
THURSDAY, 23 NOVEMBER 2017

The House met at 10:00.

The Speaker took the Chair and read the prayer.

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

1. Introduction and First Reading – *Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill* [B6 – 2017].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see the Minister of Finance, Minister Meyer.
[Interjections.]

Mr M G E WILEY: Hear-hear!

†n AGBARE LID: Hoor-hoor!

[An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Hon Mr Deputy Speaker; hon Leader of the Government Business and my Cabinet colleagues; the hon Leader of the Official Opposition; hon leaders of Opposition parties; hon members of the

Western Cape Legislature; senior officials of the Western Cape Government; citizens of the Western Cape and to our colleagues from municipalities, Drakenstein, Saldanha I see, and I see the Speaker of Kannaalnd also in the House and also to our special guests. [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Is that all? Just three municipalities!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: I am particularly happy that we also have here our special guests. [Interjections.] Good morning and thank you for this opportunity to deliver the Western Cape Government's 2017 Medium Term Budget Policy Statement and the 2017 Western Cape Adjusted Estimates of Provincial Revenue and Expenditure in the House today.

I would also like to welcome in the House colleagues from Rwanda, colleagues from Malawi, colleagues from Gambia and colleagues from Uganda who are attending the GIZ Africa Good Financial Governance Programme. As we say in Swahili, *Karibuni*. [Applause.]

Earlier this week I had the pleasure of sharing our financial governance journey with them and I am pleased that we could learn from each other.

Mr Deputy Speaker, this year and the following three years will be challenging as a result of the political economy and the impact of the fiscal envelope over the Medium Term Expenditure Framework.

There is much uncertainty and the recent developments at the National Treasury, State capture and the precarious position of state-owned enterprises, places Government's fiscal strategy at a risk. [Interjections.] These risks are serious and I have dedicated a full chapter to these risks in the Medium Term Budget Policy Statement. [Interjections.]

Ms P MAKELENI: You forgot to tell them about your [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Ms P MAKELENI: You must include it.

Mr D G MITCHELL: In Joburg.

Ms S W DAVIDS: In Cape Town. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon member. Allow the Minister to continue.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: In the Medium Term Budget Policy Statement this is the Government's response to the risks and its associated strategies and response to our statutory mandates. Despite these challenges, we are determined to navigate through difficulties. Our principles and values remain our guiding framework for action. As a result of the fiscal challenges, the

growing needs and the shrinking budgets, we are careful not to take on any unfunded mandates.

Mr Deputy Speaker, we are clear that major water infrastructure projects are the responsibility of the National Department of Water and Sanitation.
[Interjections.]

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Hear-hear!

†Mnr D G MITCHELL: Sê vir hulle! [Tussenwerpsels.]

[Mr D G MITCHELL: Tell them! [Interjections.]]

An HON MEMBER: It is not nice to say that.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Please repeat it! Just repeat that sentence you made, please. [Interjections.]

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

Mr K E MAGAXA: You are a clever guy! [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order please, order! [Interjections.] Please come to order. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Just repeat that.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister, you may continue.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. The Minister of Local Government, the honourable Minister Bredell will make further announcements in this regard during the tabling of his Department's Adjusted Budget in this House later this month. [Interjections.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Asseblief, ons wag vir daai!

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Please, we are waiting for that!]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Mr Deputy Speaker, let me now turn to the economic context of this budget.

South Africa's economic performance continues to reflect protracted trends of subdued growth and this trend is expected to remain over the medium term. Continued structural constraints include low levels of investor and business confidence in the domestic economy and high levels of unemployment as the key factors contributing to the persistently muted economic growth.

The 2018 Budget continues to be informed by the current economic environment and these are impacting on this province. The South African economy remains fragile and this is reflected in the downward revision of overall growth of 2017 to 0,7% in the 2017 National Medium Term Budget

Policy Statement and also to 1,3% at the time of 2017 in the National Budget of February this year.

Mr Deputy Speaker, there are critical fiscal and delivery risks in this province. The 2017 National Medium Term Budget Statement highlighted a number of risks in the fiscal statements. These include:

- Underperformance of the economy and under-collection of revenue;
- More pronounced strain and imbalances within public finances as the public sector wage bill increasingly crowds out other important public spending trends;
- The rising share of debt-service costs on the national fiscus;
- The build-up of unpaid accounts and fiscal imbalances; and
- Continued financial and operational deterioration of major state-owned enterprises in South Africa.

Amid the constrained economic and fiscal context, the Provincial MTBPS tabled in 2016 outlined key risks for the province in its Provincial Risk Statement. Key risks at the provincial level include the growing demand for public services as the population and poverty grows, water security and the drought, the medium and long term impact of the avian influenza outbreak, the expected increase in the occurrence of fires in the Western Cape during the upcoming fire season, crime, ageing infrastructure and infrastructure backlogs. The Western Cape is in the midst of a severe water crisis which has both economic and social implications for the people of the Western

Cape. Besides the impact on consumers, the drought is posing an enormous risk to the agricultural industry, and with an estimated 17 000 employment opportunities at risk.

Other sectors affected include the tourism sector, certain manufacturers and the construction sector. I will return to the issue of construction later during my speech, but Mr Deputy Speaker, from a public sector perspective, the Western Cape Government has committed to explore innovative ways to deliver on the infrastructure mandate of this Government. The impact of the drought will place increased strain on public resources at provincial and at municipal level.

The Western Cape Education Department: impact on school nutrition could be a significant risk due to the increased costing of food due to the current drought being experienced in the province. Furthermore, the uncertainty of the impact of the water crisis may affect the construction sector as water is a key input in the production process and may also impact on the cost of infrastructure delivery.

I have had discussions with the Minister of Transport and Public Works, the hon Minister Donald Grant, about the impact of the drought and Cabinet has also considered proposals in this regard. The Minister of Agriculture, hon Minister Allan Winde, has raised the avian influenza outbreak at Cabinet level highlighting the severe impact it is having on the agricultural industry.

High crime rates have also been highlighted as a key risk, given the impact it will have on the province as a safe environment wherein citizens flourish, business can invest and tourists can visit. In relation to these key risks impeding satisfactory learner outcomes include increased gang activities in this province, community protests, theft, vandalism, violence and learner intimidation at schools.

The Minister of Health, the hon Minister Nomafrench Mbombo has prioritised the safety of her staff at healthcare facilities and particularly the Emergency Medical Services in certain hotspots such as Manenberg, which remains a key risk. Service pressures coupled with the constrained fiscal environment, currency fluctuations and higher than Consumer Price Index medical inflation, have decreased the real buying power of already constrained public health resources, and this Minister is on your neck every single day.

As a result, budget pressure continues to mount, impacting on service access and quality. Dependency on the National Government is increasingly a challenge as many of the risks faced by the Western Cape Government falls outside the mandates of Provincial Departments, including policing and major water and infrastructure delivery.

The weak economic conditions and deteriorating climatic conditions are affecting municipal sustainability, impacting on municipal ability to raise revenue as well as reducing unemployment and poverty.

These have resulted in the negative impact on the financial sustainability of the various municipalities here in the Western Cape.

