many times more than monetary. Public education and outreach must be adequately resourced and we know it is not being adequately resourced. There is a 1.4% increase in that. How can you do it? How can you reach all sectors in this specific province?

On this crisis, the Speaker responded to say she needed, and she repeated that today, an immediate R34 million and we agreed that is what she needed to get the House in shape. This would address staff shortages as well as upgrade financial and technological systems. When the Speaker continues to say “but I can only fix it if I have money, as long as I don’t have money I can’t fix it.” And she did not receive any money to fix the problem that we experience here and in this Provincial Legislature.

†Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, van verlede September tot nou het die Speaker egter gefaal en sy het dit self erken vandag hier en ons het verlede week gesê om aan te dring dat die Provinsiale Wetgewer voldoende befonds is. Dit is nie genoeg om vir die Speaker te sê: “Kyk wat kry die ander Wetgewers nie.” Sy moet eintlik in skaamte haar kop laat sak en sê dit is hierdie Parlement, hierdie mens wat hier voor sit wat besluite in die Kabinet neem, wat nie meer geld gee nie. Dis hoekom daar in ander

provinsies meer geld vir die Wetgewers is. Want daar was 'n doelbewuste besluit om die Wetgewer te versterk en die nodige ondersteuning nou daar gegee word.

Maar, kyk ons wat was die reaksie van die Speaker in hierdie verband is dit baie duidelik sy kom met net een oplossing daar voor haar en sy sê 'We going to cut on the time slots.' Die tyd gelewer van 16.30 tot 18.30 vir komitees gaan geskrap word. Wat se ingryping is dit, agb Speaker? Watter ondersteuning is dit vir die personeel om te sê twee ure word geskrap. Dit beteken mos niks nie. Nee, Speaker, dit beteken duidelik niks nie en dit gaan geensins die omstandighede van hierdie personeel verbeter nie.

Ons het gehoor daarvan hoe geen personeel aangestel gaan word nie. U het nou vir ons 'n ander antwoord gegee wat jy gaan doen en ek gaan nou daarby uitkom.

En nou in plaas daarvan om die Wetgewer en lede te bemagtig en te ondersteun word die geleentheid misbruik om verder die oorsigrol van komitees te beperk, deur eensydig alle komitees wat op 'n weeklikse basis vergader het, te herskeduleer. So elke week het elke komitee 'n vergadering. Waarom? Om behoorlike oorsig te doen, om besoeke te doen daar buite om te sien wat gebeur. Maar, haar antwoord is: kom ons kry nie meer geld nie, kom ons skaal af oor die oorsigrol wat gespeel word.

En, mnr die Adjunkspeaker, waar die Staande Komitee van die Premier elke week vergader het – en ek dink dit is ‘n baie, baie belangrike komitee – is dit nou uitgeskuif dat daardie komitee net elke 3de week sal vergader en so kry ons die komitees soos Vervoer en Openbare Werke, Plaaslike Regering, Finansies, Maatskaplike Ontwikkeling, Menslike Nedersettings en Gemeenskapsveiligheid. En wat gebeur met hulle? Hulle gaan nou net elke 2de week vergader. [Tussenwerpsel.]

En wat ons daar sien is dat daar ‘n groter probleem geskep word met oorsig wat ons dan nou op hierdie stadium kry, maar die probleem word nie aangespreek nie. So moenie na ons toe kom en sê: ons gee om oor oorsig nie. Nee, ons skaal af daarop. Maar ek dink dit pas net so. Die Kabinet wat die fondse toeken, dit pas hulle, want hoe minder oorsig daar is, hoe minder gereeld komitees vergader, hoe minder in diepte kan daar ondersoek wees en natuurlik word die oorsigrol afgewater.

Maar, mnr die Adjunkspeaker, in die begroting – en dit is nie die begroting waaroor die Provinsiale Tesourie beheer het nie, maar oor die Speaker self direkte beheer het – het sy vandag vir ons gesê hoe belangrike rol die Staande Komitees het. Dit is die ruggraat, dit is die ondersteuning, dit is die fondament van wat ons hier doen. Die Staande Komitee se begroting is met 18,41% gesny van verlede jaar tot nou toe.

