
THURSDAY, 22 AUGUST 2019

PROCEEDINGS OF THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT

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The House met at 14:15.

The Speaker took the Chair and read the prayer.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER: You may be seated. I recognise the Chief Whip.

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): Mr Speaker, I move without notice:

Notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 20(1), I move that precedence be given to the Order of the Day.

The SPEAKER: Thank you hon Chief Whip. Are there any objections to the motion? No objections? The motion is carried. In light of that then we are going to the subject of the day. Where is the speakers' list? You see, they do not give the Speaker the speakers' list so the Speaker does not have the

speakers' list, but I have them now, I have it now. Thank you.

I just want to request, hon members, that when - because it is normal that members would want to go to the ladies and gents, but whatever business that you leave the Chamber for, let us recognise the Presiding Officers as we leave and as we get into the Chamber. It is only fair to do so for the decorum of this House. Thank you, hon members. I recognise the Chief Whip, hon Wenger.

SUBJECT FOR DISCUSSION

(The rapid unravelling of South Africa, as published on the front page of the *Financial Mail*; and the effect of policy uncertainty and political positioning at a national level on the Western Cape Province)

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): The *Financial Mail* of 15 August details South Africa's great unravelling. The article makes some truly terrifying remarks. The message in summary is this: if we think things are bad now they could get much worse if the current economic trends continue to be met with "catatonic policy uncertainty, confusion and half-measures."

They say our country has a grim prognosis because of the Government's failure to implement decisive economic reforms. It is important that this House debates the rapid unravelling of South Africa because policy uncertainty and political positioning at a national level have a profound

impact on our province. The Centre for Development and Enterprises Report, “Running out of road”, says:

“It is hard to avoid despair about whether government and the ruling party fully grasp the depth of the changes required and how much leadership it will take from the President to get this done.”

Ramaphoria may have cauterised some of the bleeding, but the problems are chronic. According to the *Financial Mail*'s analysis, he heads a state and a party incapable of making choices out of fear of not meeting vested expectations, and they say even when choices are made the State lacks the capacity to turn those decisions into effective policy because of the lack of professionalism in the public service.

State capture over the second term of the Zuma administration stinks at around R1.5 trillion rand. That is just shy of the entire annual budget for the country and it does not seem to be getting any better. Two out of three South Africans thinks corruption increased in the past 12 months. Bad political management of departments means that most departments are on life support. The National Health Department has a hidden deficit of R25 billion mainly on medicines. We know that this directly impacts on our province when we cannot get vital vaccines or medication. In essence we cannot afford to deliver the basics, never mind the NHI, which would deal a crippling blow to our nation.

Bad political management means spending will have to be reduced, read more budget cuts, and we feel these budgets acutely in hospital waiting rooms, in over-crowded classrooms, on empty train platforms, on phones that ring unanswered at police stations. All services are impacted. The SAPS budget has been cut by R20 billion which could mean 23 000 less police.

Hon Speaker, to put things into historical context, during the Great Depression of 1921 to 1941 which was considered the worst economic downturn in the history of the industrialised world, the unemployment rate was less than 20%. South Africa's unemployment in this year is almost 30%. In 1933 during the very height of the Great Depression, Franklin D Roosevelt delivered some apt words. He said:

“Values have shrunk to fantastic levels; taxes have risen; our ability to pay has fallen; governments of all kinds are faced by serious curtailment of income; the means of exchange are frozen in the currents of trade; the withered leaves of industrial enterprise lie on every side; farmers find no markets for their produce; the savings of many years in thousands of families are gone. More important - a host of unemployed citizens face the grim problem of existence and an equally great number toil with little return. Only a foolish optimist can deny the dark realities of the moment.”

He went on to say:

“Confidence languishes, for it thrives only on honesty, on honour, on the sacredness of obligation, on faithful protection and unselfish performance; without them it cannot live. Restoration calls however, not for a change in ethics alone. This nation asks for action, and action now.”

He said.

This South African nation asks for action and action now, but hon Speaker, there is a beacon of hope in the South Western Peninsula of our country where ten years ago there was a similarly gloomy outlook. Not a single Provincial Government Department obtained a clean audit and only one of the provinces, 30 municipalities, obtained a clean audit [Interjection.]

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): So you only mentioned [Inaudible.] A clean audit and no service delivery.

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): And business confidence tanked to below the national average, but then the citizens of this province chose a new government and ten years later 83% of departments get clean audits... [Interjection.]

Mr M K SAYED: You are contradicting the Premier.

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): ...as do 21 out of 30 municipalities. The unemployment rate is almost ten points lower than the national average and

the rural and youth unemployment rates are the lowest and life expectancy is the highest. Policy uncertainty and political positioning at a national level undoubtedly have a negative impact on the Western Cape, but with sound leadership there is another way. There is an alternative.

In conclusion, to quote Saint John:

“The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.”

Our light in this province shines in the face of this unravelling. Our light shines in the darkness of corruption and maladministration and we will not let this darkness overcome us. Thank you. [Applause.]

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

The SPEAKER: Thank you. Thank you, hon Wenger, hon Chief Whip. I now recognise hon member Mvimbi.

Mr L L MVIMBI: Hon Speaker, a wise man once warned that the loudest of doomsayers so often carry the weightiest of sins. That warning has come through today. There are those who like to shout from the rooftops, spewing viciously. They have tried blaming everything on the Government of the day, while forgetting that the problem that we are dealing with did not start today. This is a point I will return to later in my speech.

The article further states that the government is unable to make hard political choices necessary to spark growth or prevent a steady rise in the country's debt ratio. Those hard political choices advocated for in the articles are as follows: some of, amongst others, are that we must cut civil service expenditure especially the Wage Bill; that we must restructure Eskom and SAA and other SOEs. This includes decisions around Eskom staffing efficiency and how it would be reformed and government needs to implement decisive economic reform which includes privatisation as called for on page 25. Hon Speaker, as the ANC we reject these proposals outright. [Interjections.] The ANC Government - we do not give in to these demands. [Interjection.]

Mr R D MACKENZIE: It is obvious the situation is dire.

Mr L L MVIMBI: It is an undisputable fact that we are experiencing economic challenges in the country... [Interjections.]

Mr R D MACKENZIE: But you are mismanaging.

Mr L L MVIMBI: But it is not true that we are not doing anything about it. We are not loud about it but we acknowledge it. [Interjections.]

Mr A P VAN DER WESTHUIZEN: You just rejected it.

An HON MEMBER: It is a maiden speech. Leave him.

Mr L L MVIMBI: In his SONA... [Interjections.] Can I give it a try again, hon Speaker.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

The SPEAKER: Order, hon members.

Mr L L MVIMBI: Okay, okay, in his SONA the hon President gave an honest reflection on this. He clearly stated that our economy is not growing and is not creating jobs - again, another acknowledgement. We are not going to deny facts. [Interjections.]

The goal of the ANC Government as presented by Minister Mboweni on his July budget vote, the debate remains that of maintaining fiscal stability and to promote growth. That is what we are planning to do.

An HON MEMBER: How?

Mr L L MVIMBI: It is good that we support that.

The PREMIER: Now what are you going to do?

Mr L L MVIMBI: In this regard, hon Speaker, the Minister reassured the nation that the package of five measures to stimulate economic growth as outlined by the President in September last year will be that of implementing

among other things implementing growth enhancing economic reform, such as broadband spectrum allocation, restructuring the electricity sector and regulation of the transport sector to lower prices; reprioritisation of public spending to support job creation and economic growth; establishing an infrastructure fund, addressing urgent matters in Education and Health and investing in municipal social infrastructure improvement.

An HON MEMBER: They are cutting our budgets.

Mr L L MVIMBI: That is the plan that we are having. [Interjections.] Hon Speaker as an... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: I am listening.

Mr M K SAYED: Chairperson, on a point of order, Chair.

The SPEAKER: There is a point of order. I recognise - sorry hon member Mvimbi. Yes, Sir.

Mr M K SAYED: Thank you Chair. Can we be reminded, can the House be reminded that hon member Mvimbi is doing his maiden speech and nothing controversial is being said so the members on the opposite side are completely out of order to interrupt all the time?

An HON MEMBER: You are taking his time.

The SPEAKER: Thank you hon member Sayed. Hon members on my right-hand side, I request that we observe that principle so that we do not bend our own conventions. May I recognise that you have lost half a minute hon member, but the time - I made sure that I pause immediately when there was a point of order so you did not lose; you are right on point now! Over to you, sir. Great, thanks.

Mr L L MVIMBI: Thank you hon Speaker. I will also request that if - to other members, if the truth hurts they must suffer in silence, please. [Laughter.]

HON MEMBERS: Yes, yes.

Mr L L MVIMBI: Hon Speaker, on SOE we were told that the broad strategic framework in the form of a Green Paper, which will culminate in a White Paper, will be published soon. It will deal with the future that Government expects so as to play in a fast-changing micro and macro-economic environment. Moreover National Treasury with the Department of Public Enterprises have developed the terms of reference and scope of work for the chief restructuring officer which was appointed in July already.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Mr L L MVIMBI: These are steps taken to address these challenges but those steps will not culminate in arbitrary retrenchment and privatisation as called for by some members on the other side.

We welcome the appointment of Freeman Nomvalo as the Chief Restructuring Officer of Eskom. He is expected to oversee the unbundling of Eskom into separate generation, distribution and transmission entities. He is also expected to restructure the entity's labour force.

In fact part of that hard political choices that the ANC Government needs to consider is to deal with costly long-term contracts for coal, which were entered into by the apartheid government and of course I know most of the time when people attack Eskom they are always silent on this. The monopoly on coal supply for Eskom must be broken. The practice is anti-competitive and deprived us an opportunity of getting better prices in the market.

An HON MEMBER: What about the Guptas?

Mr L L MVIMBI: Hon Speaker, at the centre of our strategy should be the need to grow the economy, job creation, as well as to reduce poverty and inequality. We do not want jobless growth. We know South Africa has experienced growth in the past but it has been jobless growth.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Under the ANC.

Mr L L MVIMBI: It actually started during apartheid government days and you are always silent about what the apartheid government did.

An HON MEMBER: We are not silent [Inaudible.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes. [Interjections.]

Mr L L MVIMBI: In the past there has been economic growth. However, it was jobless economic growth. That is why the Government is busy developing an economic strategy that will bring about inclusive growth in the economy. It must not be an economy that makes the rich richer and the poor poorer. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: The Guptas and the Ramaphosas.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): The Zumas and the Guptas [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order hon members! Order!

Mr L L MVIMBI: The Guptas also funded the DA.

An HON MEMBER: The Guptas also funded the DA.

Mr L L MVIMBI: Inclusive growth will also include broadening the ownership of the economy. It will bring about socio-economic transformation, among other things this broadening of the economy will seek to address some of the current challenges in the Western Cape like the skewed battle of ownership in the economy.

Apartheid in a way still exists in the Western Cape. For example in the agricultural economy blacks only own 1%. [Interjections.] One, 1%, one. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: That is not true.

Mr L L MVIMBI: No, I know some of you have got a habit of always challenging the statistics. [Interjections.]

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): And shares in the JSE... [Inaudible.]

The PREMIER: No of course...

Mr L L MVIMBI: The need for faster growth and more inclusive growth was also highlighted in the NDP. When we do growth it must be an inclusive growth. [Interjections.] The NDP is also the programme that you have adopted in this House and you are actually agreeing with it.

The PREMIER: But did the ANC adopt it?

Mr L L MVIMBI: To realise it the NDP states that our strategies would include raising exports, improving skills development which you are sometimes ignoring at this Government, lowering the cost of living for the poor and investing in a competitive infrastructure. [Interjections.]

Trudi Makhaya, the President's economic adviser, stated in the article which for some reason it was not actually quoted as well, that over the past decade Government spending was likely skewed towards consumption, not investment. We admit that. However, in the coming years this will be reversed as Government is curbing consumption spending and increasing the buyers towards infrastructure. [Interjections.]

That shall be a welcome commitment. It is actually a commitment that is already yielding results. We know that the President himself has embarked on actually investment pledges of up to R3 billion, up to now there is already R250 billion of that that has been pledged. [Interjections.]

In fact it shall go a long way to ease the fears of the insurance companies on the issue of prescribed assets. I must say that I am not the biggest fan of that idea, but at this point all of us need to work together to salvage the situation. It must be noted that the principle is good that we invest in Government approved assets to improve the situation but we have to consider the risk and the economic performance of such institutions. [Interjections.]

†uSOMLOMO: Qhubezela ke ngoku mhlekazi.

[The SPEAKER: Conclude now please Sir.]

Mr L L MVIMBI: Hon Speaker, above I said that I will get back to this point about the loudest doomsayers who often carry the weightiest of sins.

Selective amnesia is a dangerous disease. Today we are told about the economic plunging into chaos and sliding into a death trap. The IMF loans have been also raised but these doomsayers seem to forget that since the dawn of democracy we have been burdened with the apartheid debt. You never say anything about that. [Interjections.] You are always silent about that. [Interjections.] [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you...

Mr L L MVIMBI: Personally I think the movement should consider introducing a wealth tax as one of the mechanisms to raise revenue and to service apartheid debt. Wealth tax should also assist to address the challenges in inequality. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you hon member, your time is up, thank you. Thank you. [Interjections.] Order! Order hon members! [Interjections.] Order hon members!

Mr L L MVIMBI: Hon Speaker, do you allow them to... [Interjections.]
[Time expired.]

The SPEAKER: I have a speaker on the floor and your time is up, sir. Thank you hon member. [Applause.]

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): We know what F W de Klerk did.

The SPEAKER: Hon members, I just want to request that we exercise some restraint. There is nothing wrong... [Interjections.] Thank you. I have a request and my request is that let us exercise some restraint. There is nothing wrong with heckling and as long as we are doing that within the confines of allowing the member to be audible and if it defeats that objective then we are not really helping the business of the House, so I am really making that humble request to the hon members. I now recognise the hon Minister of Community Safety, hon Fritz.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Thank you Mr Speaker and hon members. In the honeymoon period and the incredible exciting period immediately after the 1994 elections, a lot of effort went into building what is referred to as the post-apartheid state and I heard the member talking about the apartheid state, so the post-apartheid state. [Interjections.] The ruling party advocated for the replacement of what they refer to as the apartheid bureaucracy with a new so called revolutionary group of cadres deployed, cadre deployees.

An HON MEMBER: Bourgeoisies.

An HON MEMBER: Ja, we are in the same...

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: What seemed to be a bold move towards building an inclusive state resulted in a disastrous outcome. We are

still having the outcome of that.

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Blame it on F W De Klerk.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: The skill-base of the state was systematically gutted at three levels, hon Speaker. We see the impact of this today particularly in Local Government, the deployment policy of the ANC was not based on merit. Rather it was predicated on loyalty to the ruling party. What followed at all three levels of government was the systematic looting and destruction of the state by these very deployed cadres... [Interjections.]

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): [Inaudible.] 1994.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: In other words, Mr Speaker, they stole the state empty.

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): We were here! We were here. We know how the people [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: In other words, hon Speaker, they are all supposed to be in prison. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Every day we receive greater detail... [Interjections.]

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Ja, your own people! Your own people, the National Party.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Every day we receive greater detail of this through the Zondo Commission at the moment. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): Where is Pierre now?

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Pierre is a National Party just like some of the [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: However, I fear this is simply the tip of the iceberg. In Claire Bissek's... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order! Order hon members!

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Your Chief Whip is not an example.

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): How do you begin to [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: The Chief Whip is not an

example to her caucus. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Minister, will you please take your seat. [Interjections.] Will you please take your seat? Hon members, I see the volume has also been increased this side. You know, you think that you have a strong committee voice, but it does not work here. I am at pains to request, hon members, that let us allow the speakers to address this House, because this is a debate. If you have got an issue, a subjective interjection, let your next speaker from your party deal with that... [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Hear-hear!

The SPEAKER: Because it is a debate, but I would not like a situation where the debate is across the floor because then we are not helping the debate. Hon Wenger, when she moved the motion for this to take place, she meant that we must debate it, because Parliament allowed us to have this debate. May I please request members to help me with this, for the benefit of the House for all of you? Hon Minister.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Thank you hon Speaker. In Claire Bisseker's article entitled "A Fiscal Unravelling" she notes that South Africa has arrived at the point where politics and debt collides. Here she highlights how a weak attachment to the principle of constitutionalism, non-racialism - remember we all forgot about non-racialism - a market-based economy and the rule of law are unravelling in South Africa.

Hon Speaker, we need to ask ourselves how long can we afford to be held hostage by the ANC's factional battles; including the likes of the CR17 Campaign? [Interjections.] The interest of a political party is being put before the interest of the country.

The SPEAKER: There is a point of order hon Minister, will you please take your seat. Hon member Mvimbi.

Mr L L MVIMBI: Hon Speaker, I just want to ask whether the hon member is willing to take a question. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Done? Hon member Mvimbi, not in my seven minutes.

The SPEAKER: Alright, thank you, hon Minister. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Or nine minutes. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: No man, you are only dealing with [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: This is demonstrated, hon Speaker, by the spiralling unemployment... [Interjection.]

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): You know it is your factions too.

An HON MEMBER: Prove it.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ...and the crime rates at the moment in the country. [Interjections.]

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): It is in the old [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: This further has the spill-over consequence on our township economies, whose local shebeens and other businesses are extorted by the likes of the infamous Boko Haram gang for security... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: I wish to request that, hon members, again, let us manage the tempers. Hon Minister, there is a point of order. I recognise the Chief Whip.

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): Thank you, Mr Speaker. I would actually like to be able to hear what my colleague is saying and there is quite a lot of conversing, which is interrupting the Minister's ability to deliver his speech in the House, if you could please ask the members for their cooperation.

Mr P MARRAN: What Rule is that?

The SPEAKER: Thank you Chief Whip. I think I have raised this with the

hon members and with the House in general. May we proceed, hon Minister?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: So I said this further has spilled over into our township economies whose local shebeens and other spaza shops are extorted by the likes of the infamous Boko Haram gang for security money or what they call “protection money”. Similarly legitimate businesses in Long Street are forced to hire security officials to prevent such extortions and that the security companies are themselves extortionists. This indicates the collapse of the rule of law, hon Speaker.

Hon Speaker, where the rule of law collapses so too does our criminal justice system as it becomes more vulnerable to exploitation, the very criminals it seeks to apprehend. Clearly criminal gangs and syndicates are taking advantage of the collapsing state and of the rule of law that allows them to walk freely among the innocent and vulnerable. [Interjections.]

I realise that the Opposition hates to be reminded of this but while the DA is in Government, and we will continue to fight for the people of this province and the country, there is hope for South Africa and I want to say to you, hon Speaker, I want to say to our Opposition there is hope for the country. [Interjections.]

The reality is that while the rest of South Africa’s story is one of decline and disaster, the DA Western Cape Government is a story of growth, of prosperity. This is why we have the highest school retention rate, the lowest

unemployment rate, and the best delivery of all provinces. That is why everyone of us, you know, we are cramming in here, into this province. In fact Gauteng Premier, David Makhura, has come out saying that he believes the Western Cape to be the best run... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Where does he say so? No!

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ...the best run province. Hon Speaker, the Western Cape Government has consistently called for increased... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order hon members.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ...and more equitable allocations of police personnel to crime-ravaged communities in the Western Cape. We will continue to fight this battle on behalf of our citizens and put maximum pressure on the National Government to improve the poor police population ratio here in the Cape. Rather than waiting for SAPS and the National Government to fulfil their mandate, hon Speaker, and safeguard our citizens, the Department of Community Safety has implemented K9 units into a number of places like Swartland, like Stellenbosch and they have rebranded the Neighbourhood Watches and as a priority and prioritising the uptake of young people from gang-afflicted communities into the Chrysalis Youth Academy.

We have further established the collaborative approach in one instance in the Strand, Somerset-West area, where we calmed unrest on the N2 and in fact...

[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, order hon members.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: You know, it really affected those specific communities. Two weeks ago there were land invasions and car smashing on the N2 resulting in protest and road blockades over the long weekend. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: And Manenberg, what about Manenberg?

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): And the level of service provided; the level of service delivery.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: My Department responded by bringing together Neighbourhood Watches, CPFs, private security companies, ratepayers associations, all of them, SANRAL, and the community members to mediate the violence and I tell you, the unrest has stopped since.

