
FRIDAY, 23 FEBRUARY 2018

PROCEEDINGS OF THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT

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The House met at 10:00

The Deputy Speaker took the Chair and read the prayer.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Before we start with the formal proceedings may I take the opportunity to welcome our guests on the gallery and just remind them that they are welcome here but not to take part in the proceedings on the floor. I also want to extend a special welcome to the visiting group of students and their professors from the Fachhochschule Kiel in Germany, most welcome with us. [Applause.]

I see the Chief Whip.

(Notice of Motion)

Mr M G E WILEY: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I move the motion on the

Order Paper in my name:

That in terms of section 6(3)(b) of the Remuneration of Public Office Bearers Act, 1998, (Act 20 of 1998) the upper limits of the salary and allowances of the Premier as proclaimed by the President of the Republic of South Africa by Proclamation No 43, 2017, published in Government Gazette 41313 of 8 December 2017, be determined as the salary and allowances of the Premier of the Western Cape with effect from 1 April 2017.

(Notice of Motion)

Mr M G E WILEY: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I move the motion on the Order Paper in my name:

That notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 149 (3) the following bills be revived and consideration thereof be resumed from the stage reached with them in the previous session.

- (1) Western Cape Housing Development Amendment Bill [B2–2017].
- (2) Western Cape Provincial Road Traffic Administration Amendment Bill [B3–2017].

and with the rider for the second motion, Mr Deputy Speaker, and that is I am aware that the Standing Committees dealing with the said bills have already

met this year to deliberate on them. The Committees will ratify these deliberations in their final reports on these bills. I so move.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Just clarity on that one. I put the first motion, no objection? Agreed to. The second one, no objection? Agreed to as well.

We then move on to the Orders of the Day. The Secretary will read the Order.

ORDER OF THE DAY

The SECRETARY: Debate on the Premier's State of the Province Address.

Debate on the Premier's State of the Province Address

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see the Leader of the Opposition, the hon member Magaxa. [Applause.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: Mr Deputy Speaker, Madam Premier, and protocol observed. Before I begin, I would like to welcome the 54th ANC Conference outcomes and the consequent election of comrade Cyril Ramaphosa as the President of the Republic of South Africa. [Applause.]

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

Mr K E MAGAXA: His election has brought a new era of hope and change for all South Africans young and old, black and white. [Interjection.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Gooi kole, gooi kole, vreet hulle.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Throw coals, throw coals, chew them.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: We appreciate the sense of renewal the President's SONA's speech has brought to the country. He promised to restore public confidence in the government; commitment to ethical behaviour and leadership; a new national minimum wage to improve the lives of more than six million South Africans; improvement to government support for the poor and unemployed and land restitution, including, if necessary, expropriation of land without compensation. [Interjections.]

Premier, we had to write to you to convince you that the SONA should first take place to open the Parliamentary year which would set the tone for the year, believing it would be against the principles of co-operative governance for any province to proceed with a State of the Province Address before the President has delivered the State of the Nation Address. We were disappointed in your letter dated 15 February where you stated that you received no legal arguments... [Interjection.]

Mr D JOSEPH: You are wasting time!

Mr K E MAGAXA: ...why the State of the Province Address should not take

place before SONA... [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: That is history.

Mr K E MAGAXA: ...and that the Western Cape government was not consulted regarding the postponement of SONA whereas the DA party requested SONA be postponed. Your actions once again prove that you do not want to be part of nation building and you continue to run the province like an island that is not part of South Africa. [Interjections.] No wonder you have been suspended from all of your party's decision-making structures. You have once again tweeted about water colonialism and had to be threatened about being charged again for tweeting positively about the legacy of colonialism. [Interjections.]

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

Mr K E MAGAXA: It will be the second time in a year that you will be investigated ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order! Mr Magaxa.

Ms T M DIJANA: This is not your House... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! I am speaking to both sides of the House now but specifically the DA. There are too many interjections at the

same time. Select your interjections more selectively. Be more selective. Hon member Magaxa, you may continue.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. It will be the second time in a year that you will be investigated for violating the DA's social media policy, breaching your social media agreement with the party and bringing the party into disrepute.

Mr D JOSEPH: It has nothing to do with the ANC.

Mr K E MAGAXA: You represent the old racist apartheid backward times which cannot coincide in this new dawn the country is set upon.
[Interjections.]

Ms B A SCHÄFER: What are you talking about?

Mr K E MAGAXA: Your behaviour borders towards someone...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Mr K E MAGAXA: ...somebody from a serious infantile disorder.
[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Minister Fritz, a question?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: I am at pains to try and discover what the hell is he responding to that, for yesterday's speech? [Interjections.] It has nothing to do with yesterday's speech. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: It is irrelevant. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order please.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: This is coming to absolute nonsense here. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order Minister Fritz, I have listened to the... [Interjections.] Order! I have listened to the point of order. This is a wide political debate. I will clearly look at the contents. [Interjections.] Please continue. [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Your behaviour borders towards someone suffering from a serious infantile disorder and you are being dangerous to yourself and your own party. Premier Zille, in your 2017 State of the Province Address you indicated ... [Interjection.]

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

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Hon Mr Deputy Speaker, I just want to get your guidance. Is it okay for the hon member to say, one - that the Premier represents the old apartheid order and secondly he said that she suffers from serious infantile disorder. [Interjections.]

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

Mr R D MACKENZIE: She suffers from serious infantile disorder. Is that parliamentary?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! I cannot hear the point of order. Please repeat your point of order?

Mr R D MACKENZIE: The hon member Magaxa said that the Premier represents the old apartheid order... [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: So what?

Mr R D MACKENZIE: ...and secondly she suffers from serious infantile disorder. Is that parliamentary?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I am not sure what the first one was about but the second one I will reserve my view on that one. Please continue. [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: Madam Premier, in your 2017 State of the Province Address you indicated that it could cost a minimum capital amount of R15 billion for a desalination plant for Cape Town with operational costs potentially running between R350 million and R1 billion per year, which will translate into very expensive water. This R15 billion figure is very concerning since the costs of desalination plants across the Peninsula at Koeberg, Cape Town Harbour and Harmony Park, which could jointly produce 180 million litres per day have been calculated at R1.3 billion by the Department of Water and Sanitation's Technical Team.

The City of Cape Town's Water Resilience Plan estimates that desalination plants at Cape Town Harbour, Strandfontein and Monwabisi together with water augmentation will jointly produce 200 million litres of water per day at a cost of R3.3 billion. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: R6 billion. [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: Premier, your desalination costs have been inflated to provide big business for your election campaign funders. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: It is hurting.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Your own former DA Steering Committee Chairperson has blown the whistle on your corruption. According to Rodney Lentit, the DA turned against De Lille because she did not want to sign two contracts for

desalination plants. Lentit claims these contracts amounted to R834 million and R6 billion, respectively. The DA stands to make R600 million in kickbacks from these Israeli DA funders for their 2019 election campaign, which is extreme corruption.

The Democratic Alliance has manufactured this Cape water crisis. They stood by watching our dam levels decreasing year on year from 2015 with 25%. When dams reached 50% in 2016 down from 75% they did nothing, and now in the 2017 summer when dams reached 25% down from 50%, they still did nothing meaningful... [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Where was the Opposition?
[Inaudible.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: ...to produce the 500 million litres of water that Cape Town uses per day. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr K E MAGAXA: The Western Cape has companies that produce world class technology in the field of reverse osmosis technology in water treatment with experience in building desalination plants, South Africa has many Water Boards that have built desalination plants... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Hon member Beerwinkel. Are you rising on

a question or a point of order?

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Mr Deputy Speaker, it is a point of order. Yesterday the Chief Whip repeatedly got up and asked the Speaker to invoke Rule 39. Why is he not asking for it now when his House is making the same noise?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Ja, that is Wiley.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Double standards! Please.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Chair will control the House and the hon Minister Fritz, you are on the verge of being talked to, so just contain yourself. Hon member Magaxa, you may continue.

Mr K E MAGAXA: South Africa has many Water Boards that have built desalination plants in other provinces, and our national government has prevented metros from running out of water within the cooperative government and intergovernmental relations framework. Just last year they prevented Johannesburg from running out of water with proper water demand management strategies. [Interjections.]

And Mr Deputy Speaker, the ANC will be submitting complaints for Premier Zille at the Public Protector to investigate her abdicating her duties and

fettering by Maimane to cross the state and party line when she allowed an unelected official to coordinate what is called Defeat Day Zero. It is unacceptable for Maimane, who is an MP, to head a governmental task team. This pushes the boundaries of the separation of powers, where day to day running of the government should be left to executive officials.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Gooi kole!

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Throw coals!]

Mr K E MAGAXA: This is unacceptable since State institutions should be independent and state officials should be accountable for their actions. Maimane who is unelected in this Provincial Legislature or the City Council cannot be held accountable for his actions. This has the potential to lead to a corrupt situation where political party's donors expect to be rewarded with government business as is the case with the Israeli DA funders, which was exposed by Rodney Lentit.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Bring it on, bring it on!

Mr K E MAGAXA: This corruption and racism is the real reason Rodney Lentit resigned from the DA caucus in the Legislature.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Bring it on!

An HON MEMBER: Shame!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! You may continue. Hon member Dyantyi, you are interfering with your own member speaking there. You may continue.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: He wants to be the leader.

Mr K E MAGAXA: The Province has seen many governance failures the past year, during the annual reporting period the Department of Agriculture failed to produce audited Annual Financial Statements with an audit opinion. The Department of Human Settlements which is headed up by the leader in this DA province, Bonginkosi Madikizela, hon Bonginkosi Madikizela failed to receive a clean audit. This is the same Bonginkosi Madikizela that is under investigation by the Public Protector for receiving benefits and donations and sponsorships, which he still has not declared, and he is laughing.

An HON MEMBER: It is a joke!

Mr K E MAGAXA: And he is laughing, as if it is a joke squandering people's money and the same Madikizela was also found to have not given sufficient answers to the Registrar of Members' Interest at the time. What did the DA caucus do? Through their Chief Whip hon Wiley they advertised the current Registrar's position while he was still in the job, basically firing him through undue pressure in order for them to appoint their man for the job. Subsequently fresh complaints were submitted to the new Registrar of Members' Interests against MEC Madikizela and MEC Mbombo on

1 December 2017. This new Registrar has failed to acknowledge the new complaints. Almost three months have passed and he has also failed to call the Conduct Committee to discuss old investigation reports or the new complaints. What has the new Registrar of Members' Interests been doing with the R90 000 he is earning every year, every month so far? Colonial legacy.

The Premier of the Western Cape, Helen Zille has tweeted, "For those claiming legacy of colonialism was only negative, think of our independent judiciary, transport, infrastructure, piped water etc." This tweet has brought back much pain and suffering to victims of apartheid, like me, and colonialism in South Africa. She celebrates the oppression, exploitation, racism and poverty which are the direct results of this legacy of colonialism.

By her reckless statements she failed to act in a manner that is consistent with the integrity of her office. I believe that her personal interest of white supremacy and white privilege are in conflict with her official responsibility as the Premier in this Province.

†'n AGBARE LID: Skande!

[An HON MEMBER: Disgrace!]

Mr K E MAGAXA: Our Constitutional democracy entails that we heal the division of the past and establish a society based on democratic values, social justice and fundamental human rights. The Premier has violated the

principles of our Constitution, and divided our society on racial grounds.

By undermining South Africans with her personal beliefs on colonialism she has failed to uphold her oath of office, which requires the Premier to hold office with honour and dignity.

The affluent town of Hout Bay consists of a number of multi-million rand mansions, luxurious holiday homes and some small wine estates. With the additional fishing community and tourist activities there was a need to house many workers to keep the town operational. This led to the establishment of Imizamo Yethu, the main informal settlement in Hout Bay.

The settlement is lacking important infrastructure: minimal water supply, few toilets and poor sewerage system. Because of its location and the overcrowding, Imizamo Yethu is vulnerable to hazards like floods and fires. In a statement in March 2017, the Deputy Mayor said, “It is believed to be one of the worst informal settlement fires that we have experienced to date.” Such a statement from a high office-bearer would make one think that drastic action and support would have to be taken.

Wrong! At the time it would appear that 4 500 structures were razed and approximately 15 000 residents were affected. Three victims lost their lives during the fires. NGO’s assisted the community with meals, blankets, toiletries and mattresses. I was among those people who were bringing buckets and those necessary things to that particular community.

[Interjections.] In contrast to that none of the DA leaders ever put their feet there.

†n AGBARE LID: Daar is hy! [Tussenwerpsels.]

[An HON MEMBER: There you go! [Interjections.]]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Just one second! Hon Fritz. I cannot hear, order!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Mr Deputy Speaker, the Leader of the Opposition...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hang on, just one second! [Interjections.] Order, hon member Makeleni!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: The Deputy Leader of the Opposition - ag, not the Deputy, he is misleading the House.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: He is!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: He is deliberately misleading the House.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Fritz, you have now gone slightly too far. You can say he is misleading the House, but if you say he deliberately misleads

the House then it is unparliamentary. That is a debating point, but I want you to withdraw that.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Because I am on record that I was there. All of us were there.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister Fritz, you can say the member is misleading the House...

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: He is misleading the House.

Ms P MAKELENI: Now sit down.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Are you withdrawing the “deliberate” part?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Sorry, I am withdrawing the other part.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. You may continue.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Maybe you were picking somebody on the street at midnight. Nobody saw you there. In contrast to the Knysna fires, which resulted in the damage of property owned by rich residents, the provincial government went so far as to have a Cabinet meeting in Knysna. It prompted an urgent announcement that R75 million of the disaster funds of the

province would be released for a suitable response to mitigate the damage incurred.

Seven people died and at least 1 000 homes in Knysna and Plettenberg Bay were damaged or destroyed. 985 fire-fighters using 78 fire vehicles, six Oryx military helicopters, four Working on Fire helicopters and two fixed-wing bomber aircraft were deployed to deal with the fires in Knysna.

One cannot help but ask why a similar response was not deployed for the people in the Imizamo Yethu fires of March last year, which displaced 15,000 people? The provincial government must really come forward and say why they had such a lacklustre response to the Imizamo Yethu fires compared with how they moved mountains for the Knysna fires. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Zuma was there.

Mr K E MAGAXA: South Africa has made many gains in fighting inequalities which persist through income equality, land ownership, unemployment and education that we simply cannot still worry about being discriminated against on race and class when it comes to disaster responses from your local authorities.

Coming back to the disaster relief which was activated when disaster hit Knysna in August 2017, the provincial government announced the allocations per municipality. For Human Settlements a total of R7.5 million was

allocated, R2.5 million was for Cape Town, including Imizamo Yethu and Hout Bay, yet R5 million of the R7.5 million went to Knysna, as expected by this racist party. A total allocation of R5 million was allocated for aerial fire-fighting support. This whole R5 million was only allocated... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Order! Take your seat. Hon Fritz.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Mr Deputy Speaker, this speaker must withdraw that. He is calling me a racist. [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: He must withdraw that.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Member, order, I will rule on that.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: I am sick and tired of people calling me a racist. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Just take your seat Minister Fritz. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Sit down!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Hon member Gillion, I am busy with a point of order. There is nothing to say a party is racist but you cannot say a

member in the House is racist, so please continue. [Interjections.] Order!
Order! Order! Hon member Gillion.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Gaan hospitaal toe as jy siek is.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Go to hospital if you are sick.]

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

Mr D JOSEPH: The ANC is the most racist!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: On a point of order?

Ms M N GILLION: On a point of order. I have a problem, when an MEC cannot behave in the House. Yesterday in the sitting the Chief Whip of the DA got up repeatedly, alerting the Speaker to the behaviour of this side of the House. Now I am standing up here, and I am asking you, Mr Deputy Speaker, can you please ask MEC Fritz to behave appropriately.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you member. The point is taken. Minister Fritz heard you.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Gaan hospitaal toe as jy siek is.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Go to hospital if you are sick.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The hon member Magaxa may continue.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. That member is a danger to himself. To put the cherry on the cake the DA provincial government allocated R3 million towards the Goukamma Nature Reserve which is in the Knysna area. This is more than the R2 million which was allocated for Cape Town, Imizamo Yethu and Hout Bay combined. Such blatant discrimination of funding shows how the DA government cares more about Knysna's tourism and Cape Nature entities than the displaced people of Imizamo Yethu. Black and coloured lives do not matter under the DA government in the Western Cape.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Ja, only their votes.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Corporate South Africa thank you for your assistance, when disaster hit Knysna, ABSA donated R10 million for disaster relief as well as 5 600 tents. FNB donated R10 million. Santam also donated R1 million. Mutual and Federal donated R400 000. Discovery donated R375 000 and Outsurance donated R250 000. As much as we appreciate the assistance we cannot help but ask the question where were you when disaster struck Imizamo Yethu? Do you only help a particular racial group in South Africa, a minority group that owns 70% of our wealth?

It is reckless of the DA provincial government to sit on a R200 million disaster fund and sit by idly when our townships and Cape Flats have daily disasters and they only act upon releasing disaster relief when white affluent towns like Knysna have a disaster. This is totally unacceptable because it

would mean that disaster must first hit Loevenstein and Welgemoed before the City will respond to a similar disaster which affects Bellville.

The lessons learned in Imizamo Yethu must prevent a nonchalant response from the DA government, we cannot in Kayamandi wait for Stellenbosch to burn before helicopters and bomber aircrafts will be deployed in the future. Equal service delivery for all must happen and it must happen now in the Western Cape.

Ms M N GILLION: Exactly!

Mr K E MAGAXA: Employment changes. The Quarterly Labour Force Survey report for quarter four of 2017 showed that the number of employed persons in the Western Cape increased by 92 000 when compared to quarter three of 2017. When compared to quarter four of 2016, the Western Cape recorded an increase of 106 000 jobs in quarter four of 2017. [Interjections.]

As much as this is commendable, the major cause for concern is the possibility that these jobs may have been contracts of limited duration. The nature of employment is not specified, and in the same period that employment numbers increased in the province, there was an increase in the number of employees on contracts of limited duration in the country.

While we want to celebrate the increase in employment numbers, we are equally disturbed by the fact that in quarter four of 2017 more than 744 000

people of the working age population were unemployed in the Western Cape. Of this number 515 000 were in the City, and by and large were poor black people, and more than 260 000 coming from the rural areas. [Interjection.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Skande, skande!

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Disgrace, disgrace!]

Mr K E MAGAXA: The other side of employment statistics the DA never mentioned is the Employment Equity Report. Here they do not have anything to celebrate. In fact they are furthering the over-representation of whites and the decrease of Africans. Cause for the concern in the latest Employment Equity Report is the workforce profile at the top management level by race. The representation of the White group is about 68.9%, at this level more than six times their economically active population. The opposite is true for the African and Coloured groups as they are under-represented in relation to their EAP. [Interjection.]

Mr D JOSEPH: Speak for yourself, speak for yourself, speak for yourself.

Ms M N GILLION: Hi, what is your meaning with that running commentary?

Mr K E MAGAXA: I think you must kill yourself. [Interjections.]

Ms M N GILLION: Uh-uh, please stop, man.

Mr K E MAGAXA: You must commit your suicide. You are not right. There is a lot... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: That is a running comment.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Your DA government's job creation does not benefit Coloured and African people in the province. You continue to advance white supremacy and white privilege in the province. Hence you never mention the employment equity report. The ANC in the Western Cape is a government in waiting [Laughter.] while the DA is dying slowly. We are ready to provide equal service. We are ready to continue with what we started when we took over. We are ready. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr K E MAGAXA: We are ready to provide equal access to service provision in this province, unlike the racist behaviour of this DA, whether you can wear, hon Winde, a T-shirt, even white and green-blue T-shirt. Your party you represent is a racist party and stink actually. The ANC... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Just one second. Order! Hon Deputy Chief Whip.

Mr D JOSEPH: Mr Deputy Speaker, the member's time is up. The member's time is up.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No, his time is not. [Interjections.] Order! You may continue.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Hon Mr Deputy Speaker, we are ready to provide equal service delivery to all the residents of this province unlike how the DA continues with discrimination with managing disasters and creating water supply shortages. Thank you very much. [Applause.]

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

†n AGBARE LID: Hoor-hoor!

[An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Thank you very much, Mr Deputy Speaker. Wow! What a response to the State of the Province Address by the Leader of the Opposition.

Mr Deputy Speaker, let me start by thanking the citizens of Cape Town as well, for heeding the call and reducing water consumption to push Day Zero to 9 July and it is indeed something that all of us must call for because those who think that this is a myth or a scam really do not understand the realities that we are facing because of drought. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Who?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Like the ANC.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Mr Deputy Speaker, if we continue to use 50 litres of water per person per day we will indeed defeat Day Zero even further until our augmentation plans produce more water from our aquifers and desalination plants and I do want to correct the Leader of the Opposition. [Interjection.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: We wanted to build it...

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Now I do want to correct the Leader of the Opposition, because our desalination plants will produce 16 million litres of water per day, not 200 million litres of water per day. For your information, Leader of the Opposition, we will produce seven million litres of water from Strandfontein, seven million litres of water from Monwabisi and two million litres of water from V&A so it is 16 million litres of water per day, not 200 million litres. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: The expensive water for the rich.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: On the second issue that is raised by the Leader of the Opposition, unlike the ANC... [Interjection.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Expensive water.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: ...when the province is facing a crisis - that calls for the leadership to step in. [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Like Maimane stepping in.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Now people keep on talking about conflation of party and state.

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

Ms M N GILLION: Yes.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: The Leader, the federal Leader of the Democratic Alliance has never convened a meeting with the officials of the City of Cape Town. People of this province... [Interjections.]