Nie deur Tesourie nie maar deur die eie toedoen van die Speaker. As die

Speaker self nie erns het met die rol van befondsing van Staande Komitees nie, wat anders word daar verwag. En miskien moet ek net daarby stilstaan oor die fondse. Kyk ons na die fondse wat bewillig is vir hierdie Provinsiale Parlement vir hierdie finansiële jaar, dan soos ons vandag hier staan, gaan daar 'n onderbesteding wees. Die onderbesteding gister, Speaker, as jy dit nie weet nie was R10 miljoen. Die gekorrigeerde onderbesteding van inter-departemente gaan R4.7 miljoen wees as ons aan einde van Maart kom. Waarom? Ons sukkel om werk te doen. Hoekom het u nie na die [Onhoorbaar.] gekyk en die geld daarvoor gebruik nie? Maar ons staan nou op 'n onderbesteding in hierdie finansiële jaar. Nou wil ek begin verstaan dat Tesourie aan u sê: gebruik die geld doeltreffend, moenie onderbestee nie, dan kan ons miskien weer na u kyk. So die klem moet baie, baie sterk daarna verskuif.

*Mr Deputy Speaker, from last September until now the Speaker has failed and she acknowledged that here today, and last week we insisted that the Provincial Legislature be funded properly. It is not enough for the Speaker to say: "Look at what the other Legislatures are getting." She actually has to hang her head in shame and say it is this Parliament, it is this person sitting in front here making the decisions in Cabinet, not to give any more money. That is why there is more money for Legislatures in other provinces. Because there was a determined decision to strengthen the Legislature and the necessary support is now given.

But if we look at the reaction of the Speaker in this regard it is very clear she comes with only one solution in front of her she says ‘We are going to cut the time slots.’ The time from 16.30 to 18.30 for committees are to be scrapped. What kind of intervention is that, Madam Speaker? What support is there to the staff to say two hours are going to be scrapped? That doesn’t mean anything. No, Speaker, it clearly means nothing and will in no way improve the conditions of this staff.

We have heard that no more staff will be appointed. You have given us an answer what you are going to do and I will come to that in a moment.

And now instead of empowering the Legislature and the members the opportunity is abused to further limit the oversight role of committees, by re-scheduling all committees that have met on a weekly basis. So every week each committee has a meeting. Why? To do proper oversight, to undertake visits and to see out there what is happening. But her reply is: let us not get more money, let us scale down on the oversight role to be played.

And so, where the Standing Committee of the Premier has met every week – and I think it is a very, very important committee – it has now been scheduled that this committee will only meet every three weeks, and likewise we get the committees like Transport and Public Works,

Local Government, Finance, Social Development, Human Settlements and Community Safety. And what happens to them? They are only going to meet every two weeks. [Interjection.]

And what we see there is that a bigger problem is being created with oversight than we have at this stage, but the problem is not addressed. So don't come to us and say, we care about oversight. No, we are scaling down. But I think it suits them. The Cabinet allocating the funds, it suits them, because the less oversight there is, the less committees meet, the less in-depth investigations there can be and of course oversight is being diluted.

But in the budget – and it is not the budget over which the Provincial Treasury has control, but the Speaker herself has direct control – she today said to us what an important role the Standing Committees have to play. It is the backbone, it is the support, it is the foundation of what we are doing here. The Standing Committee budget has been cut by 18,41% from last year until now.

Not by Treasury but through the own will of the Speaker. If the Speaker herself is not serious about the role of funding of Standing Committees, what else can one expect. And perhaps I should just pause a little on the funds. If we look at the funds allocated to this Provincial Parliament for this year, then, as we stand here today, there is going to be an underspend. The underspend yesterday, Madam Speaker, if you don't

know it was R10 million. The corrected underspend of inter departments will be R4.7 million when we get to the end of March. Why? We struggle to do work. Why did you not look at [Inaudible.] and used the money for that? But we are now standing on an underspend in this financial year. Now I would like to understand that Treasury says to you: use the money effectively, do not underspend, then we might look at you again. So the emphasis should shift very, very strongly to that.

†Mr Deputy Speaker, in 2010 we heard from this DA administration and the Speaker then, that oversight will intensify as the oversight model is settled and fully implemented in the 2010/11 financial year but at this moment no customised legislative sector oversight model. We see the same empty promises year after year and year. Sorry, Speaker, it is in your APP again. I cannot believe you. I cannot. Because it is coming for five years now and there is absolutely nothing done. I know why not because you do not want oversight and therefore you do not want to have a customised oversight model for the Western Cape. [Interjections.]