An HON MEMBER: Speak about the [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: So innovatively we have to continue to do that, hon Speaker. The ANC-led National Government ought to

take a lead from our book. They must come learn by us and they are already learning. I am so happy. They are learning. [Interjections.] The DA-led Western Cape Government and the City of Cape Town's joint commitment to safeguarding the residents is further demonstrated by the deployment of a 100 law-enforcement in Bonteheuwel. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: These are better [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: This will also now increase. We will look at far more and many more of those kinds of deployments in other gang and other high-profile areas. Since this deployment there has been a sharp decrease in the number of murders committed in that township. This is phenomenal, given that between the beginning of January and 30 June 2019, 46 murders were committed. Clearly, our country is at an impasse if our economy continues to be undermined by the ANC by stealing and by theft and looting the fiscus. [Interjection.]

Mr M KAMA: [Inaudible.] Who is stealing where?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Important state functions such as our criminal justice system will be obliterated.

Mr M KAMA: Who is stealing? We need to know. [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: I do however believe that there

is hope, hon Speaker. She is inclusive resilient and beautiful. She believes in an open opportunity society for all. She is the Democratic Alliance!

Thank you, hon Speaker. [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you hon Minister Fritz.

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): They do not even clap for you. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon members, order! Order, hon members! [Interjections.]
Order, hon members, I can safely say that honourable Lili, his time, he actually saved a minute from his time, despite me having interjected because of the point of order. May I then... [Interjection.]

Mr P MARRAN: That is a minute, if he wants to speak about the farmworkers in [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: Unfortunately that minute I cannot give, I give it to the next speaker. Hon member Herron.

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

Mr B N HERRON: Hon Speaker, I hope that is not part of my time. Hon Speaker, the *Financial Mail* article talks about key problems like low growth, rising unemployment and mounting debt and who amongst us cannot agree that those are problems that our country faces, but I would not be true

to myself if I did not actually deviate from my speech and say that this debate to me has become an exercise in self-gratification. In our Rules Committee last week or this week I raised with you that we are wasting the taxpayers' money in what I see in this House and today's debate is an example of that. Look at this - the House is empty. There is nobody here to listen. You, Mr Speaker, wanted a House that the people would come and listen to us addressing the issues that concern the people of this province. This gallery is empty. We are wasting taxpayer's money. [Interjections.] Mr Speaker, the Premier has identified five priority areas. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, order hon members. I would like to allow the hon member to speak. We may not - it does not have to be an issue that you agree with, but let us please allow the hon member to express himself.

Mr B N HERRON: Thank you hon Speaker. I am asking this House not to waste our time and the people of the province's time. We are paid to be here to address the problems that are in this province. The Premier has provided or indicated that he has five priority areas. Why did the DA not put up one of those priority areas for debate so we can debate an actual solution for this province? [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes!

Mr B N HERRON: Instead we are engaged in some kind of high school debate, we are engaged in some sort of high school debate, self-gratifying.

We have the ANC and the DA playing off against each other's failures. We are wasting taxpayers' time. This House is a waste of time and this is what we are going to be doing. I implore you, Mr Speaker, and I am imploring you, Mr Premier, to put on the agenda your priorities for debate so we can debate those and not some article that appeared last week in the *Financial Mail*. Thank you. [Applause.] [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you hon member Herron. Hon members, order hon members. [Interjections.] I now recognise hon member Christians.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Hon Speaker, policy uncertainty is scaring investor confidence. However, there are many challenges that this country is facing. We are looking at State-owned Entities that is a disaster. We are looking at the bloated public service Wage Bill that is beyond control and the ACDP is saying this today that the ANC National Government must be held responsible and accountable for the poor financial performance over the past decade or so.

Hon Speaker, I want to say the following and the President and the ANC and I hope the colleagues here will see, the President and the ANC must make difficult decisions because our people in the road and in the communities are suffering because of service delivery protests.

Hon Speaker, hard decisions must be made in order to stabilise this economy. Hard decisions must be made and we also ask the Premier of this Province to

make hard decisions in order to grow the economy further in the Western Cape. Hon Speaker, the R500 billion Wage Bill is out of control. It is believed, according to the World Bank, it is the second-largest of all countries and this R500 billion is just increasing and something must be done, and hon Speaker, also to note is that our deficit is climbing year by year and we cannot afford that. But if decisions are not made in this country to turn it around we will leave the future generation in a lot of debt. So Speaker, I welcome this debate but I think our Premier and leaders must take it up with the President and keep them to account and say there must be a turnaround because we cannot have future generations to be indebted for silly mistakes that the ANC Government is making. I thank you. [Applause.]

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Even the ACDP understands the importance of [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you hon member Christians. Order hon members!

†Die ADJUNKHOOFSWEEP (DA): Daai is nou kole gooi!

[The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): That is now throwing coals!]

The SPEAKER: Hon members, order. I now recognise hon member Marais.

Mr P J MARAIS: Hon Speaker, thank you very much. Sir, there is only one word in this that drew my attention: policy uncertainty. Now I want to ask the DA are you sure of your policy certainties?

An HON MEMBER: Yes!

Mr P J MARAIS: Are you Unitarianism or are you Federal?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Federal.

Mr P J MARAIS: Thanks. So if you are federal, stop being like a trailer attached to a car, go with no brakes and an unqualified driver. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): Speak to the Speaker.

Mr P J MARAIS: Now, hon Speaker, let me first of all say if you are federal, I can see you have a lot of youngsters here but they must be controlled. [Laughter.] If you are for federalism and I want to say, are you capitalist or pro-poor? [Interjections.] Okay!

An HON MEMBER: Pro-poor! [Interjections.]

Mr P J MARAIS: Do you fight for individual rights or for minority rights? [Interjections.] Okay. Are you preserving Christian values and norms or classic liberalism?

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

Mr P J MARAIS: You shut-up, you cannot answer! [Interjections.]

Mr Chairman, let me tell you how badly the DA spent money National gave them. Where is your Minister of Health? [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: There she is.

Mr P J MARAIS: Okay, 2017/2018... [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: The taxpayers...

Mr P J MARAIS: You underspent R18 million on nurses' training. [Interjections.]

HON MEMBERS: Jo!

Mr P J MARAIS: R3.3 million you underspent on bursary allocations. [Interjections.] 135 less bursaries you awarded to would be nursing students?

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): What is the relevance?

Mr P J MARAIS: You underspent a total of R23 million and then you blame the National Government! [Interjections.] [Applause.]

HON MEMBERS: Jo! [Applause.]

†n AGBARE LID: Sjoe!

[An HON MEMBER: Phew!]

Mr P J MARAIS: And for two consecutive years your Minister of Health underspent R51.5 million on health, underspent, and they rewarded her by making her Minister again this year. [Laughter.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, thank you hon member Marais. Your time is up.

Mr P J MARAIS: Oh! My time is up. [Time expired.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mitchell?

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): Chair, I realise that the member's time...
[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Honourable, alright, alright, alright, thank you. We cannot have two hon members on the floor. Hon Minister Mbombo, will you please allow the hon Deputy Chief Whip of the ruling party to say something? He has a point of order.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): Yes, it was actually a point of order. Chair, hon Speaker, I want you to rule on Rule 44 because that was completely irrelevant to the topic today. [Interjections.]

Mr P J MARAIS: Self-promotion!

Mr P MARRAN: You must suffer in silence.

The SPEAKER: If he has the next opportunity I will do so. Hon Minister Mbombo.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Thank you for sponsoring the topic, hon Speaker, because this topic resonates well with the Department of Health, when it comes at the time when we are undergoing major health reforms in the country and also as you are aware that any policy that is being implemented will affect any Department of Health. The Department of Health is the biggest procurer compared to all other department here in the province, we spend around 32% on the goods and services. Even other examples that I can make for example a policy on transport or a policy on safety will impact on health because we have the road fatalities. We have the crime where we have to absorb all of those and both take a huge portion of our budget. We are the recipients and absorb all social ills. Any budget cuts will impact on us. Hon Speaker, but I want to resume on some of a few other aspects. When we talk about health we are talking about how we have to strengthen the whole health system in order to be able to absorb all of those. When we talk about the health system we are talking about the human resource system, leadership and government system, the health financing system, the health information technology system, the availability of medicine system and actually the actual comprehensive packages of service. It is against this background that you will understand that whatever national policy comes across it will impact on us as mentioned above.

Hon Speaker I want only to mention only three: the human resources policy, the system, and also the piloting of the NHI and thirdly the Money Bill. The National Government introduced a three-year salary increase plan for the public servants without providing additional funding and that placed provinces in a difficult position as they have to find ways of getting funds for these salaries. I must add that anyone would be naïve not to promote that public servants must get an increase in salaries but for the provinces this is an unfunded mandate. Now we are sitting in a situation where we have a limitation in terms of increasing the staff numbers beyond the budget envelope. Our staff is working under severe pressure but we find that we are unable to extend that.

Secondly, Phase 1 of the NHI, because now we are talking of the Phase 2; Phase 1 was introduced five years ago, 2012 to 2017, and recently there has been an evaluation of those and what was the focus of the Phase 1? It was about the community of workers, the school health system; the availability of the GPs, the district clinical specialist team, the patient registration system using the technology, the availability of the medicine, the infrastructure, and the staffing issues. If I could report now, hon Speaker it is about all of those 12 districts where these were tested. The whole of it, all have failed. There has been a lack of coordination, insufficient mechanisms to monitor the progress to ensure the cost correction, the lack of resources that has impacted, not only in the Western Cape where we have been piloting in the Eden District but throughout all the provinces. And what is the reasoning behind that, it shows that the centralised Government decision making in

healthcare has demonstrated the shortcomings, and we still have got a budget under-expenditure around the NHI where now the President is saying that he is giving a HR stimulus package to the province to increase the staff. Yet these are the monies in terms of under-expenditure from the NHI.

Hon Speaker, I want to stress that the Western Cape Government supports the principle of Universal Health Coverage which aims to improve access to good quality healthcare and removing financial hardship in the process of acquiring care. The NHI 1 Pilot made the recommendation that for the next phase of the NHI it must be to strengthen the health systems and if we look at the NHI Bill there is nothing that talks about the health system. There is nothing that talks about the quality of care. We also support the reassessment of the allocation of resources from both the private and the public sector to optimally address the health needs of the population and also to introduce the mechanisms and incentives to improve the efficiencies and service delivery. That we do support.

However, this also impacts on the third policy that is imposed on us on the Money Bill. Currently we are talking about in this MTEF, the reduction of our budget in Health, which goes to R1.3 billion and the R1.3 billion equates to the budget of the three hospitals, the Khayelitsha Hospital, the Karl Bremer Hospital, the Mitchells Plain Hospital, meaning if this R1.3 billion cuts are going to happen it means one might end up closing those hospitals. There is an uncertainty if you look in terms of what is happening, if you look at the Bill, on the role of the provinces, the provincial equitable share, what

the NHI Bill says is that in order to fund NHI they have to reduce an equitable share, which is already in the previous MTEF; we have seen the reduction of about R650 million from us. Also they will reduce the conditional grants, which for example is over R18.5 billion for the MTEF. Now hon Speaker, if now we have got all these reductions, how will we be able to respond to the challenges that we have in terms of the long waiting and so forth but yet they still continue bailing out the SOEs. They keep on bailing out Eskom. That is Eskom who contributed to the load-shedding that we saw in our hospitals that we have to come up with a plan B in order to make sure that patients do not suffer.

Hon Speaker, over the years, this province has built a solid relationship with the private partners, which enables us to deliver on our promise of quality health for all. These partnerships are the cornerstone for Universal Health Coverage and no health system can do it alone. That is why the Western Cape is leading when it comes to the whole of society approach with collaboration with other departments. In addition to that already we are testing Universal Health Coverage with the Eastern Cape Department, I mean, with the Eastern Cape Province Health Department where we can be able to collaborate addressing the determinants of health which the NHI Bill lacks in terms of the community involvements and also addressing the social determinants of health.

On 5 September we will have a consultative engagement meeting to improve health towards Universal Health Coverage. We have extended invitations to

everybody including the NGOs that shows our commitments, UHC. That is the need to ensure access to quality healthcare and the financial risk protection.

We welcome UHC to address the equity quality of care and access to care but what we do not accept is that when there is centralisation of the services where National has to take over the provinces, leaving all patients behind. Now we are saying that National, if they want to fix the health system, they must fix it now instead of pulling the funds and centralising them.

They have to bail out the health system. Thank you hon Speaker. [Applause.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes, hear-hear!

The SPEAKER: Thank you. Thank you hon Minister Mbombo. I now recognise the hon member De Jager.

†n AGBARE LID: Hoor-hoor!

[An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!]

Mr I DE JAGER: Hon Speaker, “Government debt as a percentage of GDP is used by investors to measure a country’s ability to make future payments on its debt. South Africa recorded a staggering government debt recording of 55.8% of the country’s GDP in 2018.”

Hon Speaker, things are going to get much worse if this mounting debt continues to be met with policy uncertainty, uncertainty that remains a concern across all sectors of the economy and the impact thereof affecting service delivery to poor households and small businesses. Mostly the poor and small businesses in particular feel the brunt of high electricity. The single most negative factor in the economy, the effects caused by the risk that State-owned Enterprise Eskom poses to public finances. This is also evident in this [Inaudible.] the Western Cape's own City of Cape Town finds themselves in. Note two wrongs do not make it rights.

Furthermore, oversight roles on sales need to improve. We need to stop sitting back and watch National Government spend taxpayers' money recklessly under our noses, or is this merely and I quote, "a case of decision has already been taken that the view of the dominant political party will be adhered to." Our people are facing real issues and we need to come together so that the delivery of services can take place in a coordinate way. Secondly, let us take off the blinkers. The Western Cape is far from the front of National Treasury's queue. According to Stats SA the population of the Western Cape was from 6.3 million in 2016, now 11.3 million. Immigration now accounts for a significant 70% of SA's population growth. The total stock of immigrants' account for only about 7% of the SA population and the Western Cape continues to receive a high number of unaccounted for immigrants from neighbouring countries, which puts severe strain on service delivery. National Government needs to assess the detrimental intake... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member De Jager, you need to wrap up.

Mr I DE JAGER: ... that immigration policy has on the provinces' allocations being made where it matters most. Ultimately all three spheres of government, National, Provincial and Local Government serve the same people. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member De Jager. I now recognise hon Smith.

Mr D SMITH: Thank you hon Speaker. The financial crisis of 2007 and 2008 also known as the Global Financial Crisis and the 2008 financial crisis was a severe worldwide economic crisis considered by many economists to have been the most serious financial crisis since the Great Depression of the 1930s, to which it is often compared. This was followed by the end of the global commodity super cycle which came to an end in 2012, sharply lowering the price of oil, gas, metals and minerals. Dependence on natural resource exports has made nearly half of the sub-Saharan South African countries vulnerable, one way or the other, to the ongoing decline in commodity prices.

What both these major events have in common has been the rise of the doom and gloom naysayers. This article of Claire Bisseker is a classic example of such opportunism to spark fear and panic since there has been a post-2009 and a 2012 audience for this area. Would you think it is an Africa problem?

On August 12, 2019, UK Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, has promised to create 10 000 new prison places and expand stop-and-search powers in a bid to crack down on the dramatic rise in doom-saying devastation, dealing in cataclysm retailing in the UK towns and cities. He further stated:

“We need to come down hard on pessimism-purveyors and devastation-dealers and the misery-merchants and show the feral gangs of Project Fear that there are sunlit uplands, free Kool-Aid and unicorns for all who truly believe.”

Hon member Wenger, you have chosen the third edition of the Project Fear, which was first started in December 2015 by the author on the verge of fiscal suicide. Can SA pull back from the brink? That was also a front-page cover on the *Financial Mail*.

The second edition of Project Fear was her book title, “On the Brink: South Africa’s Political and Fiscal Cliff-Hanger.” [Interjections.] This book is struggling to sell since Ramaphosa became President of South Africa.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Mr D SMITH: The Democratic Alliance knows this all well. Just last year Mmusi Maimane was caught off-guard when his Cape Town Prescott audience challenged him about his election campaign: What do you have to offer?

An HON MEMBER: Cyril.

Mr D SMITH: Investors have confidence in Cyril Ramaphosa's presidency. A diplomat went as far as saying: "business under Cyril Ramaphosa is ready to shift." [Interjection.] Hon member Wenger... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): Speak to the Speaker.

Mr D SMITH: ...your sponsored topic in this third edition from the privileged author who writes books and puts them on the front pages of magazines she is the economist editor of... [Interjection.]

What the doomsayers or misery-merchants as Boris Johnson refers to, refers to them as triggers in the counter-narrative of "we are going to be alright, it is not all doom and gloom." [Interjections.] SA is bruised and battered, but still standing the end of February and why living in SA is not all doom and gloom... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon members, let us please conduct ourselves orderly. There is a point of order, hon member Smith. Will you please take your seat? Hon Chief Whip of the Opposition?

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Thank you hon Speaker, Mr Speaker, I would like you to rule on the fact that member Smith is actually doing his maiden speech. So I would request that he be afforded the same respect as everyone

else. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you hon member Lekker. Hon the Minister.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Mr Speaker, there is a convention in the House. It is true that any member that is delivering his or her maiden speech may not be interrupted, but there is a rider to this, on condition that the speech... [Interjection.]

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): That is so.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Yes, on condition that the speech is not provocative and it is not the case with hon member Smith. Thank you. [Interjections.]

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Rest assured, you will get it back, nè.

The SPEAKER: Alright, thank you. Thank you Minister Madikizela. [Interjections.]

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): You will get it back.

An HON MEMBER: Is that a threat?

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): That is a promise.

The SPEAKER: Alright, hon members, I also want to draw attention to Rule 40 that as much as you want to interject, but let us not do so in such a way that the member is not audible as we listen and I think I have said it earlier, but I thought I must draw your attention to the Rules because it is how we operate here in the House. I heard: †“Die poppe gaan dans.” [Gelag.] [There’s going to be trouble.] [Laughter.] May I request the hon member Smith to please take your podium?

Mr D SMITH: My time - thank you hon Speaker. Hon member Wenger, your sponsored topic in this... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): Speaker, speak to the Speaker! You cannot engage with the member.

The SPEAKER: You must please address the Speaker, hon member.

Mr D SMITH: Hon Speaker, hon member Wenger, your sponsored topic in this third edition from the privileged author who writes books and puts them on the front page of magazines she is the economist editor of, what the “doomsayers or misery-merchants” as Boris Johnson refers to; he refers to them as the triggers in the counter-narrative of “we are going to be alright.

It is not all doom and gloom. A decade ago half of the nation was caught up in the World Cup [Inaudible.], South Africa’s ability to host a World Cup event with reference to the countries would never be able to do it; or Plan B;

or Aussies on standby; or Germany is a secret venue. Apart from a select few who are prepared to get up and do something, most South Africans become experts at the practice of failure.

Today the 2010 World Cup in South Africa features amongst the best tournaments ever hosted. National Treasury has been consistently applying ... [Interjections.] fiscal prudence through various consolidation measures. Treasury has indeed tightened the belt and in early in 2019 they were accused by the Budget Justice Coalition that Treasury has introduced austerity measures in fiscal policy over the past five years. This was reflected in the fact that non-interest expenditure had not increased in line with revenue growth.

Mr Speaker, in response, Treasury's acting DDG for the Budget Office, Ian Stuart, unpacked the structure of Government spend over the medium-term. He said:

“The expenditure ceiling had been introduced in 2012 and expenditure growth had declined substantially compared to patterns observed in the mid-2000s. It is not austerity.”

This is how responsible Treasury has been with the purse. They have been accused of austerity measures, not this nonsense of unravelling or sovereignty crisis by approaching the IMF and being prescribed how to run ... [Interjections.]

The MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE: It is coming.

Mr D SMITH: ... the country and its finance.

The MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE: It is coming.

Mr D SMITH: The DA would love to pedal information, spread rumours that South Africa (Pty) is in liquidation and needs a bailout. Stop being devastation dealers and misery merchants and govern the Western Cape.

[Interjections.]

No one is celebrating or promoting the murder capital of Africa [Interjections.]. Cape Town, which has been labelled worse than war-torn countries on the continent. No one is asking people to pack up and leave.

[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: You need to ... [Interjections.]

Mr D SMITH: Deal with the socio-economic ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order! Hon member, you need to wrap up.

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

Mr D SMITH: Deal with the socio-economic crisis and service delivery crisis

in municipalities and the Provincial Government, and, Mr Premier, please, maybe you must appoint younger MEC's, because your MEC's are getting old here. [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

Mr D SMITH: Thank you, Mr Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. [Interjections.] Thank you, hon member Smith. Hon members, order. I now recognise the Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities, hon Maynier.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES: Thank you, Mr Speaker. It is very disappointing and a great pity to hear the hon member Brett Herron consider and refer to this debate on the collapse of the economy, which has caused so many people to lose their jobs, a waste of time. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES: Which brings me to the hon member Marais. It is rich taking a question on policy certainty from the hon member Peter Marais, who has been a member of virtually every political party in this country ... [Laughter.] and which raises the question of whether he has any policy certainty.