HON MEMBERS: Haibo! [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: People of this province and people of this city voted for the Democratic Alliance and that is what needs to be understood. Now it is therefore important, Mr Deputy Speaker, for the

leadership of the Democratic Alliance to call upon those who are deployed in government to account when we are facing crisis, which is what the Leader did. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: But when the ANC does it, it is interference.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Mr Deputy Speaker, let me also congratulate Democratic Alliance ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! [Applause.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: ...teams in both Beaufort West and Overstrand for an emphatic win in both by-elections, where the ANC for example in Overstrand got 15 votes. [Laughter.] Now this is the party that is claiming to be resurrecting. [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Now the Democratic Alliance got almost 1 900 votes... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Just one second, hon Minister. [Interjections.]
Order! Order, hon member Dijana. Hon Olivier?

Mr R T OLIVIER: Mr Deputy Speaker, is the Minister prepared to take a

question?

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: No. [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Minister is not prepared to take one now...

Mr R T OLIVIER: You must look at the demarcation of Overstrand.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Minister may continue. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Mr Deputy Speaker, let me start. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Let me now go to the point that was made by Khaya, hon member Khaya Magaxa. On Friday 16 February I also - like many South Africans - attended the State of the Nation Address delivered by President Cyril Ramaphosa. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, members, order. The noise level in the House is too high, please calm down. [Interjections.] Order, hon member Magaxa, is that a question?

Mr K E MAGAXA: Mr Deputy Speaker, just a point of order.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I am listening.

Mr K E MAGAXA: The member is calling me Khaya. Even traditionally it is not allowed for him to just call me that... [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes. Order! The point is taken. We are all hon members. [Interjections.] Minister Madikizela, just one second. I must address myself now to the four ladies at the back there. Hon member Dijana, hon member Dijana, I am talking specifically to you and your colleagues next to you. You are making running commentary all the time there and please come down. Minister, you may continue. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Thank you very much, Mr Deputy Speaker. Mr Deputy Speaker, I like many South Africans also attended the State of the Nation Address delivered by President Cyril Ramaphosa. His speech was welcomed by many as a promising departure from Zuma's disastrous presidency. [Interjection.] Many people here and abroad were really desperate for good news... [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: We are still sitting on your disaster.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: ...and Ramaphosa's New Dawn speech was hailed as such. [Interjection.]

Ms P MAKELENI: So are the people of the Western Cape.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Mr Deputy Speaker, like many South Africans I would like to give President Ramaphosa a chance but I am honestly not holding my breath because you can only judge a person by his track record, not what he is promising to do. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: And Ramaphosa's track record does not inspire confidence. This is the same...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: ...the truth they say about you.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: This is still the same Ramaphosa by the way who defended Zuma when the Opposition took him on about Nkandla. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: He even went as far as saying, Mr Deputy Speaker, that people on the ground are not worried about Nkandla. That is what Ramaphosa said. This is the same Ramaphosa who sent an e-mail putting pressure on both police and mining Ministers to take concomitant actions against workers who were protesting for wage increase in Marikana, calling them criminals before they were gunned down in August 2012. Now only six years later, after he has been elected President, he is talking about

atonement. Now we find it very hard to believe Mr Deputy Speaker.
[Interjections.] It is the same Ramaphosa, by the way, who in 2014...
[Interjection.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: This is not going to work.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: ...was given the responsibility
by the Cabinet... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Uh-uh, Patricia De Lille.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: ...to come up with a
turnaround strategy for SoEs and this corruption was happening under his
watch and he did nothing and he now has an audacity to come back and say
he will do something about it. Now that is why, Mr Deputy Speaker, I am not
holding my breath for Ramaphosa to do anything. [Interjections.]

Ms P MAKELENI: So you are not expecting any... [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Mr Deputy Speaker, in his
opinion piece in *Daily Maverick* of 7 February 2018, Gareth Van Onselen
described the ANC in the Western Cape as the “World’s worst opposition
party”. Failing to capitalise on the challenges faced by the DA...
[Interjection.]

Mr P UYS: He said the same of Maimane.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: ...it is a directionless and in peril organisation with no political strategy.

Mr P UYS: He said the same of Maimane yesterday.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: This is what you see, in fact the response from the Leader of the Opposition on the State of the Province Address clearly indicates that. We expected much better and I think... [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Yours is even worse.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: I think it is also important to emphasise the point, because we do expect... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister, just one second, hon member Olivier, is that a question again or a point of order?

Mr R T OLIVIER: A question.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Do you want to ask, Minister are you prepared to take a question?

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Let me finish first.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Minister said he would. Order! The Minister will not take a question now but if there is time left he said he would...

Mr R T OLIVIER: He is a leader. As a leader, he is afraid of a question.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister, you may continue.

Mr R T OLIVIER: As a leader.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Mr Deputy Speaker, it is important to mention that we do expect the members of the Opposition to hold us accountable as government. In fact it is their job to do so because it keeps us on our toes as the government. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Really?

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: But at least people must understand our constitutional responsibility as the provincial government of the Western Cape. I had many people talking about the role that he should have played in drought which clearly indicates that the members of this side have no understanding of what is our constitutional responsibility when it comes to drought. The fact of the matter here, Mr Deputy Speaker, is that it is the responsibility and this is not a blame-game, it is a responsibility of the

national government to provide water infrastructure. [Interjection.] Our responsibility in terms of the Constitution, Mr Deputy Speaker... [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Why did you not invite... [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: ...is to make sure that we will deal with disaster and that is why the Premier, when she realised that there was a looming disaster, then she started to talk about the plans that we must put in place as this government to make sure that we avoid that. [Interjections.] That is our responsibility... [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Too little too late.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: ...and you at least expect these members to understand that. Mr Deputy Speaker, let me welcome the... [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Lamé excuse!

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: During her State of the Province Address Premier Helen Zille highlighted the success of this government since 2009, which is a stark contrast to the ANC government in

other provinces and nationally. When we took over this government from the ANC in 2009 Mr Deputy Speaker, we committed to do three things as part of our strategic objectives. We spoke about improving our education outcome and as you will hear from our colleagues later we are succeeding in doing that. We spoke about attracting investment and creating jobs... [Interjection.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: How many children... [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: ...and the fact that this province has the lowest unemployment rate in South Africa clearly indicates that we are on track.

Mr Deputy Speaker, even though we are bragging about having built more than four million houses nationally since 1995, there is currently a 59% national backlog in the transfer of ownership to housing subsidy beneficiaries and this is very, very important, colleagues, to understand that when we build houses it is not just about providing a roof over people's heads. It is also about making sure that people have ownership to those homes because it is about land transfer and it is about also property ownership. In the Western Cape we have brought this down to 25%. In total we have delivered over 82 830 title deeds to beneficiaries since 2009, which is a clear indication that we are not just building homes; we are making sure that people own their property.

The Province of the Western Cape is also leading on other performance

indicators like upgrading of informal settlements, affordable housing including social housing. That is, in terms of the report, the Presidency reports where all provinces are expected to report the progress on those particular programmes.

Mr Deputy Speaker, last year the National Department of Human Settlements approved 50 catalytic projects, eight of those are in the Western Cape. These projects will completely change the landscape in size and in approach and are going to yield about 105 000 housing opportunities catering for all income categories. These are the people who are earning - some of the people who are earning too little to get a bond from the bank but they are earning too much to get a subsidy from the government. The details around these will be revealed during my budget speech later, but what is important is that we are now starting to tackle the areas that hon member Mr Magaxa spoke about and these are informal settlements in your Philippi, in your Gugulethu, in your Nyanga and if you look at the problem that we are now busy with in terms of the catalytic projects it will make sure that we change the landscaping in terms of making sure that we improve the lives of the people in those areas. I do also want to reiterate, Mr Deputy Speaker, that in terms of these programmes we are the first province that has started to appoint service providers in a number of areas like your Forest Village, where we are planning to produce more than 5 000 housing opportunities so that people in Blue Downs, people in Mfuleni, people in Eersterivier are starting to benefit from these particular projects. [Interjections.]

Now these are the tangible deliveries that this government of the Western Cape is currently doing. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: But your officials must not take [Inaudible.]
[Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: ...and when people are saying this government is only delivering for the rich I just find it puzzling because in terms of the law you cannot spend government subsidy in rich areas.
[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: In fact my Department spent more than 90% of its budget in poor areas and therefore I find it very surprising when the Leader of the Opposition is giving this impression that this government is providing services to rich areas, than in poor areas.

The PREMIER: That is nonsense. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: I also want to just quickly touch on the issue of clean audit and unqualified audit that was received by my Department, because Mr Deputy Speaker, it is very, very important to contextualise this for the understanding of the Leader of the Opposition. Now the reason why this Department got unqualified audit, in fact I would do

it all over again if it means I would get unqualified audit for doing that. We made sure that we open up for youth and women for empowerment purposes so that those people who are previously disadvantaged people can then benefit. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: There was no data to prove that. There was no data to prove that.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Now in the past - please listen. [Interjections.] Please listen! In the past the Auditor-General used to accept the information that came from service providers that are procured by municipalities because the money is coming from the same department. So when we give money to municipalities we account for that money. So when municipalities go through their supply chain management processes to procure the service providers we have to account for what they are doing. Now this time around the Auditor-General did not want to accept the information... [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Because there was no data to prove what you are saying.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: ...that was coming from those service providers. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: There was no data.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: On the number of previously disadvantaged young people and women who were empowered by those.

An HON MEMBER: Ja, they are wrong.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: They only wanted to get the information from the service providers ... [Interjection.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: Then they are wrong.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: ...that we procured directly with the Department and we challenged that because the Department of Human Settlements must account for all the funds, even those that are given to municipalities. So that is the reason, but if you look at the financial status of this Department we got a clean audit.

Mr S G TYATYAM: No, you did not.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Now we regressed because of that and again I want to repeat it here. [Interjections.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: It is not a clean audit.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: If I were to be asked to do it all over again I would do it again. I would do it again, because as long as we

empower previously disadvantaged young people and women then I would do it again. [Interjections.]

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

Mr S G TYATYAM: You cannot account for the money.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon member Tyatyam.

Ms S W DAVIDS: There you are jumping again. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Yes.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: But what we also need to celebrate, Mr Deputy Speaker, is that when we took over this Department, if you look at the Housing Development Fund that received a clean audit now, when we took over from this Department it used to receive disclaimers under the leadership of the ANC and I am very happy that all the properties that are there now can be accounted for and we received a clean audit from the AG, which clearly indicates that we are on the right track in terms of all the programmes that we must account for to the National Department, to the Presidency, and we are changing the landscape in terms of the services that we are delivering across the province... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order Minister.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: ...including the areas by the way that the Leader of the Opposition is concerned about.

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

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Thank you very much. [Time expired.] [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! The hon Mitchell.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Hear-hear!

Mr D G MITCHELL: Hon Mr Deputy Speaker, it is indeed a great honour and privilege to be part of this debate in response to the Premier's 11th State of the Province Address. I would like to dedicate this speech to a young woman from the Central Karoo, Ms Petra April.

Ms P Z LEKKER: Another lost generation.

Mr D G MITCHELL: Petra matriculated from Swartberg High School in Prince Albert and through Premier Helen Zille's Advancement of Youth Programme she applied for an internship and was selected by the Department of the Premier, but although Petra did not do Computer Application Technology at school or have any former IT training prior to her internship, she did not hesitate to take up an opportunity at the Access Centre in Prince

Albert.

Mr Deputy Speaker, this opportunity enabled Petra to access skills in the IT Sector which remain out of reach for many rural South Africans. After completing the internship she applied for the position of development manager at the centre, a position she still holds today. [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr D G MITCHELL: Petra now conducts computer and ITC training in her community. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.] Order, hon member Makeleni, hon member Nkondlo, please contain yourselves.

Mr D G MITCHELL: Mr Deputy Speaker, Petra now conducts computer and ITC training in her community in the Central Karoo making use of the skills she acquired through the PAY Project to better her community.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Hear-hear.

Mr D G MITCHELL: When we reached out to Petra she expressed with gratitude how she never thought such a great opportunity could come her way. Petra is just one of the thousands of young Western Cape matriculants from disadvantaged backgrounds who have accessed skills and sustainable

employment through the PAY Programme.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Hear-hear!

Mr D G MITCHELL: This Mr Deputy Speaker, is governance and hope in a country where youth unemployment remains worryingly high. [Applause.] The Western Cape government under the leadership of Premier Zille remains unwaveringly committed to youth development. [Interjection.]

The Premier's Advancement of Youth Project has created close to 4 300 internship opportunities since 2012 including 700 opportunities this year, to the value of R31 million. These projects are a vital lifeline for previously disadvantaged matriculants and young people in rural areas to access skills development and employment opportunities within the public sector. Ms Petra April is now an employee in one of the 70 Cape Access Centres built in some of the most rural towns in this province. We are averaging close to 55 user sessions per month in these centres which provides connectivity, Wi-Fi and online access to public services.

We have just launched our eight youth café in Velddrif and the Youth Café serves to keep our children / youth off the street, away from dangers of gangsterism and drug use.

In these safe havens young residents in our province are provided with a safe and communal space to just enjoy being young South Africans.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Hear-hear.

Mr D G MITCHELL: On offer is free Wi-Fi and youth services such as skills development, career counselling, life skills and leadership development. This is yet another example of our Province's commitment to empowering rural youth under Premier Helen Zille. Hon Premier and hon Minister Fritz, I look forward to engaging with you moving forward to open a Youth Café in Beaufort-West.

I must also commend Premier Zille for her swift response to the drought crisis in this province.

An HON MEMBER: Swift?

Mr D G MITCHELL: Premier Zille and her Department have also single-handedly and effectively managed the disaster management of our province to put every measure in place, should our province reach Day Zero. It is now common knowledge that the Western Cape Premier was obliged to make up for the shortfall of the ANC's National Department of Water and Sanitation which delayed bulk water supply projects, not to mention the regional head Mr Rashid Khan, who in February 2017 was still in complete denial that our province was in a drought at all.

An HON MEMBER: Yes, the ANC is still in denial.

Mr D G MITCHELL: Madam Premier, thank you for showing leadership and governance in this time of crisis when the African National Congress [Laughter.] - I mean Congress at national government sat on their hands. Mr Deputy Speaker, the National Disaster Management Centre has classified a national disaster following the crippling drought in the Northern Cape, the Eastern Cape and the Western Cape, but Premier Zille was effectively preparing our province from the onset of the potential Day Zero. In stark contrast to this is the ANC run Eastern Cape that cannot decide, Mr Deputy Speaker, whether or not to recall the Premier who was embroiled in scandal involving the abuse of millions of rands allocated to the funeral of former President Nelson Mandela. [Interjections.]

This after having been elected during the infamous and violent Festival of Chairs which has come to characterise the ANC's internal electoral processes. The Eastern Cape's dams are currently lower than those of the Western Cape and yet ... [Interjection.]

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

Mr S G TYATYAM: Relevance.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! I am listening!

Mr S G TYATYAM: I want to ask, Mr Deputy Speaker, where is the

relevance?

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Relevance.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! I cannot hear.

Mr S G TYATYAM: The relevance of what he is saying?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please come to order, I cannot hear the hon Tyatyam. Say again?

Mr S G TYATYAM: On what he is raising, where is the relevance?

An HON MEMBER: It is relevant.

Mr S G TYATYAM: No, on what he is raising, the hon member.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! I hear you, but...

Mr S G TYATYAM: We are debating the Premier's speech.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Correct.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: But Khaya didn't debate it.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Alright, as I said initially this is a wide political debate but there really are no... [Interjections.] Order! This is a wide political debate and the boundaries are very far. Member, you may continue. Before you continue, hon member Lekker, I am listening?

Ms P Z LEKKER: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I would like to understand and please clarify me, if it is honourable for MEC Madikizela to call the Leader of the Opposition by his first name.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I have already ruled about that. It is no, it is not parliamentary. We are all... [Interjections.] Order! We are all hon members and that is the way it shall be. Hon member Mitchell, you may continue.

Mr D G MITCHELL: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker, the Eastern Cape dam levels are currently lower than those of the Western Cape and yet their ANC Premier is too busy fighting corruption charges and a potential recall to care about the residents.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Exactly.

Mr D G MITCHELL: Back in the Northern Cape Premier Sylvia Lucas is too busy reshuffling her Cabinet... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order member. [Interjection.] Order! Is that a point of order?

Ms P MAKELENI: Mr Deputy Speaker, the discussion between the two members at the back and these Ministers in front is really disturbing me. I am trying to listen.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, that is rather rich coming from that side but I will look at that. Please continue.

Mr D G MITCHELL: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker, back in the Northern Cape Premier Sylvia Lucas is too busy reshuffling her cabinet to mask the MEC of Health's expenditure... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Makeleni, just one second. Do not waste the House's time. Are you talking about the two members speaking at the back?

Ms P MAKELENI: Yes.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: They are not interfering with the order of the House. That is the main thing. The main criteria is whether you interfere with the order of the House. He can sit there, it does not matter. Please continue.

Mr D G MITCHELL: Mr Deputy Speaker back in the Northern Cape Premier Sylvia Lucas is too busy... [Interjections.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Uh-uh No-no-no.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Beerwinkel.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Mr Deputy Speaker, this is the third time that the member is repeating something totally irrelevant to the Premier's speech. What has the Northern Cape got to do with this? [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: That is totally irrelevant. [Interjections.]

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

Mr D G MITCHELL: Premier Sylvia Lucas is too busy reshuffling her Cabinet to mask the MEC for Health's expenditure of approximately R1.8 billion on a psychiatric hospital which has now been under construction for more than a decade. [Interjections.] All the while the water in the Northern Cape continues to dry up.

If drought disasters are what the Western Cape, the Eastern Cape and the Northern Cape have in common their leadership styles are certainly where we starkly differ. It is incredibly reassuring to live in a province where Premier Zille's proactive response to our drought crisis continues to unite residents, making them aware of our water usage and address water usage and supplies. We move forward as South Africa's best run government.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Hear-hear.

Mr D G MITCHELL: Mr Deputy Speaker, we know that in the face of the Western Cape drought disaster our province is in good hands. I suggest that if the ANC takes issue with our province it is merely because they clearly do not have any good stories of their own to report on. Thank you Premier for your commitment to youth development... [Interjections.]

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

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr D G MITCHELL: ...which remains the focus of this government.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr D G MITCHELL: Thank you Premier for your commitment to youth development which remains a focus of this government. Mr Deputy Speaker, I would like to close with the following quote by Nelson Mandela. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Ai-jai-jai, ai! You cannot use an icon.

Mr D G MITCHELL: Mr Deputy Speaker, I quote... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Where are your icons.

Mr D G MITCHELL: “Sometimes it falls upon a generation ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr D G MITCHELL: ... to be great.”

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! I just want to address the hon member Lekker and hon member Dijana at this stage. You are making running commentary when the member speaks. We cannot continue like this. An interjection is fine, but do not have a running commentary all the time. You are interfering with the member’s speech. Hon member, please conclude.

Mr D G MITCHELL: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I will close with the following quote:

“Sometimes it falls upon a generation to be great.”

To my fellow young residents of this province, you can be that generation. I thank you. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see the hon member Christians.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Mr Deputy Speaker, the ACDP wants to thank the

people of Cape Town for reducing their water usage. We are glad the people of Cape Town are not paying extra tax for good behaviour.

Mr Deputy Speaker, although there were many positive aspects in the Premier's SOPA speech ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: No-no-no-no-no.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: ... of yesterday, there are a few concerning issues.

An HON MEMBER: Really?

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Really?

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: The Premier spoke about clean audits for government departments and entities, and this is welcome, but the Premier said further strides were made in local government but the DA flagship of good governance, the City of Cape Town ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: ... received an unqualified audit with findings.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: This is a regression in the City's audit outcomes and it was deemed so serious that the DA wanted to dismiss the mayor, and yet the Premier omitted to say that the Metro in the Western Cape received an unqualified audit with findings. [Interjections.]

Mr Deputy Speaker [Interjections.] ... Mr Deputy Speaker – ja. Mr Deputy Speaker, staying ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: The governance is good.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: ... staying with the City of Cape Town. I wonder with the City and the Province fighting, is that not the real reason [Interjections.] why we have a Day Zero? [Applause.] In an article of 11 February, the headlines read as follows:

†“Skok aantygings oor De Lille se mosie.”

[‘Shock allegations about De Lille’s motion.’]

Mr D JOSEPH: [Inaudible.] your facts.

†Mnr F C CHRISTIANS: Dit is verder:

[Mr F C CHRISTIANS: It is further:]

†“DA draai teen haar oor *kick-backs*.”

[‘DA turns against her about kick-backs.’]

and the lead Opposition elaborated on that.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Yes.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: But, Mr Deputy Speaker, what is also very interesting and mentioned in social media, running around, that there are now apparently backroom boys in the DA controlling the City and controlling the province. [Interjections.] The Premier needs to say if this a fact, yes or no. It has been said by the former caucus leader ... [Interjection.] that the backroom boys, who are faceless, are running this province and the City. They are the equivalent to the National Party's Broederbond. [Interjections.] [Applause.]

Mr Deputy Speaker, another reason why - and this is concerning because this is running in the media - another reason is it is alleged that the DA government wants to get rid of the Mayor of Cape Town to accommodate Human Settlements Minister, Bonginkosi Madikizela, as Mayor of Cape Town ... [Interjections.] so that Minister Alan Winde can be the runner for Premier in 2019. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: And the question must be asked. We have ... [Interjections.] Mr Ivan Meyer and we have Lennit Max as capable leaders. [Interjections.] [Applause.] Capable leaders. Mr Deputy Speaker, these are very serious allegations and we want the Premier to respond to this.

[Interjections.]