This Legislature should also note that Government is facing a big fiscal risk in that the Government Wage Bill is unsustainable. Our country cannot afford the current Wage Bill. I have however, been mandated yesterday by the Western Cape Cabinet to represent this Government at an Executive Consultative Mandate Committee next week at the wage negotiation discussions. I have received a clear mandate from this Cabinet regarding the fiscal stability and the impact of wage negotiations on the Government total expenditure.

Mr Deputy Speaker, let me now turn to the Western Cape Medium Term Budget Policy Statement. The 2017 Western Cape Medium Term Budget Policy Statement, covering the 2018 MTEF period, provides for economic and policy context within which the upcoming Provincial Budget will be presented.

Against the context of the National MTBPS, the Western Cape MTBPS outlines its commitment to fiscal consolidation, collective delivery towards the Provincial Strategic Goals, while taking into account and responding to key risks as found in Chapter 2 of the Medium Term Budget Policy Statement.

The 2017 Adjusted Estimates provides the immediate response to the Medium

Term Provincial Budget Policy Priorities and to managing provincial risks, while providing the basis for the 2018 Medium Term Expenditure Framework.

Mr Deputy Speaker and members in this House, the Budget Policy Priorities focuses on stimulating economic growth and providing opportunities for job creation, improving education outcomes, increasing wellness and safety, and providing an inclusive and sustainable living environment and embedding the practice of good governance.

The Mid-Term Budget Policy Priorities, within the context of the constrained economic environment, the Western Cape aims to provide support to strategic sectors, enhance skills development and provide an enabling environment to grow the economy in an inclusive manner.

In this particular regard the Minister of Economic Development, my colleague, Minister Winde, is driving Project Khulisa. Project Khulisa identifies agro-processing, tourism and the oil and gas service sectors, as sectors with the greatest potential to accelerate economic growth and job creation in this province. [Interjections.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: How many jobs will you create... [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Agri-processing initiatives will continue to focus on international market exposure for Western Cape produce, efforts to boost exports and creating an enabling environment for agri-processed

products to develop rapidly. The tourism sector, which employs over 200 000 people, is one of the province's most important sectors. To date, the Air Access Project has made a significant impact... [Interjection.]

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: ...in boosting arrivals in this province with ten new direct flights into Cape Town International Airport.

†'n AGBARE LID: Hoor-hoor!

[An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Mr Deputy Speaker, the Saldanha IDZ - I see the ManCo member for Finance in Saldanha, Mr Dries Venter is here - is an important initiative in the oil and gas services sector with the Saldanha IDZ Licensing Company being implementing the vehicle of the IDZ. There are already plans for R9 billion investment in the Saldanha IDZ.

This government is also committed to the green economy. The Province will continue promoting and stimulating the green economy to increase investment into green industries and to improve the resource efficiency of businesses. Continuing initiatives over the 2018 MTEF include energy security, resource efficiency and leadership and coordination in this regard. Through a partnership we have made progress with the establishment of a Special Economic Zone in Atlantis.

A Mandate Committee is chaired by Minister Winde, the Minister of Economic Opportunities, and Minister Grant and myself are members of that Mandating Committee as well as DTI, our national partner and the City of Cape Town. We have met recently and we have mapped out the next phase of the implementation of the Atlantis Special Economic Zone.

Mr Deputy Speaker, in this regard I am pleased to report that significant progress has already been made in this regard. A total investment of R608 million... [Interjections.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: [Inaudible.] ...not by Province.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: ...has already been attracted to the Atlantis SEZ. Growing the economy demands skills for growth. We are committed to invest in skills development, which is critical in addressing the persistent high unemployment in this province. The Apprenticeship Game-Changer focuses on work placements of semi-skilled and artisanal candidates by providing them with access to work opportunities and training opportunities. In response to the large-scale unemployment amongst the rural youth, the Agricultural Partnership for Youth Development will focus on the development of skills and education of the rural youth. My Cabinet colleague, the Minister of Agriculture, Minister Winde, will say more about this during his Adjustment Budget. [Interjections.]

The transport infrastructure: the maintenance and delivery of transport infrastructure will continue over the 2018 MTEF and includes projects that aim to promote social and economic development and enables economic performance and a high economic multiplier effect.

The Western Cape Government has made significant investment towards an integrated and service-oriented system that increases access for communities to opportunities and services.

The Province will continue to develop, with the development of the GoGeorge Integrated Public Transport Network, which will double the current service offering and connect Thembalethu and the neighbouring communities. The developments with Stellenbosch Municipality on the programme for sustainable transport initiatives will continue over the 2018 MTEF.

Mr Deputy Speaker, in terms of improving education outcomes and opportunities for the youth, creating opportunities for children to remain in quality schools for as long as possible and to enhance opportunities for the youth, particularly constructive after-school activities that provide cultural, sports and educational activities, remain a priority of this Government over the MTEF. [Interjections.] Key focus areas include implementing curriculum and school management strategies, in particular Mathematics and Language services.

Continued focus will be placed on piloting the Collaboration School Model - a very exciting project driven by the Minister of Education - where strong managerial and training resources from the private sector aim to strengthen education outcomes in public schools that require additional support, through school operating partnerships.

Mr Deputy Speaker, eLearning, bridging the digital divide in the Western Cape: the Western Cape Government has embraced the use of technology in schools by providing broadband connectivity to 1 278 schools by the end of the 2016/17 financial year. The cumulative total of 5 331 smart classrooms have been implemented between 2014 and 2017 across 391 schools.

Increasing quality education in poorer communities: the Western Cape Government will continue to implement programmes to limit the effects of poverty on learning through access to no-fee schools and fee-exemption at fee-paying schools. In 2016 580 000 learners specifically benefited from access to no-fee schools - that is excluding fee-exemption - and 473 000 learners benefited from the nutrition programme and almost 60 000 learners gained access to transport. But Mr Deputy Speaker, there is a matter of great concern to all of us and that is the safety at our schools.

At almost every Cabinet meeting the Minister of Education, the hon Minister Debbie Schäfer raises the issue of the extent of crime in the Western Cape and how it continues to impact on the socio-economic realities of the most vulnerable. Safety at schools... [Interjection.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: You stopped the Bambanani School Safety Volunteers. You stopped them.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Safety at schools has therefore become a priority area due to it being a key inhibiting factor in the creation of a safety environment for learning. [Interjection.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: What about Mitchells Plain? You do not worry about that?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: A number of successful school safety initiatives exist and may be expanded. These include, amongst others, the implementation of the school safety plan, safety kiosks in high-risk schools, the use of safety marshals and a project led by Minister Dan Plato, the Walking Bus Programme. As part of the After School Game-Changer, the Western Cape Government will continue to prioritise the safety of our learners in our public schools. Neighbourhood watch patrols and resources officers are also assisting us in this regard. [Interjections.]