Mr P J MARAIS: Everybody wanted me, that is why. [Laughter.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES: The hon ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Minister Maynier, will you please take your seat? I have not recognised you yet, hon member.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): Yes, I have not spoken yet, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: And I recognise you.

An HON MEMBER: Sit down.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): No-no, I do not ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mitchell.

Mr D G MITCHELL: Thank you, Mr Speaker. I want you to rule, because it is surely not parliamentary for a hon member to switch on the microphone and just start speaking.

An HON MEMBER: Ja!

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): And also we cannot hear the Minister

responding.

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): So if you can please just protect the Minister. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: I think let me simply say this, I have said it before in this House. If an hon member of this House wants to speak and you are not on the speakers list and you want to interject, the only way to do so is as a heckling exercise ... [Interjections.] without your mic, and then you are safe. I am sure hon member Marran will remember this ... [Interjections.]; but we do so without ... [Interjections] – [Laughs.] No, I am just saying ... [Interjections.]

Mr P J MARAIS: I abide by your ruling, sir, thank you.

The SPEAKER: Now hon member Marais seems to be coping. I remember he dealt with it the other day. [Interjections.] But you are not a culprit today, you are safe, sir. Thank you, hon member Marais, thank you for that. [Interjections.] Are we now ready hon members? I recognise Minister Maynier.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES: Thank you, Mr Speaker. I am delighted to see that finally after all these years, the hon member Peter Marais now does seem to have some policy certainty.

Now the hon member Izgak de Jager made a solid contribution, but I could not help noticing that he invented a new economic metric, DGDP, which I must thank him for and which I am intrigued by. [Interjection.] Which brings me of course to the hon Danville Smith, and I would like to congratulate you on your maiden speech, but I could not help noting your shift to the right, quoting Boris Johnson of all people ... [Laughter.] so approvingly.

Which brings me to the hon Mvimbi. I would also like to congratulate you, sir, on your maiden speech, but unfortunately you symbolise why South Africa is unravelling. You reject all the very good proposals contained in this article; you refuse to cut expenditure; you refuse to shut down State-owned Enterprises; which of course raises the question about whether the hon member is in a different faction in the governing party, compared to the Minister of Finance, Tito Mboweni, who of course is committed to shutting down South African Airways; and although to his credit the hon member might not be a fan of prescribed assets, there did not seem to be any steal, and he did not seem to be opposing prescribed assets ... [Interjections.], and he appears in fact to support the raiding of private and public pension funds in order to bail out State-owned Enterprises ...[Interjections.]

†n AGB LID: Skande!

[An HON MEMBER: Disgrace!]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES: ... in South Africa. Hon Speaker, to underline the point, we are in deep economic

trouble in South Africa. We have stagnant economic growth with the economy forecast to grow at an average of about 1,5% over the medium-term. We have declining per capita incomes as population growth exceeds the economic growth rate, which means the poor are getting poorer. We have staggering levels of unemployment with 9,9 million people who do not have jobs, or ... [Interjection.] who have given up looking for jobs in South Africa. We have zombie State-owned Enterprises, like South African Airways, consuming billions of rands in bailouts. We have eye watering debt levels with national debt now set to exceed the estimated R3,4 trillion or 59% of GDP in 2021/22.

What this means is that in 2021/22 we will be spending R247 billion on debt service costs, which is about a billion more than we spent on basic education last year in 2018/19 in South Africa. We are, contrary to what the hon member Smith believes, in ICU; and then we have the biggest threat to the economy, consuming R59 billion ... [Interjections.]

Mr P J MARAIS: Point of order, point of order, Mr Speaker.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES: ... in bailouts, which of course is Eskom.

The SPEAKER: Hon Minister, will you please take your seat? Hon member Marais? What is your point of order, Sir?

Mr P J MARAIS: I would like to know when you say “we”, sir, are you referring to the National Parliament or the Provincial Parliament ...

[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: What is your point of order?

Mr P J MARAIS: Who is “we”?

The SPEAKER: What is your point of order?

Mr P J MARAIS: The point of order is he really ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Which Rule?

Mr P J MARAIS: Okay. [Interjections.] I know the Rule so that is why I took a minute of his time.

The SPEAKER: Alright. [Laughter.] Alright, I am sure the Minister will respond to you, but I had to emphasise on the Rule, because I want all of us to begin to use the Rules. [Interjections.] I am sure you have noted that hon members. Hon Minister?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES: Thank you, Mr Speaker, when I use the term “we” I quite evidently don’t include that hon member. [Laughter.]

Mr Speaker, the fact is that Eskom is in a death spiral and has a staggering debt mountain of R441 billion ... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES: ... which will cost R69 billion in debt service costs this year, which is about a billion rand more than the Provincial Budget this year in the Western Cape. Think about that. We will be spending R69 billion on debt service costs for Eskom, which is a billion rand more than the Provincial Budget in the Western Cape. South Africa is indeed unravelling, and of course we have rating agencies circling us like sharks, with Moody's Investor Services about to push the red button and downgrade our sovereign credit rating to junk status in South Africa, which of course will result in a giant sucking sound as capital moves out of South Africa. [Interjections.]

We need an economic growth and recovery plan. However, what do we have? We have land expropriation without compensation; we have the nationalisation of the Reserve Bank; and we have prescribed assets in South Africa.

Do not listen to me, listen to the ANC's economic policy ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Minister, will you please take your seat? There is a point of order. I recognise the hon Marran.

Mr P MARRAN: It is just a question of clarity. Is the word ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): That is not a point of order.
[Interjections.]

Mr P MARRAN: Is the word “suck” parliamentary? [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Alright. Thank you very much hon member Marran. The Minister has got an opportunity using Rule 65 to explain himself, but it is a very – one, it is one word that ...[Interjections.] means so many things.
[Interjections.] I want to be schooled. Hon Minister?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES: Thank you, Mr Speaker. The ANC’s economic policies are – this weekend said, and I quote:

“Why should you go to the IMF and the World Bank and go and raise money when we have sufficient savings in the economy, which can borrow probably at a far cheaper rate ...” Interjections.]

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

An HON MEMBER: There is question [Indistinct.]

The SPEAKER: Alright, hon members, please help me. What is your point of

order, hon member Smith?

Mr D SMITH: Mr Speaker, you requested the MEC to give clarity based on the Rules.

The SPEAKER: Yes.

Mr D SMITH: So the MEC ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you hon member Smith. Hon Minister, in terms of Rule 65 you may explain what you meant by the specific word.

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): A figure of speech.

The SPEAKER: There is only one speaker on the floor.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

The SPEAKER: ... and there is only one Minister Maynier. So can he only speak for himself.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES: Thank you, Mr Speaker, it is a merely a term suggesting that capital in large volumes may leave South Africa in the event of a sovereign credit ratings downgrade.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, Minister Maynier, you may proceed with your speech, Sir.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES: Thank you, Mr Speaker.

The SPEAKER: I hope it is clear to the hon member Marran.

Mr P MARRAN: It is fine.

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES: And the statement suggests that the governing party actually is thinking of raiding private and public pension funds in order to bail out National Government and zombie State-owned Enterprises in South Africa, and of course, worse, we have State banks, we have sovereign wealth funds, we have debt relief, we have national insurance; all seemingly dreamt up at the “How to Wreck Your Own Economy”, Hugo Chavez School of Economics.

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES: Now we in the Western Cape have worked hard to create an environment for the private sector in the markets to drive economic growth and job creation, and

as a result have the lowest unemployment rate in South Africa, but the full horror of the National Government's mismanagement of the economy, mismanagement of our public finances and mismanagement of our State-owned Enterprises will have major implications in the form of deep budget cuts which risk severely compromising service delivery in the Western Cape.

We now face budget cuts of 5% or R2,8 billion in 2020/21; 6% or R3,5 billion in 2021/22; and 7% or R4,3 billion in 2022/23. We are committed to fighting these budget cuts tooth and nail, and for that reason I have already written to the Minister of Finance, informing him that the budget cuts are unaffordable, unrealistic and will compromise frontline service delivery in the Western Cape. [Interjections.]

We must now face the fact that the economic crisis or South Africa's unravelling is not caused by some kind of third force or the global financial crisis, but by Government's mismanagement of our economy in South Africa. The root cause of the problem is that we have a National Government that is pro-growth and anti-business at the same time in South Africa. We have, to put it simply, a National Government that loves milk but hates cows. [Laughter.]

Now the article in the *Financial Mail* [Interjections.], "South Africa's great unravelling" ends with a question [Interjections.]:

"Can the economy be saved?"

And the answer to the question is yes, but not as long as the governing party is governing South Africa, because the fact is that the politics is killing the economics, and in the end, to quote another article in this week's *Financial Mail*:

“The brains that created our problems cannot be the brains that will solve them.”

I thank you. [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon members; thank you hon Minister Maynier. That concludes this specific debate and the subject at hand.

[Debate concluded.]

We are now, in terms of Rule 197, dealing with the Interpellations and the first interpellation is by hon member Maseko to hon Minister Simmers. I recognise Minister Simmers.

INTERPELLATIONS:

Forest Village Housing Project

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

Why were completed houses in the Forest Village Housing Project illegally occupied?

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Thank you, Mr Speaker, and thank you to hon member Maseko for the question.

Hon member Maseko, an unrest occurred at Forest Village on 28 May 2019 just after 8:30 p.m. in the evening; supposedly led by Mfuleni backyarders. It is alleged that they were unhappy about beneficiaries from outlying areas who were being relocated to Forest Village. They damaged several units while also invading certain other units.

Initially it was thought that only 100 doors were damaged, but upon final assessment it turned out that they damaged 283; which is a cost of more than R1 million. Included in this amount are materials and tools stolen from the storeroom, which is valued at over R140 000.

This can only be described as thuggery, Mr Speaker, which I will continue to condemn in the strongest possible terms. We are not a lawless country or a banana republic, and we will not allow ourselves to become one.

It is becoming crystal clear that there are groups who are led by so-called community leaders with the support of so-called senior politicians even sitting in this Chamber, who are attempting to disturb the peace in our communities ... [Interjections.]. Criminal cases have been opened with the

police.

Mr D SMITH: You must do your work.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: These illegal and criminal activities hampers the delivery of houses to the very people that need it the most, Mr Speaker. [Interjections.] Our particular focus is the most vulnerable and needy in our communities to ensure that they are prioritised for housing delivery.

Beneficiaries from the Airport Precinct, the N2 Gateway Access and Wards 17, 16, 108 and 114, are all beneficiaries that will benefit from this project.

An HON MEMBER: MEC of complaints.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: We remain committed to accelerating human settlements delivery, while promoting social inclusion through the development of integrated, resilient and sustainable human settlements in an open society, and will not allow thug-like behaviour to divert us from this. I can confirm that the damage to the units have been repaired.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. I now recognise hon member Maseko.

Ms L M MASEKO: Thank you very much, Mr Speaker. I thank the hon Minister for the inputs and equally condemn the destruction and damages stated. I understand that housing opportunities and human settlements delivery continue to be in high demand, which often leads to frustration and unhappiness when communities feel that they are either not being listened to, not adequately supplied with relevant and correct information, or sometimes even not allowed to air their grievances at all.

What I would like the Minister to further take this House into his confidence, Mr Speaker, is to whether or not he or his Department has spoken or interacted with the affected community on, and since the occupation? It would also be very welcomed, Mr Speaker, if the Minister would elaborate on what information was given to the community during these interactions and how he or his Department continue to engage with the affected community? I thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Maseko. I now recognise hon member Lili.

Mr A LILI: Hon Minister ... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Speaker.

Mr A LILI: Oh, Mr Speaker, I am sorry. Are you blaming ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: You must address the Speaker, hon member.

Mr A LILI: Mr Speaker, I am asking a question, through you, to Minister ...
[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Simmers.

Mr A LILI: Simmers. Is he really blaming and calling, or labelling the backyarders “thugs”? Whereas as a Minister in that Department he understands the frustration and the backlog which his ... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Predecessor.

Mr A LILI: ... predecessor has been talking about for some time, whilst he was the Minister of Human Settlements.

My question to him, Mr Speaker, is: Is he really blaming them? Is he really serious calling them thugs? Can he go to that extent, understanding, I mean the conditions of backyard dwellers, not only in Cape Town, but across the Western Cape, because some backyard dwellers have been there since the early 90's.

So is he really blaming them and even going further and calling them thugs?
[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Lili. I now recognise hon member Maseko.

Ms L M MASEKO: Thank you very much, Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, I thought that hon member on that side understood what is it all about; why this interpellation. There is no way that we can promote criminality. Yes, every community will say that there is a housing that we are in need of, but the criminality factor, I do not need think there can be any ... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: What kind of criminality?

Ms L M MASEKO: ... member here who promotes and says that you have to explain criminality. [Interjections.] This is another form of criminality. The most important thing that we have to put in mind is that ... [Interjections.]

Mr A LILI: You cannot divert my question [Inaudible.].

Ms L M MASEKO: ... which is the concern to me, is that there is a cost involved in damages, repairs and replacement of ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Maseko, will you please take your seat. Hon members, remember this is a debate. Let us allow the hon member to respond and participate in the manner in which she is doing. If there is something you do not like there is still a debate. If you do not get it now, next time, but let us allow this in the spirit of the debate. The hon member is within her rights

to respond in the manner in which she does. Hon member Maseko?

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

An HON MEMBER: Yôh!

Ms L M MASEKO: Mr Speaker, again I am saying that there is no way that it can be possible that an hon member in this House can agree to criminality that happens out there.

Mr A LILI: No-no-no-no.

Ms L M MASEKO: I know because there are hon members in this House ...[Interjections.]

Mr A LILI: Mr Speaker, ... [Interjections.]

Ms L M MASEKO: ... that will never agree to the criminality that is happening.

Mr A LILI: Mr Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Order! Hon member Maseko ... [Interjections.]

Mr A LILI: Mr Speaker ...

The SPEAKER: Yes, hon member Lili?

Mr A LILI: I thought, Mr Speaker, you are really going to interject or correct the hon member for misquoting me; suggesting that I am even encouraging, a word that I have never used. Please, Mr Speaker, protect me, please from the hon member over there.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Lili. By the way it is correct what you have done. I do not know the merits of the statements made. Rule 65 allows for clarity next time so that you explain yourself; so that there is no misquoting or confusion about what you may or may not have said. Sitting here I want to encourage robust conversation and robust debate. May I now allow hon member Maseko?

Ms L M MASEKO: Thank you very much, Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, you will have to help me. I am still saying there is no way there can be a member in here – I am proud of our members in this House. There is no way there can be a member in this House that can promote criminality out there, and I can stand for them, they have taken an oath. That is what I said and I am standing to my words. [Interjections.]

Now that being said, the invasion was criminality. We have to recognise the frustration of the communities and we have to ask ourselves how much conversation is happening with the beneficiaries and the Departments, and that is where we have to do the oversight. We have to acknowledge that there

is a cost that is involved when that is happening, and that is why me and my hon member of the Opposition, we are sitting on oversight to say to the hon Minister we cannot have wasted expenditure because there was no conversation with the communities.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Maseko.

Ms L M MASEKO: I thank you.

The SPEAKER: I now recognise the hon Minister.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Thank you, Mr Speaker. Hon member Maseko, I will first respond to your question and then hon member Lili.

Because this is a caring Government, hon member Maseko ... [Laughter.], and part of caring is listening. I can report to this House and take you into my confidence that we have had engagements with all beneficiaries and clarified the criteria being used to ensure that residents are afforded a housing opportunity and which ultimately formed the basis of this unhappiness. But I personally visited and had meetings with the residents of Ward 16, 17 and 108 to elect Project Steering Committees as well, because as Government, we want to deal with recognised leaders of a community, not piecemeal leadership; so that we would know firstly that they are legitimate leaders and to ensure that no misinformation about the project is being

shared, as was being done by this group.

These wards comprise of communities such as Forest Village, Eerste River, Eerste River South, Electric City, Faure, Dream World, Drift Sands, Klein Vlei – which is an area I visited – Rosedal, Forest Heights, Hillcrest Heights, Tuscany Glen, Malibu Village – which I also visited – The Conifers, Fairdale, Fountain Village and Mfuleni – which I also visited.

†Ek praat nie net nie, ek doen, mnr die Speaker. [Tussenwerpsels.] [I do not only talk, I act Mr Speaker.]

I am also pleased to inform this House that every second week, after we have now put these structures in place, except for the last two weeks, we have managed to deliver a maximum of 25 units to beneficiaries, in consultation with these Project Steering Committees. Upon completion, Mr Speaker, in December 2020, it is expected to yield in excess of 4,500 housing opportunities for the people of the Western Cape, with more than 1,700 people from the surrounding communities I have just highlighted, which would ultimately be true beneficiaries.

Now, hon member Lili, when I started off I said it is supposedly led by Mfuleni backyarders for a specific reason, because I knew you were going to jump onto that. [Laughter.]

Now people with genuine needs ...[Interjections.]

Mr M K SAYED: Because he cares about [Inaudible.].

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: People with genuine needs, hon member Lili ...[Interjections.]

Mr A LILI: Because you know that I care.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: ... work through formal structures. [Interjections.] You really do not care and your history proves that. And the reason why I chose “supposedly led by Mfuleni backyarders” ... [Interjection.] hon member Lili, is because when I engaged the beneficiaries of Mfuleni on that Saturday to re-establish their PSC. You know what their own words were? “Minister Simmers, we do not even know these people. Many of them who were leaders in this protest are not even backyarders,” and I thank you.

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister Simmers. [Interjections.] That concludes this interpellation. I now move to the next interpellation by hon member Nkondlo to the Minister of Finance and Economic Development. I recognise hon the Minister.

Plans for the economy of townships and rural towns

2. Ms N D Nkondlo asked the Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities:

What is his Department's plan for the economy of townships and rural towns?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES: Thank you, Mr Speaker. We have worked hard to create an enabling environment for the private sector and for markets to drive economic growth and job creation, and as a result had the lowest unemployment rate in South Africa.

However, despite that, we do have too many people. Many of whom are young people who do not have jobs or have given up looking for jobs in the Western Cape. We recognise that the township economy and the rural town economy are important and must be part of our plan so that we can create even more jobs, especially for young people in the Western Cape.

We have to date established an economic war room which is focused on eliminating obstacles to economic growth in various sectors of our economy, including informal, light manufacturing, which includes small-scale manufacturing businesses in townships in the Western Cape.

We have established an SMME booster fund which is focused on supporting institutions that support entrepreneurs and small businesses in the township economy and rural town economy in the Western Cape.

We have also established a market store programme which is focused on providing grant funding to small businesses in order to expand and convert retail space into independent mini supermarkets in townships in the Western Cape.

We have supported the establishment of, for example, market stores in Gugulethu, Nyanga, Blue Downs and Mbekweni, which have created about 90 jobs for people; many of whom are young people in the Western Cape. What a privilege it was for me to have the opportunity to open the Mbekweni Market Store, which is a state of the art mini supermarket, now employing about 30 young people in Mbekweni outside Paarl.

When we were opening the market store, the local ward councillor who is a member of the ANC, expressed things so well ... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES: ... when he told young people, many of whom who were first time employees, that a job will take you somewhere in life ... [Interjections.]

We have also established the Western Cape Entrepreneurship Recognition Awards, which are focused on recognising the achievements and the passions and the talents of entrepreneurs in township economies and rural economies

in the Western Cape, and in fact last week I visited a previous winner of these awards, Eden All Natural, which is run by Debbie Matake; who started manufacturing peanut butter in her kitchen and now manages a team of 12 people; supplying peanut butter to Pick n Pay, Spar and many other major retailers in the Western Cape.

Winning the award not only drove awareness of the All Eden Natural brand, but the prize money allowed Eden All Natural to buy equipment necessary to increase production and employ more people in the Western Cape.

We have done much to support the township economy and rural economy in the Western Cape, but there is more work to be done on growing the township economy and the rural economy in the Western Cape, and I look forward to listening to your ideas and working with you on doing exactly that: growing the township economy and the rural town economy in the Western Cape. I thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister Maynier. I now recognise hon member Mvimbi.

Mr L L MVIMBI: Thank you, Mr Speaker. The ANC-led Gauteng Provincial Government has led the country in expanding and developing the township economy, as well as the economies of our rural areas.