†Me P Z LEKKER: Sy sal nooit nie. Sy sal nie. Sy sal net... [Onhoorbaar.]

[Ms P Z LEKKER: She will never. She will not. She will only... [Inaudible.]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Mr Deputy Speaker ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. [Interjections.]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: The interventions of the Province when it comes to alcohol abuse is something that we can look forward to, but yet again the City and the Western Cape government are not working together. The government of the Western Cape is focusing on the reduction of the use of alcohol but sub-councils in the City of Cape Town and other municipalities in the Western Cape are awarding liquor licences and are extending trading hours. We again want to ask the Premier to look at the Western Cape Education Amendment Bill with amending the use of alcohol at schools. This will be disastrous. [Interjections.] [Applause.]

Just to come to the by-election that we contested out in the Overstrand. The ACDP got 80 votes. [Applause.] The ANC got 10 votes, [Interjections.] the EFF got four votes, [Applause.] and the DA took it with almost 1,900 votes. [Interjections.] So we must not mislead the people of the Western Cape. The ANC is far from being the government of the Western Cape. [Applause.] [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: The EFF says they are the government in waiting. I think they will wait forever. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Mr Deputy Speaker, the ACDP ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Just one second. Order! Order! [Interjections.] Order! Hon member Dijana, I am trying to listen to your own member in front of you. Hon member Olivier, you may continue.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Mr Deputy Speaker, is my colleague prepared to take a question?

An HON MEMBER: No.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Christians, are you prepared to take a question? No, he is not prepared.

Mr R T OLIVIER: [Inaudible.] ... of the ACDP.

An HON MEMBER: No.

Mr R T OLIVIER: It is just [Inaudible.]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: No.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please continue.

Mr R T OLIVIER: You must look at the demarcation of Overstrand, *nè?*

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Mr Deputy Speaker, the ACDP welcomes the progress when it comes to housing opportunities in the Western Cape, but the question that communities are asking, there are people who have been on the waiting list for 20 to 30 years. Will they ever get a house? And maybe the Premier can elaborate on the desperate people staying in the backyards of our townships, waiting for a house and nothing is forthcoming.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the ACDP also wanted the Premier to speak more about the safety in our communities and the safety in our school.

Mr R T OLIVIER: She never said anything about safety.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Although we know the national mandate when it comes to community safety, in our schools our pupils cannot excel because of violence, drugs, gangs and all sorts of bullying at our schools. They cannot excel. And these issues need to be addressed.

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

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. [Applause.]

Ms P Z LEKKER: Thank you, Opposition.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please come to order before I see Minister Bredell. Minister Bredell?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Mr Deputy Speaker, Premier Zille, Cabinet colleagues, members of the Provincial Legislature, ladies and gentlemen, thank you for the opportunity.

Mr Deputy Speaker, let me start off by just explaining quickly the term “Day Zero”. The term Day Zero ...

An HON MEMBER: It means?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ...means that we are going to do exactly the opposite and all our plans are based on the fact that we are not going to get to do Day Zero - Day Zero, meaning that our dam levels will be at 13,5%.

The term “Day Zero” has been put there so that we can protect the resource for next year. If any of the Opposition, that are so quick to chirp and to comment, would just attend our briefing sessions, they would understand exactly what we are going to accomplish.

Then also if we look at the water situation across our province, we sit in the midst of an unprecedented crisis and an unforeseen crisis. This is a once in 400 year event and despite our Province and the City having a proper 30 year water plan in place, we find ourselves running out of water. I want to reemphasise this point. It is one I think people are still heartily unaware of. This Province has an existing 30 year water plan that we developed and put in place in 2009. At the time we were criticised by our colleagues from national government who stated that it was not a provincial job to develop such a plan, instead it was the National Department’s job. Still we did it anyway. Mr Deputy Speaker, the only problem with our water plan is that in our water plan we expect the National Department of Water Affairs to do what the Constitution expects of them to do, and that is to look after bulk infrastructure. [Interjections.]

Now just to emphasise my point. If we look at the National Water Department, there were 250 civil engineers in the Department of Water Affairs in 2004. Today we sit with 80, of which less than 60 of these engineers have experience within the field. Sadly, the province was hit by a prolonged three year drought, an unforeseeable and an unpredictable situation. There is no way one can predict a disaster and even less ways of

adequately trying to prepare ourselves for a disaster. There is simply not enough money in the world to make oneself disaster proof.

†Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, die gevolg is dat die Provinsie nou reeds al drie jaar hierdie droogte rampbestuur en ek is trots om te sê dat daar tot op datum nog nie 'n enkele plek in hierdie provinsie was, of munisipaliteit, wat uit drinkwater gehardloop het nie. Of die ...

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[Mr Deputy Speaker, the result is that the Province has been disaster-managing this drought for three years already and I am proud to say that to date there has been not a single place in this province, or municipality, that has run out of drinking water. Whether the ...]

†'n AGB LID: [Onhoorbaar.]

[An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.]]

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Of die ANC dit wil weet of nie, mnr die Adjunkspeaker, ons woon in die bes bestuurde stad in die land en ons woon in die bes bestuurde provinsie in die land. [Tussenwerpsels.] Ons het inwoners wat ons help en daarom gaan ons dit oorwin. Dit is danksy boorgate wat ons al in 2015 geboor het, pyplyne wat aangelê is en verskeie droogtebestuurmaatreëls wat ons in plek gesit het wat ons sal help om hierdie

situasie te oorwin. Soos u weet [Tussenwerpsel.] is ons enigste rol as dit by water kom, die een van oorsig en later as dit by 'n ramp is, om die ramp te bestuur.

Daar was, kom ons wees eerlik, hier en daar kommunikasiegapings wat kon bygedra het ... [Tussenwerpsel.]

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Whether the ANC wants to know it or not, Mr Deputy Speaker, we live in the best governed city in the country and we live in the best governed province in the country. [Interjections.] We have citizens that assist us and therefore we will overcome it. That is due to boreholes that we drilled in 2015 already, pipelines that were laid and various drought management measures that we have put in place that will help us to overcome this situation. As you know [Interjection.] our only role when it comes to water is one of oversight and later when it is approaching a disaster, to manage the disaster.

Let us be honest, there were communication gaps here and there that could have contributed ... [Interjection.]]

†Me S W DAVIDS: Ah, kommunikasie.

[Ms S W DAVIDS: Ah, communication.]

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: ... tot die publiek en die media se frustrasies, maar, mnr die Adjunkspeaker, ek dink ek kan met opregtheid sê dat die voortslepende ramp uitstekend bestuur is, en dat hierdie DA-regeerde provinsie en DA-beheerde munisipaliteit, ten spyte van die veelvuldige uitdagings, ons inwoners met geruste hart bed toe kan stuur.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ... to the public and media's frustrations, but Mr Deputy Speaker, I think I can say in all honesty that the continuing disaster has been governed excellently, and that this DA governed province and DA governed municipality can send our citizens to bed with peace of mind in spite of numerous challenges.]

†Mr Deputy Speaker, while dam levels across this province, or across the Western Cape, are currently at a record low level, on average 22% full, I currently choose to remain optimistic when it comes to our water situation. The one reason for that is I believe we really have some of the best people in the country looking into the situation. We have experts in the Department and experts in our municipalities, in particular, in the City of Cape Town, working daily to mitigate the situation.

In addition, we also have a public sector that is already, to a large extent, on

board and cooperating magnificently, and helping us in saving water. Yes, more can be done and we call on the people to continue to do so.

Mr C M DUGMORE: What is Mmusi doing? What is his role?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: His role is to hold us accountable as his DA colleagues. [Interjections.] That is his only role within, but the ANC will not understand that because I can see that the hon member Dyantyi is not even on the speakers list because the ANC prefers the hon member Dugmore for their provincial leadership. [Interjections.]

Mr Deputy Speaker, back to my speech. I am very optimistic that under the current water usage patterns we will not reach water the Level 7 scenario in the City of Cape Town. The reality is that South Africa's water usage has long been out of balance. It is a fact that per capita the average South African uses a lot more water than the average person in the global village. Rapid urbanisation is making matters even worse, with 2 million more people, for example, expected in this province alone over the next 15 to 20 years. The City of Cape Town has seen its population double in the past 20 years. It will do so again in a shorter period moving forward.

With previous droughts we were able to get by. This time, with the increased demand, it is getting increasingly difficult. The result is we see the ball being squeezed from two sides: Too much demand and too little supply. The major

concern remains several small towns that are at the risk of running dry. This includes Saldanha, Matzikama and Beaufort West Municipalities. Naturally the City of Cape Town remains a major concern for us in the medium and long-term, especially if we continue to get below average rainfalls.

We have been assisting and supporting our colleagues in the City to provide additional augmentation projects. This work continues. We also saw the agricultural sector, the farmers, from Grabouw and Elgin helping out recently. They bought us a month. We can never thank them enough.

†Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, ek wil graag ook van die oomblik gebruik maak om al die amptenare en kollegas wat die afgelope paar jaar en veral die afgelope 12 maande baie hard gewerk het regoor hierdie provinsie om die droogte te bestry, te bedank vir hulle harde en onbaatsugtige werk. Dis amptenare van die Stad, die provinsie en nasionaal. Dit is danksy hierdie pogings dat geen dorp tot op hede uit water geraak het nie. Harde werk is verlede jaar gedoen asook voor die Desember spitsseisoen in veral dele soos die Sentrale Karoo, met die gevolg dat ons met sukses deur die periode gekom het. Ons fokus is nou op die stad en die Wes-Kaapse Regering het op 8 Februarie 'n besluit geneem om 'n bykomende R82,5 miljoen toe te ken aan die Departement van Plaaslike Regering om verdere waterprojekte uit te rol in die munisipale gebiede wat om die stad lê.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[Mr Deputy Speaker, I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the officials and colleagues who have worked very hard over the past 12 months right across the province to fight the drought, for their hard and unselfish work. These are officials of the City, the province and national. It is due to these efforts that to date no town has run out of water. Hard work was done last year prior to the December peak season in especially regions like the Central Karoo, with the result that we came through the period successfully. Our focus is now on the city and the Western Cape government took a decision on 8 February to allocate an additional R82,5 million to the Department of Local Government to roll out further water projects in the municipal areas around the city.]

†Indeed almost everyone has been doing their best to prevent the province from running out of water and to help mitigate the disaster. Almost everyone. Sadly I must state that the continued silence by our national government counterparts remains a major concern. I will briefly go into two specific areas in this regard. Firstly, it is on public record that this Province first approached the national government to declare the Western Cape a disaster area in November 2015. 19 months later this was finally granted and there the problem starts.

The PREMIER: That is it.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Because if we started to save water in

2015 ... [Interjection.]

The PREMIER: Ja!

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ... we would not have been in this predicament currently. [Interjections.] That meant, Mr Deputy Speaker, huge delays in expensive projects like rolling out infrastructure such a desalination plants and drilling in our aquifers. [Interjections.] Furthermore the funding associated with dealing with this disaster, a tiny amount of R74 million, was only provided by August 2017, but without being gazetted, which meant that the bulk of this money could not be spent until December 2017.

Given these facts it was unfortunate that the National Minister stated the Province has not been spending the disaster relief funding. This is a shame coming from a weekend special. It is just [Interjections.], I am just very grateful that he was never entrusted with the finance purse in this country.

Secondly, Mr Deputy Speaker, it is a fact that the National Department of Water and Sanitation still refuses to admit that this province and the City is in the midst of a crisis. The misunderstanding of this situation means that there continues to be huge confusion and delays to much needed bulk infrastructure for the Western Cape. It is a fact that the only mega project, the raising of the Clanwilliam Dam wall, has now been stopped after billions have already been spent, and maybe I must park here ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ... because the stopping of this meant that we cannot develop 6,000 additional hectares for new farmers.

An HON MEMBER: Land reform.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Then the second reason is that there are structural problems with the Clanwilliam Dam, but if that is not enough, Mr Deputy Speaker ... [Interjection.]

†‘n AGBARE LID: Gooi kole!

[An HON MEMBER: Throw coals!]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ... on 25 October last year, myself and the National Departments were called to a meeting in front of the National Standing Committee, where the Minister, in front of the Standing Committee, said that they will award the tender for the Clanwilliam Dam wall by December 2017. She made a promise. Just three weeks ago she said to me and the Premier they are not going to go ahead with that project.

An HON MEMBER: Why did she [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Lying to the National Parliament, Mr Deputy Speaker. There are currently no major augmentation projects coming from the national government that will provide the City of Cape Town with additional water in the future. I want to implore the national government to understand their role and to get going on the projects they have long promised us, but have never delivered. These include the Clanwilliam Dam, the raising of the Voëlvlei Dam, as well as major initiatives around the Brandvlei project.

The PREMIER: Absolutely.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Mr Deputy Speaker, we also need added support from the Department to clean out alien vegetation in the catchment areas and to tackle leaks and aging infrastructure in our municipalities. Can you just imagine, if the City of Cape Town, with their projects, hadn't managed to get us under the 15%, some of the lowest figures in the world on water losses, where we would have been? The rest in the country is 30 plus percent.

It is time to face the facts. Extreme weather events like this current drought, are not going to go away and are going to increasingly threaten food security and economic growth in the country, already struggling with unacceptable levels of poverty and unemployment.

Responsible government must be more proactive with a long-term view to addressing these concerns. We need to reimagine the way we work and how we all work together across government, business and the public sector. If there is one thing this disaster drought has shown us, it is that we can no longer continue as we have been. It can never be business as usual. Climate change is very real. We must urgently do whatever we can to ensure we build a province that is better able to withstand pressure situations like this current drought and other similar events that are sure to follow in the years and decades to come.

†Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, die volhoubaarheid van ons stede en ons dorpe gaan vorentoe bo-aan die agenda moet wees van alle regeringsfere. Vir ons nageslag moet ons nou begin om stede en dorpe te bou wat meer klimaatbestand en volhoubaar is. Van ons kant af sal die Wes-Kaap Regering begin kyk na maatreëls om dit makliker te maak vir ons gemeenskappe om self volhoubaar te word. Ons sal ook moet harder werk en kyk hoe ons 'n groen ekonomie kan uitbou en verder versnel. Daar is reeds 'n groot mate daarvan aan die gang en dit is 'n goeie idee veral om werk te skep. Ons gaan ook moet aanvaar en sê dat oor etlike jare sal dit glad nie meer die geval wees waar riool en afvalwater in die see, riviere en ons vleilande gestort mag word nie. Die massa suiweringswerke en herverbruik van water gaan geprioritiseer moet word. Geen dorp of stad in hierdie provinsie sal toegelaat word om nie hul water te hergebruik nie.

Ons moet die uitdagings omarm en nie terugstaan nie, en veral nie nou nie.

Ons kan ook nie in isolasie die taak aanpak nie, en ons moet saamwerk met die privaatsektor en alle sferes van regering om 'n werklike impak te maak. Slegs deur saam te werk gaan ons 'n groener en 'n beter volhoubare toekoms benut. Ek dank u. [Applous.]

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[Mr Deputy Speaker, the sustainability of our cities and our towns will have to be at the top of the agenda of all spheres of government in future. For the sake of our future generations we have to start now to build cities and towns that are more climate proof and sustainable. From our side the Western Cape government will begin looking at measures to assist our communities to become self sustainable. We will also have to work harder and see how we can expand and accelerate a green economy. There is already a great measure of that going on and it is a good idea, especially, to create jobs. We will also have to accept and say that in several years time sewerage and waste water may not be dumped in the ocean, rivers and our vleis lands. The mass of purifying plants and recycling of water will have to be prioritised. No town or city in this province will be allowed not to re-use their water.

We have to embrace the challenges and not stand back, and especially not now. We also cannot tackle the task in isolation, and have to co-operate with the private sector and all spheres of government to make a real impact. Only by co-operation will we utilise a greener and better sustainable future. I thank you. [Applause.]]

†n AGB LID: Mooi, mooi.

[An HON MEMBER: Good, good.]

†Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Dankie, Minister.

[The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Minister.] †Hon member Davids.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Thank you, Premier, for that comment. You know you must go.

The DA is laid bare for all to see. It is a failed party, with failed leaders and failed actions. The DA is a total epic failure. It has no policy or principle left. It dumped it all. It is empty. It destroys itself from the inside. It does not care for poor or ordinary people. Its leaders only fight for positions and pay. The DA has proved it cannot be trusted with governance or the future of our children. It has no credibility left. It is dying fast. [Interjections.] We hear a lot from the DA about fit for purpose, rule of law ... [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: I am sure you wrote that speech before the [Inaudible.]. [Laughter.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: ... a capable state, accountability and merit, but in reality the DA is a party for a few privileged from the past, punting intolerance, [Interjections.] race, hate or fear and run by a small angry liberal boys club from the backrooms, and I think Minister Winde is part of them. This is so obvious in the recent developments in the DA and where it governs like here

in the Western Cape and Cape Town - the so-called best run administrations in the whole wide world.

The extremely poor performance of the DA with the self-fabricated water crisis and ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: What?

Ms S W DAVIDS: ... the deliberate scaring of people that the taps will run dry, also expose the DA's real intentions: to rob and raid the taxpayer in order to secure the jobs of a few in the DA. The truth is now out: the DA only terrorised people in order to leverage money from the national government . Money that will nepotistically feed some benefactors of the DA.

Let us take a closer look at the latest allegations of DA corruption. DA sources confirmed that DA leaders were involved in negotiating up to R6 billion from national government ... [Interjection.]

†Me P MAKELENI: Yôh. Skande!

[Ms P MAKELENI: Yôh. Disgrace!]

Ms S W DAVIDS: ... in order to get a kickback from [Interjections.] a foreign bidder or bidders, who would supply a desalination plant to Cape Town, and we heard of a very ugly fallout about this in the presence of national government , which led to the Cape Town Mayor, Patricia de Lille,

being hunted and rubbished.

Ms P MAKELENI: Alright.

Ms S W DAVIDS: On the back of suffering, people's pains with a dwindling water supply and severe restrictions, the DA still has time to rather look at its party coffers than the plight of the poor.

An HON MEMBER: Yôh!

Ms S W DAVIDS: Why is only a foreign preferred bid promoted? This while the Dutch have, through their embassy in 2009, already briefed the Western Cape [Interjection.] and City on cheaper and more effective ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: You must fire [Inaudible.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: ... membrane technology at the Radisson Blu Hotel, and even a local supplier of desalination plants [Interjection.] around the globe, namely Graham Tek of Somerset West, had its generous written offer ignored.

The DA also indefinitely delayed the national government project to build a desalination plant for the province and the Berg River Dam augmentation scheme to store storm water in the Voëlvelei Dam as was announced last year in honourable Premier Zille's SOPA. In fact all of the so-called

[Interjection.] plans announced were national government interventions and were kept on the backburner to pave the way for the DA pals.

It was spitefully done to force a crisis and declare a disaster just to advance the DA's chosen funding partner, veiled as a contractor. [Interjection.] Further to that, former DA leader Tony Leon's company was hired to communicate the DA's doomsday message.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: That is not true.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Yes. Yes, he got the money, it is true, and so the farce Day Zero was born. The Minister just spoke about Day Zero. In the briefing session that we had at Tygerberg, a person from Cape Town said to him that the name "Day Zero" is not good, they must use the name that they are using in the municipality. Now he is talking about Day Zero. Day Zero is just a thing that is making the people upset out there.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: You deny the reality.

[Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Further to that, it is as false to pretend that there is no basin in the whole of Leeuwenhof to wash in. A kitchen bowl is mooted and used in public relations pictures. Ja, Premier, there is no bowl, basin in your ... [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: When last were you there?

The PREMIER: There is a basin.

Ms S W DAVIDS: [Interjections.] There are more questions than answers. [Interjections.] The DA will have to explain why it entered into a corrupt relationship with a specific supplier of desalination infrastructure based in Israel in order to collect money for its so-called war chest [Interjections.] for the 2019 election campaign. Your R600 million. [Interjections.] This fact is confirmed from inside the DA.

An HON MEMBER: It is wrong.

Ms S W DAVIDS: The DA even has a special ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Ms S W DAVIDS: The DA even has a special term for this: leveraging. In plain language it means: sweeten the deal ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: No.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Corrupt. [Interjections.] Sweeten the deal. [Interjections.] The DA is corrupt and illegally taken over by private interests outside government [Interjections.]. Even Maimane is allowed to illegally ...

[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Ms S W DAVIDS: ... parade ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Just one second. Hon member Olivier.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Mr Deputy Speaker... [Interjection.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: You are captured.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Mr Deputy Speaker ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: You are captured.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Do you want to ask the hon member a question?

Mr R T OLIVIER: No, no, it is on a point of order, Mr Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I am listening.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Can you please, as you did when the Minister was speaking, ask them to give the member an opportunity to address us ...

[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, I will do that.

Mr R T OLIVIER: But that, I am not sure what is happening there.

[Interjections.] I am not sure what ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Olivier ...

Mr R T OLIVIER: ... the MEC had this morning.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I will do that, that is ... [Interjection.]

Mr R T OLIVIER: [Inaudible.] ... cereal ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! You made your point. That is the role of the Chair and I will control the House. Minister Winde, is that a point of order?

Mr R T OLIVIER: I am not sure, he is wearing a small T-shirt, for what?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

An HON MEMBER: It is his number.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Davids, you want to take a question?

Ms S W DAVIDS: I do not want to waste my time.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Unfortunately not. Please allow the member the opportunity to speak. [Interjections.] Hon member, you may continue. [Interjections.] Order! You may continue.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Even Maimane is allowed to illegally parade as the one that controls the disaster management of the Western Cape drought. He is not even elected in this Legislature.