Mr Deputy Speaker, as a result of the intervention of the Minister of Social Development, Minister Albert Fritz, the Western Cape Government continues to focus on increasing the quality of Grade R learning at public ordinary schools and independent schools to ensure that those who enter Grade 1 are well prepared. That happens in the Education Department, but specifically

also investments that have happened at the ECD Centres in the Department of Social Development. A focus area is providing new classrooms in areas of greatest need based on poverty indices, training of 120 students as ECD Practitioner Assistants and strengthening the implementation of the Curriculum and Assessment Policy Statement in Grade R through the training of Grade R teachers and monitoring in the classroom. This is a great initiative happening in the Education Department, but also ECD access from zero to four will be expanded, reaching about 87 000 children annually by the year 2020.

On the risk of safety, the Community Safety Improvement Partnership encapsulates professional policing, safer communities and safer public spaces. Safer public spaces, as a Western Cape Government priority, will be maintained through the support of accredited Neighbourhood Watches, a unique initiative in the Western Cape, with training and equipment. As an important element in promoting safer communities, the Western Cape Government will continue to form partnerships with religious fraternities that aim to keep youth off the streets during school holidays.

I am pleased to announce that the hon Minister of Cultural Affairs, the hon Minister of Education, the hon Minister of Community Safety and the hon Minister of Social Development are already in preparation for the school holiday programme starting to promote safety during the school holiday.

A Provincial Joints Priorities Committee has been formed, which will be

responsible for the developing of an implementation plan for the National Anti-Gang Strategy in the Western Cape.

Mr Deputy Speaker, more specifically to the drought management, water security and climate change: the roadmap to climate change support and industry resilience have been laid within the adoption of the Western Cape Climate Change Response Framework and Implementation Plan for the agricultural sector in 2016. An intergovernmental Drought Task Team has been established to support drought relief projects, which include water augmentation projects, repair and improvement of boreholes and water supply systems as well as assistance to the agricultural sector.

Disaster preparedness and relief: the strengthening and improvement of disaster preparedness and response plans have been prioritised. A Drought Register, identifying risk areas based on water availability and water use, has been compiled by my colleague, the Minister of Local Government.

A policy guideline, applicable for all new human settlement developments, which aims to reduce water and energy consumption, minimise waste generation and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, has also been developed. The guidelines will also promote the utilisation of alternative technology, increase the re-use and the recycling of resources, encourage rainwater harvesting by providing water tanks on all future units and install boreholes and well-points. The Minister of Human Settlements and Leader of Government Business Minister Madikizela will make further announcements

in this regard.

Mr Deputy Speaker, let me now turn to the infrastructure because this Government has committed itself to a three-year infrastructure-led growth strategy. Historical infrastructure backlogs for new infrastructure and maintenance and the growing need to prioritise maintenance of the provincial asset base are to be considered when compiling departmental budgets. We have prioritised in this Government repairs and maintenance. These are critical to ensure longevity of the infrastructure, specifically water-related infrastructure to minimise water losses in light of the current drought and in terms of the water crisis. I am very happy, Mr Deputy Speaker... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You do not look happy!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: ...that one of the indicators that is now also being used by municipalities... [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You are in the crisis... [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: ...is to look, that they spend 8% of their property, plant and equipment on maintenance and repairs, and I am particularly happy that those municipalities that are in the House here today does exactly that. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: It is like a joke.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Mr Deputy Speaker, let me now respond to the issue of Education in relation to some of these infrastructure objectives. Great strides have been made since the inception of the ASIDI, the so called Accelerated School Infrastructure Delivery Initiative that has been implemented to replace a number, as you know, of inappropriate school structures with newly built schools. A focus area is in responding to the impact of the drought, and as such measures are being put in place to reduce and manage water consumption at educational facilities.

Health's future investment from a priority perspective, will focus on expanding capacity through new facilities and maintaining existing facilities, co-location and multi-level facilities. A number of hospitals and clinics within the Health portfolio require maintenance and thus will remain a priority.

Two days ago I accompanied the Minister of Health, Dr Nomafrench Mbombo to the opening of a world class health infrastructure in Prince Alfred in the Witzenberg area. The Department is also currently on site with another clinic under construction in Wolseley, also in the Witzenberg area. In responding to the impact of the drought, investments will be made into water augmentation projects to health facilities to ensure business continuity as far as possible.

Mr Deputy Speaker, let me now turn to alternative construction methods,

because if you are in a drought and you have an infrastructure strategy, there are implications for your infrastructure delivery mechanisms.

Let me now turn to alternative construction methods. The Western Cape will be conducting further research around alternative construction technologies and techniques that are climate resilient and, if proved feasible, will be implemented over the MTEF and I am particularly happy that these discussions have already taken place within the Ministerial Infrastructure Coordinating Committee. [Interjection.]

The Western Cape Government owns and maintains more than R200 billion worth of immovable assets - that is land, buildings and roads - for which the Department of Transport and Public Works is the appointed custodian.

Mr Deputy Speaker, Transport. The Department of Transport and Public Works is responsible for a proclaimed road network within the Western Cape Government comprising of 6 820 kilometres of paved roads, 9 828 kilometres of unpaved roads, and approximately 15 339 kilometres of unpaved minor roads and nine weighbridges.

While new assets are required to support economic growth, considerable investment in maintaining the existing road infrastructure at standards that optimise the efficient and safe use of the realisation of economic opportunities, is central in terms of the long-term. The focus will thus remain on maintaining the road network at the best possible level with

limited resources.

Human settlements: key to the Western Cape Government is the development of sustainable integrated human settlements providing residents with access to social economic opportunities close to where they live. The Department of Human Settlements has set three priority areas, on which to focus over the MTEF:

- Directing more resources to the upgrading of informal settlements and the provision of basic services;
- Secondly, the development of various catalytic projects; and
- Thirdly, implementing a partnership strategy to provide affordable housing opportunities.

The Minister of Human Settlements will make further announcements in his adjustment budget and in his main budget in March next year.

I am pleased to announce that two new Human Settlement grants are proposed, namely the Title Deeds Restoration Grant and a new Emergency Funding Grant to release funding to municipalities for the provision of land, municipal engineering services and shelter.

Mr Deputy Speaker, now let me turn to the Provincial Adjustment Estimates. The main aim of the 2017 Adjusted Estimates is:

- To achieve the objectives of the Western Cape fiscal strategy. That is

fiscal sustainability, fiscal consolidation and fiscal discipline; and

- To deal with the key risks identified. That is the drought, the water risks and crime threatening this province. [Interjections.]

The financial implications [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You failed all of them. All of them you failed.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: ...in this Adjusted Estimates, departments surrendered R220 million projected underspending on CoE. A further amount of R103 million has been surrendered by departments to the Provincial Revenue Fund for the drought and realignment of policy priorities in the 2017/18 financial year for reallocation over the MTEF. Hon member Olivier will be happy to hear this. As part of the fiscal consolidation and discipline, it was necessary to ensure that provincial service delivery is not compromised, due to in-year pressures. Therefore, allocations totalling R88,7 million was made in the 2017 financial year for the following purposes:

- To Health, to fund pressures in goods and services in various programmes, the amount of R54 million.
- To Social Development, to maintain the current base of the ECD sites, R1,492 million and for the extension of services for substance abuse R1 million, for security services R1 million and outsourced services for children in conflict with the law, R3,968 million.