There is a national one and there is one in all other provinces except in this specific province. Mr Deputy Speaker, for a very long period we had an acting Secretary. †Dit is die enigste Departement wat vir soveel jare 'n waarnemende Sekretaris gehad het. Dit weerspieël klaar iets van die bestuur en die uitvoerende gesag wat ons hier het. *It is the only Department that for so many years had an acting Secretary. It already reflects something about the management and executive authority that

we have here.

Then Ms Fakira was appointed but after only working here for 1 year she resigned. She was appointed and worked here for only a year. The Provincial Legislature lost two of their three most senior officials, both women, within weeks of one another, under your watch, Speaker. The ANC believes it is part of a concerted political purge. [Interjections.] The Secretary, Ms Fakira, resigned at the end of January 2016. At the end of last year the very competent Deputy Secretary and Registrar of Members Interests, Ressida Begg, left. Things are falling apart, Mr Deputy Speaker. It is very clear. And why did they leave? It emanates from this report in 2015. It is very clear that when the Secretary stated to the Parliamentary Oversight Committee there are problems she was ignored and they were told in writing by the Speaker to make do with what they have. Ms Fakira had no room to do her work. She had no choice but to get out of this dead end and you know that Speaker. I will not quote what happened in the meetings and how you treated her. [Interjections.]

Now, Speaker, you have appointed another Acting Secretary. It is like just acting, acting here. When I asked about the filling of the vacancy of the Secretary and, Mr Deputy Speaker, I have asked the Speaker: “when are you going to fill this vacancy?” To my shock and surprise she said: “we can’t afford the recruitment process.” You can’t afford the recruitment process to appoint a Secretary to this Parliament? So, you

just sit back and say acting, acting, acting. It cannot be. No, I cannot think that this is true. I have heard various excuses not to follow due process but this is totally unacceptable that we see from your side.

Last year the Speaker committed to an organisational design. Now, the organisational design is ideal for the staff. There has been a lot of movement within the administration and if you want a modern, new administration you need a proper organisational design. Now, a year later, the Speaker came to this Legislature and said: “no sorry, I abandoned the organisational design, I am not going that route anymore.” Where are we going? Are we just going to do things ad hoc here? Are we just going to have the act, act, acting here that we see?

The Speaker referred to this and this is very important, the Speaker did not give the correct information here today and I am referring to the Financial Management of Parliament and Provincial Legislatures Act. Mr Deputy Speaker, the Act is very clear. The Accounting Officer must ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order. Hon member Beerwinkel and I think it Minister Winde there or Minister Grant, just calm down please.

Mr P UYS: Mr Deputy Speaker, the Act is very clear but I know the Speaker does not want to implement the Act. With everything coming

from National it is: oh it is unconstitutional, as we heard today with the regulations that are going to come. The Accounting Officer must establish an internal audit committee, while the Speaker must appoint an audit committee but the Speaker decided that in both cases that function will be rendered by the Office of the Premier.

Mr M G E WILEY: So what?

Mr P UYS: There must be oversight of this Legislature over the Premier's Department, not the Premier's Department oversight over the Legislature. The reason that was given was to say: oh, they are going to pay for it. You cannot let them pay for it. They must transfer the money to you so you have your own functions so you can do oversight. How can you have those two important ones outsourced to the Executive that you must oversee and that you must do proper control over? It is wrong and it is illegal so you had better sort that out and better sort that out very, very quickly. [Interjections.]

†Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, in die begroting word na die toekenning van Hansard-dienste verwys, en is die Hansard en Taaldienste met 48.66% gesny. Weereens 'n belangrike funksie en wat ons hoor van die Speaker is dat niks gaan vertaal word van Engels af na Afrikaans toe nie. Dit hoor ons daar. Dit hoor ons baie, baie duidelik so as enige iemand iets in Afrikaans gesê het, al wat in die Hansard gaan kom gaan die Afrikaanse weergawe wees en 'n vertaling in Engels.

*Mr Deputy Speaker, in the budget there is reference to the Hansard services, and the Hansard and Language Services are going to be cut by 48.66%. Again an important function and what we hear from the Speaker is that nothing will be translated from English to Afrikaans. That we heard there. We heard that very, very clearly, so if anyone had said something in Afrikaans, all that will appear in the Hansard will be the Afrikaans version and a translation in English.