The DA in government is captured. Therefore the Commission to investigate state capture must also look at the DA governments of the Western Cape and all municipalities where it is in control. The investigating agencies of the Republic of South Africa should also get involved to determine the extent of this undue influence over State resources to loot and rob the taxpayers. [Interjection.] It is important ... [Interjection.] to get to the bottom of this maladministration and grand scale theft.

The suspicious and sudden private visit a year ago by a so-called high-powered delegation under spineless DA leader, Mmusi Maimane, to Israel should also be investigated. He was accompanied by prominent Jewish leaders and MPs John Steenhuisen and a former provincial ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: How many ANC [Inaudible.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: ... advisor, Geordin Hill-Lewis. [Interjection.] Too little has been disclosed about this trip. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: The role of especially an officer of the court, labour lawyer and MP, Michael Bagraim, should be put under the spotlight. He is a past president of the Jewish Board of Deputies.

An HON MEMBER: So what?

Ms S W DAVIDS: Also his professional [Interjections.] authority must determine whether any unethical conduct occurred.

The foreign funding foundation in the name of Conrad Adenauer [Interjections.] should also come clean and disclose its role in facilitating meetings between the Israeli developers wanting to build ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Ms S W DAVIDS: ... desalination plants here in Cape Town and the DA in its City's offices, as was confirmed by a former honourable member of this Legislature and the DA's caucus leader, Rodney Lentit. [Interjections.]

And yes, add to it all the other things we have seen ... [Interjections] Caucus Chair, sorry, Caucus Chair.

- How the rezoning of the Founders Garden area on the Foreshore for the

benefit of DA aligned developers was steamrolled through the Legislature;

- How the Tafelberg school site earmarked for low cost housing was sold for a lavish Jewish school development;
- Maiden Cove and other prime land ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Ms S W DAVIDS: ... handed to developers ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Order, hon member. Just one second. Minister Meyer? [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. If the hon member made a point that there is corruption, I want to know whether ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: What is your [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: ... the member has ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: ... has referred the corruption. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon member. Order. You may take your seat. That is not a point of order, that is a point of debate.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: I want to know whether [Interjections.] she has referred the corruption.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Maiden Cove. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Ms S W DAVIDS:

- Maiden Cove and other prime land handed to developers at give-away bargain prices; [Interjections.]
- The corruptive and crooked collusion of construction companies that cheated the taxpayers with R5,000 million more than the agreed ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: R5,000 million?

Ms S W DAVIDS: ...

... tender price for the Cape Town Stadium and bus service to

Blaauwberg on then Mayor Zille's watch, and not a cent had been recovered [Interjections.] despite the Competition Commission's guilty verdict and hefty fines. [Interjections.] Perhaps it is because they have frequently visited the City's Civic Centre even before the tender process? [Interjections.]

- The corruptive communication contract for the Province with what the Public Protector found to be improper cadre deployment. You speak about ANC cadre deployment. You are the best in doing that under the carpet. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Ms S W DAVIDS: ...

- Rigged accounts run by DA cadres [Interjections.]. The DA cannot even get proper water accounts right as the present mismanagement shows ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Please come to order, the House is too noisy.

Ms S W DAVIDS: ...

The present mismanagement shows a year ago's readings sent out with the latest highly inflated drought penalty prices. You must go to your municipalities and see the people sitting in queues to query wrong

accounts that are sent out [Interjection.] by the Municipality. In the City, in Drakenstein [Interjection.], all over. You are here, but you are accountable for the Western Cape. You are accountable for the Western Cape.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Ms S W DAVIDS: ...

- DA leaders like former DA leader, Zille, who admittedly [Interjections.] visited the Saxonwold compound of the Guptas, Saxonwold compound of the Guptas to collect large contributions from the Gupta empire and even thanked them in writing. Speaking of being captured. You were captured before 2009 already. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: What does it mean to be captured?

Ms S W DAVIDS: ...

- Of course, the indicators that nepotistic [Interjections.] practises took place ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Ms S W DAVIDS: ...

... to pave the way for smooth government access to people [Interjections.] like the children of honourable Premier Zille, Could it even include promoting their endeavours to get millions of rands from various sponsors? [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, Minister.

Ms S W DAVIDS: There are also various stories of how DA leaders [Interjections.] in official vehicles ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order, Minister.

Ms S W DAVIDS: ... visited various suppliers to collect brown envelopes, leveraged so-called [Interjection.] donations in return for the favour of being contracted to governments ... [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Ask Cameron, he knew about it.

Ms S W DAVIDS: ... like that in the City of Cape Town. [Interjections.]

Developers are milked dry. They should come forward and declare their interests and donations even before this practise becomes national law for political parties and their patrons.

Then there is also the outstanding investigation regarding undeclared posh parties for MECs, sponsored by people ... [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: You cannot even go there. [Inaudible.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: ... with interests in state contracts [Interjections.], like the honourable MEC's Bonginkosi Madikizela ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Ms S W DAVIDS: ... and partner Mbombo.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order!

Ms S W DAVIDS: And then there are ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Minister Madikizela, I think you must withdraw that. Minister Madikizela, that remark you must withdraw. [Interjections.] If I heard you correctly you said the hon member stole something. That is not parliamentary. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Yes, she did, Mr Deputy Speaker.

Ms S W DAVIDS: [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Yes, she did. [Interjections.]

No, you did. She did.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister Madikizela, I am not aware of

[Interjections.], I am not aware of such a finding ... [Interjection.]

†Me M N GILLION: Sharon, bly stil.

[Ms M N GILLION: Sharon, be quiet.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: She misappropriated funds of this Legislature. [Interjections.] By making false claims. [Interjections.]

Ms M N GILLION: Mr Deputy Speaker ...

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

Ms M N GILLION: Mr Deputy Speaker ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Just one second. Hon member Gillion?

Ms M N GILLION: Mr Deputy Speaker, you already asked the MEC to withdraw. If he refuses to withdraw because - please, please, Mr Deputy Speaker, apply your Rules.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Gillion, I do not need your advice, I know what the Rules are.

HON MEMBERS: Yes.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Rules are very clear. Minister Madikizela, if you refuse to withdraw then there is only one way out, and that is to leave the Chamber. But I give you the opportunity to withdraw.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Can I address you, Mr Deputy Speaker? [Interjection.] No-no-no-no, you are not the Speaker, you are not the Deputy Speaker. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Can I address you, Mr Deputy Speaker?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I will allow you.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Mr Deputy Speaker, the hon member is making inferences which are not true [Interjections.] and when I say the very same thing [Interjections.] I am asked to withdraw. She must also withdraw what she said. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister Madikizela, the inferences the hon member made, I did not hear a specific one addressed to a specific person. [Interjections.] If that was so - I will look at the Hansard ... [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Yes. Specific person, she mentioned me by name.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I will look at that.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Yes, she did.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Did you say that ... [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Yes. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Hon member Davids, just repeat what you said in reference to the Minister.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Okay. Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Gillion, just take your seat please.

Ms S W DAVIDS: I said there is also the outstanding investigation regarding undeclared posh parties for MECs sponsored by people with interests in state contracts. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes. That is not a clear finding and Minister Madikizela is saying that there was a clear finding of theft.

An HON MEMBER: Ja. Ja.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: That is not what the finding of the House was.
[Interjections.] Order.

Mr P UYS: Mr Deputy Speaker, just tell the Minister to apologise ...
[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I will get to that.

Mr P UYS: ... and withdraw.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: [Inaudible.] ... apologise.

Mr P UYS: You must.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Premier?

Mr P UYS: Then you must leave. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.]

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

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Premier, just one second. Hon member Gillion, I saw you first. [Interjection.]

Ms M N GILLION: Mr Deputy Speaker, can I please address you? Please. You made a ruling on the MEC. You made a ruling, the MEC refused. You allowed the MEC to address you, now you are allowing a debate on a statement by the MEC. I think it is out of order.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you hon member, I take your point. I will not allow a long debate, I simply want some clarity from Minister Madikizela. [Interjections.] Minister Madikizela?

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Mr Deputy Speaker, I withdraw.

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. [Interjections.] We continue. Hon member Davids?. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: There are recent allegations from their peers [Interjections.] that certain public representatives solicited all kinds of patronage from government suppliers. It seems all these claims show the DA

is rotten to the core. The internal strife and factional fights in the DA opened a can of wombs (sic), like what happened ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Worms.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Worms or wombs, it is – like what happened with Patricia de Lille. Premier Helen Zille had it in for Patricia after she stood up against her about the land, the Jewish area in Sea Point, and there the fight begins. There the fight begins ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order member.

Ms S W DAVIDS: ... because Premier Helen Zille is too much in love with the Jewish Mafia.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Member, order! [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: The DA is clearly ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Ms S W DAVIDS: ... a hideout for thieves ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Davids, speak through the Chair when you address the Premier. Hon member Wiley?

Mr M G E WILEY: Mr Deputy Speaker, I have been listening very closely to the contribution by the hon member. There has been a running theme about anti-Semitism ... [Interjection.]

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Yes, yes! Consistently.

Mr M G E WILEY: ... and I believe that it is not, firstly I think it is unconstitutional, I think it is illegal. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr M G E WILEY: Secondly ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr M G E WILEY: But secondly the unmoderated tone of the hon member against the Jewish nation and against the Jewish people is unacceptable and believe it should be withdrawn.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. I will have a look at that in Hansard and if necessary come back to the House. Hon member Gillion?

Ms M N GILLION: Mr Deputy Speaker, I still want to know what was the point of order from the hon Chief Whip Wiley?

HON MEMBERS: Yes.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Read the Hansard, you will find it very clearly.

Hon member Davids, please continue.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. It seems all ...

[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order, one second. Hon member Joseph.

Mr D JOSEPH: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I really think that the hon member calling the Jewish people mafia communities - she must withdraw that statement. [Interjections.] It is an insult [Interjections.], it is an insult to that community.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr D JOSEPH: It is an insult to our community.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! I did not hear that.

Mr D JOSEPH: She must withdraw that statement please.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! I will go back to Hansard. If that was said ... [Interjection.]

Mr D JOSEPH: It is undemocratic and it is unheard of for the ANC people to speak like that. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr D JOSEPH: It is an insult to the people of this country. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member.

Mr D JOSEPH: I will accept your ruling if you investigate. Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I agree with your sentiment. If that was said certainly it was unparliamentary, but I will look at the Hansard and come back if that is what was said. Please continue, your time is almost up.

Ms S W DAVIDS: My time is almost up, ja. Money collectors must be rounded up and dealt with decisively. The new dawn sweeping South Africa now should also visit the Western Cape, Nelson Mandela, Johannesburg and Tswane Metro areas. Clean audits clearly do not translate into clean or good governance in the DA. Forget about clean audits, give us clean water because people are drinking dirty water out there. [Interjection.] That is the most basic service delivery and the DA fails us dismally on that. [Interjection.]

The DA has also sent out signals that its expended and suspended Premier

should go. They are scared to bring a motion against her. Now they want an early election to end her term. She already abdicated her duties to Maimane. Honourable Zille is the weakest link. Goodbye. Send her away. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: You are the weakest link. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Your time is up.

Ms S W DAVIDS: No, my time is not up. Sorry for you. Then the honourable Premier Zille had the audacity yesterday to speak around the ANC policy of ...

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: No, the ANC policy on land reform. What about your 1% in this province and that scheme, you call it a scheme and it is not even working. We want an investigation on all the land reform projects ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Ms S W DAVIDS: ... of this province. I thank you. [Time expired.]

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

expired, and I have given you some extra time as well. Hon member Mngasela. [Interjections.] [Applause.]

Mr M MNQASELA: Thank you ... [Interjections.]

†Mnr L H MAX: Gooi kole, gooi kole!

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

Mr M MNQASELA: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I welcome the State of the Province Address by the Premier.

An HON MEMBER: You have no choice. [Interjections.]

Mr M MNQASELA: Right from the outset I need to state that ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Now you want to [Inaudible.].

Mr M MNQASELA: ... the Democratic Alliance will not tolerate racism.

An HON MEMBER: It [Inaudible.] tolerates you.

Mr M MNQASELA: The ANC started this racism [Interjections.] in 2005 when the then boyfriend of Nomaindia Mfeketo, Mayor of Cape Town, [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr M MNQASELA: ... called Coloured people drunkards and useless and lazy people. [Interjections.] The same ANC now is calling Jews criminals ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Mr M MNQASELA: ... and this ANC must be condemned. [Interjections.] We have got to condemn this racism ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Mr M MNQASELA: ... and onslaught on people [Interjections.] [Applause.] because they do not look like you. [Applause.] It does not take me to look like you for me to ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: The same colour.

Mr M MNQASELA: ... [Inaudible.]

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

Mr M MNQASELA: It is very important.

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

Mr M MNQASELA: We will never accept that.

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

Mr M MNQASELA: Let me continue ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Honourable ...

Mr M MNQASELA: Mr Deputy Speaker ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, just take your seat. Just take your seat. Hon member Olivier. [Interjections.]

Mr R T OLIVIER: Mr Deputy Speaker, I just want to check with you. You have made a ruling that you will consult Hansard on the statement, alleged statement made. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes.

Mr R T OLIVIER: But the member on the opposite side now is saying the ANC ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: He was talking from the [Inaudible.]

An HON MEMBER: And that is not true.

Mr R T OLIVIER: ... is saying that the Jews are criminals.

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] ... leaving the House.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: But she did say that.

Mr R T OLIVIER: So I am not sure where does [Indistinct].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member. I will come back. I did say I will come back and the member may continue.

An HON MEMBER: She did say what he is implying.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Mr M MNQASELA: Mr Deputy Speaker, hate for others is hate [Interjections.] and it is unconstitutional. We are the bastions of hope [Interjections.] and we are defenders of the Constitution.

An HON MEMBER: Exactly.

Mr M MNQASELA: Mr Deputy Speaker, I dedicate my speech to the former Mayor, the late Mayor of Overstrand Municipality, Rudolph Smith. On 5 January I woke up to the news of the passing of Rudolph Smith who had undergone a brain tumour operation, and the procedure was successful, but as a result of some complications he succumbed, and this day it is important to remember that hon Smith, I mean Alderman Smith, the Mayor, stood for equality, stood for humanity and he was respected by his people and loved by his community as the true servant of the people.

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

Mr M MNQASELA: The DA values his contribution not only to the municipality, but to the people of this province and for his contribution he will truly and forever be remembered.

HON MEMBERS: Hear-hear!

Mr M MNQASELA: I would like to further pay homage to the former Western Cape Premier and the City of Cape Town Mayor and my former mate in Council, Alderman Gerald Morkel, who passed away on 9 January, as well as the former Deputy Mayor of George, Alderman Daniel Maritz, who passed away on 6 January 2018. It is important to acknowledge and remember and recognise their contribution to the service of the people of this province, and to them I say thank you.

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

Mr M MNQASELA: Thank you for your years of undying service and selfless contribution to the people of the Western Cape. We will truly miss you all for your zest for service to our beautiful nation. †Hambani Kahle [rest in peace] my dear brothers.

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

Mr M MNQASELA: Mr Deputy Speaker, the Premier was very clear and unambiguous in her commitment to service of the people of this beautiful Western Cape.

Ms P Z LEKKER: I am sure you are not serious about that.

Mr M MNQASELA: The Democratic Alliance truly commends the Premier for providing a concise diagnostic programme and full account of our government's successes and challenges, honestly setting a roadmap for all departments to deliver services with an accelerated speed to the people. A clear fact that reverberated throughout the House. It was clear, everyone was happy [Interjections.] that the DA Western Cape government delivers the best services to all communities ... [Interjection.]

Ms P LEKKER: That is very funny.

Mr M MNQASELA: ... and to all people in this province.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Hear-hear!

Mr M MNQASELA: It is a government whose sole resolve is to improve the quality of lives of our people through effective and efficient service delivery.

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

Mr M MNQASELA: We live in the era of the Fourth Industrial Revolution [Interjections.] and the Premier was very clear: The investment in new means of communication, the investment through the data that is going to all wards in this province, more than 1,600 connection points, that is real service to the people. [Interjections.]

Mr Deputy Speaker, earlier this week the Auditor-General applauded the Western Cape municipalities for achieving the highest proportion of clean audits in the country with a staggering 71%, which is the highest in South Africa and nobody follows us because we are the best.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: We do not steal the money out of [Inaudible.]

Mr M MNQASELA: He attributed our successes ... [Interjection.] to sound leadership, with an emphasis on an embedded culture of accountability

achieved by Minister Bredell's Department focussed on interventions and support programmes that are able to steer the direction of the municipalities. It is not a mistake, it is not a miracle. You have got to be involved, you have got to support municipalities. You have got to ensure that there is corruption-free administration in government in order to achieve these results. It is not an accident, it is because of a clear resolve by this DA government to support municipalities for them to succeed.

Success means services to the people, better life to the communities and more jobs because jobs is what we need right now in this province ...
[Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Hear-hear!

Mr M MNQASELA: ... and especially under the circumstances that we found ourselves when Zuma was the President. [Interjections.] Now we will see ...
[Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: A disaster!

Mr M MNQASELA: ... what will happen when Zuma goes.

An HON MEMBER: Zuma is [Inaudible.]

An HON MEMBER: He is gone.

Mr M MNQASELA: Because he is gone, but we want to see what is going to happen. [Interjections.]

Saldanha Bay Municipality through its fourth generation integrated plan has prioritised youth development by creating sustainable opportunities for a skilled and capable workforce to support an inclusive growth path, and to develop socially integrated safe and healthy communities. These are some of the examples of what we do where we are in government.

I do not have the whole day to present my speech, but let me, before I lose time here, talk about what we have done in Oudsthoorn when we were in government, when the DA took over.

An HON MEMBER: Which one?

Mr M MNQASELA: We made sure that we turned the situation around and paid Eskom, that the ANC government, through your Mayor there, Gordon April, who is in jail ... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Mr M MNQASELA: We made sure we turned the systems around and we pay Eskom and all other creditors on time, and I thank the DA Mayor in Oudtshoorn for turning that municipality around. [Interjection.] Kannaland is the same situation and we have paid Eskom in the record time because the

DA believes in servicing ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Which one?

Mr M MNQASELA: ... creditors, to ensure quality services to the people. We are changing lives.

†'n AGB LID: Gooi kole, gooi kole! [Tussenwerpsels.]

[An HON MEMBER: Throw coals, throw coals! [Interjections.]]

Mr M MNQASELA: What is becoming increasingly clear, Mr Deputy Speaker, is that where the DA governs it does so to improve the quality of lives of the people through better living standards, by creating opportunities and delivering best services, which are dearly needed in our communities. We still have to teach the ANC how to do this.

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

Mr M MNQASELA: In Cederberg for this first time in the history of the new local government, there is a clean audit under a DA government.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Hear-hear!

†'n AGB LID: Mooi!

[An HON MEMBER: Good!]

UMnu M MNQASELA: †Hayi if awuzuqh waba nomona [No, if you don't clap you are jealous] †because that is the truth and it is a fact, and we should all celebrate. If you do not clap then you support corruption. [Interjections.] [Applause.]

What is also important, Mr Deputy Speaker, is the reality that has sunk in in Beaufort West. Thanks to the Speaker, because the Speaker was the constituency head there for some time when Truman was the Mayor there, and now hon member Daylin Mitchell is the constituency head there. Things are changing.

An HON MEMBER: †Haibo! [No man!]

Mr M MNQASELA: The wheels are changing †en die poppe gaan dans in Beaufort-Wes. [Tussenwerpsels.] [and there is going to be trouble in Beaufort West. [Interjections.]] We are busy cleaning up that municipality and I want to request, in ending I want to call on the Premier and the Minister of Local Government to ensure that we accelerate this forensic audit ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr M MNQASELA: ... that is taking place to fix that municipality of Beaufort West for good. Thank you.

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

[Applause.] [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The honourable Minister of Education, Debbie Schäfer.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker.
[Interjections.]

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

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Yesterday the Premier delivered a report on our progress in achieving our vision of an open society ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon member Dijana!

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: ... in which everyone has the opportunity to live a life they value. Some in the ANC still do not seem to understand that a State of the Province Address is a report on the issues facing the province, and progress made in delivering on that vision. I guess that is understandable given that in their party there really is not much of consequence to report on. Hence the recycling of the same old clichés and fake news in every speech they make, not to mention the blatant racism we heard here today.

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: In contrast the Premier's speech focussed on many issues, including the unprecedented drought crisis we are facing which is putting pressure on all our departments, Education being no exception. [Interjection.]

Over and above that we have been seeing a decline in real budget ... [Interjection.] which is resulting in more and more overcrowded classes and insufficient funding to provide what we want and need to provide. Yes despite all of this our education system has seen sustained improvement.

I am pleased that Minister Motshekga last week revealed that the Western Cape was the top achieving province in the country according to the DVE's new format of reporting on the NSC results, known as an inclusive basket of criteria.

An HON MEMBER: Well done.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: The basket takes into account important indicators such as the percentage of Physical Science and Mathematics passes, the throughput rate, distinctions and bachelor passes.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: But that is not [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Minister Motshekga indicated in a Parliamentary reply that the new inclusive basket of criteria is a more

integrated approach to reporting that reflects the key indicators of learner performance. It is just a pity that this was not announced at the matric result announcement. Last year the Western Cape also was in the top spot.

In the Western Cape we have always said that the quality of the pass is more important than purely the league table position. The Premier detailed many of our achievements and results yesterday. Since 2010, a year after the DA-led government took office in the Western Cape, we have seen an increase in the pass rate from 76,8% in 2010 to 82,2% in 2017, an increase of 6%, while the cohort increased by just over 3,000. We have also seen an increase of 7,5% in the percentage of Bachelors passes achieved since 2010, with the highest Maths pass rate in the country last year at 73,9%, and the second highest Physical Science at 74%.