That Provincial Government has identified that by 2030 the township

economy alone will contribute at least 30% of the Province's GDP.

I am making reference to Gauteng Province because I have realised that most of the members like to refer to comrade David Makhura; he has become their favourite ... [Laughter.]

An HON MEMBER: Premier.

Mr L L MVIMBI: Premier, yes. So I thought that it would be relevant ...
[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: He is a role model.

[The Deputy Speaker takes the Chair.]

Mr L L MVIMBI: The priority is set as to make practical the idea of inclusive growth ... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Which faction [Inaudible.].

Mr L L MVIMBI: ... and ensure that more of our people are included in the economy by being economically active. These economies, the township and rural, certainly also open an array of economic opportunities for micro, small to medium enterprises and cooperatives. However, while these may be small to medium enterprises, these economies are worth billions of rand.

The minibus taxi industry, the spaza shop industry, burial societies and stokvels, are just some of the example of enterprises that are small and medium in size, but are billion rand industries of their own.

At the same time these economies also open the possibility for promotion of innovation and indigenous knowledge system, as well as the chance for the Western Cape Provincial Government to procure locally.

The reality of course, Madam Deputy Speaker, is that this Government's priority is only traditional economies which are likely controlled by and in the hands of a few. You might have made an example of Pick n pay, but you will find that that Pick n pay is still owned by people that are not from Mbekweni. If you look into the ownership of that, you will find that they are just putting Pick n pay in all the townships but those Pick n pays are not owned by people from Mbekweni; it will be different with Pick n pay that is at the centre of town. The Pick n pay in the centre of town would be owned by people from town. So it is just going to be perpetuating poverty.

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Yes, the Pick n pay in Nyanga is owned by a person from Gugulethu.

Mr L L MVIMBI: The reality of course, Madam Deputy Speaker, is that ... [Interjection.] this Government only prioritises economies which are largely controlled by and in your hands.

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Why not somebody from Nyanga?

Mr L L MVIMBI: This Western Cape Provincial Government places emphasis on the CBD ... [Interjections.]

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Yes! [Interjections.]

Mr L L MVIMBI: ... instead of exploring and supporting economic opportunities within our townships ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr L L MVIMBI: ... and rural areas. This Provincial Government believes in leaving everything to the attitude of the market, and as a result past pockets of privilege continue unabated. The problem of ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please finish up.

Mr L L MVIMBI: The problem of depending on the market economy, is you are actually at the mercy of the market and most of the time the market has got no mercy for the poor. It only looks after the interest of the rich.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon member. I now move on to hon Baartman.

An HON MEMBER: Venezuela!

An HON MEMBER: Venezuela was sabotaged by America.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

An HON MEMBER: No!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.]

Ms D M BAARTMAN: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I am happy that hon member Mvimbi mentioned Gauteng. I did a bit of research on Gauteng and in the beginning of February 2019 both the Western Cape ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Ms D M BAARTMAN: ... and the Department of Economic Development and Tourism, as well as National Human Science Research Council did research on township economies, and one of the provinces that were researched were Gauteng.

One of the findings of that report was that in the 11,000 township enterprises across nine township sites in four provinces, including Gauteng, liquor, grocery and food services represented 54% of all township businesses. Unfortunately the taxi industry only made up 2% of the entire enterprise.

However, as per this report, it did indicate that in terms of township and rural economies, it is very important for enterprise place-making and social fabric to be interwoven.

Through you, hon Deputy Speaker, could the Minister please provide more information on the revitalisation initiative involving the conversion of existing spaza shops within townships and to independently owned mini supermarkets, and how we can replicate this success.

Further, hon Deputy Speaker, if the Minister could please indicate the impact that I-CAN centres in the Western Cape have had on informal areas and how these centres can assist communities into the digital age.

Recently also the Department briefed us as part of the Department's programmes on SMME booster programmes. If the Minister could please just indicate how the funding and infrastructure are impacting on informal areas through this project, and finally, hon Deputy Spear, it is my understanding that Wesgro, as part of the Department's entities, has made a submission to the National Parliament on the draft Tourism Amendment Bill known locally as the "Kill Airbnb Bill".

Airbnb recorded a 110% growth in rural towns outside Cape Town in 2018. Can the Minister, hon Deputy Speaker, please indicate what the impact of this Bill would be on the Western Cape if it were implemented?
[Interjections.] I thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much. I see the hon member Herron.

Mr B N HERRON: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I assume that when the hon Minister spoke about creating an enabling environment, that this included mobility and access to and from townships for residents and visitors.

So the City of Cape has allowed the MyCiTi service to come to a grinding halt to and from Khayelitsha and Mitchells Plain, because they failed to negotiate a new contract. The MyCiTi service was providing about 3,5 million passenger trips in a quarter, and we are nearly at a quarter, so we have lost about 3,5 million passenger trips on that MyCiTi service. Then in George the Province has decided to postpone the rollout of Go George to Thembalethu, and so there we have the residents of Thembalethu who are also denied public transport access and mobility.

So I am wondering what impact does the Minister consider when his Government, his Provincial Government and his City government, force township residents to spend four to six times more on public transport to get to and from these township areas. Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon member Herron. I see the Mvimbi.

Mr L L MVIMBI: Hon Minister, through you, hon Deputy Speaker, I like the example that you have made around the issues of townships, but it would be interesting if you could just give an indication because there are many of these supermarkets in the townships. There are a lot of them. There are many supermarkets or malls, as we call them, in various townships throughout the Western Cape.

For example, there is a mall in George, in Thembaletu. It would just be interesting to find out; maybe not for this sitting, but for the future, just who owns, what is the ownership? And then you take that ownership and you compare it to a Pick n Pay from George in the centre of town – who owns that Pick n Pay? And you will find that most of the ownership is 100% owned by people not from that area. I know there are other instances ... [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: [Inaudible.] invest where you live. [Interjections.]

Mr L L MVIMBI: Can I ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Continue, please, hon member.

Mr L L MVIMBI: Okay, thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker. The only way we can actually deal with this skewed pattern of ownership is to make sure that we empower people that are from that area. [Interjections.]. You might find that when they are going to open a mall in a township, they do not actually employ people from the township, they will transfer staff from

another area, because they say that those people from that area do not have any experience; but you might be creating jobs, but you are not creating jobs for the people that are from that area. [Interjections.] Thank you very much.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much. Hon member, I recognise the Minister Maynier.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker, I want to reiterate the fact that we recognise that the township economy and the rural economy are important and it must be part of our plan going forward, so that we can create more jobs for people, especially young people in the Western Cape.

I think the hon member Mvimbi is wrong on the question of ownership but I am interested in his reference to programmes in the township economy in Gauteng, and certainly I will take a look at those programmes and if there is anything that we can learn, we will certainly take a look at those programmes.

The hon member is also wrong when he says that there is a problem with our approach to the market. The truth is that if we had more market and less state, perhaps South Africa would in fact not be unravelling.

The hon member Baartman referred to the Market Store Programme, and asked me to expand on it, and of course I am delighted that we will be

looking at partnering and extending this programme, and opening up to eight more stores in the Western Cape during this financial year.

The hon member also referred to the I-CAN centres, which I was not able to mention in my first contribution, but this of course is a very exciting programme, extending digital skills to young people. There is an excellent centre in Elsies River, and I am delighted to say that my Department are looking at extending this programme into the platteland, into Saldanha, Berg River and Bredasdorp.

The hon member also raised the question of the Tourism Amendment Bill, which hon members may not know, is aimed at regulating short-term rentals and experiences available on digital platforms like Airbnb. I am advised that the market for short-term rentals and experiences in townships and rural towns is vibrant and growing, and of course I am concerned that regulation of the sector may risk constraining rather than expanding opportunity in the short-term rental market, and experienced market in the township economies in the Western Cape, and we are going to have to be vigilant when it comes to that Bill.

The hon member Herron mention mobility, which of course if very important, and he referred to the MyCiTi bus service; which, if I am not mistaken, the hon member was responsible for just a couple of months ago. [Interjections.]

Mr B N HERRON: Until November.

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

Mr B N HERRON: Until November. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, please!

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES: The hon member Mvimbi then came back to his point about the market, and let me reiterate that if we had more market and less state, perhaps South Africa would not be unravelling.

Hon Deputy Speaker, let me then close by reiterating a point that I made earlier. There is more work that needs to be done on growing the township economy and the rural town economy in the Western Cape, and we certainly look forward to listening to new and innovative ideas, and working with you on growing the township economy, and growing economies in rural towns in the Western Cape. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much. That concludes Interpellations. We will now deal with Questions as printed on the Question Paper. I recognise the hon the Premier.

Questions for oral reply

New questions to the Premier

National Ministry of Police: intergovernmental dispute

1. Mr R D Mackenzie asked the Premier:

Whether the intergovernmental dispute with the national Ministry of Police has been resolved; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

The PREMIER: Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker, and thank you very much to hon member Mackenzie for the question.

No, the intergovernmental dispute that was declared with the National Minister of SAPS on 25 April 2019, has not been resolved, it remains in place. However, Section 42 of the Intergovernmental Relations Framework Act compels parties to first find and agree on an appropriate mechanism for procedure, other than that of judicial process, to settle such dispute.

As such, Minister Fritz and Minister Bheki Cele have agreed that the litigation process between the Social Justice Coalition and the Police Minister in the Equality Court, and in which our Minister of Community Safety is a part, is an appropriate mechanism for us to try to settle the dispute before launching our own independent litigation. I am advised this process has been formally sanctioned by the Equality Court, the parties to the

case will now engage between themselves on SAPS; a plan for potential remedies to the finding of the Court's 28 December judgment, that the current policing model is unfair to poor and black residents of the Western Cape.

The court order has already recently been handed down in terms of which SAPS's legal representatives have undertaken to provide the other parties to the litigation, including our Minister of Community Safety, with their proposed new resourcing allocation plan by no later than 1 December this year.

Once we have been provided with this plan, we will be in a position to consider its contents and engage on this matter further with SAPS. Only once we are fully satisfied that SAPS is actively taking steps to improve resourcing in this province and make it safer, will we drop the intergovernmental dispute. I very much look forward to the receipt of SAPS's new plan so that we can move our fight against crime in this province forward.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much, Premier. I see the hon member Mackenzie.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. Hon Premier, regarding the ongoing intergovernmental dispute which we all know is on policing matters, how are you being kept abreast on the latest development on

the deployment of the army and the police in the massive fight against gangsterism? Last week when I was in Mitchells Plain I saw Minister Cele there and the Deputy Minister of Police, but I did not see you and Minister Fritz there?

Mr P MARRAN: By choice.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Premier?

The PREMIER: So that is an interesting comment coming from across the floor, and maybe I will deal with that as I answer this question.

First of all we, as a Cabinet, yesterday received a full briefing from the Intelligence Agency, from the South African Police Services. We also had the prison services with us yesterday, and the judiciary represented; and the way I see it is this is the start of forming that committee that I would like to see on prioritising safety in this province, so we bring the parties to the table.

Unfortunately because the military say that they report directly to the President, they are not able to be in this space reporting. However, we did get some numbers via the Acting Provincial Police Commissioner on specifically the operation lockdown that is in place at the moment. I really do not want to sort of put those numbers that they put on the table here into the Legislature. I think that would come when the Standing Committee asks them for an oversight report, because they have asked us that some of the detail that was

given to us remain secret as it was part of that reporting mechanism.

On the second part of the question around whether this partnership that we are trying to build for a safer province is actually working, and it was very interesting to hear the comment coming out of the ANC benches to say that the Minister and the Deputy Minister come to this province and do not engage with the Premier, the MEC, the Department of Community Safety in this province by choice. [Interjections.]

It is actually very pertinent, because it cannot be by choice. [Interjections.] I mean these are governments and quite frankly, it is unacceptable if that is by choice. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, I see the hon member Marran.

Mr P MARRAN: Hon Deputy Speaker, I am rising on Rule 65. Just to clarify myself and what I have said; because the question from the hon member on the other side was ...[Interjections.]

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): On a point of order.

Mr P MARRAN: ... why was the Premier ...

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): On a point of order.

Mr P MARRAN: ... and the Minister not present ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: One minute, please, hon member ...[Interjections.]

Mr P MARRAN: ... and my response was ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: One minute, hon member, if you can just take your seat. I see the Chief Whip.

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): Thank you ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Just – one minute. [Interjections.]

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): Hon Deputy Speaker, the Rules are very clear on Rule 65 ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Hon members! [Interjections.] Just have a seat, have a seat. Hon members, if I could just, if you could just give me a moment to hear the Chief Whip out. [Interjections.] I will – there was a point of order. She has a right to ... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: No!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No, he is asking the Premier a question. She is standing on a point of order. I would like to hear the Chief Whip on a point

of order, please. She was first; I will hear you out afterwards. [Interjections.]
I recognise the Chief whip.

Mr M KAMA: On a point of order ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No, first – she was before you [Interjections.].

Mr M KAMA: Hon Deputy Speaker, there – that was a point ...
[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I am not recognising you.

Mr M KAMA: ... of order.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No, there was not a point of order, he was speaking.

Mr M KAMA: He did even mention the Rules that apply.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, I have not recognised you. I am first going to hear the Chief Whip out and I will hear you after. Thank you very much, hon Chief Whip. [Interjections.]

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. My understanding is that the hon ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): ... member did rise on a point of order in terms of Rule 65. However, he then proceeded to provide an explanation, but the Rules are very clear that an explanation is only allowed with the consent of the Presiding Officer ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: That is correct.

Ms M M WENGER: ... and you have not yet granted that consent.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: That is absolutely correct. That is the Rules. Now I can hear ... [Interjections.] I – one minute. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: On a point of order.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members, if you would like to address the Speaker or the Deputy Speaker of House, please stand. I now recognise you, sir because you have ... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: No.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: ... because you have now been first. Wait.

Mr P MARRAN: Hon Deputy Speaker, my ... [Interjections.] You have

acknowledged me?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I have acknowledged you.

Mr P MARRAN: You gave me the floor? So, hon Deputy Speaker, my response to his question is it is not that the Minister or the Deputy Minister came to this province by choice. No. The Premier and the Minister decided not to go. It was their choice to be there or not to be there.

An HON MEMBER: No!

Mr P MARRAN: Yes.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: But, hon member ... [Interjections.] I am not, as the Deputy Speaker of this House, debating the merits of the information that is being relayed by the Premier; remember that, okay? This is the information that the Premier is relaying. If you want to you can ask the Premier in a follow-up question, but then you must actually stand on a point of order. I recognise the hon Mackenzie.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. Hon Premier, regarding the intergovernmental dispute that we just talked about, and with reference to the dispute of poor performance from the police, how would you structure the police services going forward, and how would it look and how would you improve on that?

An HON MEMBER: Which police are you talking about?

Mr R D MACKENZIE: The dispute; you should listen.

The PREMIER: Thank you, hon member, for that question. First of all I think it is known in this House that I do believe that provinces should have control of policing services and that the oversight should be at a national level and not the other way around, because at the moment control is at a national level; oversight is at a provincial level, but – and this leads to the across the floor interjections and the explanation of “did not attend by choice”.

In actual fact the “by choice” and my answer was, “Because we do not get invited by choice”. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

The PREMIER: ... and that is the problem. [Interjections.] I actually was with the President on Tuesday and again handed the letter to the President, that actually says that I – and the hon member sitting over there, waving his Question Paper – was in the room when I said to the Minister, Minister Bheki Cele, that this whole Government stands by as a true partner in making sure that we build this into a safer province.

I said that, “We want to work with you.” This has got nothing to do with the point or the question about how we think policing should change; that is a

different question. Right now policing is: national police have control and we have an oversight in the province and I am saying we want to play a role in making sure that this is a safer province.

The Minister declares that he wants to be a partner, but then he blatantly does exactly the opposite.

An HON MEMBER: Ja. [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: Zero partnership; nothing. No invite – and you know what? In other provinces it works in exactly the opposite way. [Interjections.] Because when the Minister goes to another province ... [Interjections.] When the Minister goes to another province, he invites the MEC and the Premier in those provinces, and he does not do it in this province ... [Interjections.], and he still does not do it in this province ... [Interjections.]

Mr A LILI: You need to read your WhatsApps, please. [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: And I just heard ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The PREMIER: ... across the floor ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The PREMIER: ... and of course in question time I can stand here as long as you like, but I heard, “Where is the proof?”

Well, I tell you what, you give me the counterproof. Show me the invitation, because the last time, the last time that he was challenged in public by the media, “Was the Premier invited?” he went, “woah, woah, woah” and he obviously WhatsApp’ed his office and said you had better send the invite. Well, an invite came to my office straight after that, and guess what the invite said? “I am inviting the Premier and the MEC of the Eastern Cape to meet me tomorrow in Port Elizabeth.”

Mr A LILI: I can show you the WhatsApp that the Minister sent it to you.
[Interjections.]

The PREMIER: So ... it would be very nice and I actually would like to use ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, please!

The PREMIER: I would actually like to use this opportunity to put a challenge to the members of that House; to put a challenge to them, to talk to their Minister. First of all ask their Minister for a copy of any invite that he sent to any of us in this province, number (1); and number (2) ...
[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Eastern Cape!

The PREMIER: ... in actual fact let us remove this frivolous activity here and let us actually put a challenge to the ANC to say if we are serious about dealing with this massively high murder rate in this province, that we will do away with this ... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: In the world.

The PREMIER: ... funny, widdely, horrible party politics; let us get down to building a partnership to making this province safer. Not come here with WhatsApps and no answers and “by choice”. That is rubbish, absolute rubbish. [Interjections.] People are dying every day in this province and you must take some responsibility for that. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Premier. Hon member ...
[Interjections.] Order, please!

Mr M KAMA: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker, and in actual fact I want to ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr M KAMA: ... I want to agree with the Premier that this is not an issue that we need to play party politics with.

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

Mr M KAMA: Seeing that he agrees with the Equality Court finding in terms of the skewed allocation of resources and that the poor are unfairly treated by their allocation of the resources, and having heard the Premier saying that they are going to be proactive, even though the mandate is not with them, we are going to play a role as a province: what steps has the Premier taken or is taking to propose, and not only wait for people to come and say here is a proposal of the allocation of resources, but what steps is he taking to ensure that the skewed allocation of resources is changed from the affluent areas to the townships and the Cape Flats where they are needed the most?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon Premier?

The PREMIER: Thank you very much. First of all may I say thank you very much, because we need to remove the politics from this; we need to get down to dealing with creating a safer province for our people; so thank you very much and I absolutely support you on that.

So the first point on that question would be our provincial needs and priorities listing, which is where we have identified every single police station in this province; where the shortfalls are; where the needs are; where we should be prioritising and it is in actual fact that document and those needs and priorities that were used in the court by the Social Justice Coalition, to prove that there is insufficient resources and policing put into

poor areas in this province.

So that is the first thing. We are the ones that put that document together and will provide it to the National Minister; we will provide it to the Standing Committee; we will make sure that that is, that is actually what our job is.

So first of all we have done that job. That document was then used where the Court came out and said, "Insufficient resources to poor and mainly black communities."

The second thing is that over and above the oversight role, what we have done is we have made extra funding available to a national level for reservists; we have made our officials in Government available to relieve police officers so that they can actually get out there into the streets to do crime fighting instead of administrative work; and we have made money available across the board for various operations, both to national but also we have put money into local authorities for dog units, for bolstering extra units at municipal policing levels; we have made our traffic policing available also to fight crime.

I want to say that I think we can go even further than that, and now I am speaking out of a meeting that I had with the National Police Commissioner, General Sitole, and in that meeting I said to him what I do not understand is that time after time we stand up in the Legislature and we talk about a police station in a real crime hotspot; one of these 10 identified hotspot areas where

we have massive murder rates, or one of the areas identified by the Social Justice Coalition court case, that says it is totally under-resourced in Nyanga, for example, and then we stand up and make politics here and say it is totally over-resourced in Claremont or Camps Bay.

I said, "Police Commissioner, why do you not move resources? Why do you not take resources from an area that has too many and put them into an area that has too few, because that is your job. It is not my job." I have put that on the table. Why does he not engage with us to say what we should perhaps do is take some resource away from Claremont; let us put that Claremont resource into Nyanga and then, because there will be a gap in Claremont, but the crime might be different, why does he not then say let us talk to law enforcement, let us talk to traffic, let us talk to the Province or the City to say can we then perhaps fill that gap with some law enforcement officers or can we even fill that gap with some of our provincial officials to do the administration work. I have put that on the table for discussion.