†But, when you speak English in this House it will not be translated in Hansard, in any of the other two languages. It is unconstitutional, Speaker, and you try to quote some of the language legislation there and I would like to hear you on that. [Interjections.]

Speaker, in your office and that is a big chunk of the money of the 20% increase - you budgeted for a Treasury Unit. But when asked what will the functions and responsibilities of this unit be, the Speaker said: "I do not know." but she budgeted for it. Speaker, maybe you are now in a better position to tell this House what the Treasury Unit will do.

Mr Deputy Speaker, under Programme 1: administration - the budget for Communications and Information will increase by 12%. We heard that as well. To establish a registry/record keeping function here. Speaker, from when does a Communication and Information section have a registry? The registry of an organisation. There is only one reason that I can find that, and that reason is very clear. You are building an

empire for somebody, you are building somebody's job description and a post level of a specific individual and maybe it is right that you smile at that individual. I am sure he will smile back at you in that regard.

Today, Speaker, we also need a clear undertaking from yourself that no international travel will take place in the coming financial year. [Interjection.] No, we want that commitment. Not a nine month commitment, not a ten month commitment, a full year commitment from yourself that that will not happen. [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Order both sides, allow the member to continue.

Mr P UYS: Speaker, I am going to conclude.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, your time is almost up.

†Mnr P UYS: Ek besef dit. Ek wil baie dankie sê vir die personeel wat baie hard werk onder baie moeilike omstandighede. Die uitvoerende gesag gee hulle nie die geleentheid nie maar hulle werk nogtans bitter, bitter hard. Baie, baie dankie van IT, van finansies, van die mense wat ondersteuning vir ons gee met ons toelae, ondersteuning daarmee. Ek dink dit word baie professioneel gedoen. Een boodskap net aan hulle asseblief: bly professioneel en weerhou julle daarvan om by politiek ingetrek te word. Dankie. [Applous.]

*Mr P UYS: I realise that. I just want to thank the staff who are working very hard under difficult circumstances. The executive authority does not give them the opportunity, but they nevertheless work very, very hard. Thank you to IT, to finances, to the people providing support with our allowances. I think it is being done very professionally. One message to them, please: remain professional and do not become involved in politics. Thank you. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. The hon member Christians.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Mr Deputy Speaker, I want to thank the Speaker and the Secretary for the excellent work they are doing. Mr Deputy Speaker, we just saw the biggest actor, the biggest actor in this House, the biggest actor. [Interjections.]

I do not sit on this committee but I sit in Programming Authority and you know we discussed the oversight of committees and the Chief Whip said: “you know the two biggest departments are Education and Health and this is how we are going to do it.”. Now he could not debate the fact why we should have oversight over committees each and week. He could not. So now he comes and cries, like a cry baby bunting. [Interjections.] He comes and cries. But, Mr Deputy Speaker, he is such a hypocrite because we, as parties, sat and interviewed the Secretary.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. The House has been called to order.

Mr P UYS: He cannot call me a hypocrite.

†Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: “Hypocrite” is ‘n woord wat vantevore onparlementêr verklaar is maar ons het baie meer vryhede toegelaat die jongste tyd en ek is bereid om te sê “hypocrite” is in die omstandighede aanvaarbaar. As dit nie so is nie sal ek terugkom maar ek sal dit toelaat vir die oomblik.

*The DEPUTY SPEAKER: “Hypocrite” is a word that previously had been declared unparliamentary but recently we have been a lot more lenient, and I am prepared to say “hypocrite” is acceptable in these circumstances. If it is not I will come back but I will allow that for the moment.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: No, Mr Deputy Speaker, this is what I say. We sat and we interviewed the Secretary. We took time and we all decided to appoint Ms Fakira. We all did that. So we sat there and when the Speaker called us and said we are going to have a temporary measure, that was explained. Now hon member Uys comes and says: but there are problems. That is hypocritical, saying one thing and doing the other.