We remain the province with the highest rate of attendance from Grade 10 to 12, showing that we really do put the interests of our youth first, and do everything we can to give them the best possible opportunities.

I am proud to say that the Western Cape retained 64,3% of our learners from Grade 10 in the 2017 NSC. 12,8% more than Gauteng and 22% more than the Free State. This is still not enough and we will continue working on it. We do not want to lose any of our learners.

I am especially proud of all eight of our Education districts which each, once again, achieved a pass rate of over 80% with very good retention rates. Three

of our learners yet again took top positions in the country.

Improvements in Language and Mathematics are key focus areas for this government and I am delighted that the results of the 2017 systemic tests have shown marked improvements in Mathematics and Language in the Western Cape.

People who do not understand the education system do not realise how difficult it is to move a system this big up by even one percentage point, never mind doing so in the context of increasing learner numbers and decreasing real budget. And yet we have improved in our systemic results continuously over the years and have seen a sustained improvement in the results despite seeing a large increase in the number of learners writing.

In Grade 3 we saw an improvement in Maths of 2,1% in 2017. The sustained improvement is noteworthy given that the number of learners writing increased by almost 5,500.

In Grade 6 the pass rate for Maths remained approximately the same as 2016, but with numbers writing increasing also by almost 5,500. We saw also a huge improvement a few years ago, so it is most encouraging that this been sustained.

In Grade 9 the pass rate for Maths decreased by 0,5%, which is unfortunate, but the number of learners writing increased by about 2,500.

In the Language tests we saw a huge improvement of 5% in the Grade 3 pass rate, with the number writing increasing by nearly 6,000 in 2017. This is truly gratifying.

We have seen a sustained improvement in the Grade 6 Language tests, with the 2017 cohort slightly improving on last year, also with an increase cohort of almost 5,800.

Grade 9 learners achieved at substantially the same levels with an increased number writing of almost 2,800.

Ensuring that people attain the requisite level of literacy and numeracy at a young age is of great importance. Literacy and numeracy are the foundation on which all other learning happens, and I am therefore pleased to see the sustained improvement in Grade 3 Language and Mathematics tests in particular. This is a real tribute to our committed members of the WCED team across the province. [Applause.]

I am also once again pleased that the Western Cape Education Department has achieved a clean audit for its third consecutive year, for the 2016/17 financial year. This is unique in Education in our country if not the world and a phenomenal achievement.

An HON MEMBER: Since '94.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: We have maintained our focus on pro quo measures, but it is becoming increasingly difficult in the current financial climate. We try to manage our resources as best we can, yet we still have ANC aligned Tony Ehrenreich taking us to court over the closure of one particular school, Uitsig. It seems he would rather let learners stay at a school that is continuously vandalised and where the circumstances are not conducive to good education, than encourage them to move to a nearby school where the matric pass rate last year was 97,3%.

The PREMIER: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: And yet amazingly the Eastern Cape is closing about 1,000 schools and I have not heard one peep from COSATU about that, let alone a court case.

While we are working under extremely difficult circumstances, we also have the drought to contend with, trying to ensure that all our schools are able to stay open in the event of Day Zero. It is a huge logistical exercise trying to provide for 1,500 public schools across the province, but with the hard work of our excellent infrastructure team, led by Mr Archie Lewis, together with the Department of Public Works and our Disaster Management Team, we have made huge progress in our plans to ensure that our schools can stay open in the event of Day Zero.

The Premier held a meeting several weeks ago, setting out our plans in detail

and I am not going to repeat them here. But what I do want to mention is that an integral part of our strategy is also to reduce the consumption of water at schools.

Last year the WCED joined the Shoprite Smart Water Meter Challenge by contributing 40% towards each smart meter installed at schools. This outstanding water saving initiative involves the installation of smart water meters that measure and report on water use by the minute. It also includes plumbing maintenance and interventions to effect behavioural change among learners and their teachers. To date smart water meters have been installed at 112 schools, which has so far resulted in at least 21 million litres of water and R1,1 million being saved in just over three months. Shoprite sponsored 100 smart water meters and with the support of various corporate sponsors and the Western Cape government, a total of 358 schools will all receive smart water meters.

This is an excellent example of the private sector rising to the challenge of a crisis and working with all parties on a solution. I must thank each and every one of the 82 companies and all those involved in this initiative.

Necessity is the mother of invention, and whilst we have been maintaining quality education under very difficult circumstances we have also continued innovating, which is one of the core values of the Western Cape government. Our collaboration schools project ... [Inaudible.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: How many learners are still not in school?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: ... is now at 10 schools.

Mr C M DUGMORE: How many learners?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: ... with two new such schools opening at the beginning of this year. In spite of resistance from certain quarters, we have had excellent reactions from communities and they are happy with what they are seeing. We are very appreciative of the partnerships with the private sector that have enabled this project and are excited at the possibilities this has for improving education in poor communities. I remain confident that this model can make a real impact in addressing the ongoing inequalities in education between wealthier and poorer communities.

Also the development of our new school evaluation authority is well underway and is part of our transforming school accountability project. In this too we have received support from the private sector as they see the immense value in it to improve education.

Accountability for all of us is another key value of the Western Cape government and we are leading the way in promoting it. The Western Cape Provincial Schools Amendment Bill has now been tabled in the Legislature and I am hoping it will be passed in the near future.

Yesterday the Premier addressed the issue of citizen safety and highlighted the national government's failure to address safety in our province. This failure has a dreadful impact on our schools, learners and teachers. We all know that gangsterism is a societal issue, but the abject failure of national government to adequately resource the SAPS in the Western Cape is in my opinion either a deliberate strategy to destabilise the Western Cape or gross negligence. A whole of society approach is essential, but law enforcement is a crucial part of that, and it has been missing in action. After reading *The President's Keepers* we have a better idea why.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: So given that the ANC does not care about the safety of people in the Western Cape, we in the Western Cape government have made good progress in doing all we can to address the societal issues as well as the safety issues within our limited mandate and our very limited budget.

As Chair of the Provincial Strategic Goal II Committee, I have been very pleased that during the last year this Committee has been accredited as the inter-ministerial Committee, as part of the national anti-gang strategy. As a result we have the presence of a high-level SAPS delegation, the NPA, Justice Department, the Department of Correctional Service and State Security at our quarterly meetings. We have had good, honest interactions and we greatly appreciate the improved interaction between our departments

and the commitment they have shown at these meetings, both to the meetings themselves and to addressing crime.

In addition our Chief Director Districts has been appointed as the Chair of the School Safety Priority Committee of the ProvJOINTS which is also enabling better and quicker information sharing in our quest to keep our communities safe.

[The Speaker takes the Chair.]

The above is also the result of transversal inter-governmental cooperation with the Department of Community Safety playing an integral role. With them we have been able to roll out safety kiosks at a number of our highest risk schools and 57 SROs at 39 schools thanks to our relationship with the Metro Police in the City.

We are also developing a tool for principals to upload information regarding the state of their school infrastructure, so we can assess the priority needs. Of course the ANC has now announced a cut in the Education Infrastructure grant, thus again showing how much they do not care for our vulnerable learners. But as I said, we are also doing what we can to address the issues that can lead to people becoming involved in gangsterism.

Other than the focus on keeping our learners in school longer, we are also focusing on providing them with better after schools opportunities as part of

the After Schools Game-changer. This is a critical intervention not only to keep our children safe and occupied after school, but also to engage with them in extramural Mathematics and Language programmes, to assist with homework, extra tutoring, sporting activities and cultural and behavioural programmes. Our various government facilities all provide safe spaces that create a sense of belonging which we believe will prevent our youth from looking for this in gangs.

So we are doing everything within our power to provide the best opportunities for our youth, and considering the constraints we are under, our performance is that much more impressive. Imagine how much further we could have been if we had had a capable state and an accountable government nationally for the last two decades, but 2019 is around the corner.

Madam Speaker, as the DA led Western Cape, we will continue working to bring about the kind of change we need in this province and South Africa - change that will grow the economy, support social progress and create jobs. I thank you. [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, Minister Schäfer. I now see the hon member Beverley Schäfer.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Thank you. Hon Premier, Madam Speaker, the quarterly labour force survey released on 13 February 2018 has revealed once again that the Western Cape has the largest gains in employment in South Africa.

Our province has managed to create a 106,000 more jobs in the fourth quarter of 2017, and not 106 as the Leader of the Opposition has stated, and remains leader in job creation in South Africa.

The report also revealed that the Western Cape remains the province with the lowest expanded unemployment rate in the country, at 23%. Might I remind the Opposition that the Western Cape is also in the grips of the worst hydrological drought since 1906, yet we still triumph over the eight other ANC run provinces when it comes to creating sustainable employment and opportunity for our people.

Indeed growing and diversifying the Western Cape economy, creating jobs and securing investor confidence in the Western Cape is just one of the major successes that a DA run government brings to the South African people.

Even our newly elected President, Baba Matamela, Cyril Ramaphosa, knows just how well our flagship city is run, owning a massive property. In fact he is on his second one right on the Atlantic Seaboard, taking frequent jogs on our Sea Point Promenade, promoting “#mkhaba must fall” [“belly fat must fall”].

Interesting, hon member Davids, interesting. In your so-called anti-Semitic area. [Interjections.] I would like to remind the Opposition ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please, hon members.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: ... that this President chooses to live in the Western Cape, knowing full well that he receives the best service delivery, can walk through a safe city centre and is surrounded by bountiful business opportunities. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please!

Ms B A SCHÄFER: It is quite evident that †uRamaphosa ukhethe iNtshona Koloni. [Ramaphosa chose the Western Cape.]

An HON MEMBER: Hey! [Applause.]

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Madam Speaker, the Western Cape drought disaster is the single largest challenge to governance and economic growth... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please!

Ms B A SCHÄFER ... in our province.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Olivier, hon member Schäfer, kindly take your seat. Hon member Tyatyam?

Mr S G TYATYAM: Madam Speaker ...

The SPEAKER: Is it a point of order, hon member Tyatyam?

Mr S G TYATYAM: Madam Speaker, I want to direct it to you. We only use three languages in this province.

An HON MEMBER: Ag, you are wasting [Inaudible.].

Mr S G TYATYAM: Afrikaans, English and Xhosa. I do not know the other language. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: That is not ... [Interjection.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: Can we get only three languages ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Tyatyam, that is not a point of order. We do not ridicule each other based on language, race, colour or creed. Thank you. You may proceed, hon member Schäfer.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I even – okay. Madam Speaker, the Western Cape drought disaster is the single largest challenge to governance and economic growth in our province. However, there a number of unsung heroes who must be commended for their personal sacrifices to alleviate water shortage and ensure sustainable supply.

Our farmers and agri-workers have had to endure an 80 to 100% water cut in

the Western Cape, substantially reducing their crop output, with some farmers in Grabouw even donating water from their private dams to our province. Let it be known that the Western Cape farmers and agri-workers bear the brunt of the drought disaster and suffer consequences far more severe than the inconvenience of a short shower.

I want to take this opportunity to commend our agricultural sector and remind our farmers and agri-workers that we remain committed to their prosperity as a major contributor to our provincial economy.

The PREMIER: Hear-hear.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: To our farmers and agri-workers, we salute you.

In a province which reallocates R72 million of its budget to drought alleviation in the agricultural sector, supporting emerging farmers and preserving jobs in our rural areas, farming can and will flourish.

An HON MEMBER: They are not dead.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: In a province where R5,5 million is being reprioritised to mitigate the impact of natural and biological disasters on the agricultural sector during the drought, farming will be protected.

In a province where the implementation of smart farming methodologies and

conservation, where climate change resilience strategies are the forefront of agricultural innovation, agriculture and agri-processing create bountiful jobs and a flourishing industry. If the ANC wants to know how to run South Africa's agricultural sector, they need only come to visit us in the Western Cape. Then again, we already know that, hon member Tyatyam, †uRamaphosa ukhethe iNtshona Koloni. [Ramaphosa chose the Western Cape.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes. [Applause.]

Ms B A SCHÄFER: As part of Project Khulisa, the Western Cape's economic growth strategy through key sector development, tourism has become a booming industry in the Western Cape and the centre of growth in South Africa's tourism sector. Tourism to the Western Cape has observed an 11,6% increase during the busy December period, bringing in billions of rands to our province and creating thousands of jobs for our people. It is really no wonder we have the lowest unemployment rate in the country. In comparison the ANC run city of Durban saw a loss of almost [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order please!

Ms B A SCHÄFER: ... half a million visitors between 2015 and 2017. Having failed to morph their city into an attractive holiday destination.

In stark contrast, Cape Town now has most recently secured direct flights from Austria, Rwanda, Angola, Singapore and Hong Kong, as part of its

strategic Cape Air access route. In the Western Cape we do tourism best. If the ANC wants to know how to market our country as a vibrant, enticing and desirable destination, they need only see what we are doing in the Western Cape.

The SPEAKER: Order please!

Ms B A SCHÄFER: This is probably why, hon member Tyatyam, †uRamaphosa ukhethe iNtshona Koloni. [Ramaphosa chose the Western Cape.] [Interjections.][Laughter.]

Madam Speaker, in his budget speech the Minister of Finance, Malusi Gigaba increased Value Added Tax ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order! Order please! Hon member Schäfer, kindly take your seat. I just want to remind hon member Tyatyam that we have 11 or I think 12 official languages. You were not familiar with this one. [Interjections.] Thank you. You may proceed, hon member. [Interjections.]

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Minister Malusi Gigaba increased Value Added Tax to 15% for the first time since 1994. We know that this move is to recover the millions of rands our economy haemorrhaged under Zuma and the Guptas [Interjections.], which was siphoned directly into the private coffers in Dubai. [Interjections.] This tax hike is also being implemented to fund the ANC's bloated National Cabinet and to provide Cyril Ramaphosa's, the

President's, salary increase of R700,000 more per year than even Zuma earned. Yes, R700,000.

The SPEAKER: Order please!

Ms B A SCHÄFER: It seems the ANC's winds of change are seemingly blowing more money into our new President's bank account at the taxpayers' expense.

An HON MEMBER: What about [Inaudible.].

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Madam Speaker, our new President, Cyril Ramaphosa ...

The SPEAKER: Hon member Schäfer ...

Ms B A SCHÄFER: ... in his State of the Nation Address ...

The SPEAKER: Hon member Schäfer, kindly take your seat. The Chief Whip is – I am sorry, the Deputy Chief Whip. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Can the hon member take a question? I would like to ask ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: No-no-no, hold on, hold on! Hold on!

Mr Q R DYANTYI: ... about Rodney Lentit.

The SPEAKER: No, hold on! You address the Chair, hon member Dyantyi.

[Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Okay.

The SPEAKER: You ask me if the hon member will take a question.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: My apologies, my apologies.

The SPEAKER: Kindly take your seat and I will relay the message.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Take your seat please.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Just about Rodney Lentit ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Take your seat please! [Interjections.] Hon member Schäfer, will you take a question?

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Our President ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: No question. She is not taking your question. Take your seat please.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: What about Rodney Lentit?

Ms B A SCHÄFER: ... in his State of the Nation Address ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Take your seat!

Ms B A SCHÄFER: ... highlighted the importance of foreign investment in South Africa for economic growth. [Interjections.] However the newly elected ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Ms B A SCHÄFER: ... President also pledged his support ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order please, hon members!

Ms B A SCHÄFER ... for land expropriation without compensation. I would like to remind the ANC that land expropriation without compensation severely dissuades foreign investment in our country and gravely threatens our economic growth potential.

It appears that the ANC's very own policies are at loggerheads and

considering the capitalist success of the current President, which I am not sure ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order please, hon members!

Ms B A SCHÄFER: ... that hon member Magaxa will feel comfortable about, it is no wonder that he is now dithering on the land issue.

What a conundrum. President Ramaphosa also defends, has a deafening silence on a report by a high-level panel appointed by Parliament, which presented devastating evidence of what is happening with people's rural customary and urban land rights. It seems President Ramaphosa is too scared to confront our chiefs. President Ramaphosa is tap-dancing around the land issue and the ANC will fail to grow our national economy by expropriating land without compensation. [Interjections.] There is no question about it. [Interjections.]

Madam Speaker ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.]

Ms B A SCHÄFER: ... a report by Statistics South Africa in August last year detailed that between ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Schäfer ...

Ms B A SCHÄFER: ... 2011 and 2015 ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Schäfer, kindly take your seat. Hon members, it is inappropriate to drown out a speaker on the floor. Please cooperate and allow the hon member to continue. You may proceed.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: ... that the South African economy shrank and the percentage of youth unemployment rose beyond 50%. I find it very hard to believe that President Cyril Ramaphosa, whose job it was, as the ANC's Head of Government Business for many years can promise economic growth and job creation with such a putrid track record in this regard. [Interjections.] We know that the DA in our province ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order please! Kindly take your seat please. Hon member Joseph.

Mr D JOSEPH: Madam Speaker, I think we need more order in the House. The Opposition is drowning the speaker out.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon member Joseph, your point is sustained. Could I request all members to cooperate? Yesterday there was lots of howling and screeching. Please you owe it to the electorate out there to behave yourself in a manner that is appropriate, so I am asking you to cooperate. Interjections are allowed, but you cannot drown out a speaker on the floor. Unfortunately that is considered unparliamentary. You may

proceed, hon member Schäfer.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: That is why we know that the DA in our province leads an economic policy in South Africa, and that is why, hon member Tyatyam †uRamaphosa ukhethe iNtshona Koloni. [Ramaphosa chose the Western Cape.] [Applause.]

Madam Speaker, the results speak for themselves. Under the Democratic Alliance the Western Cape's economy grows the fastest and creates the most jobs in South Africa. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Ms B A SCHÄFER: This is something to which the ANC can only aspire at a national level. Under the DA agri-processing, world-class tourism and technological innovation have become synonymous with the Western Cape. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: There is too much noise.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Although there has been a leadership change within the ANC we know that the Zuma allies which remain in the party will continue to shackle our economy with corruption. [Interjections.]

To the ANC, I say this: if you want to implement the changes you so desire

... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Ms B A SCHÄFER: ... at a national level, by all means take a page out of our book. It is really no wonder why †kumaPhondo onke uCyril Ramaphosa ukhethe iNtshona Koloni. [of all the provinces Cyril Ramaphosa chose the Western Cape.] I thank you. [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you. I now recognise ... [Interjections.] Hon members, can we get a sense of order please? Before I request the hon member to speak can we get some order? I recognise the hon member Bernard Joseph.

Mr B D JOSEPH: Thank you, Madam Speaker. It is quite obvious that the Premier is not serious about addressing the challenges in the Western Cape. [Interjections.] The only new item in the Premier's speech is the drought in the Cape Metro, Drakenstein and Stellenbosch, a situation predicted about 20 years back. Incompetence and ignorance can jeopardise the existence of 4,7 million people in these three municipalities.

The Western Cape Provincial Government is blaming the national government for failing to act and vice-versa ... [Interjection.] while the poor majority will suffer because of the neglect.

The deaths of three fire fighters must be laid squarely on the shoulders of the DA administration, as fire fighters are working for hours on end without being relieved, which leads to the exhaustion and the inability to save their own lives when facing life-threatening situations.

The notion of highlighting achievements from 2009 and numerating, is very disingenuous. As the EFF we want to hear about economic freedom within our lifetime.

Ms P Z LEKKER: Yes.

Mr B D JOSEPH: We want to physically observe an improvement in the lives of the poor. Can this Premier honestly, after personal observation, say that the DA interventions have positive economic and social results? It seems that the DA government in the Western Cape is therefore the white privileged majority only.

Ms P Z LEKKER: Yes.

Mr B D JOSEPH: It is a matter of the rich getting richer and the poor poorer. Nothing is being said on the expropriation of land and nationalisation of banks in the Western Cape, especially Stellenbosch, the financial headquarters of the province and a pinnacle of white monopoly capital.

An HON MEMBER: Exactly.

Mr B D JOSEPH: Public schools are being closed down while private white schools receive huge assistance from the Western Cape government.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: No, that is not true. [Interjections.] That is not true, that is not true.

Mr B D JOSEPH: The Premier is quiet on the protection of children against gangsterism and emancipation of women. This morning at a high school in Emfuleni, a learner was suspended for recording an incident at the school.

An HON MEMBER: Yôh, yôh, yôh.

Mr B D JOSEPH: This is not on. How can we address such situations and we suspend learners that are trying to make a difference in the school. Anyone can come and read you the rates, numbers and figures, but are these noticeable in the development of the poor?

Can the very same poor communities physically experience improvement in their lives? The economic and social circumstances of the people in Khayelitsha, Manenberg, Gugulethu, Elsies River, Nyanga, Langa, Mitchells Plain, Paarl East and other areas are indicative of the surrounding failure by the Democratic Alliance. They are more concerned about getting rid of Patricia de Lille than governing this province to the benefit of the poor. Physically.

Ms P Z LEKKER: Yes.

Mr B D JOSEPH: This is why the EFF councillors during 2017 ...
[Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: How many councillors?

Mr B D JOSEPH: ... exposed massive shortcomings in the healthcare system that the Premier praises so much. Sick and older people are queuing from 4:30 in the morning and showed the door come five o'clock. Overworked, tired and stressed personnel and ambulance services, with turnaround times of two to three hours to respond. Medical alerts, much to be desired.

What is important is that the vacant posts within the health sector ...
[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Mr B D JOSEPH: ... should be filled immediately to ensure that we can improve service delivery and that we can create jobs in this province. This thing of assuming people can only get sick between eight o'clock in the morning and five o'clock in the afternoon, and people cannot get sick over weekends, must stop immediately. A prime example is the area of Ashton. A simple solution is to open clinics 24-hours for seven days a week and to fill all vacant posts in the Provincial Health Department.