I want to thank the hon Minister of Social Development Minister Fritz, because I have personally witnessed the security situation... [Interjections.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: Nothing more for school safety [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: at one of your safety situations. [Interjections.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: Nothing more for school safety; nothing more for school safety? [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: [Inaudible.] never apologises.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE:

- To Agriculture for municipal services, R3,7 million given the increase in the rate per kilolitre as a result of the implementation of level 5 water restriction tariffs.
- To Transport and Public Works for the optimisation of infrastructure service delivery, R19 million.
- To Cultural Affairs and Sport the amount of R3,8 million to deal with the municipal debt and the increase in the per kilometre rate as a result of the implementation of level 5 water restrictions.

Our colleagues here from municipalities in this House, we are determined also to make our contribution and pay our debt in terms of municipalities. We have established a Debt Committee, giving priority to municipal debt owed by this province. [Interjections.]

Mr Deputy Speaker, let me now turn to the drought, water and fire risk.

Mr C M DUGMORE: When are you talking about school safety, which is a human crisis [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Mr Deputy Speaker, as the MEC of Finance, I was mandated by the Cabinet on 16 June 2017 this year, as authorised by Section 25 of the Public Finance Management Act to allocate R75 million in emergency funds to specific votes as an initial drawdown to deal with the implications of the disasters affecting the province. These allocations were appropriated in this House on 17 August 2017 through the Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation through Emergency Funds.

Further to this, this Provincial Government introduced initiatives to deal with the implications of the drought. All of these initiatives are aimed at compiling a provincial response, short and long-term, to address issues of the drought. The Drought, Fire Crisis and Water Budget Allocations and Commitments allocations totalling R165 million for the current financial year and a further R157 million for next year's financial year are now included in this Adjusted Budget. These include specifically:

- R55 million to the Department of Local Government in 2017/18 Adjusted Estimates on condition of a detailed and executable procurement and business plan demonstrating ability to spend.

Also to deal with the impact of the drought provision is also made in the 2018/19 financial year, but kept in reserve. That is:

- R25 million to the Department of Education;
- R14,6 million to Health;
- R39,9 million to the Department of Local Government for water resource infrastructure in 2018/19;
- R77,500 million to Education allocation also in 2018/19.

Mr Deputy Speaker, in terms of crime, the Department of Community Safety will make provision through reprioritisation within the Department's baseline for requirements regarding the upcoming festive season; the economic crimes and safety issues within the inner city and dealing with the top ten areas affected by crime in the Metro.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Except schools! It does not include schools; except school safety. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Schools have been prioritised. In the 2018/19 financial year R1 million has been reserved also for the vote for the safety

led by Minister... [Interjections.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: R1 million? [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: R1 million has been reserved for the safety for the Department of Community Safety... [Interjection.]

Ms P MAKELENI: They do not take it seriously.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: ... an additional R1,5 million has also been made available to the Department of Community Safety. Also, in addition to that, this Cabinet has made the following additional amounts taken up in the 2017 Adjusted Estimates. Funding has been allocated also for the recruitment and training of graduate interns within the Department of the Premier, and within the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport, and the Department of Education for the After School programme. Nineteen priority schools that are vulnerable to crime and violence in high-risk gangsterism areas in the Western Cape - that include the five schools in the Lavender Hill area - have been identified.

The Department of Community Safety aims to introduce an integrated safe zone and school safety strategy to alleviate the high levels of violence in Lavender Hill through deployment of Law Enforcement Auxiliary Services and School Safety Resource officers at the five high priority schools in the area. Amounts of R3 million in 2017/18, R3 million in the next year, 2018/19, R3,2 million in 2019/20 and R3,2 million in 2020/21 have been

allocated.

An amount of R2 million has also been allocated in the 2017/18 budget for the Neighbourhood Farms: Community Market Gardens Development.

The opportunity identified by the Neighbourhood Farms will unlock the potential for local food production, which will bring positive benefits to the social, built, natural and economic environment in communities and will promote local food security, healthy eating and safe food provision.

Funding is provided also for the Injini EdTech incubator, which aims to enable entrepreneurs in Africa to access early stage funding and support, thereby assisting new innovations to enter the education system.

An allocation of R1 million is also made available and R2 million for next year, to fund the Cape Innovation and Technology Initiative. An amount of R5 million is provided in 2017/18 to the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport for the promotion and development of classical music and opera within the province. The Minister of Cultural Affairs will make additional announcements in her Adjustment Budget. [Interjections.]

I think the hon members on that side of the House will be happy that R1 million has been allocated for the Rugby World Sevens, which will take place in Cape Town from 9 to 10 December... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Just a million?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: ...at Cape Town International Stadium to assist in covering the costs of medical expenses, security and other ancillary costs associated with this major sporting event. The Minister of Cultural Affairs and Sport will make further announcements in her main budget and the adjustment budget. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: R250 000 is provided to the Department of Local Government for Financial Assistance for the Electricity Supply Interruptions by Eskom for the Swartland Municipality. The gazetting of allocations to various municipalities totals R2,4 billion for the 2017/18 financial year. The accompanying Provincial Gazette provides mainly for the following key initiatives at municipalities:

- Vote 4: Community Safety an amount of R3,3 million for the appointment, training and equipping and operationalisation of school resource officers as well as volunteers to serve in the City of Cape Town Law Enforcement Auxiliary Service and I am happy to see that the MayCo member of Finance, Dr Van der Merwe, is also in the House.
- Vote 10: Transport and Public Works an amount of R10,3 million for financial assistance to municipalities for the maintenance, construction of transport infrastructure, public transport non-motorised infrastructure, and the George Integrated Public Network;
- Vote 12: Economic Development and Tourism an amount of R1,5 million for the Cango Caves Infrastructure and the Minister of

Economic Opportunities, my colleague, Minister Winde, will make further announcements of that R1,5 million as it directly relates to infrastructure investment to promote tourism in that particular area.

- Vote 14: Local Government an amount of R1,2 million for community development workers, disaster management, a municipal electrical master plan, groundwater level monitoring, Local Government graduate internship, municipal drought capacity, municipal service delivery and capacity building and municipal infrastructure support. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: For R1,2 million, are you really serious?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Madam Speaker, in summary... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You should not be reading this to us. Oh my word!

The SPEAKER: Order please.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Madam Speaker, in summary the Adjusted Estimates Budget makes provision for additional net spending amounting to R284 million bringing the budget of R59,431 billion to R59,716 billion.

In conclusion, allow me to conclude by extending our heartfelt gratitude to the Premier, Helen Zille, for her leadership in the Cabinet and for her support. [Interjections.] I am indeed honoured to be part of this winning team.

Mr K E MAGAXA: What loyal support?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: My thanks and deep appreciation also goes to my Cabinet colleagues, thanks for your tough negotiations during the MTEF sessions during the Provincial Strategic. It was not easy but we have made this budget possible in the interest of the people of the Western Cape. My deep thanks and appreciation also goes to the Director-General Brent Gerber, and the Head Official of Treasury, Mr Zakariya Hoosain, and his senior managers. A special word of thanks to the Head of Fiscal Services, Mr Harry Malila, and the whole budget team. [Interjections.]