But at the end of the day, those decisions are made by the National Commissioner, the Provincial Commissioner and given policy direction by the Minister. And it is there, we are waiting for it and that is why we have indicated that we will support the Social Justice Coalition in this court case so that we can get proper resourcing. And if we get proper resourcing, both commitment to resourcing and putting the resources in the right place that make the best effect to bring down crime in this province, well then we will as the question, look at how we can actually withdraw this inter-

governmental dispute.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you Premier. That is the end of that question, we move onto Question 2. Premier.

Western Cape Liquor Traders Organisation

2. Ms N D Nkondlo asked the Premier:

With reference to a memorandum of grievances from the Western Cape Liquor Traders Organisation that he received on 22 March 2019 on behalf of former Premier Zille:

Whether he has responded to the grievances as current Premier and head of the Western Cape Government?

The PREMIER: Thank you very much hon Speaker. This question is from the hon Nkondlo and actually follows up on a question without notice to me so, and if you remember in the answer I said, I need a bit more detail, a warning, so I thank the hon member for that question. If you remember it was about a march to this building from the Western Cape Liquor Traders Organisation on 22 March 2019 and whether I had responded to their grievances. So the reply is as follows:

A meeting was convened between the Department of Community Safety and

the Western Cape Liquor Authority and the Western Cape Liquor Traders Organisation. In the meeting it was agreed that the Western Cape Liquor Authority and the Department of Community Safety will meet with the Western Cape Liquor Traders Organisation to work through the list of challenges that they have.

In the first meeting that was held on 12 June, where the WCLTO raised challenges they are experiencing, which include: zoning and land use departure, permits, trading days and hours, liquor licencing, harassment, fines and fees.

The topics of discussion were agreed upon and the Western Cape Liquor Trading Organisation indicated that they would like to make inputs into the draft legislation. They were requested to compile information on each issue for submission and a follow-up meeting was scheduled for 3 July 2019. However, the WLCTO requested a two week extension. Following the two week period, the Western Cape Liquor Authority again indicated that they were unable to meet as a member had been shot, unfortunately, and they would make contact once they were ready to do so. A follow-up meeting will be rescheduled once the WLCTO indicates that they are ready to proceed.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. The Chief Whip?

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I remember quite well in one of the committee meetings where the Liquor Authority indicated

that they were going to have a meeting with the officials of the City of Cape Town to look into, specifically, the issue of rezoning and I would like to check whether the Premier is aware, whether that meeting has taken place and what other new developments were there in that relation? Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Premier.

The PREMIER: No, I am not aware.

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Is the Premier willing to find out from the Liquor Authority whether that meeting has taken place between themselves and the City of Cape Town to address issues of rezoning?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Premier?

The PREMIER: Yes, I am willing, but what I would suggest is, that in actual fact that this question gets done in exactly the same way that the hon Nkondlo did, that we put those questions onto the Order Paper and in actual fact not to me because this question should actually go to the hon Fritz, as the Western Cape Liquor Authority falls under his ambit. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. I see there is no further follow-up. Can we move onto the next question which is questions outstanding, I recognise Minister Mbombo.

[Questions standing over from Thursday, 15 August 2019, as agreed to by the House]

Central supplier database: verification of BBBEE status of suppliers

1. Ms R Windvogel asked the Minister of Health:

Whether her Department's central supplier database verifies the BBBEE status level of suppliers; if not, why not; if so, how many black-owned business are listed in the central supplier database?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Thank you for the question. The answer whether the Department has a central supply database that verifies the BBBEE? Yes, it is done through the Provincial Treasury's database which verifies the status and if there are any of those, from Level 1 to Level 8.

Level 1: 3 404; Level 2: 448; Level 3: 58; Level 4: 1033; Level 5: 8; Level 6: 13; Level 7: 20; Level 8: 32.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Any follow-up to that question? None whatsoever? I move on to Question 3. I recognise hon Minister Mbombo.

Community Care workers

3. Ms R Windvogel asked the Minister of Health:

- (1) What is the total number of Community Care workers assisting her Department with community-based home care;
- (2) whether her Department has plans to integrate these workers into the staff compliment of her Department; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: The total number of community health workers in the Department is 3 799 which are appointed through the NPOs who are funded by the Department. Second question, whether the Department has plans to integrate these workers into the complement of a department?

Their response is that currently there is no provision within the National Policy in terms of a Community Health Worker Human Resource Plan. Until they have that it is part of their funded Human Resource Plan and can then be contracted.

Currently we still have legal binding agreements with the NPOs to provide community services to the people of the Western Cape through the Community Health Workers.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister. No follow-up questions? Sorry. Member you can stand up and then we will make sure your microphone goes on. Hon member Windvogel? Can we just check why her microphone is not working. Oh, there we go. Thank you.

Ms R WINDVOGEL: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. We note with concern the explanation by the MEC. We therefore want to understand from the MEC what plans are there in the Department to improve the working conditions of those workers?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: I just explained that they are not Western Cape Government employees. We get them through the NPOs and then there are related agreements, in terms of staffing issues, in terms of reporting and so forth. So that is how things are.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. I recognise hon member Philander and then you are afterwards, member Windvogel.

Ms W F PHILANDER: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. If I understand the Minister correctly, she made mention of a human resource plan, so one would think that such posts need to be funded, need to be budgeted for. Will it not be more difficult now if there are any budget cuts?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon Minister?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Thank you for the question. I think we need to ... [Interjections.]

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

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: I think we need to ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members, can we have some order please. [Interjections.]. Hon members, you can ask your question as you want to the Minister as long as it relates to the question, so please give the Minister the opportunity to answer.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: I think we need to acknowledge the role that is played by the Community Health workers, a part of the strength in primary health care. Primary health care starts from an individual level, then to the families, communities, up to the district hospital level. The South African health system, although they started with the White Paper on the District Health System Framework, they abandoned that. Contract workers were supposed to be part of that. As a result, down the line some provinces through projects, assisted by the universities – actually I was one of the first people at KZN at the time who introduced the Community Health Workers Framework at the Sisonke District. But it never formed even part of the National Health Act, because if you look at the definition of a health professional, they are not being accommodated. Some of the provinces ended up appointing them directly but using an abnormal persal. They are not necessarily on the persal because there are no formal structures.

When they introduced the draft human resource plan for health in 2010, they never costed it, they abandoned it which is [Inaudible.], they form part of that. So currently you will find that in other provinces they appoint them

directly using an abnormal persal. Others are doing hybrid models through the NPOs and so forth.

So in terms of the question, we are busy, as a country, with health reforms and then we have to introduce a human resource plan for health. It is only now that they will be accommodated. And then lastly, part of the Bargaining Council at a national level, with the unions and the various stakeholders, including the Minister of Health, around that.

So it was about the current ones that the provinces are appointing directly. They must make it a point in terms of the need to ensure they are treated as people who are part of the persal. So in the Western Cape, it is not applicable because we still have legal binding agreements with the NPOs but as part of going forward, part of the human resource plan for Health. Now we have finalised the pilot within the NHI District which is [Inaudible.] ward based primary health care workers. They form part of the number one items in the NHI pilot. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister. Hon Windvogel?

Ms R WINDVOGEL: Thank you. Hon Speaker, I just want to know from the MEC, how on earth can we as a Department give money to NGOs who are still exploiting our healthcare workers, how do we allow it, can we not put conditions there?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Any service provider will have specs. So with the NGOs we do have specs in terms of what their requirements are, especially the minimum specs, in order for us to give them money. That is number one.

Number two, remember the NGOs, the owners of the NGOs, even NPOs, are mostly women and actually some of them have been health professionals. So as we always say when it comes to health, you have got a triple return where you make sure that you empower the staff, as health professionals, which is most of them but also those who are being left at the bottom who are community health workers. Also the other part of it is economic investment.

So most of these people who are the NGOs cannot compete in the corporate market – because we asked the question about who is part of the service providers – they cannot compete. These are big companies. At least through the NGOs you give them a space where they are able to compete throughout. So in terms of exploitation if there is any evidence of any exploitation, we need to bring it forward. But remember that during the time of the late doctor Ivan Toms, in relation to the PPH, progressive primary health network, it was through the NGOs, you cannot dump them. And in terms of strengthening primary healthcare, you need intersocial collaboration and public participation using the social fabric within the community structures. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Any follow-ups? No? We move on. Thank you very much. We move on to Question 6, I recognise Minister Meyer.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker and thank you to hon Pat Marran and also thank you to him for allowing this question to stand over from last week, as I had to address some farmers.

The hon member would appreciate that land reform and rural development is the competence of the National Department of Rural Development and Land Reform. It has been brought to my attention that some municipalities have entered into long-term leases of agricultural land with farmers prior to 1994. In many cases these long-term leases are regulated by contract law. Given the history of South Africa, land reform is an important imperative to allow for redress. Land reform is a subject of both issues of legality and issues of morality. Issues of legality refer to current contracts and leases, agreements and as a rule of law, we respect legal agreements but there are clearly also issues of morality and those issues refer to historical redress requirements.

Hon Pat Marran has asked me for the relevant details of municipalities that have long-term leases on agricultural land. I will enquire and request my Department of Agriculture to liaise with the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform in the Western Cape, to furnish me with such information as it is within their legal mandate. The Department of Rural Development and Land Reform is dysfunctional and completely inefficient

and I cannot promise to this House that I will get this information. I would however appreciate any assistance from any member of this House that can assist me to get hold of this very important information. Like hon member Marran, I need this information to constructively engage on this topic. I will however, engage with municipalities on this issue as it is in our interest to have redress in South Africa.

Redress is a policy of my party, the Democratic Alliance ... [Interjections.]. I have however, liaised with Stellenbosch Municipality also on this topic and they agree that redress is important, and as a custodian, this municipality that I have consulted, argues as follows on this topic, and I quote:

“As a custodian to relatively large tracts of land, the Municipality can make meaningful contributions to Government’s efforts to correct disparities in land use as a result of policies of previous dispensation. The Municipality has a core responsibility to acquire and avail land in the first instance for its own use for purposes of developing and maintaining municipal infrastructure, promoting service delivery and for facilitating social and economic development and spatial integration.”

The hon member has also asked me whether I will, subject to getting information, institute a commission of inquiry. We believe in the rule of law, the *reg* start, and it is absolutely clear, if there is any wrong-doing, any evidence, any data, any facts, this responsibility is the responsibility of the President to institute a commission of inquiry, through an application by the

Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform in the National Parliament.

But the principal issue here is this: this Government is committed to land reform, this Government is committed to redressing the historical imbalances of the past ... [Interjections.] but this Government has also adopted a policy of facts, evidence and research to guide us. So I welcome any information from the hon member. It is clear from his body language that he has information and I am asking him to bring such information to this House and I will certainly take it up. Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister. I see hon Marran.

Mr P MARRAN: Thank you. Hon Deputy Speaker, as you know the issue of land and the skewed pattern of land ownership in this country is a hot topic. And I have posed the question to the hon Minister to see whether they are serious in terms of land reform. Now we also believe in the rule of law, hon Speaker, but there was clear intent, just before the first democratic election in 1994, that some municipalities, especially Stellenbosch Municipality, signed long-term lease agreements with white farmers. But hon Speaker, the intent is clear: to keep blacks from entering that specific industry. The Premier last week raised the issue of a winemaker from KZN but she does not have the opportunity to own land, while Stellenbosch Municipality owns more than one hundred farms in that particular area. Hon Deputy Speaker, Stellenbosch Municipality ... [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: What is the follow-up question?.

Mr P MARRAN: I will have a follow-up question ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, if you can get onto the question.

Mr P MARRAN: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, please.

Mr P MARRAN: Why do they own more than 100 farms? Recently they bought a piece of land for more than R40 million, agricultural land from a white farmer. Why must they own this land, hon Speaker? So that clearly does not make sense when you own land, you are buying agricultural land.

Hon Deputy Speaker, we really want to understand and ask the question because we know agricultural land, when more than five hectares is sold, the province comes into play. They also have to contribute by saying whether the sale of that piece of land can go through or not, hon Deputy Speaker, so ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: One minute members. Can you please finish ...

Mr P MARRAN: Hon Deputy Speaker, there is only one question – and I am

still on the floor and I perceive the fact that you are giving me ...
[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr P MARRAN: ... the opportunity to speak ... [Interjection.] Ja, you will suffer in silence. Hon Speaker ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Marran, get on with the question. Thank you.

Mr P MARRAN: Hon Deputy Speaker, the Minister has said he requires the information. If he receives that information will he propose to the National Department of Land Reform to expropriate some of those pieces of land and give it to black people?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. I recognise the Minister.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: Hon Deputy Speaker, it is clear that the hon member speaks in hypothetical terms. I require as a Minister of this Executive facts and evidence. I cannot reply to hypothetical examples. We are not like the other eight provinces who just grab things from the air. I need the facts and the evidence and I will do it on the basis of the facts. [Interjections.]. But I think he is right. He is absolutely correct when he argues that land reform is a hot topic in this province and in South Africa and he is equally correct that we must take this matter seriously. The only

province on record that has done an independent study on land reform in South Africa is this Government. [Interjections.]. Two independent studies were done, one that confirmed that all the land reform, 67% ... [Interjections.] ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: ... was successful. But hon Deputy Speaker, there was a second study, between 2011 and 2014 ... [Interjections.]. That second study independent – provided you can read – ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: To me please. Hon Minister, to the Chair.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: Sorry Chair. The second study on land reform confirmed ... [Interjection.] – it will come to the committee, if you serve on the committee. I hope you do not sit on the committee because there is a difference ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order members.

Mr M K SAYED: Can the Minister speak to the Speaker please.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order members.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: Okay, we will deal with you later on.

Hon Deputy Speaker, [Interjections.] 72% ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order members, I cannot hear.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: ... 72% in the second study confirmed that land reform is successful in the Western Cape. [Interjections.]. This is in contrast ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Hon members please allow the Minister to finish. [Interjections.].

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: Hon Deputy Speaker, another ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: ... study was done that confirmed that the National ANC Government has a 90% failure rate on land reform ...

†Die ADJUNKHOOFSWEEP (DA): Skande! [Tussenwerpsels.]

[The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): Disgrace! [Interjections.]]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: That is the reality, That is what we need to respond to. But, I think, hon Deputy Speaker ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: ... I want to respect the point that he raised on the agenda and I will certainly take it up with the new Minister. I think she has a brighter understanding of the need and I think I would certainly like to work with the hon member and hope that he will also work together with the Chair of the Standing Committee so that we really deal with this.

But hon Deputy Speaker, if the ANC is serious about land reform, look at their budget. When you are serious about priorities your budget will tell you if you are serious. It is absolutely clear that the ANC ruling party, given what is in the budget, is not there. The massive corruption in land reform is the reason why this Government of the ANC is messing up land reform in South Africa. [Interjections.].

But I think there is another matter. The hon member raised the issue, they raised the issue of separation of powers. There is a legislative authority in the Municipality of Stellenbosch. Their ANC councillors fail in their duties in that legislative authority.

Now because they fail there, hon Pat Marran is bringing it here. I have no problem because of accountability and transparency but if you really want to understand evidence based practice and the rule of law and separation of powers, your members of the ANC in that Legislature should table these matters. Because they failed there, you bring it here ... [Interjections.] But we are happy ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: ... to deal with this particular matter and hon Deputy Speaker ... [Interjections.] when you fail there ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members, can the Minister finish? [Interjections.] Can the Minister finish? [Interjections.]. Hon members, can we just allow the Minister to finish and then you have a chance to respond, after I have recognised you, but please can I just allow the Minister to finish [Interjections.]. Hon Minister if you can ...

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: Also, hon Deputy Speaker, the hon Minister of Local Government just advised me to give them a lecture free of charge. [Interjections.][Laughter.]. There are three branches of government and there are three spheres of government and it is clear that the principle of separation of powers, intellectually, has not reached them yet and so intellectually, that bus is on its way. [Interjections.] It is currently there in Beaufort West. It is coming soon to Murraysburg. Hon Deputy Speaker ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order please. Can I have some order? [Interjections.] Hon Minister are you done? The Minister is done. I recognise hon Van der Westhuizen. Hon Member van der Westhuizen, thank you very much. He had his hand up before. Sorry, if you can just sit down. Sorry Chief Whip, I did not see you.

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): I am rising on a point of order.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: One minute please, can you please ask your own members to keep quiet.

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I actually want you to rule on the hon Minister because he is casting aspersions on the intelligence of the member. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I will tell you what I will do, is I will refer back to Hansard. I will listen very carefully if he has at all cast any aspersions on any hon member in this House. Thank you very much. Chief Whip. I recognise hon member Van der Westhuizen.

†Mnr A P VAN DER WESTHUIZEN: Agbare Adjunkspeaker, ek dink dit is algemene kennis dat toe hierdie grond verhuur is, dat die Nasionale Party in beheer was. Nou vra ek graag die Minister, dink u nie dit is ironies dat die ANC-lede na soveel jaar begin vrae vra oor die optrede van hul lede wat vroeër in die Nasionale Party gedien het en wat nou ANC-lede is, en wat in daardie jare die besluite geneem het nie. Tweedens, tweedens Meneer die Minister, u het nou verwys daarna dat die nasionale grondhervormingsprojekte 90% misluk het. Dis nou vir ons die erkenning van Minister Gugile Nkwinti. My vraag is net, glo u dat dit ...

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[Mr A P VAN DER WESTHUIZEN: Hon Deputy Speaker, I think it is common knowledge that when this land was leased, the National Party had been in control. Now I ask the Minister, do you not think that it is ironic that the ANC members, after so many years, are starting to ask questions about their members who had earlier served in the National Party and who are now ANC members, and who in those years had taken the decisions? Secondly, secondly Mr Minister, you have now referred to it that the national land reform projects have a 90% failure rate. That is now the admission of Minister Gugile Nkwinti. My question is just, do you believe that it ...]

Mr L L MVIMBI: On a point of order...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: One minute, hon member Van der Westhuizen, if you can take your seat, I see the hon member Mvimbi. [Interjections.]

Mr A P VAN DER WESTHUIZEN: Yes, I served in the National Assembly.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Member Van der Westhuizen, if you can just take your seat. I see hon member Mvimbi.

Mr L L MVIMBI: Yes, Madam Deputy Speaker, every time I try to listen when Afrikaans is being spoken I never really get to hear. If I can just ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Okay, one minute before anybody – can I just ask if the Serjeant-at-Arms can just check for us what channel are you on?

Mr L L MVIMBI: I have got the right ...

Mr A P VAN DER WESTHUIZEN: Hon Deputy Speaker, shall I continue in English?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: If you can hon member, just while we check the equipment in the fairness of everybody in this House. One minute, if I can just recognise the Chief Whip.

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): Hon Deputy Speaker, the translation is working well on Channel 2.

Mr L L MVIMBI: Channel 2.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Can I ask hon member Van der Westhuizen, in the interest of all the members, would you be happy to do it in English while we are sorting out the hon member's translation? Thank you very much, you may proceed.

Mr A P VAN DER WESTHUIZEN: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. Hon Deputy Speaker, through you to the Minister. Minister do you not think it is ironic that the ANC is now asking questions about their members who formally belonged to the National Party and who then entered into these ... [Interjections.] long-term agreements and secondly, do you not think that the motivation has been that people feared that the ANC might introduce

expropriation without compensation and the nationalisation of land ...

[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr A P VAN DER WESTHUIZEN: ... and that it would have been better for the farms for the last 25 years to be productive and to be giving employment to farm workers ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr A P VAN DER WESTHUIZEN: ... viz a viz the 90% failure rate of the ANC Government land reforms? Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. I see the hon Minister.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: Hon Deputy Speaker, thank you for these follow-up questions and the comments that were made in this House. I think the hon member van der Westhuizen is absolutely correct. It is and I heard the question from the floor, who are these NP members? Here are their names who developed this policy: Pierre Uys and Thinus van Schalkwyk ...

†'n AGBARE LID: Kortbroek.

[An HON MEMBER: *Kortbroek.*]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: “Kortbroek”, members of the National Party. They are now members of the ANC. They were the NP members that made these policy decisions. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY MINISTER: Order, please members.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: So I think the hon member is absolutely correct ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members.

Mr A P VAN DER WESTHUIZEN: ... that it is the current ANC members that are responsible for this policy and it is ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order members! I cannot hear. Hon member Sayed. Sorry Minister. Hon members you are shouting so much I actually cannot hear the Minister speak.

An HON MEMBER: He is speaking softly [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No, he is not speaking softly hon member. If I can ask, bantering is allowed but not to the degree that you are disturbing the Speaker. [Interjections.] Thank you very much [Interjections.].

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: Okay. Hon member Lili ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Lili.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: ... your former Chief Whip, Pierre Uys, who was sitting there, where Ms Lekker is sitting, he is still on your books ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister, if you can ...