The 50th celebration of the world's first heart transplant is marred by the omission of Hamilton Naki from Gugulethu, a black South African who physically executed that transplant and because of apartheid legislation, the honours went to Chris Barnard. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: He was not at work that day. He [Inaudible].

Mr B D JOSEPH: The EFF encourages the Western Cape government to do the honourable thing and recognise the contribution of our hero, Hamilton Naki.

The Premier is concentrating on the symptoms of social decay, security, drug abuse, foetal alcohol syndrome, gangsterism, the high murder rate, etcetera, and not on eliminating the root causes of such social ills. What is gravely concerning for the EFF is that nowhere does the Premier indicate mistakes by her government. She is concentrating on the clean audits and expects accolades for that. One cannot praise a fish for swimming.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Mr B D JOSEPH: Your officials are getting paid to ensure clean audits. The Premier is basically saying that everything is hunky-dory in the Western Cape ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Joseph ...

Mr B D JOSEPH: ... while the majority ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Your time has expired.

Mr B D JOSEPH: ... of African and Coloured people, the voter base of the DA, know there is no such thing. The general ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Joseph, your time has expired. Kindly take your seat please. Thank you.

Mr B D JOSEPH: It is not even six minutes.

The SPEAKER: Your six minutes has expired. I now see the next speaker. It is the hon the Minister of Health, Minister Nomafrench Mbombo.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Hon Premier, Madam Speaker, members of the House, guests in the gallery. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Gillion, I heard that. If I could just call you to attention please. You may proceed, Minister Mbombo.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Molweni. Madam Speaker, firstly I want to thank the Premier ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Sorry, Minister Nomafrench, please take your seat. We have

an hon member, Minister Nomafrrench Mbombo, for the record, hon member Gillion. Let us not deliberate on something that could border on becoming unparliamentary. Please.

Ms M N GILLION: Madam Speaker, can I address you?

The SPEAKER: Yes, you may.

Ms M N GILLION: I just want to say hon Mrs Madikizela, congratulations.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: On what? [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Gillion, you clearly know more than anyone else. I have not received any formal notification, so I will have a conversation with you much later, thank you. You may proceed. Thank you.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: †Molweni. [Greetings.] Firstly, I want to thank the Premier for her SOPA yesterday. She tracked Western Cape's good story since 2009 and also provided guidance paving the way for the Western Cape government for the 2018/19 budget year. †Enkosi ngesikhokelo. [Thank you for the guidance.] In this debate I will attempt to further highlight the good story through a health lens, reflecting on some challenges facing the South African health system as a whole in general, because whatever happens in South Africa it also impacts on health.

Firstly, health is an investment. A healthy population is the absolute basic requirement and a prerequisite to building skills and the human capital required to jumpstart the economy.

HIV, TB and trauma, amongst others, are responsible for a significant reduction in the potential years of life loss, particularly among the economically active population.

Health departments across the country continue to face a growing burden of disease in size and complexity, especially around multiple morbidity and drug resistance. We are facing poor socio-economic conditions, increasing social ills, with the Western Cape inundated with violence resulting in an increase in gunshot injuries and also substance abuse. Also the issues of migration, especially in the Western Cape and Gauteng that are affected, and this poses a significant risk.

The demand for healthcare continues to grow and this is unlikely to change in the short-term outlook, given the trend in the social determinants of health and wellbeing.

Healthcare in the country is under tremendous pressure and we need to apply innovative strategies to continue to deliver quality health services, and when one [Inaudible.] the Health Departments in the rest of the country, there are important warning signals and you should not take the high point of the Western Cape Department for granted. Madam Speaker, the province has

better health outcomes compared to other provinces. People live longer with a higher life expectancy for both males and females. For example, compared with the Eastern Cape and Free State for males, where we see 54 and 52 years respectively. In the Western Cape for males it is 64 years and for females 69 years.

HIV prevalence among women aged 15 to 24 years, attending anti-natal clinic, is at its lowest level, around 9,6%, since 2009. KwaZulu Natal, followed by Mpumalanga and Eastern Cape Provinces, have the highest HIV prevalence among women attending anti-natal clinics.

The TB infection rate used to be a problem in the province. The effort we put in in the fight against TB saw the highest cure rate of above 80% for new cases.

We have seen a drop in the infant and under five year old child mortality rate since 2009. The Western Cape has the lowest maternal deaths in the country. The delivery rate for under 18 year olds has shown a steady decrease since 2010. Of course we still have got a sure concern around teenage pregnancies, but we do have programmes in place around that.

Madam Speaker, my Department is acutely mindful of the economic constraints and competing priorities faced by the country, and the consequent implication for the budget allocation to the Health Sector. A worrying trend is the increase in people presenting with multiple diseases. This situation

places the provincial health system under enormous strain and in the context of significant budgetary constraints, coupled with the protracted drought, 2018/19 is likely to be a very challenging year. The increasing cost of medicine and [Inaudible.] in the province impact more on health. I was going to expand more on the issue of waiting times, but I see the hon member Joseph is not here.

We, like the rest of the country, sincerely hope that 2018 will be the start of a turnaround on multiple fronts that will result in a better situation for all. While it may be early days, the strengthening of the rand and the exchange rate in recent weeks is a positive signal that creates optimism. When the rand drops, the price of medicine goes up, meaning that the services have to be [Inaudible.] cut.

We have invested over the years in building capacity, including leadership, people, processes, systems and building blocks, such as infrastructure and ID systems, to get us to this high point in our history where we can claim amongst the best health outcomes in the country, unqualified audits for 13 years and clean financial audits for the past two years and generally a well performing department.

We provide the largest footprint of the social safety net, with its broadest reach, to vulnerable families and communities in a climate of increasing poverty and social stress. We are, despite these challenges, focused on strengthening the resilience of the Department. We have put in place certain

programmes and projects to improve the health outcomes of all the citizens of this province and to combat the challenges we are faced with. We have prioritised clinical services, as opposed to corporate admin support services. Hence some of the posts will not be filled, but instead we put more operating staff around the nurses and doctors and other clinicians.

Within service delivery, primary healthcare, district hospitals and EMS are to be prioritised more than the regional and central hospitals under the circumstances. We are reaching out to people in the far corners of this province to ensure rural access to healthcare, notwithstanding the farming districts where they have to travel kilometres to access amenities.

In the Western Cape we have got the highest percentage of households who are able to access a public health facility within 30 minutes at 91.5%, followed by Gauteng at 88.4%. The national average of poor communities able to access health facilities within 30 minutes is about 75.4%. We commend the district health services team for providing health services through the mobile clinics and health posts throughout the province. †Nomakanjani [No matter what] †where there are no physical clinics there will be mobile clinics and all our clinics have got a visiting general practitioner at a minimum of at least once a week.

Furthermore, we provide a patient transport system through Healthnet that operates at 230 pickup points across the province, as the Premier has alluded to. Patients no longer have to pay large amounts of money to reach health

facilities. In addition to providing this service, we also ensure that the pickup points are safe and we engage with Local Government to work with us to ensure the safety of these.

In Matzikama, for example, we provide subsidised transport in partnership with the local car owners to pick up patients for doctors' appointments as far as Kliprand, Rietpoort for example, which is the furthest point and then some parts of the Central Karoo and Eden, some patients make arrangements to be collected from home when they have to access services like George and so on. And you do not get this anywhere in South Africa except the Western Cape.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Madam Speaker, I must commend the entire Department for their resilience over the past year during the fire outbreaks in Swartland, Knysna Hospital and recently the Mitchells Plain Hospital and also Groote Schuur Ward. Staff worked around the clock to ensure the safety of each patient and also every other person. No patients died during the evacuation.

In Knysna our staff members and their families were also greatly affected by the disaster. A member of the Opposition spoke about how we were too much in Knysna but let us not forget the mere fact that our staff members, the members and public servants working in the province were also affected.

Even though they were affected, they worked around the clock to ensure that we still delivered the best possible service for our clients, regardless of the situation.

The drought conditions persist and the serious consequences for the provision of health services are very concerning.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Lekker. Hon Minister, kindly take your seat, please. Whatever it is that is causing you to make your colleagues laugh there, it is inappropriate. Can I ask you to refrain, please? Thank you. You may proceed, hon Minister.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: The drought conditions persist and the serious consequences for the provision of health services are very concerning. The Department is working with other departments and also in the municipalities to implement mitigation strategies. We have a watertight preparedness plan to mitigate the risk of service disruption, due to the lack of water, on health services in the Western Cape.

We have got a three-pronged strategy which I will share in our Budget speech. One is to reduce water consumption at healthcare facilities. Number 2 is to be prepared for the possibility of water rationing. Number 3 is to be prepared for the total loss of municipal water supply.

There was a question about the issue of Day Zero. Notwithstanding the fact

that in some parts of the country, for example the Eastern Cape, the Amatole District Municipality, Day Zero has already been there, where we find that Butterworth Hospital had to be closed.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: And here are you [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: At the King Edward VIII Hospital in KZN, there has been no water for a long time. So Day Zero has always been there ...[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: ... where the nurses have to use buckets, collecting water from ground level to the upper ground. So Day Zero has always been there. [Interjections.]

I want to thank the staff, community and patients for reducing consumption, not only in our health facilities but also throughout our communities.

Madam Speaker, the Western Cape still remains a centre of excellence, providing the best care under challenging circumstances and a shrinking budget. We reach far more people than ... [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Sit down now [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: Order please, hon member Dyantyi.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: We also assist other provinces, for example, by providing spaces for their medical specialists who are unable to continue their vocational training due to the poor state of health services.

Madam Speaker, in conclusion the investment and the gains we have made ...
[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Dyantyi, I am going to – sorry, hon Minister, kindly take your seat. I happen to be the Presiding Officer and not you. You are the Chief Whip, what is it, the Deputy Chief Whip. Please manage yourself accordingly. Thank you. You may proceed, hon Minister.
[Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Investments and the gains we have made need to be protected and sustained and this requires stability in the levels of resourcing. Health remains a priority in the province, with the Department receiving one of the largest shares of the provincial budget.

The Department, notwithstanding its history of good performance and gains to date, finds itself in a fragile state between service pressures and budget cuts. We recognise that there are financial constraints faced by the province, actually even across the province in national government .

This drives me to the next point, Universal Health Coverage. We are committed to Universal Health Coverage, UHC, that is the need to ensure access to quality health services and financial risk protection for all in South Africa. South Africa spends more on a health per head count compared to its counterparts, yet we have poor health outcomes and inadequate coverage of services.

Whilst the Constitution guarantees everyone the right to access health services, that guarantee is in vain when some families become poorer because of medical costs when they have to send their loved ones to private care due to the failure of public health to provide quality services. The exchange of monies should not happen at the point of clinical service. People should start to save and pay for their care, irrespective. But families now get overburdened and have to sell their belongings to cover costs of private healthcare when public services fail the people. It cannot be right.

Hence we welcome the Universal Health Coverage to address the equity, the quality of care and the access to care. What we do not accept is the funding formula that national government is proposing through NHI. Not only is NHI ... [Interjections.]

Ms M N GILLION: [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: Sorry hon Minister, can you just take your seat? Hon member Gillian, I cannot hear them laughing, neither can I see them.

Ms M N GILLION: [Inaudible.] a disturbance.

The SPEAKER: I certainly cannot and I do not think it is affecting the hon Minister's speech but could I request the hon Ministers, please refrain from laughing. Thank you. Hon member Gillion, I am not going to engage with you. It was not disturbing the proceedings of the House. [Interjections.] Thank you, thank you. So let us all play nicely now and not disturb anyone else until the end of the session. You may proceed, hon Minister. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: We welcome Universal Health Coverage ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Sorry, hon Minister, take your seat. It is not a new rule, hon member Dijana. It is Rule 41 which allows me to manage this House with dignity and decorum and, sadly, the behaviour over the last few days or yesterday and today leaves a lot to be desired in terms of dignity and decorum. So I am appealing to all hon members to co-operate.

Ms T M DIJANA: [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: And I am speaking to you, hon member Dijana, so I do not expect you to respond from your seat.

Ms T M DIJANA: I did not ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: It is completely unnecessary and we need common decency and respect as we engage. You may proceed, hon Minister.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Thank you, Madam Speaker. We welcome Universal Health Coverage to address equity, quality of healthcare and access to care. What we do not accept is the funding formula that national government is proposing through NHI. Not only is it expensive and unaffordable but it will put too much of a burden on taxpayers, which is mostly the middle class, who are also expected to build hospitals, roads and fund social grants through their tax, in addition to many other things.
[Interjections.]

We have ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please!

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Time permitting, I would probably have provided a 101 in terms of what the difference is between the NHI and Universal Health Coverage. [Interjections.] What I was explaining is that Universal Health Coverage, the NHI is ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: ... is the financing model to fund Universal Health Coverage, that is what we do not accept. [Interjections.] We are

opposing the formula used to fund Universal Health Coverage, which is NHI.
[Interjections.]

We have submitted, and we are not only complaining, we have submitted proposals to assist National so that we can possibly [Inaudible.] in all the energy streams ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Minister Mbombo, kindly finish up, your time has expired. Thank you.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Yes. And we are already putting up plans to pilot some of these components in Saldanha through the PSG3 and the pilot will assist National. We are working already with the employers and also with ... [Interjection.] [Time expired.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister Mbombo.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Thank you.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: You need a workshop.
[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you. [Interjections.] Order please, members. If there was a workshop required it is about manners and behaviour and common courtesy and respect, which is sorely lacking in this Chamber today.

[Interjections.] Respect begets respect. Let us treat each other with courtesy. Members, I am appealing to both sides of the House, please we are nearly through the session. Can you just manage yourself with dignity and decorum, please?

Ms P Z LEKKER: Member Fritz. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Lekker, that is the second time I have had to address you. Thank you. I now recognise the hon the Chief Whip, Chief Whip Wiley.

Mr M G E WILEY: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I am sorry that the Leader of the Opposition is not here. He has done a hit and a run but he raised some questions that I would like to answer. [Interjections.] The first one was his confusion about SOPA and the revised dates.

SONA, which is the national address, was scheduled for the 8th but due to the chaos within the ANC, was postponed indefinitely.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Mr M G E WILEY: A letter from Mr Magaxa to the Premier on the 14th used, as his motivation, constitutional co-operative governance and are non-arguments. They simply do not apply. Mr Magaxa was once again seriously confused, by sending his letter to the Premier and not the Speaker as the

Premier has no authority over the scheduling for the parliamentary programme, nor do the Rules of this institution ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order! Members, sorry Chief Whip, take your seat. You can heckle, you can interject but you cannot drown out a speaker on the floor. I am requesting your co-operation please. Allow the Chief Whip to continue. You may proceed, hon Chief Whip.

Mr M G E WILEY: Nor do the Rules of this institution insist on any preference as far as addresses are concerned. The Premier replied to Mr Magaxa on the 15th. At the time of Mr Magaxa's letter, SONA still had not been scheduled but history will record that Zuma resigned that evening and the next morning the NA Programming Committee agreed to a new date for the 16th, the same day as the SOPA.

In light of these dramatically changed circumstances and with a new President, it was entirely understandable to reconsider the SOPA date ... [Interjections.] and after broad consultation, including the member of the ANC, it was agreed to postpone SOPA.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Oh ja!

Mr M G E WILEY: That was the one item that I wanted to address.

As far as the Registrar is concerned, the Registrar was appointed early in

December. We have not had committees since then, we had a recess between then and in any case the Registrar's task is clearly defined in the Code of Conduct and I am sure he is following it, given he is a man of high qualification.

Member Magaxa talked about Imizamo Yethu and said that the DA did nothing. As far as that is concerned I would just like to say that provincial government ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Mr Wiley, can you take your seat please? There is a member on the floor. Member Gillion?

Ms M N GILLION: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Whenever the Chief Whip is referring to our Leader of the Opposition, can he call him the honourable, please?

The SPEAKER: Thank you, your point is noted. We are all hon members in this House. Thank you, Chief Whip.

Mr M G E WILEY: With all respect, Madam Speaker, calling a person a member is also acceptable in this House. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you. So we have honourable members.

Mr M G E WILEY: Provincial government aided with the provision of mobile

clinics and assisted fire victims with new medical cards. They provided ...
[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Sorry, Chief Whip, I am really sorry to interject. If you can take your seat. The member said they are honourable members. So the ruling is we have members who are honourable, who act honourably, so we will refer to each other as honourable members in this House. That is the ruling, member Gillion. [Interjections.] Sorry, member Gillion required clarity on what I said. [Interjections.] No, it is not, Chief Whip ... [Interjection.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: Madam Speaker?

The SPEAKER: Hon Dugmore?

Mr C M DUGMORE: On a point of order, we have taken note of your ruling but clearly you must be aware of the fact that member Wiley, hon member Wiley ... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Wiley ... [Interjection.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: ... in fact attempted to undermine your ruling by saying that he himself refers to others as member. So could you please clarify, in particular to hon member Wiley, that he cannot invent the Rules himself. You have made a ruling and he shall, from this point on, refer to honourable members. He cannot make the Rules himself.

The SPEAKER: Hon Dugmore, your point is sustained. We have the Rules. Chief Whip Wiley is familiar with the Rules. We are all honourable members in this House, so let us manage ourselves in a manner that is honourable. You may proceed, hon Wiley.

Mr M G E WILEY: Thank you. R6,75 million was spent for the electrification of 181 dwellings, of which 40% are new connections and the remainder for the fire victims. A formal housing project is due to start within the next ...
[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Pardon me, sorry to ask you to take your seat again. Hon Dyantyi?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I cannot hear the member, he is too fast. If he can just slow down. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: That is not a point of order, but I will - take your seat, please. Thank you. Chief Whip Wiley, if you could clarify what you have done in the area of Masiphumelele. That is the request. You are speaking too fast, they cannot hear what has been done.

Mr M G WILEY: Madam Speaker, with respect ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Tyatyam, if you were to listen you would pick up the response. Thank you. You may proceed.

Mr M G E WILEY: Thank you, Madam Speaker, and I hope that I am going to get credit for all the interruptions that I have ... [Interjections.]

These housing opportunities include apartment blocks ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr M G E WILEY: ... with a 1 000 housing opportunities, including tar roads, sidewalks, a storm water system, water to each house, a sewerage system, etcetera, etcetera. And here are some photographs, just for the record. Here is the ward councillor, here is the Deputy Mayor ... [Interjections.], here is the hon Minister of Health, here is Xanthea Limberg ...[Interjections.], hon Minister Madikizela, here is the constituency head - a whole constituency of DA members. All of them visited Imizamo Yethu at the time of the fire. [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, Chief Whip. Hon members, I am certain the posters will be distributed in due course. Thank you.

Mr M G E WILEY: Thank you. Fixing South Africa, Madam Speaker, is going to take more than just a walk in the park.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: We know that.

Mr M G E WILEY: Like every reasonable citizen, I listened with great

anticipation to the words of our new President last week. For my part, I sat just metres away from him and paid rapt attention to Mr Ramaphosa, filled with hope and anticipation. The anticipation was borne out of a tense frustration built up over the previous nine years as we witnessed the systematic dismantling of a capable state, infestation of our civil service with strategically appointed crooks and a wholesale looting of the taxpayers' hard-earned money.

Some misguided and ill-informed people, both in the ruling party and its fringes, like to find scapegoats for the lack of progress in redressing the wrongs of the past and the poor economic performance. Invariably they fall lockstep into the narrative that white people and big business, the so-called white minority capital scam, run by a now bankrupt PR company in the UK, are responsible. This, despite the ruling ANC being in power of 23 years.

An HON MEMBER: Yôh!

Mr M G E WILEY: And having control of eight of the nine provinces and a vast majority of municipalities ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please.

Mr M G E WILEY: ... blaming the past remains, for some, the easy way out of accountability. So it was with some relief when the new President, a pragmatic and tolerant man, clearly stated that, irrespective of race, gender

or creed, all South Africans will have a fair and equal chance in our country.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is what Mandela said.

Mr M G E WILEY: Again last night he hit the right note ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr M G E WILEY: ... when he said he wanted things done on time and efficiently. He wanted results. We even quietly accepted his repeated comments when he said that expropriation without compensation would become the norm because, at the heart, South Africans are a generous and giving people. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr M G E WILEY: It remains to be seen how this will be done and the President, who was instrumental in guiding our new Constitution to its birth in 1997 – I was part of the Constitutional Assembly – will be very much aware of the clauses that were key to a peaceful transition at that time. [Interjections.]

He will be first to admit that the remedy to greater prosperity and equity lies in the application of sound management principles, borne out by hard work, accountability, fairness and maximising opportunities that come one's way.

He has certainly been a role model in this regard. One does wonder, though, if the President's opportunities had been switched, if he had attempted to become a farmer before he was a successful industrialist, if his keenness to transfer agricultural land to others would be so enthusiastic.

Mr C M DUGMORE: He is a farmer.

Mr M G E WILEY: Being a productive farmer is far from the romantic image some have of this hard scramble, hands-on, lonely existence. Some of Mr Ramaphosa's colleagues will gladly testify to this fact.

Of course, if you are stinking rich and profit is not the be all and end all, then you can dabble in agriculture as a status pastime. This is what we see again, every now and again because of the weak rand, has been an incentive for investors ... [Interjection.] to build show farms mainly geared to tourism elite. These sort of farms certainly have benefits but not for the masses and not for the production of basic staples that keep the citizens alive. [Interjections.]

In this area the national government does not have a proud record and many a State endeavour has seen a complete collapse of formerly successful and productive farms. On the contrary, this essential sector has seen some of the worst excesses of corruption and collusion, where truckloads of State funds have simply gone walkabout, ending up in the pockets of people who would not recognise a calloused hand even if it stared them in the face.