Madam Speaker, it is therefore now my pleasure to table the 2017 Western Cape Medium Term Budget Policy Statement, the 2017 Western Cape Adjusted Estimates of Provincial Expenditure, the Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill, 2017, and the Western Cape Gazette of Allocations to Municipalities and this speech for discussion and consideration by this House. I thank you. [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you Minister Meyer. I will now ask the Secretary to read the Bill a first time.

The SECRETARY: The Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill.

The SPEAKER: The Bill, together with the papers tabled, will be referred to

the relevant committees for consideration and report.

The next item on the Order Paper is the motion in the name of the hon P J C Pretorius. I recognise the hon Pretorius.

Mr P J C PRETORIUS: I move the motion on my name, Madam Speaker.

(Notice of motion)

That in terms of Section 3 of the *Members of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament Code of Conduct Act, Act 3 of 2002*; Advocate Shawn Willemse be appointed Registrar of Members' Interests.

The SPEAKER: Thank you hon Pretorius. I have been informed by the Chief Whip that the Programming Authority resolved that there would be no list of speakers and that parties will now be afforded the opportunity to speak for three minutes on this motion. I recognise the ANC. I see the hon Uys.

Mr P UYS: Thank you Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, the Desperate Alliance is very desperate again!

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Daar is hy!

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: There you go!]

†n AGBARE LID: Haai nee man! Nee man!

[An HON MEMBER: Hey, no man! No man!]

Mr D G MITCHELL: Who is that?

Mr P UYS: On 18 August 2017 the Conduct Committee had a damning report from the Registrar on the conduct of the MEC Madikizela.

†Me C F BEERWINKEL: Ja.

[Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Yes.]

Mr P UYS: The DA, the only way to stop the investigation of the Conduct Committee, was to replace and remove the Registrar and force the Chair of the Committee to resign. [Interjections.]

†n AGBARE LID: Skande! [Tussenwerpsels.]

[An HON MEMBER: Disgrace! [Interjections.]]

Mr P UYS: So late that afternoon on the same day, 18 August, with no consultation, no multiparty process, no resignation of the Registrar... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please, hon member Uys. [Interjections.] Hon member Uys, kindly take your seat please. Members, we cannot. There is a speaker in the chair.

An HON MEMBER: Exactly!

The SPEAKER: And I would like you to respect the dignity and decorum of this House and that... [Interjections.] Members, we do not need to call each other out by name because both sides of the House are guilty of calling each other out. So I am asking you to compose yourself. I have a duty to allow the person on the floor to speak. Hon member Dijana, I am addressing the House, if I could get your attention please. So I am calling you all to order and I am asking you to allow the debate to continue. Interjections are allowed. Ongoing commentary, running commentary is not, but when two members get engaged in conversation while someone else is on the floor, then I have a duty to protect that speaker whoever it may be. So may we now proceed and I am asking you all to manage yourselves. You may proceed, hon member Uys.

Mr P UYS: Thank you Madam Speaker. So late afternoon on the same day, 18 August with no consultation, no multiparty process, no resignation of the Registrar, a vacancy of the Registrar was advertised. They collapsed - and this is the DA - the Conduct Committee on both 15 September and 22 September and we all knew the Congress of the DA was on 7 October... [Interjection.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Daar is hy!

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: There you go!]

Mr P UYS: ...one of the major reasons. [Interjections.]

†n AGBARE LID: Ja.

[An HON MEMBER: Yes.]

Mr P UYS: This is an exclusion process [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Scandalous!

Mr P UYS: ...or with no cooperation of all the parties and involving them in the process. I think that is very important to note that, but when we get to this today here, Madam Speaker, what do we see? No proper constituted ad hoc Committee that looked at this. There is no report on the table. How would 42 members, excluding the Premier that is not here, how can 42 members apply their mind to a resolution that is on the table; no ATC and no debate on it - a three minute declaration. When we look at the remuneration, the previous Registrar got zero. The new Registrar will get R46 000 a month. We reject this, Madam Speaker. [Interjections.] We reject the manipulation that took place here and the motion that is on the Order Paper in the name of the DA. [Interjections.] [Applause.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: The Desperate Alliance.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. I see the hon member Christians. [Interjections.]

Order please members.

†'n AGBARE LID: Gooi kole!

[An HON MEMBER: Throw coals!]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Madam Speaker, the ACDP supports the motion to appoint Advocate Shawn Willemse as Registrar... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I am not surprised!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: ...of the members' interests, Madam Speaker.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: We are not surprised!

The SPEAKER: Hon member Dyantyi!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: The ANC excluded themselves from this process.
[Interjections.]

Mr D G MITCHELL: Tell them.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Every party was given an opportunity to interview...
[Interjection.]

Ms L M MASEKO: Ja, ja.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: ...to look at the shortlisting.

Ms L M MASEKO: Ja.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: To look at the CVs and what hon member Uys is saying is not true. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes. Misleading the House!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: He is misleading this House. Either he is misleading the House or he did not inform his caucus for what the process was.

Ms L M MASEKO: Ja.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Hear-hear!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: So Madam Speaker, I was part of the process. He knows the Registrar resigned. He knows all of the facts. He knows that the... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: ...the Chairperson of the Conduct Committee voluntarily stepped down. [Interjections.] He knows all of this and now he comes to this House and tells untruth. Madam Speaker, I want to say that Advocate Willemse was a good candidate. We sat around the table and we

reached consensus.

Ms L M MASEKO: Ja.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: The ANC was not part of that process...
[Interjections.]

Mr P UYS: We were part of... [Interjections.]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: ...because they said they do not want to be part of it, so as even my absent friend here, the EFF, was in agreement with the appointment of Advocate Willemse. So the EFF, the ACDP and the DA decided on this appointment.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Exactly! [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please! [Interjections.]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Because hon member Uys said to the Committee: "If you do not do it our way we do not want to be involved." [Interjections.] That is what they said. [Applause.] So Madam Speaker, Advocate Willemse with his experience and qualifications... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: ...was the best-suited candidate and we support the

appointment of Advocate Willemse. Thank you Madam Speaker. [Applause.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. [Interjections.]

†n AGBARE LID: Daai is oor geld nè... [Onduidelik.]

[An HON MEMBER: That is about money, hey...[Inaudible.]]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Christians. Hon members, may I appeal to both sides of the House, the world is watching. Manage yourself as hon members... [Interjection.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: Which world?

The SPEAKER: ...and maintain the dignity and decorum of this House. In terms of Rule 41 - hon member Tyatyam, can you manage yourself please? You are getting far too emotional. [Interjections.] Please, I would appreciate some respect. I now see - well, in the absence of the EFF I have to see and recognise the Chief Whip of the DA, Chief Whip Mr Wiley.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Mark Wiley.

†n AGBARE LID: Hoor-hoor!

[An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!]

Mr M G E WILEY: Thank you very much Madam Speaker. I am somewhat mystified by the hon member Uys' objection to this process... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please. [Interjections.]

Mr M G E WILEY: ...simply because neither he nor the ANC... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Chief Whip, kindly take your seat please. [Interjections.]
Okay, so hon member Tyatyam, this is not the army. This is Parliament and I expect you to manage yourself in a manner that is appropriate with what is happening here. When the hon member Uys was on his feet he was afforded an opportunity... [Interjection.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: Ja, he was not speaking nonsense then.