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: I went to your Head Office in Luthuli House and I checked your computer system, I hacked it ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister, please address me ...

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: ... and I saw his name there.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: ... as the Speaker. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: Pierre Uys. And I want hon member Lekker to note what they do. You have the Chief Whip, he did all the work – you are no longer there and then they deny you membership. They just denied membership to Pierre Uys. It is coming to you hon Lekker, watch out ... [Interjections.]. Hon Deputy Speaker .. [Interjections.] ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order members.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: They are going to disown you when you are no longer here. They have just done it to Pierre Uys. [Interjections.]. It is coming.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister ...

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: It is going to come.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister ...

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: We know the ANC. [Interjections.]. They stab you in the back.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister ...

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: Ask Rasool

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister Meyer, can you answer the question please. [Interjections.].

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: Ask Rasool, ask Marius Fransman.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order member. Member, members, hon members ... [Interjections.].

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: She is there by you ...[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister! You know when I stand then you know you are breaking all the Rules. Can we have some order because now I am getting very tall. [Interjections.]. So we absolutely have no problem with bantering but I could not hear a thing. Hon Minister, could you please answer the question posed to you. Thank you.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: Hon Deputy Speaker, I am happy to answer the question if they give me time.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, can we please – otherwise you are not going to get through your questions hon members. Hon Minister, I recognise you.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: Hon Deputy Speaker, thank you. I want to put it on the Hansard record because it becomes an historical document that will be in the archives long after we have gone ... [Interjections.]. Pierre Uys and Marthinus van Schalkwyk were responsible for this land reform mess because they were the instigators of these current policies that we are trying to fix in South Africa. So now it is on the Hansard record.

But hon Deputy Speaker, on a much more serious note. I think what the hon member – and I will give them the deal. I want to ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Lili, hon Lili, please stop distracting ...

[Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: Hon Lili you are not busy with poo-throwing now. These are matters of fact and matters of governance. These are not matters of poo-throwing like you used to do. [Interjections.].[Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister! Order! Hon member Sayed. I recognise you. Hon members, please there is a point of order. Yes.

Mr M K SAYED: Hon Deputy Speaker, on a point of order, can you please urge the MEC to focus ... [Interjections.] number one, I think it will help him, it will help us, it will help the whole House, it will help the Democratic Alliance but also to speak through you, hon Deputy Speaker, not to speak directly to the member.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Absolutely noted. Is that a point of order hon member? One minute. Hon member Lili, I know you are also very good at catching the Minister's attention. If I could just ask that the two of you focus on the question at hand. Hon Minister, if you could focus on me and answer your question. Thank you.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: Hon Deputy Speaker, I am so glad that the hon member Lili did not throw poo on agricultural land ... [Interjections.] because that would have caused some more work ... [Interjections.]

Mr D SMITH: Hon Deputy Speaker ...

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: ... for the Minister of Health. But hon, Deputy Speaker ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: One minute Minister, if you could sit down. Hon member Smith?

Mr D SMITH: Hon Deputy Speaker, the MEC is presenting himself as a very intellectual person, right? [Interjections.] He has got all ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: What is your point of order?

Mr D SMITH: That is how he represents himself. Now I would ask the MEC through you, hon Deputy Speaker, to please answer the question and not make provocative remarks, please.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Noted. Thank you.

Mr D SMITH: Because the issue here is not about his failures, he must answer the question.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you hon member Smith. Can we continue?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: Hon member, you have been here for

two months. We are looking forward to lecturing you for five years in this House. So welcome. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister, can we get through your answer [interjections.]. Hon member Smith.

Mr D SMITH: Why – it is a point of order again.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, I understand and I have asked the Minister to answer his question, but remember it is the prerogative of the Minister to answer the question in the way he likes. I have no rights to actually judge the information that is coming out, as the Deputy Speaker. But I will try and keep him on track. Member Sayed.

Mr M K SAYED: Then you should do it with us?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes.

Mr M K SAYED: Please be consistent in what you say.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Noted, thank you.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: My Leader of Government Business and the leader of the DA has asked me to do exactly that. I will listen to him.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: Hon Deputy Speaker, I think on the very important matter that is before us ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: ... the issue of land reform, which is a serious issue and I want to thank the hon member for bringing this matter to this House because land reform is a crucial matter if we want to save the economy. In the previous debate there was some discussions about policy uncertainty and this is certainly a matter that is greatly in the due politics in the Western Cape, and in South Africa.

So it is an important matter, the issues of land and land reform and the issue of leases, of municipalities and what has happened before 1994. That therefore requires a detailed in-depth analysis of land reform, but based on evidence. And so we are particularly happy to engage with this Department of Rural Development. We will get the facts and engage with the municipalities either through the PCF, under the leadership of the Premier, or through the leadership of the Minister here in terms of Local Government, through his Minmec. I think that requires a detailed, further discussion, there is no doubt about it.

I have also looked at the agenda of the Stellenbosch Municipality, since he

has raised it now in this House. Last week there was a special council meeting, on the 14 August and there was an item on the agenda of the Municipality, very seriously and rightfully so. The allocation of vacant municipal agricultural land to the successful land applicants, because what is really at stake here, is the issue of redress in terms of the historical issues that have happened. And so this policy tries to put in motion a policy of redress in terms of vacant municipal agricultural land but also looking at the current leases, because these are long-term leases and if the hon member wants a policy declaration from this Government, we are clear.

If you have received agricultural land on a long-term lease on the conditions and requirements that you will use it for agricultural purposes, we would like to negotiate with you to see whether we can shorten that period. If you are no longer busy on producing agricultural land for agricultural purposes, certainly there must be a conversation with that person to see to what extent we can try to exit those specific lease agreements.

But we must also understand, I have looked at some of these lease agreements, many of them have no water rights. Now if you have agricultural land that has no water rights, it means absolutely nothing. But it does not take away the need and the requirement for redress. That is fundamental, that must happen here in the Western Cape. But certainly, this Government on a regular basis, interacts with municipalities and we will certainly engage with them about issues of agricultural land because I am concerned. If we put many of these agricultural lands in the hands of people that do not promote

agriculture, we put the whole issue of our food security at risk. And given the many challenges that agriculture faces, we have three major risks, here, but also globally. One is water, second is electricity and the third one is the issue of food security.

So it is precisely for those reasons that I think this is a serious debate but I welcome a debate on land reform and expropriation without compensation, because this House must know, this is what has happened in land reform in Venezuela. In 1999, hon Deputy Speaker, the Government of Venezuela amended the constitution to allow for expropriation without compensation. That was 1999. In 2011 the Government of Venezuela passed a law to allow for expropriation without compensation. What was the result? Politicians received agricultural land and the nett effect of that was there was a food shortage, they had to import food. Because they had to import food there were food riots, food trucks were hijacked and today the economy has totally collapsed and the inflation rate is 1 million per cent. [Interjections.].

I think there is an alternative to land reform. That alternative is within the current constitutional framework, Section 25 of the Constitution. It does allow for expropriation without compensation. We believe in title deeds, we believe the people must protect the economy, we believe that you must give people title deeds, they must own the property – ownership.

What the current alternative from the EFF and the ANC is you must lease the land, we say own the land, because that title deed gives you access to capital

markets. So I think there are two different philosophies about land reform and, hon Deputy Speaker, I would welcome a debate on land reform and the successful models of land reform. The hon Professor William Gumede did a significant research study in Morocco, he went to Algeria, he went to Nigeria, he went to Zimbabwe and he went to Tanzania. All land reform models were based on the model of Zimbabwe and Venezuela. It has failed miserably and therefore this is a serious conversation.

One of the structural reform issues that we need to address in South Africa is to provide certainty, clarity and predictability. One of the requirements for good governance is predictability and we believe the model that we have implemented in the Western Cape is the most successful model but we engage with all the political parties to see that we take South Africa forward on the basis of property rights, on the basis of the free market economy and on the basis of constitutionalism. If that is the agreement of hon member Pat Marran, I am inviting him for a cup of tea to my office.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you hon member van der Westhuizen, thank you Minister.

†Mnr A P VAN DER WESTHUIZEN: Dankie Adjunkspeaker. Adjunkspeaker, deur u aan die Minister van Landbou, een van die agb lid Marran se vrae het gehandel oor ...

[Mr A P VAN DER WESTHUIZEN: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. Deputy Speaker, through you to the Minister of Agriculture, one of the hon member

Marran's questions dealt with ...]

Mr P MARRAN: Hon Deputy Speaker, on a point of order ...

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): Can you get up for your point of order?

Mr P MARRAN: Hon Deputy Speaker, on a point of order.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Sit down please, hon member.

Mr P MARRAN: Sit down. Hon Deputy Speaker, my hand was up long before the honourable's hand. I am not sure why you ignore ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No, I saw all three of your hands and I have recognised all three of you.

Mr P MARRAN: Hon Deputy Speaker, whilst the hon was on the floor, posing his question to the honourable? My hand was up, at that point already.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Alright. Hon member I will give you the time straight after this member now because it is no use now that ... [Interjection.]

Mr P MARRAN: It is unfair, hon Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, I promise ... [Interjection.]

Mr P MARRAN: It is unfair. Do you agree it is unfair?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I am not quite sure who got up first or whose name I got sir, but I saw him and I saw you and I recognise that you will definitely be speaking.

Mr P MARRAN: Hon Deputy Speaker, I am saying to you – I hear what you are saying. I am saying to you whilst he was on the floor posing a question to the MEC, my hand was already up. So it is impossible for the honourable to speak and at the very same time, raise his hand for another question. It is impossible.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Okay, hon member. I apologise if that is the point but I will certainly give you another opportunity to address ... [Interjection.]

Mr P MARRAN: Will you allow me then to speak?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I will allow you to speak after the member.

Mr P MARRAN: You then agree it is unfair?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, I agree that you will speak straight after the member. I am not agreeing that it is unfair, it might be a mistake hon member Marran. I do recognise you. Thank you hon member.

†Mnr A P VAN DER WESTHUIZEN: Adjunkspeaker, miskien maak ek dit nou sommer vir agb Marran maklik, een van sy vrae aan die Minister van Landbou was hoe is dit denkbaar dat 'n munisipaliteit nog 'n plaas – in hierdie geval verwys hy na die plaas Watergang buitekant Stellenbosch – aankoop terwyl die Munisipaliteit reeds oor aansienlike plaasgrond beskik. Sal die Minister van Landbou dalk net vir die agb lid Marran verduidelik waarom sekere stukke landbougrond meer geskik is vir dorpsuitbreiding as ander, want duidelik is dit nie baie duidelik in agb Marran se gedagtes nie. Dankie.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[Mr A P VAN DER WESTHUIZEN: Deputy Speaker, perhaps I should just make it easy for hon member Marran, one of his questions to the Minister of Agriculture was how is it conceivable that a municipality buys another farm – in this case he refers to the farm Watergang outside Stellenbosch – while the Municipality already owns considerable farm land. Will the Minister of Agriculture perhaps just explain to the hon member Marran why certain portions of agricultural land are more suitable for town development than others, because it clearly is not very clear in hon Marran's thoughts. Thank you.]

†Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Baie dankie agbare.

[The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you honourable.] I see the hon Minister.

Mr L MVIMBI: On a point of order, hon Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: One minute, hon Minister. Are we having the same problem with your, is it your translation hon member?

Mr L MVIMBI: Madam Deputy Speaker, let me just explain this thing clearly. I do not have a problem with any member in the House speaking any language ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Sure.

Mr L MVIMBI: ... but I would like to hear what is being said. Now every time when Afrikaans is spoken, I go to Xhosa, I do not go to English. I do not have to listen to English. I can listen in my own language. There is never an interpretation and English and Xhosa are on Channel Six and it is now on and off, it is on and off. So I would really like that to be corrected. As I said I do not have any problem, anybody can speak a language of his or her choice but I would also like to listen in the language of my choice.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Absolutely, you have a point and I have asked the Serjeant-at-Arms to check that out and make sure that you are able to hear a translation. Thank you very much, please hon Minister, if you can continue with the answer.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: Hon Deputy Speaker, thank you for that

question. I think hon Deputy Speaker, the issue of the need for housing is always existing. My job, I am not the MEC for Human Settlements, there is the hon member, but my primary job is to protect agricultural land [Interjections.] but also hon Deputy Speaker, I understand the geographical landscape of the Western Cape. I understand that the Western Cape is 129 000 square kilometres in size, 10% of the 1,3 million square kilometres in South Africa. I understand that 45% of all the exports of agriculture in South Africa comes from the Western Cape. I also understand that 26% of commercial agriculture is based here in the Western Cape.

I also understand that we have 60 000 farmers here in the Western Cape. I also understand that agriculture generates R41 billion in total revenue every year. So I understand the significance of agriculture and therefore it is important for me and my colleagues to protect the agricultural economy of the Western Cape. It contributes 10% of the GDP, but also hon Deputy Speaker, from time to time there are requirements to take some agricultural land for some other particular needs of society and it is therefore a process of rezoning, it is a process of environmental impact assessments and it is a lot of independent assessments.

The Department of Agriculture, both the Western Cape Department of Agriculture and the National Department of Agriculture must comment on any application of municipalities when they, for example, want to make use of agricultural land for whatever other purpose it is. And so it is possible and feasible that sometimes land is not viable anymore for agricultural purposes

and hence municipalities take decisions on their particular, rational choices. But, if the hon member has any specific land in question, I am happy to deal with the details and I am also happy to engage with the relevant municipality and the Mayor should I become aware of any certain needs that may require some interventions from the Executive.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister. I recognise you hon member Marran.

Mr P MARRAN: Hon Deputy Speaker, thank you. The MEC has not answered or explained why that particular farm and not the other one. Hon Deputy Speaker, the answer is, that specific piece of land was invaded not so long ago, that specific piece of land that was sold for more than R40 million. And the answer, why that piece of land, because the Municipality wanted to take that burden from that owner. That was the reason, the only reason was to take that burden from that particular owner because it is was invaded. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Your question, hon member?

Mr P MARRAN: So then hon van der Westhuizen then blamed the ANC ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, you need to ask a question. Okay if you can move as quickly as that.

Mr P MARRAN: I am going to ask hon Deputy Speaker. I hope that the hon, he is a very senior politician, he is from Stellenbosch ... [Interjection.]

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): A point of order.

Mr P MARRAN: ... a councillor from that particular area and I hope he was not part of that decision.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Take your seat hon member.

Mr P MARRAN: And I hope he was not part of that decision to ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, take your seat.

Mr P MARRAN: Hon Deputy Speaker. [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I recognise the Chief Whip. Hon member, just take your seat, there is a point of order. Yes, Chief Whip?

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I have two difficulties. The first is that these are questions to the Executive, not questions to members of the Legislature, so I think that is out of order.

Secondly, it is a question to the Member of the Executive, not a statement. So if you could please assist the hon member.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Marran, that is absolutely correct.

Mr P MARRAN: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I am really asking that the next sentence is a question.

Mr P MARRAN: Yes, hon Deputy Speaker. Can the hon Minister just check for us, whether the hon Van der Westhuizen was part of the council that took the decision to sign ... [Interjections.] – it is a question ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: One minute. Ask the question.

Mr P MARRAN: The question is posed to the Minister ... [Interjections.] whether the honourable was part of that particular council that took a decision to sign long-term lease agreements with white farmers, hon Deputy Speaker?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much.

Mr P MARRAN: Then, hon Deputy Speaker ... [Interjections.] No, I am not finished ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Oh, you are on your second question ... [Interjections.]. Order please, hon members.

Mr P MARRAN: Let me please finish.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, please hon members.

Mr P MARRAN: Hon Deputy Speaker, let me finish.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I am listening.

Mr P MARRAN: Hon Deputy Speaker, I am glad that the hon Minister has said that he will follow up with the Stellenbosch Municipality.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Question?

Mr P MARRAN: My question is, hon Deputy Speaker, when he has established the facts, and the facts will show that long-term lease agreements were signed just before 1994, to be specific ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Question member?

Mr P MARRAN: ... in January, March ... [Interjections.] Whether he will propose to the National Government ... [Interjections.] Look you are the Government of the day ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member can you speak to me and not get distracted. Speak to me directly.

Mr P MARRAN: Whether the hon Minister will propose to the national Minister in terms of land reform, if they are serious, in terms of land ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon – order members. Can the member finish his question?

Mr P MARRAN: Hon Deputy Speaker, you are the Government ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Can you please speak to me hon member. Focus on ...

Mr P MARRAN: Yes, hon Deputy Speaker. Whether the Minister will pose to the National Minister to contribute to the issue of land reform ... [Interjections.]

Ms L J BOTHA: Asked the question already.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member. Can you finish hon member, I am listening.

Mr P MARRAN: Yes, I am busy asking my question, hon Deputy Speaker. Do not be in a hurry. I know it is painful, hon Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You need to focus on me.

Mr P MARRAN: I know it is painful ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Marran, you really are stretching this out, you should get to your point.

Mr P MARRAN: Hon Deputy Speaker, when the Minister is willing, when he has established the facts and the facts will prove that long-term lease agreements were signed just before 1994 to keep out blacks, whether he will propose to the national Minister when they start with expropriation without compensation because it is a given, you can do whatever you want on that side ... [Interjections]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member.

Mr P MARRAN: It will happen. So we will start in Stellenbosch.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member. Your question has been asked. I am going to ask that the Minister responds.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: Hon Deputy Speaker, I think what is at stake here is that hon member Pat Marran has given an opinion and in terms of the – and I am thankful for the advice from my Chief Whip in this regard – but the Rules of Parliament are clear ... [Interjections.]. I am going to answer

the question. I am going to answer factually. But the hon member ...
[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members, order please!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: Hon member Marran must also understand ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Lili.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: Hon member Marran must also understand that in terms of the Rules of this House, you can ask three types of questions. Firstly you can ask a question of concept, then we give you clarity. [Interjections.]

Mr A LILI: Answer the question.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: Secondly, you can ask a question of fact, Mr Lili, then we give you the data. [Interjections.] Thirdly, hon member Lili, since this is your first time in this House ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister, speak to me.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: Sorry. To the hon member Lili ...
[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members please.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: ... the third type of question – I am sorry that your Chief Whip did not do some introduction, so the third type of question that you can ask in this House is what we call questions of values and ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: ... I think the hon member has raised some questions of value and I will certainly take some of those matters up, but also the hon member must understand that the Rules of this House that we are governed by – and thank you Chief Whip for educating your members – that when you are a member of the House, you must ask questions as the Legislative Authority to the Executive Authority, but what we have seen now is the member of the Legislative Authority asking questions to a member of the Legislative Authority ... [Interjections.]

Mr P MARRAN: Hon Deputy Speaker, on a point of order.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Minister.

Mr P MARRAN: Hon Deputy Speaker, on a point of order.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Can you finish off, that is the end of Questions.

There is no more ... [Interjection.]

Mr P MARRAN: Hon Deputy Speaker ...

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: Also hon Deputy Speaker ...

Mr P MARRAN: Hon Deputy Speaker, on a point of order.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: I want to conclude.

Mr P MARRAN: Hon Deputy Speaker, on a point of order.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister, can you sit down for a second.

Mr P MARRAN: Hon Deputy Speaker, the member is misleading ...
[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Marran, if he is misleading the House, then you must bring out a substantive motion. We are at the end of Questions now. We have gone to the end of our sixty minutes. I need the Minister to finish off and you must please bring a substantive motion if he is misleading the House.

Mr P MARRAN: But the Minister must not mislead the House, Hon Deputy Speaker. I have never posed a question to that particular ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon member can you sit down.

Mr P MARRAN: No, I posed a question to the Minister whether he is willing to investigate, whether that particular member was part ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Marran.

Mr P MARRAN: ... of the Council that took a decision. That was my question.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Marran ... [Interjections.] can I request from you that when I speak to you, you please stop speaking otherwise it will be total chaos in the House. Yourself and hon Lili seem to play this cross cricket game here. I know you are enjoying it but it is quite difficult for me to manage at all times.

Can I just ask now is the Minister finished on his last sentence because we are now finished with questions? We are done. Thank you, hon members. That is the end of Questions for Oral Reply. [Interjections.]. Outstanding replies will be printed in the Hansard. We are now moving over to Statements by Members. I recognise the DA.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. †Agbare

Adjunkspeaker, ek hou graag voor die woorde van 'n Graad 4-digter vanuit Beaufort-Wes, Beverley Soldaat, 'n leerder van die Laerskool John D Crawford, en sy vat Jeugdag só op:

“'n Man verstaan nie altyd mooi

Die 'fuss' oor Jeugdag

Dit is dan glad 'n publieke vakansiedag

Of nee...wag

Gedurende apartheid het baie

Dinge verkeerd gegaan

Apartheid...okay, groot word nè?