Time will tell how this works out, but one prays that economic sanity will prevail. The President has caveated his intentions with sustainability and balance and this must be welcomed, but the President has other challenges. In trying to balance the books his Finance Minister has opted to rather penalise service delivery vehicles, namely the provinces and municipalities, by drastic cuts than to hold the real wasters of public funds to account. [Interjections.]

As the Premier yesterday spelled out, this is going to have a significant effect on this province. [Interjections.] The Western Cape has already endured several... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please!

Mr M G E WILEY: ... austerity budget cuts in recent years and there is no fat on this body. This, coupled with the increasing dysfunction of those National Departments operating in the Western Cape, means that times are going to become more difficult.

Despite the outstanding assessed performances of the departments of this province and the under-performance of the National Departments, it is giving the public the impression that this province, as a whole, is under-performing. [Interjections.] These factors are seriously threatening the thriving economy of this province, one of the only ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr M G E WILEY: ... two showing any significant hope and growth in this country and the false narrative is being driven by Mr Ramaphosa's own party here in this province and, most notably, in this House.

Take the drought situation; despite the cold facts, the ANC on the other side of the aisle have sought to deny the crisis exists. Last year they colluded with Mr Khan, the National Department's local head, to blame everybody but themselves for the lack of bulk water provisioning, which is a national function.

Last week, during the parliamentary oversight briefing visit, the DDG of Infrastructure Development flew down from Pretoria to publicly chastise Mr Khan for his dereliction and promised to depoliticise the topic going forward. She was a breath of fresh air. Naturally, the loud mouths on the other side did not attend that visit for the last thing they want is to be confronted with the facts.

Now the narrative of big capital conspiracies and hoaxes has spread to grass roots level. Driven by COSATU and ANC activists, most notably Mr Suleiman Stellenboom. One must seriously ask the ANC: what if you succeed in your endeavours to get citizens to carry on using water carelessly and the city does run out of water? Will you come to the aid of the 4,6 million people?

An HON MEMBER: No.

Mr M G E WILEY: Contrary to the President's enthusiasm earlier this week, the military simply does not have the capacity to assist in any meaningful way. [Interjections.] Neither does SAPS, by admission, even have the required numbers to fill their daily visible shifts, let alone supervise a metro of wide mass crisis for an indeterminate period.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Mr M G E WILEY: A similar totally uncaring disregard for human suffering has been shown by the ANC and its sycophants about the almost continuous failure of PRASA to provide even a basic service. Hundreds of thousands of Capetonians, Cape citizens, cannot get to work, are losing their jobs and families as a direct result on a daily basis. Now they have shot the messenger, the local manager, Richard Walker, probably because he had openly said the destruction of trains and infrastructure is organised sabotage.

The SPEAKER: Chief Whip Wiley ... [Interjections.]

Mr M G E WILEY: Maybe it is because of his close association, working relationship with Minister Grant. [Time expired.]

The SPEAKER: Your time has expired. [Interjections.] Thank you. Hon member Joseph.

Mr D JOSEPH: Madam Speaker, the Chief Whip lost two minutes of his time

and I have kept record of that.

The SPEAKER: Member Joseph, you may take your seat. Order, please! Just to ensure that there is a common understanding, there is a timekeeper who clicks and every time there is an interruption the clock is stopped. So I take my cue from the table staff who alert me that the time has expired. So if we do go into points of debate, the clock is actually stopped and I have had sight of it, so I can confirm that the nine minutes have, in fact, run their course. Thank you, Chief Whip. [Interjections.]

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

Mr M G E WILEY: Given that there is consistency that is required, hon Speaker, normally what you do is to say ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: To finish up.

Mr M G E WILEY: ... to finish off, right. I would just like to note that in this case it never happened. Thank you. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you. Can we get some order? I now recognise the hon Dugmore.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Thank you very much. [Applause] Madam Speaker, I find it strange that the Chief Whip of the DA uses every opportunity to

actually undermine your rulings. We all know very clearly that there is a process of how the time works but he keeps on making a point of undermining your rulings by wanting to remind you of your job and I am very concerned about this particular tendency.

Madam Speaker, Premier Zille refers to her State of the Province Address as being her eleventh such address and also the penultimate or the second last one before the end of the second term of office of her administration.

We are reminded that the Premier's first SOPA was a long time ago in 2009. The DA has governed this province ... [Interjection.] for nine years. It is a long period and I believe the jury is out on the performance of the Democratic Alliance as we approach the national and provincial elections in 2019. [Interjections.] But what we can say with certainty, because that is what the people's experience is of this nine years, is that under DA rule in the Western Cape since 2009, firstly, crime and violence have worsened in the Western Cape since the DA took over, impacting mostly on working class and poor communities in the Western Cape. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Dugmore, kindly take your seat, please. Hon Minister Winde, is it a point of order?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Can the hon member take a question? [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Dugmore, will you take a question? Sorry, hon

Minister Winde, the hon member Dugmore will not take question. Thank you, you may proceed. [Interjections.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: So firstly, what the people ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr C M DUGMORE: What the people of Khayelitsha, of Manenberg, of Gugulethu, of Riversdale have experienced, firstly, in these nine years is that crime and violence have worsened in the Western Cape since the DA took over. And in regard to this point, we will never forget that one of the first things that this DA provincial government did under the leadership of Premier Zille was to dissolve the Bambanani volunteers. That was one aspect. [Applause.] And by doing that ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr C M DUGMORE: ... they have undermined a community mobilisation to help our schools be safer and to help our communities be safer. This is something that our communities will not forget. [Interjections.]

The second point is that the people of the Western Cape are clear that substance abuse, the abuse of drugs under the DA administration has worsened ... [Interjection.] since 2009. It has become endemic. [Interjection.] Thirdly, the people of the Western Cape, in particular African and Coloured

people but also progressive white people are clear ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Dugmore, kindly take your seat. Your member is on her feet. Hon member Gillion?

Ms M N GILLION: Thank you. [Interjection.] And that is why I - that is my point of order. [Interjection.] Can we ask ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Minister Fritz, there is a member on the floor. Could you please refrain. There is an hon member on her feet. Hon member Gillion.

Ms M N GILLION: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Can I ask that if the hon MEC Fritz, when he is pointing at hon Dugmore, in making the remark "it is your association with gangsters," is he referring to the hon Dugmore or what? And can you ask MEC Fritz because this is my second attempt because, Madam Speaker, hon Fritz has been really out of order in this House the whole day.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Gillion, your comment is noted. Member Joseph, is it in connection with the same point of order?

Mr D JOSEPH: I think that the ANC have many times referred to hon Minister Plato and gang relationships. [Interjections.] They must take it when it comes their way now if the ANC is full of gangsterism. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: That is not a point of order. Can I get back to the business of the day? Minister Fritz, Minister Fritz, it is said ... order, please! Manage yourselves, people. You are asking me to rule on something and then you become unruly. Minister Fritz, you heard the point of order. Can I ask if, as hon member Gillion has stated, that that is indeed what you said? [Interjections.] Was it aimed at the member or at the party?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: No, no, the ANC. He represents the ANC. They represent the ANC. [Interjections.] And they must go read *The President's Keepers*.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. Minister Fritz, I asked a question. Thank you for clarity. Minister Fritz has indicated that he referred to the party and not an individual. I will have to take his word at that. Thank you. Hon member Tyatyam?

Mr S G TYATYAM: If he is referring to the party, why is he pointing a finger at him?

The SPEAKER: Hon member Tyatyam, I cannot answer. I cannot answer that question.

Mr S G TYATYAM: That is what you must rule on, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: I cannot answer that question but I would like to recommend

that the video of the proceedings be distributed to members then you can actually see where the fingers go, not just now but in all sittings. Thank you. Hon member Gillion, you have heard Minister Fritz's response.

Ms M N GILLION: Yes, I did, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

Ms M N GILLION: But I will also ask you to please ask all members in this House to stop pointing their fingers because it is unparliamentary.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: All members?

Ms M N GILLION: All.

The SPEAKER: Member Gillion, that is one of my pet peeves. I do not believe people should be pointing fingers and I also have an issue around dignity and decorum, which I try and impress upon this House all the time. I do ask that you put your finger in your pocket, in fact I once asked the Premier to put her fingers on the desk, if I remember, and I am asking you all to please co-operate and in a spirit of respect and dignity and decorum let us proceed. Thank you.

Ms P MAKELENI: [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Makeleni, I am actually going to ask you to leave. I am sorry. You have proven to be disruptive and I have now reached the end of my tether. So at the end – no, no, hold on, I will deal with Minister Fritz but your ongoing little rant, and I am now asking you to leave the House in terms of Rule 44 for the rest of the day, please hon member Makeleni.

Ms P MAKELENI: I will do that with pleasure.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, if you do not mind. Hon member Makeleni, kindly leave the House for the rest of the day. Thank you. Hon member Olivier?

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

The SPEAKER: Yes, you may. [Interjections.] I am speaking to every single member here right now whilst I am listening to hon member Olivier.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Madam Speaker, you have made your ruling now.

The SPEAKER: Yes, I have.

Mr R T OLIVIER: And I am going to ask you, hon Fritz, since the Deputy Speaker was here this morning, as we started, we even asked that Rule 44 be invoked, you know, but it was never done. But I am happy you are doing it

now, you have done that now but I want to say to you, I am not challenging what you have done now but hon Fritz was the most unruly member in the House today but he still sits here. And I ask you to be consistent when you make such decisions or such rulings so that we feel we are covered by you sitting there, but at this moment we feel that we are now one member short ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Olivier ...

Mr R T OLIVIER: ... but the member that is the most disturbing member in this House ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Olivier, your comment is noted. I will take it as guidance. However, I have only been in this chair for just on an hour so I cannot attest to what happened before I got here. I will, however, strive to be consistent in my rulings, which is why I say it applies to all hon members in this House. Thank you, now may we proceed? You may proceed, hon Dugmore.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Thank you very much. Madam Speaker, it is interesting that hon Fritz is carrying on the way that he is. When we were in Nelspoort during the by-election and that is a VD where the ANC won a very strong majority, the people there are saying openly that that particular MEC, and I am actually directing it to him, that it is MEC Albert Fritz, is manipulating the process of allocating grants to community organisations and rewarding

DA members. [Interjections.] And yet he wants to come into this House and create trouble where, on the ground in Nelspoort, the people do not want to see him ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Dugmore?

Mr C M DUGMORE: ... because of his abuse of the process of allocation.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Dugmore, kindly take your seat. Minister Fritz, please take your seat, the Chief Whip is on the floor.

Mr M G E WILEY: Is the hon member prepared to take a question whether he laid a charge or not? [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Dugmore, are you prepared ... [Interjection.]

Mr M G E WILEY: Did he lay a charge with the police?

The SPEAKER: Are you prepared to take a question? No, he is not prepared to take a question. Minister Fritz?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: In the whole spirit of openness, I would like the hon Dugmore to come and have a look at our books. [Interjections.] He makes an accusation in the House. [Interjections.] Can you keep quiet so that I can make my point of order?

The SPEAKER: Thank you. Minister ... [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Can you keep quiet so that I can make my point... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Minister Fritz.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: He makes an accusation in the House. Come, let them come check my books. [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: Minister Fritz, kindly take your seat, please. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: You are so pathetic. He is pathetic. †Gemors! [Rubbish!]

The SPEAKER: Order, please. Chief Whip Wiley? Chief Whip Uys? [Interjections.] Members, order please! [Interjections.] Hon member Lekker, the hon member Uys has been on his feet, your Chief Whip. You may proceed.

Mr P UYS: Madam Speaker, that is very clearly disrespect to the House and to yourself. He was carrying on walking out and still shouting. I want you to please make a ruling that he must leave this House because there was no ruling on that – because he might just return in the next five minutes again, please.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Uys, in his absence I cannot ask the hon Minister to leave because he has already left the House, except to say that when both the hon member Makeleni and the hon Minister Fritz left, they chirped and commented and never just left quietly or graciously, as expected. So again I will, there is no way Minister Fritz will be able to come back into this House without me having to caution him in terms of his behaviour. Members, may I – we are mature, senior MPs representing the electorate out there. This behaviour is appalling, to say the least, that adults can behave in a manner that resembles a schoolyard is beyond me. I simply cannot, I fail to comprehend this kind of behaviour.

Now we cannot say that this is a legislature that we can showcase on Channel 4, 8 or YouTube or anybody because if anyone were looking at this they would ask: what are we paying these people for? [Interjections.] I am sorry, the behaviour is inappropriate and we need to be called to order. [Interjection.] No, I am talking to both sides of the House. In fact, I was addressing the other side of the House but hon member Tyatyam, let us proceed and get through the business of the day. Thank you. You may proceed, hon Dugmore. Hon Premier?

The PREMIER: Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Is it on a point of order?

The PREMIER: Yes, on a point of order. Is it parliamentary for the hon

Gillion to shout twice at Minister Fritz: “You are a piece of rubbish.”?

[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Lekker, is it related to this, sorry?

[Interjections.] I will – your member is on the floor. Is it in connection with the same point of order, member Lekker?

Ms P Z LEKKER: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am rising to request that as and when hon member Fritz comes back to this House you ask him to whom he was referring when he said: “you are a piece of rubbish,”? This is what hon member Gillion responded to. I would like you to ask him that question when he comes back. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: I have taken – order, please. Hon member Mackenzie. I have heard both points of order. I will refer to Hansard. I have taken your guidance, when the member returns. Unfortunately I cannot deliberate in his absence but it is noted and I will follow it up. May we now proceed? Hon member Gillion, I heard your request.

Ms M N GILLION: No, no, Madam Speaker. You did not give me an option now. It is my right for you to ask me if I did say what the Premier said.

The PREMIER: You did.

Ms M N GILLION: No, I will tell you what I did.

The SPEAKER: Okay. Sorry, I ... [Interjection.]

Ms M N GILLION: If you give me the opportunity.

The SPEAKER: I was just talking to the issue of Minister Fritz who left and the comment that hon member Lekker said he had made, to which you had responded.

Ms M N GILLION: Exactly.

The SPEAKER: But the hon Premier had raised a point and she asked if it is parliamentary. So will you indeed tell me what it is you said?

Ms M N GILLION: I will tell you what happened.

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

Ms M N GILLION: MEC Fritz, when he was leaving, was pointing to this side of the House and using the words that the Premier is referring to. I then asked him: "Who is the rubbish?" That was what I did.

The SPEAKER: So I will check Hansard because there is clearly an issue around what was said, but just a minute or two before that we talked about pointing to each other and, it is completely, it is unbelievable. Can we just settle down and proceed now? Hon Dugmore, I take it you are still on the

floor. Yes, let us proceed and get back to the business of the day.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Thank you, Madam Speaker. We were on the point in terms of assessing the period of nine years of DA governance of the Western Cape. It is a long time and the practical experience of our people, I was arguing, is that we can say with certainty that under DA rule in the Western Cape since 2009, and I want to repeat this, firstly, crime and violence have worsened in the Western Cape since the DA took over, impacting mostly on working class and poor communities. And we all remember that one of the key things that the Premier did when she became Premier was to disband the community-based anti-crime initiative called Bambanani and we know the impact of that. [Interjections.]

The second thing that our communities have experienced ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr C M DUGMORE: ... since 2009, secondly, is that substance abuse has reached endemic proportions under the DA. Once again the ANC government had developed an integrated strategy towards substance abuse with the focus on the youth. It was that strategy that the DA never implemented and since we have seen this dramatic increase in substance abuse across the Cape Flats and that is the legacy of the DA government.

Thirdly, our people have experienced under DA rule since 2009 that

employment equity, the representation of all our communities, especially historically disadvantaged communities - mainly it is from the African and Coloured communities in particular - has been reversed and the gains made by the African National Congress up until 2009 have been reversed. And you can see this in the senior representation of Coloured and African managers within the senior echelons of this administration and in certain local governments. So that is, thirdly, how the transformation agenda has been pushed back over these nine years.

Fourthly, our position as the province with the best matric pass rate has slipped with both Gauteng and Free State in recent years having assumed that particular mantle. [Interjections.] That is a fact, what our people have experienced and this again comes down to the fact that the DA administration has not taken the equitable share from our budget and made sure that teacher/pupil ratios have been maintained at the levels that they should be, whilst on the other hand spending millions of money on an e-Learning strategy and actually neglecting to put our teachers in the classroom. And that is a choice that they have had in regard to the equitable share.

And then, fifthly, our people have experienced, without a shadow of a doubt, the people of the Western Cape have experienced that the scale and pace of housing delivery has been slower when compared to what was achieved under an ANC government. [Interjections.]

So that is the beginning of a process of beginning to look at these nine long

and hard years ... [Interjections.] under the DA. In those five years life for the majority of people in this province has got worse. [Interjections.]

Now right from the start, this approach by the DA, led by the Premier, has been in fact to place short-term political gains. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr C M DUGMORE: In other words, trying to mobilise Coloured voters from the Western Cape against African voters against white voters. For that short-term gain and the fuelling of a racial agenda in regard to issues of equity that I have referred to, those short-term gains have been placed ahead of actually trying to build social cohesion and unity in this province. And the Premier has been complicit in that, in regard to her fanning that particular agenda. The fact that her party has not acted against her in terms of making statements in support, in fact in support of the legacy of colonialism, not once, not twice but three times and not actually having being disciplined by her party. [Interjections.]

So if the first citizen of this province talks up colonialism and refuses to acknowledge the devastating impacts on our communities, it is no surprise that she is the first one to roll back the gains of employment equity made by the ANC in this province. [Interjection.] And the legacy of the DA under Premier Zille will also be of a provincial government which actually failed to build a co-operative approach to working with our national government and,

in the process, that has actually impacted negatively on the people of the Western Cape because there was a choice, to build a particular kind of opposition that was a co-operative one, pointing out the mistakes, but ultimately trying to solve problems. And in the way that the Premier has governed this province, that blame and complain attitude has in fact ended in a raw deal for the people of the Western Cape because she has actually resisted building that co-operative partnership to deal with the real issues.

It is also clear that service delivery by the Democratic Alliance has been severely impacted upon by what can only be described as deep-seated factionalism and divisions. It is obvious to all of us when we sit in this House, when we see how certain members of the DA who have tried to build a culture of oversight in regard to the work of the Standing Committees, have been dealt with. We know that there are allegations which the DA has still not dealt with, that in fact there was fraud and corruption committed at the DA Provincial Conference in regard to certain ballots having been destroyed and that is the extent that the DA has gone to to resolve problems relating to factionalism within their own ranks. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: It is the same for the ANC.

Mr C M DUGMORE: But if you are the governing party and you are divided, clearly the disaster which we are seeing unfold in front of us in regard to how the water issue has been managed in the City of Cape Town is apparent, because anyone can see that what is at play here really is an attempt by one

faction in the DA, led by Premier Zille and MEC Madikizela and in co-operation with people like Ian Neilson and others in the City, to actively move against Patricia de Lille.

Now people can talk about all sorts of rumours and social media, about tenders and so on but, hon Premier, I want to ask you directly in your response to indicate to us ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Dugmore, if I may direct you. If you are asking a question please do it through the Chair. Thank you.

Mr C M DUGMORE: I would like to ask the Premier, through you, a question. Are you aware, hon Premier, of disputes within the Democratic Alliance in regard to procurement processes to deal with the water crisis? Are you aware of those differences and, if so, what are those differences about?

I also want to make it very clear that, in fact, the people of our province have actually become victims of this factional problem within the DA. That is what we are actually beginning to see here and for the first time we have had the ludicrous situation of the DA leader coming to this province, ostensibly to direct the campaign against the drought and to avoid Day Zero, which has actually been a vote of no confidence and actually has been the result that this DA in the Western Cape has been unable to deal with its problems. That is an indictment and the people of our province are not going to forget that ...

[Interjection.] in terms of how you have dealt with it.

But these nine years also mark a litany of broken promises and in fact, besides broken promises we have seen the failure, through you, Madam Speaker to the hon Premier, the failure of this Premier to actually uphold the provisions of the National and the Provincial Constitution, and that is a fact.

It was in 2009, Madam Speaker, when Premier Zille stood up in this House in a State of the Province Address and promised the people of the Western Cape to appoint a Children's Commissioner. For those that might not be aware of this, our Constitution actually requires, it is a must, that a Children's Commissioner and an Environmental Commissioner have to be appointed. In defiance of the Provincial Constitution ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr C M DUGMORE: ... this Premier, after nine years we are sitting in a province without an Environmental Commissioner and without a Children's Commissioner.

If we look at the situation of children in our province that are affected by domestic violence, substance abuse, foetal alcohol syndrome, amongst a number of pathologies affecting our children, the people of this province will never forget that it was this DA, under the leadership of Premier Zille, that did not appoint a Children's Commissioner, who he or she could have in fact

highlighted the problems facing our children and begun to mobilise the resources required and the attention on this particular issue. So it is a promise broken to the people of the Western Cape and the children and future generations will never forget that because it has actually directly affected the ability of this government to more effectively deal with the burdens facing our children.

This has amounted essentially to the failure to protect the most vulnerable in our society. It has amounted to a failure to implement our Constitution. What it, in fact, means is that the people of this province were misled when the hon Premier, through you, Madam Speaker, promised the people of the Western Cape in 2009. And I find it cynical in the extreme that in the hon Premier's speech of yesterday she failed to even mention the Children's Commissioner or even apologise that the Commissioner has not yet been appointed. The children of the Western Cape in future generations will not forget this broken promise. [Interjections.]

I want to put it to the hon Premier, through you, Madam Speaker ...
[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr C M DUGMORE: That if the hon Premier had not defied the provisions of the Provincial Constitution and actually ensured the appointment of an Environmental Commissioner, we may, as a province, have better managed

the current drought we are facing. But no, you and your administration, hon Premier, failed to appoint the Commissioner.