The SPEAKER: I called all the House to order to allow him to speak. Will you afford the hon Chief Whip the same opportunity please. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: We interjected!

The SPEAKER: Interjections are allowed but I am not going to condone and allow running commentary. [Interjection.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: We will interject to them again.

The SPEAKER: You can interject but no running commentary, so please, hon member Magaxa, I am addressing the House and I am telling you... [Interjection.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: I am listening, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: I am providing guidance to say that you are allowed an interjection... [Interjection.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: Thank you very much.

The SPEAKER: ...but I am not going to allow a running commentary.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Ja, we will interject.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. You may proceed, Chief Whip.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Come, talk nonsense. I will interject you!

Mr M G E WILEY: Madam Speaker, I am pleased that our foreign visitors see that we have a robust Chamber. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: They have a Desperate Alliance, they see that yes.

Mr M G E WILEY: As I say, I am mystified by the hon member Uys' objection. Neither he nor the ANC participated in the process at all. [Interjections.]

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Yes.

Mr M G E WILEY: He complained from the outset for the need to fill the post. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.]

Mr M G E WILEY: This after, contrary to what the hon member Uys alleges, the former Registrar had resigned in writing. [Interjections.] The former Registrar had indicated his intention to resign last year already. [Interjections.] His reasons were crystal-clear. He felt he was being placed in an untenable position being made to take sides politically. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: By who? By you!

Mr M G E WILEY: Given the contrived and trivial cases the ANC were bringing before the Committee, it makes no wonder that the Registrar felt abused, given that the Registrar is an employee of this Parliament and he has other services to produce. Now when he has resigned, they do not want the position filled. This does not surprise me. The last thing the ANC wants is a fully independent and professional investigator... [Interjection.]

Mr P UYS: He was independent.

Mr M G E WILEY: ...who will not be influenced by the hectoring and grandstanding. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: He resigned. [Interjections.]

Mr M G E WILEY: For the record, the process followed was open, transparent and inclusive.

An HON MEMBER: Wow, DA!

Mr M G E WILEY: The ANC's absence notwithstanding by their own decision. The post was advertised fully within the Western Cape Provincial Parliament Policy Guidelines namely on Careers24, PNet and the Western Cape Provincial Parliament website. This reaches a far wider audience than the formally used media channels including the ANC controlled media bought by State pension money. [Interjections.]

†n AGBARE LID: Ja!

[An HON MEMBER: Yes!]

Mr M G E WILEY: The advert was not consulted with any party because the KPIs are not negotiable. They are taken directly from the Code of Conduct

which is an article of law.

The ANC was twice invited by the Speaker to participate in the process but they declined. All other parties participated and the final decision taken, as the member from the ACDP said, was unanimous. Even the EFF sided with this and he said he was fulsome in the praise and he had full participation in the process. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: I think Dyantyi should [Inaudible.]

Mr M G E WILEY: We have an outstanding candidate and we wish him all the best in his endeavours to keep us aligned... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: We do not speak for you guys [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr M G E WILEY: I repeat. We have an outstanding candidate and we wish him all the best in his endeavours to keep us aligned and please note Madam Speaker, he has our full support to conduct his work without fear nor favour... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: For the DA yes.

Mr M G E WILEY: ...as far as the debate is concerned, and this just proves

the disingenuous nature of my colleague on the other side... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Dyantyi!

Mr M G E WILEY: At the Programming Authority on Tuesday it was put to all parties at the Programming Authority: “Would you like to have a debate or do you want to do a declaration?” [Interjections.]

†n AGBARE LID: Ja.

[An HON MEMBER: Yes.]

Mr M G E WILEY: He said: “We suppress the debate.” He chose to support the declaration... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Chief Whip your time has expired.

Mr M G E WILEY: ...which is what we are doing here today! [Applause.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You are clapping for the lie! [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please! [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: Oh really, this is bad, Oh gosh.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: You are making a noise.

Mr K E MAGAXA: So poor Fritz is back!

The SPEAKER: Members! [Interjections.] Hon member Magaxa, I would like to proceed with the business of the day, if I could get your attention please, thank you.

That concludes the debate on this motion. Are there any objections to the motion being agreed to?

There are no objections. Agreed to.

Please note, members, hon members, that the Budget Committee meeting will sit immediately... [Interjection.]

Mr P UYS: There was an objection Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Who objected? [Interjections.] Okay sorry. When I asked, “are there any objections” no-one raised, okay. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: You could not see us. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you hon member Dyantyi. An objection was stated in the three minutes but when I asked “is there any objection” I did not see. Well, there is an objection and it is noted and it will be recorded as such. So may I then request, hon members, that now immediately after this meeting the Budget Committee will sit and the House will be suspended.

It will then resume at 14:15 this afternoon. Sorry, if I may... Yes Mr Nage?

Mr P UYS: That was what you were supposed to do, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Okay sorry. Hon member Uys, allow me. There were no objections, I said, and then you called my attention to the fact that there is an objection. In light of the fact that there is an objection I must put the question, and the question is those in favour of the motion will say "aye".

HON MEMBERS: Aye.

The SPEAKER: Those against the motion will say "no".

HON MEMBERS: No.

The SPEAKER: Those in favour? Shall we do it again?

An HON MEMBER: No.

The SPEAKER: So the ayes have it, if you do not think the ayes have it, the next question, hon member Uys, would you want me to call a division?
[Interjections.] There is no request to call a division. Can we agree that the process has now been completed?

HON MEMBERS: Yes.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. So the process has now been completed. Hon members, that concludes the business with this sector. The House is suspended until quarter past two this afternoon.

I thank you.

[Business of the House suspended at 10:55 and resumed at 14:15.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please be seated. It is good to see a full gallery in the House. You are all welcome to the debate and can I just remind members that the debate takes place on the floor of the House, but you are most welcome just to observe the proceedings.

The next item on the list is the Speaker's debate and I see the Speaker.

HON MEMBERS: Hear-hear!

SPEAKER'S DEBATE

No violence against women and children

The SPEAKER: Good afternoon and thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Hon members, guests in the gallery, fellow South Africans, I would like to welcome you today to what is the launch of the WCPP's initiative to set off

the 16 Days of No Violence Against Women and Children. I am very pleased to see my male colleague across the way supporting the initiative. Thank you, hon member Dyantyi.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: The ANC does it all the time, you are welcome.

The SPEAKER: It is a non – hon member Dyantyi, the rules of the order – it is a non-partisan debate today, so let us keep it clean. I would like to though acknowledge each and everyone who has taken the time to come out today, because the subject we are going to talk to today is a very important matter that is close to my heart, and my interest in the whole matter was piqued by a book I read by a young lady who I believe is a survivor, and many of you might have seen this book. It is called *Exit*, and it is written by a young woman, Ms Grizelda Grootboom, who is in the audience today. She is actually my guest of honour today. So, Grizelda, thank you so much for making the time. [Applause.]