Vir jou en vir my, eintlik 'n ... lelike word

Afskuwelik, veragtelik, afstootlik!

En bly, so oneindig bly is ek

Dit is verby

Maar hoe is hierdie monster bestry

Wat 'n nasie so bitter eindeloos, kan laat ly

Die jeug het 'n groot aandeel gehad

Om die arrogante Apartheid te laat pak

Die jeug het gevoel, genoeg is genoeg

Hulle was absoluut moeg, vir hierdie Apartheid

Wat ons mense so verkrag het

En dan skaamteloos gelag het
Terwyl ons volk van ellende krepeer
Het dit harteloos op ons geteer

En...in 1976 het die jeug verras
Toe hulle in opstand kom teen regeringsmagte
Dapper, vreesloos, gewapen, met net 'n sterk hart en 'n droom
Om eendag in 'n demokratiese Suid-Afrika te woon
'n Jong seun het met sy lewe geboet
Hector Petersen het verewig gegroet
Maar dankie Here dit was nie in 'vain'

Die aarde is met bloed bevlek
Baie moes...die offer bring
Deur ander se bloed is
Ek en jy bevry

Ons 'salute'
Nelson Mandela, Hector Petersen, die res en die jeug
Ons het gewaag
Ons het baklei
Ons het geslaag
Ons is bevry

Viva, die jeug viva!

Viva, 16 Junie viva!

Hon Deputy Speaker, I want to place this on record today because this primary school learner from Beaufort West crafted this poem and delivered it on Monday at the Mimosa Library. I want this House to take note of the talent in Beaufort West. I thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much. I recognise the ANC. If I can just ask my Table staff to give me a list of exactly who is speaking in these statements, I have only got the party, the people. Alright, the ANC. I recognise you hon member Smith.

Mr D SMITH (ANC): Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. The Western Cape DA continues to lose its grip on a daily basis on its local governments in the province. Yesterday we saw how the DA's sweetheart, Cape Town transport Executive Director, Melissa Whitehead, spectacularly jumped ship.

She was made a scapegoat for the corrupt MyCiTi contracts and manipulative malfeasance. She had to fight to protect her professional integrity but could no longer outrun the bad intent of the bullying DA to slaughter her. After her disciplinary hearing on the import of bus chassis ... [Interjections.] she decided to throw in the towel, but she continues to sue the DA Deputy Mayor Ian Neilson for defamation.

In other municipalities we see how DA councillors continue to collapse. We

got confirmation this morning that the Matzikama Ward Four councillor from Vredendal resigned from the bullying DA as a ward councillor which means a by-election is still looming. [Interjection.] We also heard this week that the bullying DA forced the Knysna Mayor Mark Willemse's wife to leave the party of the Helens: Suzman and Zille.

This morning the newspapers tell us the bullying DA forced its Oudtshoorn Mayor, Colan Sylvester, to go on special leave, after the DA wanted him to resign from the position and he refused. And there are more coming. We have warned you. Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much. Order, hon members. I see that the EFF is not here. I move over to the DA. I see the hon member Maseko.

Ms L M MASEKO (DA): Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker. There are members on these benches who once served as members of mayoral committees in the City of Cape Town, and who took numerous decisions while holding these offices. Following his untimely exit from the City of Cape Town, it seems the hon member has come to the Western Cape Provincial Parliament not with a desire to serve the people, but with a political vendetta. [Interjections.] This is evident in the outrage he manufactures by misconstruing information and twisting facts to suit his own personal political narrative. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Ms L M MASEKO: We know that following his departure from the City, the honourable member criticised the Salt River Housing Project's delay, when it was he himself who allegedly sent the contract back to the Mayoral Committee to be properly validated before its implementation.

Mr L L MVIMBI: On a point of order hon Deputy Speaker.

Ms L M MASEKO: We know that the hon Herron criticises the Provincial Government ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: One minute, hon member. If you could just take your seat. Hon member Mvimbi, sorry I saw you stand first before I saw hon member Herron. We can first hear you.

Mr L L MVIMBI: On a point of order, hon Deputy Speaker. I think we must try and be fair in the House. I remember in the previous sitting there were issues that were raised about an honourable member in the House and the member stood up and said let us not get personal about issues. So, are we still going to be consistent with that rule or have we abandoned that rule completely?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Okay. Hon Herron, did you also want to raise a point of order?

Mr B N HERRON: Yes, hon Deputy Speaker. I do not have the Rules in front of me, unfortunately, but there is a rule that allows me to clarify a misstatement by another member. And it is not true ... [Interjections.] It is not true that I sent the Salt River Market project back. [Interjections.] So the hon member is misleading this House and is lying.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon Chief Whip?

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): Thank you, Madam Deputy Speaker. That rule is for Executive members and also an explanation only for a member who is speaking, a member's speech who is being misquoted. So, I do not think that rule is applicable in this case.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: That is correct, hon member Herron. I see you.

Mr B N HERRON: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I am sorry that I did not bring my Rules with me, but I cannot believe that the House allows someone to say something that is not true and does not allow the member who is being referred to, to stand up and object.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Okay. [Interjections.] If I can refer to Rule 65, which says an explanation during debate is allowed with the prior consent of the Presiding Officer, and that is in its short form. So with prior consent, you can explain matters on a personal nature, but it is in a debate. Can I refer that member Herron, that you take this up with the Rules Committee? Can I ask

that member Maseko continues with her statement? [Interjections.]

I cannot rule on the information that she is putting out there, but I certainly will see that if any – if it is breaking any Rules I will refer back to Hansard, hon member. If you address me, you need to stand up, but I need to move on.

Mr L L MVIMBI: I was reading the ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes.

Mr L L MVIMBI: Hon Deputy Speaker, there was a request ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Precedent.

Mr L L MVIMBI: There was a request and maybe to a certain extent a precedent established that if we are going to carry on and create a precedent of raising issues about personal issues of hon members here, and it was even mentioned specifically by hon Mackenzie that we are here with each other for five years, we must actually then allow that – if that is going to be allowed it is fine. [Interjections.] I just want to find out whether ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Sure.

Mr L L MVIMBI: ... the House allows that we raise issues that are of a personal nature. Then we know, that is the rule. [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Okay. So that refers – thank you, hon member Mvimbi. That refers to Rule 59 and it reads that we cannot bring any improper or unethical conduct on the part of a member to the House. You need to bring a substantive motion and so I will remind that the hon member remembers that.

†‘n AGB LID: Daar is hy.

[An HON MEMBER: There you go.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Can we proceed?

Ms L M MASEKO: Thank you very much. Hon Deputy Speaker, like I mentioned, there is an allegation that that happened. So, I am going to continue with this statement and say that again. We know that following this member’s departure from the City, this hon member criticised the Salt River Housing Project’s delay, when it was he himself who allegedly sent the contract back to the Mayoral Committee to be properly validated before its implementation.

We know that this allegation about this member, criticises the Provincial Department of Human Settlements ... [Interjection.] for buying land for emergency housing at market value when it was he himself who allegedly refused to buy any land for emergency housing at all.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Take your seat, hon member. There is a point of

order. Hon member Xego?

Mr M XEGO: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Smith, your own member is standing up. Yes? [Interjections.] Hon member Lili, your own member is on a point of order.

Mr M XEGO: Thank you hon Deputy Speaker. I think again I rise on Rule 59.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes.

Mr M XEGO: As you have ruled earlier the member cannot infer improper conduct to a member ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes.

Mr M XEGO: He must do so in a substantive motion.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Okay. But can I remind ... [Interjection.]

Mr M XEGO: But, but ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I hear you. [Interjections.]

Mr M XEGO: ... because remember, hon Deputy Speaker, and we want to appeal for consistency ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes. [Interjection.]

Mr M XEGO: ...continues to say “allegations” in whatever she is raising and when there were allegations of a member stealing electricity ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes!

Mr M XEGO: ...we were told that we cannot raise those things, but we must raise them in a substantive motion. [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members, I will be reading out the ruling that happened a few weeks ago, or a few sittings ago. [Interjections.] So it will relate to something like this ... [Interjections.] but the member has clearly used the word “allegations”. I do not want to shut down total freedom of speech in this House. She has used the word “allegations”.

As long as she does that she does not infringe on Rule 59. [Interjections.] I will make a ruling at the end of this sitting and I ask that you please be attentive when I do read that ruling out. I would like the member to finish her statement. Thank you.

Ms L M MASEKO: Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker. While other members in this Legislature have made commitment to serving the people of the Western Cape, it is evident that there are other hon members who have made ... [Interjection.]

Mr A LILI: Like who?!

Ms L M MASEKO: ...a commitment to serve their ... [Interjection.]

Mr A LILI: Like who!?

Ms L M MASEKO: ... own agenda, that of their embittered parties.
[Interjection.]

Mr A LILI: Yoh! Be specific. [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Lili ... [Interjection.]

Ms L M MASEKO: Indeed it is very hard to take such a Legislature seriously when his statements or her statements are based on nothing more than political claptrap, but we know exactly why the other members are here.
[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Who?

Ms L M MASEKO: The only problem is, sooner or later their twisted facts will only twist their reputation further ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Can you finish off member?

An HON MEMBER: Like who, Maseko?

Ms L M MASEKO: ... and their relevance in this Legislature, will only continue to dwindle.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon member, I see the hon Herron from GOOD. [Interjections.]

Mr B N HERRON: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. Let me make a statement about the Salt River Market Project. The Salt River Market Project is an affordable housing project that has been on the City's housing horizon since about 2011 when I was elected ward councillor for Ward 57 in Cape Town.

That project never went to the Mayco or was never sent back to Mayco. It was sent back by the DA caucus, who were opposed to affordable housing in the Salt River inner city area and they ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr B N HERRON: ... concocted reasons ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon members. [Interjection.]

Mr B N HERRON: ...like, hon Deputy Speaker ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon members! [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Can we believe anything you say?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: One minute, hon member Herron.

Mr B N HERRON: The ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon members, everybody wants to be heard. Can you please afford this member from GOOD party the opportunity to finish his statement, otherwise we are going to be here till ten o'clock tonight. Thank you.

Mr B N HERRON: Hon Deputy Speaker, the Salt River Market Project was referred back by the DA caucus because the DA caucus did not support affordable housing in the inner city. [Interjections.] The hon member who ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr B N HERRON: The DA that is currently in this House ... [Interjections.]
hon Deputy Speaker ... [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Can we believe you!? Can we believe you!? We want to know [Inaudible.]

Mr B N HERRON: ... is confused between two different Salt River projects.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Can we believe you?

Mr B N HERRON: The Salt River Market Project ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister ...

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Can we believe you now!?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister!

An HON MEMBER: It was him!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you.

Mr B N HERRON: The Minister must go and pay his electricity bill. Hon Deputy Speaker, the Salt River Market Project was never referred back by me to the Mayoral Committee and in fact it was eventually approved by the

Council in December, following my resignation. I resigned because the DA caucus refused to implement a project that would address affordable housing in the inner city. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr B N HERRON: But, hon Deputy Speaker, last week ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr B N HERRON: ... the City of Cape Town ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr B N HERRON: ... cancelled five ... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: I cannot hear!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon members.

An HON MEMBER: We want to hear his side of the story!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Members. Members. [Interjections.] Hon Lili [Interjections.] Hon Lili! Hon Lili! [Interjections.] Can you rise please? [Interjections.] Okay. You are in consistent infringement of the Rules.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: So, now you know, when I stand up it really does get serious.

An HON MEMBER: Sit down.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see that the Chief Whip of the Opposition has risen on a point of order. Please, I can hear you very clearly when you are shouting across the House. Please may I ask for some more respect for our fellow members as contentious as the issues raised. [Interjections.] Let us have some order. I see you Chief Whip of the Opposition.

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I am actually rising on a point of order, as member Herron is on the podium speaking, MEC Simmers goes on to say, "What a lie". And I would like you to rule on whether that language usage is allowed and permissible in the House. I thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Lekker. I will refer to Hansard. I did not hear it and I will revert back on that ruling. I recognise you, hon member.

Mr B N HERRON: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I would really like to complete the statement. [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes.

Mr B N HERRON: So I am going to make it clear. The Salt River Market Project was a project on the housing plan for from at least 2011. It was a mixed income, mixed used project for the redevelopment of the old Salt River Market. It was referred back by the DA caucus in October 2018 ... [Interjections.] following objections by the new ward councillor who replaced me in the 2016 Local Government Elections. The reasons for referring it back were spurious and on that basis I resigned from the DA because they are not committed to end spatial integration despite what it says in their manifesto. [Interjections.] There is confusion though because the Mayor of Cape Town currently is saying that no housing projects have been cancelled, yet the City of Cape Town cancelled five additional affordable housing projects ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please finish up, hon member. [Interjection.]

Mr B N HERRON: ... in the Salt River area and finally, my Department did refuse to buy the piece of land that was purchased by the Provincial Government, through the HAD, because the price was more than ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member.

Mr B N HERRON: ... three times the market value. The City already owned

land on the corner of Potsdam and Blaauwberg Road ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you.

Mr B N HERRON: ... and acquired Annandale, 72 hectares of land across the N7. [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member.

Mr B N HERRON: The land was not needed, unless the DA needed it for party political funding.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member. I now see the ACDP. [Interjections.]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS (ACDP): Hon Deputy Speaker, the ACDP is asking the DA Western Cape Government to reject the proposed implementation of Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) by the Department of Basic Education in our Western Cape Schools. Hon Deputy Speaker, the ACDP is against the radical sexualisation of school children. We are opposed to the introduction of CSE.

Hon Deputy Speaker, on 19 August 2019, the ACDP handed over a petition to the Department of Basic Education in Pretoria to scrap and remove CSE from our curriculum. They are using the disturbing rate of the increase in teenage

pregnancies to introduce the programme that will teach our Grade 4 to 12 children about oral sex, anal sex and masturbation.

The teaching of sexual education is the primary responsibility of the parent. Sex education at schools should be taught at the appropriate age with the involvement of the parent. We are all aware that the CSE is based on the core philosophies of Dr Alfred Kinsey, namely that he says:

- Children are naturally sexual from birth, therefore any restrictions on their sexual expression or sexual activity violates their sexual rights; and
- Secondly he said, to have good health, children and adults alike should be having regular sexual experiences either alone, through masturbation, or with persons of either gender.

The ACDP is asking the DA Government to reject the CSE completely. Thank you. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much. I recognise the ANC. Hon member Sayed.

Mr M K SAYED: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. The Western Cape Education Department under the MEC for Education, hon Debbie Schäfer, has thus far shown an uncaring attitude towards school safety and the safety of our vulnerable learners in particular. [Interjections.]

How does the MEC and the Department expect children to learn if they cannot feel safe in their schools? This inertia was proven by the hon MEC in this House last week, hon Deputy Speaker, when she clearly stated that no broken fence at about 66 schools in desperate need of repair, will be fixed as people break them again. As if taxpayers' money is not meant for school safety. [Interjections.]

Daily we put the lives of our children in the hands of this MEC and her team. But our children, well, maybe not her children, are left at the mercy of criminals and gangsters who invade schools where fences are broken and not repaired, in our communities.

An HON MEMBER: Listen, MEC!

Mr M K SAYED: Too regularly we hear of horrific attacks on children. Children are bullied and abused by people who do not belong on the school's premises, like the teenager in Cloetesville that was stabbed at Stellenbosch just this past week.

We must ask this MEC: How many children will have to die in our schools or fall victim to the gangs coming onto our school premises, before she or her Department will act?

†'n AGB LID: Vra jou MEC.

[An HON MEMBER: Ask your MEC.]

Mr M K SAYED: There is no time to quibble over safer schools, hon Deputy Speaker. There is taxpayers' money and funds allocated to safeguard our schools as her own officials told us in the Standing Committee on Tuesday. The MEC must stop shifting the blame and do her job by taking responsibility for our school children. [Interjections.] She must shape up or do the honourable thing and resign.

An HON MEMBER: Please!

Mr M K SAYED: Or her hon Premier must assist us in taking action. Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much. I recognise the DA.

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. The Red Cross War Memorial Children's Hospital recorded 2 582 sexual assaults on children under 13 years across the province last year. Nearly 37 000 children in the province have been removed from their homes, which are deemed dangerous, with a prevalence of traumatic events, including negligence, abuse and rape.

Sexual violence is most greatly suffered by girls and young women across South Africa and this does not discriminate against colour, societal status or background. This is why we all need to continuously do whatever we can in order to prevent sexual assault, abuse and violence in our communities.

Every small deed and opportunity should be used to keep the dangers that women face in the spotlight, as we advocate for safer spaces. Three years ago, 16-year old Franziska Blöchliger was brutally attacked, raped and murdered while out for a run in what was considered a relatively safe space frequented by many families and residents from across the city.

In an effort to keep her memory alive, to showcase community support against the atrocities and the dangers women face every day, the community started tying ribbons to the entry gate of the park, affectionately dubbed “Ribbon Gate”. Last week, during Women’s Month, female wardens from Pollsmoor Prison were barred by SANPARKS from placing ribbons on the gate, effectively barring the community from showing their respects and to continue their advocacy.

I am proud of every member of our community who has joined our call to SANPARKS to allow continued activism for safer spaces, especially for women, and in solidarity with the thousands of women who face assault, abuse and violence daily. Actions against violence in our communities can never be silenced or ignored.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. I see that the Freedom Front Plus is not here.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Ja, it is too late for them now.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I recognise Al Jama-ah. [Interjections.] I see that – I recognise the DA.

Mr R I ALLEN (DA): Hon Deputy Speaker, recently a self-confessed gangster gave chilling evidence in the Western Cape High Court and he made a claim that the gang that he belongs to has approximately 10 000 members. Research has further shown that the largest known gang in the Western Cape has a membership of approximately 50 000 people.

Hon Deputy Speaker, it will never be acceptable for gangs to be the reason why our schools are closing. It can never be acceptable if a bullet flies through the window of a clinic. So, that can never be okay and if I look back to 1998, in a report on the Western Cape Police Service, indicated that there was an understaffing of 35% based on the ideal personnel strength.

What that means is that the personnel shortage at the time, meant that the police service will only be able to answer half of the total demand of its service. That was approximately 20 years ago. Currently we now have just over 20 000 SAPS members in the Western Cape.

Hence it can never be that we are 20 years behind gangsters! That we are 20 years behind the fact that we have an under resourcing in SAPS – that can never be okay, that they are approximately 20 years ahead of us. What that means is, as I was listening, and to go off this note I have – a half an hour ago, as we were sitting here, a one-year old child was raped in Mitchells

Plain!

So that can never be okay, and with that the Western Cape Government is trying everything in its power to see how can we come together across all spheres of government in order to make this province safer. But, what we have received in return was that there has been minimal support regarding the dire state of under resourcing here in the Western Cape from SAPS; what we have also seen is that various Ministers showed little to no interest ...
[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please finish off, hon member.

Mr R I ALLEN: ... in the policing needs within the Western Cape. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much. That comes to the end of Statements. Is there a Minister who wishes to respond as contemplated in the Standing Rule 145.6? I recognise Hon Minister Schäfer.

HON MEMBERS: Hear-Hear!

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker. I would like to respond first of all to hon member Christians. I have asked my Department for more details of the exact specifics of the Sexual Education curriculum for next year. I am still waiting for that and we will

have another look at it, but we do need to acknowledge that whether we like it or not, there are children as young as primary school, 10 or below, who are engaging in sexual activities.

So we have to be realistic about it and whether we are happy with it or not, unfortunately that is what we have to deal with, but I am going to look into it a little bit more and then we will get back to this House.

The hon member Sayed, last week you asked me a question. You were so busy trying to create hysteria that you did not bother to even listen to the answer. You then ran to the media and said that I said there were 66 schools that would not ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Oh shame!

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: ...we would not replace the fences of. That is not what I said.

Mr M K SAYED: I said the only reason ... [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: I asked the question: Who broke the fences in the first place? [Interjection.]

Mr M K SAYED: There is a Hansard!

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Yes, there is a Hansard.

Mr M K SAYED: There is a Hansard.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank goodness for that. [Interjection.]

Mr M K SAYED: ... you can study the pages. [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Sayed. One minute.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Fortunately for that, there is a Hansard. What I said is, we did not break the fences, but I said, notwithstanding that, we have identified 66 schools that desperately need fencing and that we will prioritise those in the next few years. That is what I said.