Mr Deputy Speaker, when we talk about Hansard, we talk about cost saving. Now the Speaker comes and says this is how we can save costs and then he says it is unconstitutional, he says no he cannot do that. So

hon member Uys must decide if he wants help build this Provincial Parliament or he wants to break it down week in and week out. [Interjections.] He has always got the most to say and most [Inaudible.] to say but he does not make contributions and when he cannot get it right he comes here and he cries. I think the ANC did not contribute anything to these debates today. Negative and they need to go for training and counselling and whatever they need do. I thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order. Please come to order before I allow the Speaker to respond. Hon Dijana, I am busy talking from the Chair. Madam Speaker, you may respond.

The SPEAKER: Mr Deputy Speaker, let me first thank the members who have participated in this debate. The contributions are valued as the administration is here to support the members in fulfilling their constitutional obligations and to generally make the term of members a fulfilling one. I have taken cognisance of the matters raised in the report of the Parliamentary Oversight Committee and I would like to thank the Chairperson of the Parliamentary Oversight Committee for the thoroughness for which this committee conducts its financial oversight of WCPP.

However it is important for me to respond to certain statements that were made and I think it is and I must agree with the hon member Christians that the hon member Uys has the ability to do a flip-flop. A

year ago he lambasted me for not asking for money yet at a Parliamentary Oversight Committee meeting, not so long ago, when we talked about shared services for audit, he said “that is a great idea, we can save money.” So, I am concerned that the hon member Uys uses this platform to rehash a report from August 2015.

Life goes on, time goes on. Seven months later we have moved but he is still stuck in his time warp. He is still dealing with the old issues which have actually been dealt with and we have moved on. As for Parliamentary Oversight Committees, go to any of the other Legislatures and see if theirs are in place.

They do not have anything in place.

As for the Treasury function, which the Speakers Forum is supposed to inform, they do not know what they are doing. They have no cooking clue. When we get to a sector oversight model the AG told us we do not need a sector oversight model, we can standardise our oversight and the AG told us when we next go to the Speakers Forum we must share our success of oversight with the other provinces.

So, despite the fact the hon member Uys wants to stand there and treat me as if I am some little girl, I will not take instructions from him. He is one of 42 members and he is part of this institution. On another note I would like to say to him that, as a member of this institution, I would encourage him to build it and not break it down in the media when he

cannot get his way in a Parliamentary Oversight Committee meeting. My door has always been open but he has proven that he is fickle because in our meetings and discussions he agrees in good faith and at the very next public platform he twists all those words to play politics.

So, to the hon member Uys I would like to say to you, you are untrustworthy and you are spinning an agenda that is not going to work. Thank you. [Applause.][Interjections.] Mr Deputy Speaker ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

The SPEAKER: Can you protect me please?

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

The SPEAKER: The only way we get to develop a world class institution is by being aware of checks and balances and I am surprised that the hon member Uys, who is a seasoned politician, cannot read the writing on the wall. This country is in serious distress and those Legislatures that get all that additional funding and have all that additional staff, they are going to see realignment and retrenchments so the bubble has burst. Sadly, I think the Opposition has not realised the importance and the severity of the situation.

I have learnt that you can only cut your cloth according to your needs so I am asking that the members support us going forward because at the end of the day it is members and staff that make up this institution and I would like to say that the ANC is part of Parliament. They do not operate on their own. So, when the hon member Uys chooses to speak from the Parliamentary Oversight Committee he is not the Chair of that committee so he needs to get his processes and protocols right at the same time. [Applause.] [Interjections.] Mr Deputy Speaker, I would like to take ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

The SPEAKER: Mr Deputy Speaker, it is very sad when we have members who sit here and they have limited or have no understanding of the bigger picture. There is a macro cataclysmic something happening out there and our members still live in their own little world. I brought my fancy cell phone with Parliament's money. We have to look at how we use taxpayers' money prudently and on the point of taxpayers' money, this province contributes 14.7% to the fiscus. [Applause.] We only get 10% back so this idea of the ANC telling us that it is money from the ANC must get rid of that notion. It is a myth. They must stop debunking that. I am sorry.

Lastly, Mr Deputy Speaker, I would like to thank the staff. They do a sterling piece of work. We have good committed people who come to

work and they are not here to drive agendas. The staff are professional in the way that they operate and you know our people are allowed to move on. I will never hold back any staff member who wants to pursue his or her career outside of WCPP. So there is something called life, we have got to deal with it and we have to get on with it. Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. That concludes the business for the day. The House is adjourned.

The House adjourned at 18:07.