It is a story of adversity, it is a story of resilience. Her story is one that takes all of us to a place that I think very few people could ever imagine, and after reading her story I realised the plight. The plight of those out there who do not have that voice, and I, today, Grizelda, would like to salute you for becoming a voice out of the adversity you have risen above and just to give some context. Grizelda was invited to speak at a two day meeting of the General Assembly of the United Nations, and the opening line of the email that was sent to her, the invitation, says:

“As a survivor leader it would be an honour to have you deliver a five to seven minute speech alongside the United Nations President of the General Assembly.”

And I think that that is a huge achievement for someone who has come so far. So I salute you once again, my friend. [Applause.]

I also at the outset wish to thank the Programming Committee Authority for scheduling this debate, because we know that 16 Days of Activism to end violence against women and girls in the Western Cape and in the rest of the country, is an important matter.

While this period is highlighted on the calendar, the topic is nothing to feel excited about. When you understand what is really happening out there you will not be excited about hosting something like this. I would also like to have it stated for the record that I am not in favour of 16 days, but that I see that a campaign like this should be 365 days to end violence against women and girls, and I would like to ensure that in this institution we do just that.

The theme for 2017 globally is:

“Leave no one behind.”

16 Days of Activism is a time to galvanise action to end violence against

women and girls around the world, in South Africa and in the Western Cape.

A definition of gender-based violence is:

“Any act of gender-based violence that results in or is likely to result in physical, sexual or psychological harm or suffering to women, including threats of such acts, coercion or arbitrary deprivation of liberty, whether occurring in public or –

... note people:

in private lives.”

So it is not limited only the public domain, it happens in private too.

We have legislation underpinning gender equality. The Constitution of the Republic of South Africa Act 108 of 1996; the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women adopted in 1979 by the UN General Assembly; and then the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, that was China, in September 1995, Action for Equality, Development and Peace.

Assuming that one in five women experience violence within the year, the minimal annual cost to the South African economy of that violence, is R28,4 billion. Now that is a huge sum of money, and if it could be re-piloted in a more positive manner, we could see its impact in other ways.

We read on the news and we watch television, and these days with social media you do not even have to wait for the news, you see it on Twitter, you see it on You Tube. We hear of the stories of children being raped and killed daily. We know Anene Booysen in 2013, recently Rene Roman in Lavender Hill, and Courtney Pieters in Elsie's River, to mention but a few. In October 2017 a total of 66 child murders had been reported.

We read about teachers engaging in sexual relationships with learners. Just recently we read about a principal who had impregnated more than four learners. We hear about young women being killed by their intimate partners. Human trafficking is becoming almost normal occurrence. We have become so desensitised that we do not even see it for what it is, and it is a grave injustice that is being perpetuated on society.

Substance abuse is another scourge which feeds into many acts of violence, and many of you who are parents will know recently there is a new drug called Flakka. Vlekke, Flakka. They sell it as if it looks like jelly beans or jelly babies, and it inflicts emotional harm, trauma and psychological damage on our children. So it does not rape a child, it destroys a child in some other way in that it is pedalled on school playgrounds and by people selling the drug around the school.

So what we say is such atrocities can no longer be tolerated in silence because it is completely unacceptable. The prevalence of gender-based

violence continues to undermine the personal and public lives of women in abusive relationships. Economic dependence on abusive partners is the primary reason that women stay in such relationships. The combination of economic vulnerability and abuse often provides few choices for these women. Many stay in these relationships because of perceived financial security provided by the abusive partner. I know that, I have been there.

Just thinking about the word “rape”. We often place so much pressure on women to talk about rape, to access counselling and to get legal services to process rape, but very seldom do we talk about the rapists. We run the danger of speaking about rape as a perpetrator-less crime. We need to talk more about how to make them stop, how to hold them accountable. For as long as we allow ourselves to talk about rape as a series of isolated puzzling horrors that happen to other women and children, we stop ourselves from really holding rapists to account and in my deliberations today I will be quoting from a book called *Exit*, and the other book which is available from our library is a book called *Rape: A South African Nightmare*. So I do not claim any credit for the quotes that I am using.

“For as long as we allow ourselves to talk about rape as a series of isolated puzzling horrors that happen to women and children, we stop ourselves from really holding rapists accountable. If something or some things in our society make rape possible, then we can change this for we are society. With rape there is a cost. A huge devastating cost that comes with rape, an invisible wound that remains long after the physical

scars have healed, and what a cost to us as a country to have so many of our people walking around wounded. We need to work with boys and men, starting with the boy child, to discuss ways that they are being socialised. As a society I believe we can do much better.”

The extract I have read was taken from the book *Rape: A South African Nightmare*, page 18, for those of you who wish to go and source it at the library.

Internationally in 2015 a new Global Development Agenda was accepted by all countries and is applicable to all. Through its 17 goals the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, or SDGs as we know them, an agenda of global action for the next 15 years, addressed the three dimensions of sustainable development: economic, social and environmental. The Agenda recognises gender equality and the empowerment of women as a key priority, and pledges that no one will be left behind.

Goal 5 of the Agenda aims to achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls, and includes specific targets to eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls. However, all goals are integrated and indivisible. Therefore the achievement is also fully dependent on ensuring parallel and interconnected implementation of the efforts to prevent and eliminate violence against women and girls.

To bring the issue to the fore, the UN Secretary General’s campaign “Unite

to End Violence Against Women”, call for the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence in 2016, was “Orange the World”. Who can remember Orange the World? And Orange the World raised money to end violence against women and girls. The initiative provided a moment to bring the issue of sustainable financing for initiatives to prevent and end violence against women to global prominence and also presented the opportunity for resource mobilisation for the issue.

In 2016 the Unite campaign strongly emphasised the need for sustainable financing for efforts to end violence against women and girls towards the fulfilment of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

So recognising the unifying nature of one of the essential principles of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Unite campaign will celebrate this year’s Orange Day and the 16 Days of Activism against GBV under the overarching theme of “leave no one behind”, ending violence against women and girls. While underscoring, it commits towards reaching the most undeserved first.

The actions will culminate in global mobilisation to leave no one behind during the 16 Days of Activism towards against gender-based violence campaign, which kicks off from 25 November to 10 December, and I am very proud that as an institution we are leading the charge by launching on the 23rd as a pledge of our commitment to ensure that we reduce the impact. We cannot stop it, but we certainly can reduce the impact. The Western Cape

Provincial Parliament undertakes to be part of this initiative as we not only participate, but we strive to keep in line with global themes.

Another campaign which the members will be exposed to tomorrow at our follow-up event, is the HeForShe campaign which was created by UN women, and that is the entity for gender equality and empowerment of women. It is a solidarity movement for gender equality which provides a systematic approach and targeted platform where a global audience can engage and become agents for the achievement of gender equality in our lifetime.

South Africa, with a population of nearly 57 million, has only 12 841 commitments. Now if I could just ask our hon members here today if we added 42 commitments we would make a little dent in that figure, because 12 000 out of 57 million is a poor show, and I am sure we can do better.

Key priority areas for HeForShe include education, health, identity, work, violence and politics. This requires an innovative, inclusive approach that mobilises people of every gender, identity and expression as advocates and acknowledges the way that we will all benefit from this equality.