An HON MEMBER: Yoh! [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: So, perhaps if one had bothered to listen to the answers instead of making a noise, then you would actually get the correct facts. Unfortunately, the newspaper cannot seem to get their facts straight either, because according to the *Argus* today ... [Interjection.] my spokesperson apparently appeared before the Standing Committee. So, this is what the ANC always does. As soon as they get caught out in a lie.

Mr M K SAYED: You cannot take responsibility ... [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: ... they try and deflect it and say we blame everybody else. [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: So ... [Interjections.]

Mr M K SAYED: MEC, fix the fences!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon members.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: I would fix the fences if the ANC stopped cutting our budget every month and every year. [Interjections.] If they stop cutting the infrastructure budget like they are doing again this year. So we are fixing the fences ... [Interjection.]

Mr M K SAYED: You are compromising the Premier, MEC! You ... [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister, just speak to me.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: So we will fix the fences ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Members, members! This cannot be a conversation

across the House. I am listening to the Minister.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: So we are trying to fix the fences but if we had more money, you know, that was not stolen and wasted by the ANC National Government, we would have been able to do it a lot sooner. But we will not keep on replacing equipment that is stolen and vandalised and we need communities to assist us. [Interjection.]

As far as the hon Herron is concerned, last week the land in question was apparently twice the value. This week it is three times the value. So maybe if you ask the same question next week, it will be four times the value. So what ... [Interjection.]

Mr B N HERRON: Maybe we need to be speaking about the same land.[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member ... [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Perhaps ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Just sit – if you can just take your seat, hon Minister. Member Herron, you cannot push the microphone and just speak.

Mr B N HERRON: Hon Deputy Speaker, the DA is completely confused about land. [Interjection.]

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

Mr B N HERRON: And that they are misleading this House!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon ... [Interjection.]

Mr B N HERRON: There is different parcels of and if the DA can just speak about one piece of land ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon ... [Interjection.]

Mr B N HERRON: ... at a time that would be very useful!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Herron ... [Interjections.] Hon members! We cannot – if you rise, you need to rise on a point of order, but please, this is the Minister's prerogative for five minutes that she can actually address this House.

Mr B N HERRON: But then she must know what she is talking about!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I understand, but that is not for me to judge ... [Interjections.] I would like to consider ... [Interjections.] Please can I ask for some order in the House. [Interjections.] Please do not put your microphone on and speak without asking for that permission. I recognise the hon Minister.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker. I think now we have a little bit better idea why the hon Herron “resigned” so-called, from the City of Cape Town.

An HON MEMBER: You pushed him out.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: But what I do think you should maybe explain to this House is exactly what was going on with Melissa Whitehead and that Chinese Bus Contract and stop interfering ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You can take a seat. [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: ... in this House whenever we put our facts on the table that you do not like.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Can you take a seat, hon Minister. Thank you, hon Herron?

Mr B N HERRON: The ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: On a point of order ... [Interjection.]

Mr B N HERRON: Through you, hon Deputy Speaker, the Minister asked me to explain some stuff. So I am happy to do so if you allow me to do that. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No, we cannot do that here. [Interjections.] Thank you very much. I see that the Minister has finished speaking. Is that correct, Minister Schäfer? Are you done?

An HON MEMBER: Ha, she is done!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Have you completed?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Yes.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much. That concludes Members' Statements. Hon members, we move over to Notices of Motion in terms of Rule 147. Are there any motions where notice is given?

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Are there any Motions where – I see the hon member Sayed.

MOTIONS WITH NOTICE

Mr M K SAYED: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I give notice that I shall move:

That the House notes and discusses the dilapidated state of our school

infrastructure and infrastructure backlog in the province; notes further that while many schools have been closed down in the past due to poor infrastructure, many more schools are dilapidated due to poor maintenance and calls for a full investigation into the state of school infrastructure, the demand for school infrastructure and maintenance plans of the Department. I thank you, hon Deputy Speaker.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Notice taken. Hon member, I see you.

Mr A P VAN DER WESTHUIZEN: Hon Deputy Speaker, I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the progress with the construction related to the raising of the Clanwilliam Dam wall; the challenges and delays experienced to date, and the benefits that the increased water storage capacity may hold for agriculture, particularly emerging farmers, in the lower Olifants River area. Thank you.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Notice taken. Any other motions with notice? Thank you. That concludes the Notices of Motion. Am I correct? I am moving over to motions [Interjections.] Notices with Motion, member

Marran?

Mr P MARRAN: Motion with Notice.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Motions with Notice. You may rise. Please rise.

Mr P MARRAN: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the ways to transform the agricultural economy in the Western Cape.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Notice taken. Any other motions with notice? I see hon member Smith.

†Mnr P MARRAN: Het ek dan nie voorgelees nie?

[Mr P MARRAN: Did I not read in advance?]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Marran, do not engage. There we go. Okay, I see your colleague behind the scenes.

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

That the House debates the high cost of water and electricity in the province.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Notice taken. Any other motions? And notices of motion? No? We are now moving over to Motions Without Notice. Am I correct? I first saw hon member Philander and then I see hon member Sayed and then I see hon member Xego.

MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Ms W PHILANDER: Thank you. Hon Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House condemns the alleged unfair dismissal of three doctors linked to the Tygerberg Hospital, studying to become professional anaesthetists; we are happy to note a review by Minister Mbombo of the disciplinary processes and outcomes to ensure the alleged crime equates to the punishment and remain therefore fully confident with the review process which the Minister will conduct; further notes that any loss of health care professionals for whatever reasons, in the broader context of the dire need to strengthen health services, is a major concern; further moves, hon Deputy Speaker, that we should note that personnel matters should not be politicised. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? There is no objection to the motion. Is there any objections to the motion? No? [Interjections.] Noted. Thank you. Sorry, I remember I said, member Sayed first, did I? And then I said, over to you. I recognise you. [Interjection.]

Mr M K SAYED: Thank you. Hon Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes with concern that parents of learners attending Diaz Primary School in Mossel Bay are not happy with the Department of Education's plan for a replacement school, which would not be big enough to accommodate Grade R learners as plans for two classes were not approved and may also lead to the loss of jobs by two teachers; notes further concerns that Grade R learners will have to be moved to other schools as they no longer have a place at the school; condemns the Department's inconsiderate approach; and calls for a further investigation into the matter. I thank you, hon Deputy Speaker.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Are there any objections to the motion being moved? [Interjections.] There are objections. The motion will be printed on the Order Paper. Hon member, you are next.

Mr D SMITH: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes with great sadness the killing of a young and upcoming designer and businessman from Khayelitsha, Thulani Mpiko, who was shot dead on 15 August 2019; notes further that his murderers called him to Green Point in Khayelitsha, pretending to be clients wanting to buy his clothing; calls on the police to speed up investigations to bring the perpetrators to book and convey its sincerest condolences to his family and friends. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice?

HON MEMBERS: No.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Okay. Are there any objections to the motion itself? [Interjections.] No objections. Agreed to. I see the hon member Mitchell.

Die ADJUNK-HOOFSWEEP (DA): Dankie, agb Adjunkspeaker. Namens die Demokratiese Alliansie, plaas ek die mosie sonder kennisgewing:

Dat die Huis kennis neem dat Roelof Erasmus van Staden, Direkteur

Elektrotegniese Dienste te Beaufort-Wes Munisipaliteit, op 30 September 2019 aftree; hulde bring aan sy meer as 24 jaar diens aan Beaufort-Wes en sy mense; verder kennis neem dat onder Roelof se leierskap die Departement uitstaande diens lewer aan Beaufort-Wes; hom bedank vir sy harde werk en sy respek vir ander, wat vir almal uitstaan as kernwaardes vir Roelof, wat hy daaglik uitleef en waarmee hy sy personeel met kundigheid gelei het en ook nie geskroom het om self in te spring om herstelwerk te doen soos verlang nie; en sterkte toewens met sy aftrede en hom alles van die beste toewens met sy wedvlugduif stokperdjie en meer tyd spandeer saam met sy vrou Elsabe en twee kinders. Ek stel so voor.

[Voorstel soos deur lid voorgestel.]

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

The CHIEF WHIP (DA): Thank you hon Deputy Speaker. On behalf of the Democratic Alliance I put the motion without notice:

That the House notes that Roelof Erasmus van Staden, Director Electro-technical Services at Beaufort West Municipality, retires on 30 September 2019; honours his more than 24 years of service to Beaufort West and its people; further notes that under Roelof's leadership the Department delivers outstanding service to Beaufort West; thanks him for his hard work and his respect for others, that stand out to all as core

values to Roelof that he displays daily and with which he has led his personnel with expertise, and never shied away from tackling repair work himself as required; and wishes him all the best with his retirement and with his pigeon racing hobby and more time with his wife Elsabe and two children. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? Are there any objections to the motion itself? No objections? Agreed to. I saw member Windvogel before everyone else. You did have your hand up earlier. You can step up.

Ms R WINDVOGEL: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes that 20 August 2019 marked the 36th anniversary of the formation of the United Democratic Front; notes further that it was launched in Mitchells Plain on the same day on which the apartheid government planned to introduce the racist legislation for Tricameral Parliament; pays tribute to the UDF on its 36th anniversary and salutes its former members and leaders like Dr Allan Boesak, Mama Albertina Sisulu and Archie Gumede for their uncompromising opposition to the apartheid regime in all its policies and calls on all South Africans, especially young people, to keep the legacy of the UDF. I thank you.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? Are there any objections to the motion itself? The motion is agreed to. I am going to move across like this members. It is easier. I will move over to the DA.

Mr A P VAN DER WESTHUIZEN: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes that the wine making industry has traditionally been a male dominated environment and we therefore congratulate Ms Kelly-Marie Jacobs, a former employee of the Western Cape Department of Agriculture, on her recent appointment as the White Wine Winemaker of Zonnebloem; a brand in the Distell Group; that we trust that her appointment will serve as an inspiration to other women to follow in her footsteps and we wish her well in her future career. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? Are there any objections to the motion itself? The motion is agreed to. I see the ANC.

Mr D SMITH: Hon Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes with concern the suspended City of Cape Town Transport Director, Melissa Whitehead ... [Interjections.] who was found guilty in a disciplinary hearing ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I am hearing you.

Mr D SMITH:

Notes further that the Bowman Gilfillan investigation fingered her as one of the enablers of corruption ... [Interjection.]

†'n AGB LID: Jy moet net die koerant lees.

[An HON MEMBER: You must just read the newspaper.]

Mr D SMITH:

...in the City, which related to appointment of a UK consultant to set up the transport authority; acknowledges that while Whitehead may have resigned, there remains a need for further investigation into deep rooted corruption in the City of Cape Town; and calls for the investigation as soon as possible. [Interjections.]

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Are there any objections to the motion

being moved without notice?

HON MEMBERS: Yes!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: There are objections. The motion will be printed on the Order Paper. I move across to the other side and I will move back to you.

[Interjections.] Hon member.

Mr R I ALLEN: Hon Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House commends the newly established Strand Community Safety Forum, which has just appointed its members; the forum aims to address civil unrest through mediation to improve the safety of N2-commuters and the surrounding communities; that the House further recognises the collaborative efforts of all the Neighbourhood Watches, CPF, private security, ratepayers associations and other safety stakeholders involved in its establishment, I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? Are there any objections to the motion itself?

The motion is agreed to. ANC, off you go.

Mr L L MVIMBI: Hon Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes that this week marks a year since the Commission of Inquiry into the Allegation of State Capture commenced its work; notes further that the commission is one of the ways in which the ANC Government is showing its resolve to root out corruption and bring about a new dawn; commends the work that has been done thus far and calls for action to be taken in some of the serious cases that have been raised in the commission.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? Are there any objections to the motion itself? The motion is agreed to. Over to this side of the bench.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House welcomes Rocklands Civic Centre as a provincial heritage site as declared by Heritage Western Cape on 20 August 2019; further notes the important role that the UDF played as an anti-apartheid organisation in the promotion of democracy. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? Are there any objections to the motion itself? The motion is agreed to. Over to you member Marran.

Mr P MARRAN: Hon Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House expresses its dismay for the more than 400 residents of which 138 children of the Kuilsriver Farm, Kleine Akker, whose property was destroyed in an eviction on Monday; I also ask both hon Andile Lili and hon Bakubaku-Vos to engage the Ministers of Human Settlement and Social Services and to respond to the needs of those evictees. Thank you.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? Are there any objections to the motion itself? The motion is agreed to. Over to this side of the bench. Any motions? I am moving over to – member Marran?

Mr P MARRAN: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House sends its condolences to the family and friends of the grape farmer in the Hex River Valley, Mr Chris van Wyk, one of the greatest and respectable agricultural minds, who died this morning of a

heart attack. He will surely be missed.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? Are there any objections to the motion itself?

The motion is agreed to. ACDP?

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House congratulates Austin Fernandez, a matric pupil, age 17, from Bonteheuwel High School, that was crowned top achiever in a youth empowerment programme. Hon Deputy Speaker, an article on 21 August 2019, highlighted that Austin was a top achiever in his grade and participated in the 2019 Reach for the Stars, Kingdom Kids and Prestigious Parents Programme; the aim of the programme is to empower pupils to chase their dreams; the pupils who participated in the event where he could say what he aspired to and what he overcame; hon Deputy Speaker, the ACDP wishes Austin well and all the best for his matric finals and his future endeavours. I thank you.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Are there any objections to the motion

being moved without notice? Are there any objections to the motion itself?
The motion is agreed to. Hon member Xego, I see you there.

Mr M XEGO: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes and appreciates the launch of the inaugural Andile Mbenyane Pre-Season tournament that took place on 9 August and 17 August 2019 in Wellington; notes further that the tournament gives a platform to local football clubs to showcase talent and assists in the integrated fight against crime and other social ills; congratulates the Battalion FC which competes in the ABC Motsepe League for winning the tournament and calls for more funding to be made available to support such initiatives. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? Are there any objections to the motion itself?
The motion is agreed to. I think I saw you, hon member Smith.

Mr D SMITH: Hon Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes and congratulates the ANC on a resounding victory on the Ward 95 by-election where it received 76% of the vote, while the likes of the DA could only get 5%; notes further that these results are a

further testimony that people from poor communities still view the ANC as the only party that can free them from poverty; congratulates the newly elected councillor Xolisa Ngwekazi. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Are there any objections to the motion being moved? [Interjections.] Are there any – are there objections?

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: There are objections. The motion will be printed on the Order Paper. I see the hon member Mvimbi.

Mr L L MVIMBI: Hon Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes that while the DA may have retained the Ward 5 by-election in Knysna ... [Interjections.] its majority decreased, owing to the performance of the newly formed parties like the PPI and KIM, which took over 1 000 votes from the DA; notes further that these are signs that the DA is starting to disintegrate in the province [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr L L MVIMBI:

...and welcomes the outcome. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Are there any objections to the motion? [Interjections.] There are objections. The motion will be printed on the Order Paper. Are there any more motions without notice? Hon Chief Whip, sorry I think I left you out a long time ago. Apologies. [Interjections.]

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC): Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes that on its quest for rebuilding, renewing and unity, the ANC NEC took a decision to appoint an Interim Provincial Committee that is led by comrade Lerumo Kalako and comrade Ronalda Namulengu, together with other members in this House; notes further and congratulates members Rachel Windvogel, Ayanda Bans, Andile Lili, Nomi Nkondlo and the Leader of the Opposition, Cameron Dugmore on their appointment to serve in the PIC; and wishes the ANC well as it seeks to rebuild a stronger organisation ... [Interjections.] ready to ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. One minute. Can the member finish?

[Interjections.] Hon Chief Whip, can you continue?

The CHIEF WHIP (ANC):

... to rebuild a strong organisation, ready to take back municipalities in 2021 and the province in 2024. I so move. [Interjections.]

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Are there any objections to the motions? [Interjections.] There are objections. The motion will be printed on the Order Paper. Hon members, is that all? Have I covered everybody's motions without notice? Order please. Okay. That concludes Motions Without Notice. I would like now to take the opportunity to read my – give me a second – my considered ruling from a few sittings ago.

RULING BY THE DEPUTY SPEAKER

During statements by members at the sitting of the House on 1 August 2019, the hon Lili made certain utterances which prompted the hon, the Deputy Chief Whip of the majority party to raise a point of order requesting me to rule on whether the hon Lili was transgressing Rule 59 of the Standing Rules, by reflecting on the integrity or dignity of the hon the Minister of Human Settlements.

I undertook to study the Hansard transcript of the hon member's statement and am now in a position to rule on this matter. During his address to the House, the hon Lili said the following, and I quote:

“What is the DA doing about its new Human Settlements MEC, the hon member Simmers, and the many allegations against him? Newspaper articles are overflowing with information and wrongdoing. What example does he set for DA followers to emulate by ignoring the many allegations? Yet, the DA preaches to other parties on taking steps against their public representatives. There are those allegations of driving around party faithfuls without a valid driver's license and that a senior DA party member of this Government supplied the vehicle.”

Later on, the hon, the Deputy Chief Whip again drew my attention to specifically Rule 59.2 of the Standing Rules. Freedom of speech in debate and proceedings is one of the most significant privileges members enjoy and is recognised all over the democratic world as essential for robust debate to take place free of outside influence. Significantly, it is guaranteed by our Constitution. Freedom of speech is curtailed by the Legislature itself through its own Standing Rules, customs and practices in order to avoid abuse of this freedom as well as to protect and uphold the honour and dignity of the House.

It furthermore seeks to guide the House to conduct its businesses in a responsible and an orderly manner and to promote the responsible use of the

privilege of freedom of speech. I have sympathy with the hon member Lili for raising the issue in debate since we operate in a political space and do want to curtail members unduly on topical issues which are comprehensively reported on in the press.

However, the Rules are very clear on this matter. A member who wishes to bring improper or unethical conduct on part of any other member to the attention of this House may do so only by way of a substantive motion, comprising of a clearly formulated and properly substantiated allegation.

To his credit, and to soften the blow a little bit, the hon member Lili did use the word “allegations” and “alleged” throughout his statement, albeit inconsistently. During the opportunity for Notices of Motion, the hon Lili did attempt to self-correct by attempting to move a substantive motion on the same matter as required by the Rules.

The hon, the Chief Whip raised an objection and asserted that hon Lili may only have done so by way of a substantive motion as required by the Rules.

In light of the above I wish to rule as follows:

1. That in terms of the powers vested in me by Rule 153 of the Standing Rules, the Notice of Motion appearing in the name of hon member Lili will be duly amended by omitting the offending words.
2. Members’ attention is drawn to the provisions of Rule 59 and the Chief Whip so requested, to assist their members in this regard to ensure

compliance with that rule. Further clarity on the application of Rule 59 is available on request.

Furthermore, during the proceedings, alluded to the above, the hon Lili questioned the time keeping relating to the statement and asserted that he was compromised in terms of the time allocated to him for this statement. Let me make it very clear to all the members. The Table staff are the official timekeepers during the debates, and do everything in their power to ensure that members receive the correct apportioned time of the time that they are entitled to and I am not going to tolerate any aspersions cast by members on their professionalism. I here so rule.

I will then just ask that I vacate the seat so that the hon Speaker can actually deliver his ruling.

RULING BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER: I hope that the Deputy Speaker did not migrate with everything here. Thank you. Order, hon members. During the debate on 15 August 2019, hon Mitchell raised a point of order regarding a notice of motion by the hon Chief Whip of the Official Opposition, where he asserted that the hon Chief Whip was in transgression of Rule 59 of the Standing Rules.

Rule 59 requires that hon members may only reflect on the integrity and

dignity of another member by way of a substantive motion. A substantive motion can be defined as an independent and self-contained proposal concerning a concrete item of business with the object that the House takes a decision on a particular matter.

I am satisfied that the hon Chief Whip of the Official Opposition complied with the requirements of Rule 59 with the necessary amendments affected by me in terms of Rule 153. However, in terms of Rule 64 the motion is inconsistent with the Standing Rules in that it is the same in substance as a matter that is already appearing on the Order Paper in the name of hon Lili, and will thus be removed from the Order Paper in terms of the power vested in me by Rule 153 of the Standing Rules.

What the hon Chief Whip of the Official Opposition seeks to achieve with her motion could very well be achieved under the same motion that hon Lili read which is already on the Order Paper and members will recognise, it was number 21 in the previous Order Paper of the previous sitting. Because it anticipates the discussion of hon Lili's motion it is therefore out of order. Should hon Lili wish to withdraw his notice of a motion, then the notice of a motion of the Chief Whip of the Official Opposition will therefore stand. With that, I conclude and therefore the House is adjourned. Thank you, hon members.

The House adjourned at 18:05.