I want to actually remind members of what our Provincial Constitution actually says about the powers of the Environmental Commissioner and the question that I would like all of us to ask is: if we had had that Environmental Commissioner, would that Commissioner not have actually picked up, in monitoring the situation, the issues that we face and made recommendations? [Interjections.] Because what the Constitution actually says in 71.2, it says that:

“In the exercise of his or her powers and functions ...”

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr C M DUGMORE: “... the Commissioner must ensure the conservation of the environment in the Western Cape and must give attention to the need to balance the goals of environmental conservation and sustainable development, that our provincial organs of state must assist and protect the Commissioner to ensure the independence, impartiality, dignity and effectiveness and also ...” [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Dugmore, your member – hon member Gillion?

Ms M N GILLION: Madam Speaker, please. Hon member Joseph is making a

running commentary all the time. You do not refer to him. It is like †aanmekaar. [continuously.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Gillion, I was actually looking at member Joseph, which is why I did not see you because I was waiting for the next comment but hon member Joseph, take that as a caution, please. Interjections, but no running commentary. Sorry, hon member Dugmore, you may proceed. [Interjections.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: Thank you, Madam Speaker. So what the Constitution says in terms of powers and functions is ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Sorry, hon member Dugmore. Hon member Davids, if you would stop engaging him it might be easier too because there seems to be some banter going on here. Both members, I require your co-operation, please. You may proceed.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Madam Speaker, in regard to the powers and functions of the Environmental Commissioner, our Provincial Constitution states that the Commissioner must:

“investigate complaints in respect of environmental administration; recommend a course of conduct to any provincial organ of state or municipality whose activities have been investigated; and act in accordance with the principles of co-operative government.”

[Interjection.]

The failure to appoint the Commissioner is clearly the responsibility of the Premier and the DA government and having an Environmental Commissioner in place would clearly have made our province more resilient and open to issues regarding the conservation of water. [Interjections.]

In fact, this province over nine years, although they were obligated to, failed to appoint both a Provincial Environmental Commissioner and a Children's Commissioner. As the ANC, Madam Speaker – in fact, there is no alternative now but to in fact approach the Constitutional Court ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes!

Mr C M DUGMORE: ... to obtain an order compelling this Provincial Administration to actually appoint these two Commissioners, because effectively we have had defiance of an obligatory provision of the Provincial Constitution for nine years and that is an unacceptable situation and that order of actually enforcing these institutions to be set up must be sought by the ANC. [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please!

Mr C M DUGMORE: It is our view that the DA has in fact succumbed to pressure from developers not to appoint an Environmental Commissioner as it

would throw the spotlight on the cosy relationship between some of these developers and those responsible for fundraising within the DA.

I think it is important, Madam Speaker, that hon Schäfer comes openly to this House and tells us about the fundraising that she is alleged to have been doing, the trips that she is alleged to have obtained from certain developers and what was the return in regard to those particular facts. [Interjections.] We welcome a statement from the hon member because what we have is a refusal by the DA ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please!

Mr C M DUGMORE: ... to reveal its links with developers ... [Interjections.]

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Say that outside the House.

Mr C M DUGMORE: ... and clearly the developer lobby has been very strong with MEC Bredell ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please!

Mr C M DUGMORE: ... and with hon Premier, not to appoint this Environmental Commissioner because they know the focus that that would bring on the developers who have been given red carpet treatment, especially by this DA-led administration.

So in the process, key environmental concerns such as water conservation have been neglected. No obligations have been imposed on developers to ensure that water saving technologies become conditions, in fact, for development. Instead, it has simply been the pursuit of profit with little regard to sustainable development. That is the legacy of this DA administration.

It is also interesting to note, in fact what has not been mentioned in the speech of the Premier; Madam Speaker, the fact is that since 2009 the hon Premier has never once met the Griqua Royal House or the Congress of Traditional Leaders in the Western Cape, or the Kai Koranna leadership. In 2011, through you Madam Speaker, Premier Zille declined an invitation to attend the Adam Kok Commemoration at the Castle. Work done by the ANC up until 2009 to consult with traditional and Khoisan leaders to set up a House of Traditional Leaders in this province were simply stopped by the Democratic Alliance when they came to power in 2009. This can be described as disrespect and, in fact, brutalisation by simply not listening to the voice of traditional leaders, it reflects, in essence, a colonial mindset and arrogance and a complete disregard of the victims of colonialism.

We, as the ANC, will make every effort to ensure full consultation with all our communities and traditional leaders once the National Traditional Leadership and Khoisan Bill published in 2005 is ready for consultation. But the point is, there was national legislation ... [Interjections.] which allowed other provinces to set up Houses of Traditional Leaders, which this province

for nine years has failed to do. [Interjections.] That is the fact, that is the legacy of these nine years. They have failed to set up a House of Traditional Leaders in terms of existing national legislation.

We also take note that the Premier has been silent about the fact that there are 12 rural communities that fall under the Transformation of Certain Rural Areas Act, the so-called Tranca areas ...

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

Mr C M DUGMORE: ... which has still not been resolved.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Mr C M DUGMORE: We know that this is not only the concern and the responsibility of national government but also the local municipalities where these 12 communities are located. Not once has this Premier ever spoken to those traditional areas of Genadendal, Slangrivier, Wupperthal, Elim. She has never talked about that. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: She has not.

Mr C M DUGMORE: And the fact that in certain cases it is DA-run municipalities who are holding up the process of finally resolving ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Mr C M DUGMORE: ... the Tranca issues. This, once again, is a disregard by the Premier for indigenous communities of our province. It is another example where a co-operative governance approach, instead of a blame and complain approach which has characterised the way the DA has tried to govern this province, is required to bring this matter to a close in the interests of our rural communities in the areas that I have mentioned.

The hon Premier's speech, Madam Speaker, is also silent on another example where the very victims of colonialism, the poor and domestic workers from Sea Point, their efforts over 20 years to save for social housing in the Sea Point area have essentially been squashed by the decision, despite the recommendation ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Dugmore, your time sadly has expired. You may finish that sentence, as was drawn to my attention – your time has expired.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Even with regard to the 15 minutes that was lost?

The SPEAKER: Yes. I have taken my cue from the Table staff. Please finish that sentence, which I did not afford the Chief Whip earlier.

Mr C M DUGMORE: I would like to conclude by saying that we have just started an analysis of nine years of DA rule and as we go along, the people of

the Western Cape will confirm the view that the reality of DA government ...

[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Dugmore.

Mr C M DUGMORE: ... has impacted negatively on the majority of this province. [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Dugmore. Your time is up, thank you. Hon members, I now see the Minister of Economic Opportunities, the hon Minister Alan Winde. [Applause.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. First of all, yesterday the hon Premier sketched the nine ... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: Order please, hon member Dyantyi.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: .. sketched the nine ... [Interjection.]

†Die SPEAKER: Jy gaan ook loop, boeta.

[The SPEAKER: Yes, you are also going to walk, brother.] †Ja, I am sorry. If

you persist then you will walk too, so you are on a cautionary. You may proceed, hon Minister Winde.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: I hope my time has not started yet.

The SPEAKER: It has not, the clock has not started.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. [Interjections.] As has been said by the hon member Dugmore, the last nine years; well, that is exactly what the Premier did yesterday, she showed the state of this province after nine years of DA government. And it is going to be interesting because the state of this province after nine years of government had to take place in an environment of nine years of ANC Zuma government.

The SPEAKER: Hon Minister Winde, will you take your seat? There is a question.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Madam Speaker, I just want to know, is it parliamentary for a Minister to dress like that in a sitting? [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: That is not a point of order, hon member Davids. You may proceed, hon Minister Winde.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Thank you, Madam Speaker. This term of nine years under Zuma government, where we have just had the State of the Nation Address and that state of our nation at the moment has got a junk state ... [Interjections.] has got a no growth state, has got a captured state ... [Interjections.] has got SOEs that are in a real state, has got a corrupt state, a no business confidence state.

The SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: This state under ANC rule and Zuma rule is in a very, very sad state. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Kindly take your seat. Hon member Tyatyam? Is it a point of order?

Mr S G TYATYAM: Let us not be abused ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order! Is it a point of order, hon member Tyatyam? The hon Minister was on his feet, why are you rising...?

Mr S G TYATYAM: Why the hon Minister is going on – we are talking about the SOPA here.

The SPEAKER: That is exactly the point ... [Interjection.]. Hon member Tyatyam, that is irrelevant. It is actually not a point of order.

Mr S G TYATYAM: It is not irrelevant ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: There is relevance to what the hon Minister is saying. He is leading to his SOPA speech. Kindly allow him to continue. Take your seat, please. Thank you.

Mr S G TYATYAM: He is out of order too.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Tyatyam, you are out of order. Take your seat, please. [Interjections.] You may proceed, hon Minister Winde.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. So the state of our nation, we might have a new President but what we also have is we still have an ANC that is the Zuma ANC in power. [Interjections.]

And, perhaps what really highlighted for me this state that we found our country in, was yesterday where a business conference is called in the CTICC where our Minister of Finance is going to address this CTICC group of business people and it is live on television and the first question that the South African Minister of Finance gets asked is: what level of Candy Crush are you on? [Interjections.]

Now, this really shows you the Zuma ANC that is still in power with the new President. This is the environment we have got to work within and the Leader of the Opposition comes here and says that the ANC is the government in waiting. Really, a government in waiting? Well, quite frankly, if you look at those two states ... [Interjections.] the state of this province versus the state of this nation, the ANC in this province ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ... are going to wait for a very, very long time. [Applause]

Ms S W DAVIDS: You will never become the Premier.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: So, Madam Speaker ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Perhaps you have heard some comment about my T-shirt. I will be wearing T-shirts and jeans for the 150-day period that we, as a region, need to be using 50 litres of water per person per day. [Interjections.] I will be doing it alongside those Capetonians that are doing it ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ... so that we can protect the jobs in our economy because we are saving water. So that we can make that difference and not be a city or a region that does run out of water. [Interjection.] I will be doing it and I call on every single one of the people in this House to do it as well. But I want to use this opportunity to thank, as the hon Premier did ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please. Hon members, there is too much noise. The Minister is on his feet, you are drowning him out with your interjections. Can we settle down?

Mr S G TYATYAM: [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Tyatyam, you seemingly have a problem. Are you hungry, do you need to leave the House, shall I send you out or are you going to co-operate? Please, you are beyond interjection, you are just having a running commentary. [Interjections.] Please co-operate. Hon Minister Winde, you may proceed.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Thank you. Madam Speaker, I want to thank the Capetonians that are saving water, I want to thank the Disaster Management Team in this province who, for years, have been working on minimising the risk in our

system. If you have a look at it, last year this time how many of our municipalities were in severe risk status and you have a look at where they are now, it is because of that Disaster Management Team that have really moved it out of that risk space. If you take where we were just a month ago to where we are now with Day Zero moving right the way into our rainy season and winter.

I want to thank all of those municipalities and those teams out there that have been making this difference, within our government, making sure that we are water-resistant in our hospitals and our schools, that we can keep the water flowing should we reach this disaster stage.

I want to thank agriculture. Agriculture, specifically, already last year started to not irrigate 40% of their farms, the only industry that had to use a water allocation to go to a bank to borrow money to plant that specific crop has now voluntarily taken away that 40% and then it moved to 60%, the only industry in this region and I really want to thank them for it.

Hon members of this House have thanked agriculture for the Palmiet River System putting water into our system, giving us another month, I too echo those sentiments, Groenland.

The tourist sector who really have gone, for the last year and a half, above and beyond to reduce their water volumes used in the system, that we can very proudly tell the world that: come and visit us and be mindful, despite being in a very severe drought.

So I just want to use this opportunity to say to every single person involved in making sure that we see our way through this worst drought in 400 years. Thank you very much, we appreciate every single one of you. [Applause.]

The PREMIER: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Madam Speaker, I want to say to the hon Leader of the Opposition who says he is a leader in waiting: the ANC is waiting to govern, this is his day. This is the day that the Opposition comes and says this is what the alternative is going to be. He is not even here. [Interjections.] But I want to say to him, around the comments, the disgusting comments that he made around the Knysna disaster, you know it was not just this Cabinet that went to Knysna.

An HON MEMBER: No.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: It was members of the National Cabinet, from CoGTA, from Disaster, their President came to Knysna.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Oh you like Zuma now, because he went to Knysna.

The SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: South Africans across this country stood together to support Knysna. The public came to Knysna. Where was he, this leader in waiting? I did not see him in Knysna, not once. I did not see them in Knysna, not once. This, we are waiting to govern; they are going to wait a very, very long time. [Interjections.]

But he also spoke about Imizamo Yethu, a really serious disaster there as well, 3 500 homes destroyed, 15 000 people displaced. So what happened there? You saw the photographs of this Cabinet who visited, the City Mayco members; what about the national Ministers who visited? They also visited Imizamo Yethu. Where was he, this leader in waiting? [Interjection.] I did not see him there. [Interjection.] So he makes these statements but he is not even present, not even present on his day when he is supposed to be showing the alternative. He has run away.

But then I must also, in this space, thank the residents that stood up, Thula, Gift of the Givers, Red Cross, the International School and the Ambleside Primary School, Pick n Pay. Remember the Cycle Tour was cancelled. Pick n Pay took every single piece of food and drink, the cool drinks and things that they were going to be using to sponsor for that day, they took every single thing through to Imizamo Yethu. The Cycle Tour, took all of the food all the way through.

Mr S G TYATYAM: [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: There were people that put up the tents ... [Interjections.] the R10 million that the City put into Imizamo Yethu. Where were you? Where were you when that happened? So do not come here and make these kind of nonsense statements. You can only make it if you have got some integrity to stand up and make it. [Interjections.]

So Madam Speaker, let me move to the jobs. There has been a lot said about jobs and yesterday in this House ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ... every time the Premier mentioned jobs, this side of the House kept on making lots of comments, where are these jobs, where do these jobs come from? Well, let me talk about these jobs. [Interjections.]

Now these jobs, the 322 000 jobs in Project Khulisa ... [Interjections.] since we have been in government in the nine years – remember the President, nine years ago Zuma stood up and said: we are going to create a million jobs in agriculture. I am going to get to that just now, but the 322 000 jobs in this province came from Project Khulisa in this province. You have heard hon member Schäfer mention the 92 000 jobs in the last quarter in this province. We are 14% of South Africa's GDP. Gauteng, ANC-run Gauteng is 35% of South Africa's GDP. [Interjections.] 14% in the last quarter created 92 000

jobs. How many jobs were created in Gauteng in the last quarter? Not nought, they lost 77 000 jobs. [Interjections.] Year-on-year, remember Gauteng – the ANC run 35% of South Africa’s economy, we are less than half of that. In Gauteng ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Minister Winde, sorry, there is a member on the floor, kindly take your seat. Hon member Tyatyam? [Interjections.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: Madam Speaker, the hon member is misrepresenting ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Tyatyam ...

Mr S G TYATYAM: You cannot allow people to continue like this ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Tyatyam, I cannot, that is not what it is ... [Interjection.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: That is not ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: That is not a point of order, it is a point of debate and I am not going to allow you to continue ... [Interjection.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: No, you must not ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: ... with that line of thinking. Kindly take your seat, please.
Thank you.

Mr S G TYATYAM: [Inaudible.] ... please.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. You may proceed, hon Minister Winde.
[Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND
TOURISM: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. In Gauteng 35% of the
GDP of South Africa, we are 14. In the Western Cape year-on-year 106 000
jobs; how many jobs in Gauteng year-on-year? They lost 121 000 jobs, lost to
the system. [Interjections.]

Let us have a look at where these jobs are. 66 000 of the 92 000 in this
province were in the rural areas of this province, in the rural areas of this
province. [Interjections.] 66 000 of those jobs. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND
TOURISM: This comes from Statistics ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Tyatyam, I am at the point of asking you, will
you comply?

Mr S G TYATYAM: [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: We are not better together if you continue in that way. Please, hon members, there is a speaker on the floor. Let us not drown out the speaker. You may proceed, hon Minister Winde. [Interjections.] Hon member Tyatyam, you are on a cautionary as of now. Thank you.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. The breakdown in these jobs: formal 53 000, informal 14 000, agriculture 34 000, private households 9 000. The 9 000 we lost in private households; every single one of those other jobs we gained. These are not temporary jobs, these are jobs in the economy and if they talk about – I think they should go and read the Stats SA Quarterly Report, October to December 2017. [Interjections.]

At the same time in this province our unemployment rate dropped to 19.5%. [Interjections.] Gauteng's is at 29.1 and the overall in South Africa 26.2. So, quite frankly ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please, hon members.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Give us the Annual Report.

The SPEAKER: The Minister has directed you to the report, hon member Davids. I do not think he will have the time to present it here now, sorry.

You may proceed.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Madam Speaker, nine years ago we were trading predominantly with Europe, our trade out of this province, and the world went into a recession. Go and have a look at the stats of trade and the change of trade from this province in diversification. You heard the hon Premier yesterday talking about some of our growth into China. [Interjections.] But last year, a year ago we exported to Europe R36,27 billion out of this region. That was to Europe, they were our predominant partners nine years ago. Today we export R45,13 billion to Africa alone. [Interjections.] Those are the changes that came about because of this government.

I know that my time is – so I could speak for quite a lot longer on that point ... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You are talking rubbish.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: But now let me talk about land.

The SPEAKER: Order, please.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Let me talk about land, Madam Speaker, and the ANC now

talking about expropriation without compensation. Let us have a look at where the ANC has failed since they have come into power nationally in this country, failed, whether it is expropriation without compensation and failed even with compensation. The Department of Land Reform at the moment has, and this is according to the research from the In Transformation Initiative NPO, 4 323 farms that they have expropriated. Do you know that they have not given one square centimetre of those farms to new ownership?

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Shocking.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: To land redistribution, to new farmers, none of it, zero, nothing. [Interjections.] I have been talking about that in this province since I took on the agricultural portfolio. [Interjections.] Their policy is not to transform or transfer land ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, hon member Davids ... [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Their policy is not about land transformation. [Interjection.] Let us go to just the department whose job it is. When I got this job four years ago and took over the portfolio of Agriculture and went to my first MINMEC, the Minister, Minister Nkwinti, whose job it is to transform and hand over this land, he says ... [Interjection.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: Time.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ... we are not spending this money on land transformation, we are going to build Agriparks and I want this spent in the next year, R2 billion. Four years later, nothing, not happening.

The transformation, no matter what the rhetoric, that political party has failed absolutely ... [Interjections.] in changing the position with land ownership in this province. [Interjections.]

Then let me come to the point, let me come to the point about where is your Annual Report and what about the audit.

The SPEAKER: Hon Minister Bredell, thank you.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: I am really sad that I have not been able to table the audit of the Department of Agriculture here in this House. [Interjections.] Because I am challenging the Auditor-General on this point. [Interjections.] Because the Auditor-General ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND

TOURISM: Because the Auditor-General says to me ... [Interjections.]

†Die SPEAKER: Luister mense, luister.

[The SPEAKER: Listen people, listen.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND
TOURISM: ... says to me: if you just change this in your books ...
[Interjections.] If you just change this in your books we will give you a clean
audit. I am not prepared to do that.

The SPEAKER: Order please, you are howling. You are out of order.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND
TOURISM: I am not prepared to do that.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Sit down.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND
TOURISM: This province ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Dyantyi, that is ... [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND
TOURISM: ... is not the Free State.

The SPEAKER: Sorry, take your seat please, Minister. That is unnecessary and uncalled for. I told you earlier I am the Presiding Officer, not you. You are the Chief Whip or what is it, the Deputy Chief Whip. Please manage yourself accordingly. Thank you. You may proceed, hon Minister.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Thank you, Madam Speaker. This province is not the Free State and that is why we are being looked at differently. [Interjections.] Because in the Agricultural Department in the Free State they funded a dairy, they funded a dairy, R220 million went to the Guptas and the Zumas. [Interjections.] A transfer payment. They funded weddings in other provinces and I will not be combed with the same brush.

We need to make sure that we are able to build partnerships in this province. We talk about better together ... [Interjection.] We take our money and we maximise it and just one example is how we work with Hortgro and we partner with them. We put some research money between them and ourselves... [Interjections.] R6 million from our side, R18 million from their side and we make massive differences in creating opportunities for land reform, jobs, new entries into the market and looking at new crops that are water-wise.

So quite frankly, Madam Speaker, the difference between the ANC-run provinces, I still today have not heard one item from any ANC member to say this is how we do it in our ANC-run provinces, because they cannot. The

state of this province versus the state of our nation are like chalk and cheese.
This province, under this DA government ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND
TOURISM: ...shows you how to really run a state. [Interjections.] Thank
you, Madam Speaker. [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister Winde

Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is the most useless rubbish I have listened to.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Dyantyi, please. You said that is the most
useless rubbish. Will you kindly withdraw that statement, please? You know
I heard what you said. [Interjections.]

Mr P UYS: No, Madam Speaker, earlier on the Premier was saying rubbish
too ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: No, no, but the manner in which ... [Interjection.]

Mr P UYS: No, no, no, Madam Speaker, no.

The SPEAKER: No. [Interjections.] Alright, well, then let me revert to

Hansard. Hon member Dyantyi knows exactly what he said. I will revert to Hansard and come back to the House with a ruling at the cost of the clock.

[Interjections.] Thank you.

That then concludes the debate on the Premier's State of the Province Address. The hon Premier will reply to the debate on Monday, 26 February 2018 at quarter past two. That concludes the business for the day. The House is adjourned.

The House adjourned at 13:44.