HeForShe, the movement, invites people around the world to stand together as equal partners to craft a shared vision of a gender equal world, and implement, specifically, locally relevant solutions for the good of all humanity. People everywhere from all walks of life are working together to achieve gender equality, but it takes more. It takes you. Choose an issue to explore, learn more and get involved. WCPP will commit to being part of this

campaign and hopefully our guests attending the tea tomorrow will commit by signing the pledge.

Another campaign, Planet 50-50 by 2030; Step It Up for Gender Equality, asks governments to make national commitments to address the challenges that are holding women and girls back from reaching their full potential. Step It Up comes at a critical moment in time. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development provides a comprehensive roadmap for the future of the people and our planet, and empowering women and girls is central to achieving the STGs.

Passing new laws or strengthening existing ones is one way to step it up.

Other actions might include:

- Creating programmes to eradicate violence against women and girls.
- Encouraging women's participation in decision-making.
- Investing in national and provisional action plans or policies for gender equality.
- Creating public education campaigns to promote gender equality and many more.

Everyone has a role to play. I will say that again: Everyone has a role to play to make gender equality a lived reality by 2030. Bringing the campaign closer to home, we in South Africa have a National Development Plan which speaks:

- To economy and employment.
- Economy infrastructure.
- Environmental sustainability; and
- An integrated and inclusive rural economy.

So what should our checklist for change be?

- Prevention strategies. How do we ensure that gender base violence does not occur in our communities?
- Response. How do we respond and articulate responses to gender based violence.
- Support. How do we support those who have experienced gender-based violence? And, Grizelda, I think your book is an example. It talks to how you coped without the support. Many times you were dark and you were – the story, the part of the story that got to me was the only thing she saw was the light that said “exit”, if I recall correctly, and hence the name of the book. There are so many out there who do not have a voice or cannot speak for that support that they are not experiencing.
- Coordination. How do we work together to coordinate these issues?
- And then an important one is budget. How do we allocate financial resources?
- The monitoring and evaluation. How do we set out to ensure that we measure the impact and effectiveness of what it is we need to do?

So we need to develop a framework to prevent violence against women, and I am very pleased to say that I have the support of all the women legislators in this House in that we have a multi-party Commonwealth Women's Parliament. It functions effectively. We are learning, we are busy with baby steps, but I think we are on the right track and for that I wish to say thank you to my colleagues for your contribution to all the work that we have done so far.

One of the major challenges to prevent and end violence against women and girls worldwide, is the substantial funding shortfall. As a result resources for initiatives to prevent and end violence against women and girls are severely lacking. Frameworks such as the SDGs, which includes specific targets on ending violence against women and girls offer huge promise, but must be adequately funded in order to bring real and significant changes in the lives of women and girls.

We could, Carol, hon member Beerwinkel, gender responsive budgets. The initiative could encompass:

- Strengthening the capacity of departments to incorporate a gender analysis in the planning and evaluation of revenue raising measures and expenditure allocation at all levels.
- It could support strategies for women's participation in economy decision-making through their engagement in the budget process.

Improving the mechanisms used by countries to account for action taken on international commitments to gender and development, including Sedor and the Commonwealth Women's Parliament, and also contributing to the achievement of international development targets. Being part of the Commonwealth Women's Parliament and having a branch established in the Western Cape, we can now position the Western Cape in the world by building safer communities, protecting women, the girl child, the boy child, all children and our youth.

The international conference on Women and the Changing World of Work held in Cape Town in August 2017 concluded with some critical agreements. Economic justice starts with ensuring that resources and strategies adequately suit women's needs. This includes Government providing:

- Gender sensitive budgeting;
- Girls' education, a key priority; and
- Research for evidence-based policies and laws.

Institutions need to provide financing and support, civil society and business needs to provide support through partnerships and training for women entrepreneurs needs to be provided.

The economic impact of gender-based violence is too costly to ignore. It is not just about highlighting the problem and challenging attitudes, it is about exploring how established processes and structures can be adapted to reduce

violence. The emphasis should be on bringing lasting systemic change by mobilising everyone, and that is actually the reason why I am so grateful to have so many guests in our gallery. It shows your commitment to wanting to make a change and to wanting to stop and end gender violence.

Tackling abuse and violence against women requires a coordinated approach. It is critical that all three spheres of government, the private sector, civil society, communities and individuals work together to stop violence against women and children. This includes providing support to women and children, working with men and boys to change the current culture of violence that exists in some families and communities, and courts that will deliver strong sentences against perpetrators found guilty of violence against women. We need to become change agents for the achievement of gender equality in our lifetime. It will require both an innovative and inclusive approach.

In closing, hon member Dyantyi, I want to talk about human trafficking. Trafficking in persons is a serious ... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You are very good so far. You have been very good so far.

The SPEAKER: Trafficking – you have been very well behaved so far, thank you, hon member Dyantyi.

Trafficking in persons is a serious crime and a grave violation of human

rights. Every year thousands of men, women and children fall into the hands of traffickers in their own countries and abroad. Almost every country in the world is affected by trafficking, whether as a country of origin, transit or destination for victims. We need to take a stand.

Closer to home we have another campaign called Take a Stand. Show your support for the Put Your Foot Down against Human Trafficking campaign and it is currently on social media. This campaign has a group of runners running from Rawsonville all the way to Beaufort West, and the purpose of the Put Your Foot Down campaign is to create awareness around human trafficking that occurs mostly on our national roads, the N1 specifically, and I do know that they have managed to secure a big trucking company that will instead of using the trucking name, they are actually going to use vehicle talking to human trafficking. It happened last year and we have been asked to partner in some way with them in the Put Your Foot Down campaign again this year. You can go to social media, you can ask your friends and family. You join in, you put a post, you put a picture of your feet on their Facebook page and it says †“sit jou voet neer”, [put your foot down] and in that way you will be pledging and showing your support.

Before I get to my closure I would like to quote, Grizelda, from your book. As a survivor Grizelda says, Ms Grootboom says:

“I feel that organisations working to eradicate human trafficking are bringing out more information about the societal scourge, but are not

necessarily pushing for change at all political and social levels. Organisations and governments are called upon to act forcefully and sustainably to eradicate the cause of this abuse.”

And I join you in saying we must stop human trafficking.

I am pledging my commitment, as the Speaker of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament and as the President of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, to say enough is enough. Let us rekindle the spirit of Ubuntu. Let us revisit the culture of ‘your child is my child’. Let us go back to it takes a community to raise a child. Let us restore our humanity by speaking up for those who cannot speak. We need to stand together, we need to coordinate our efforts at a global, national, provincial and local level within our homes, our families and right down to an individual level, leaving no one behind.

Let us today pledge and say enough is enough, we will not see any more women and girl children being brutalised. I thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker.

[Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see the Minister of Social Development, Minister Fritz.

†Mnr L H MAX: Gooi kole, gooi kole!

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

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

The SPEAKER: Order, order, just one second.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Given the significance and the seriousness of this debate that brings us all together ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Is it a point of order?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: ... would the Minister be able to apologise for his demeanours last week? [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order! [Interjections.] Order, hon member Dyantyi.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: He still [Inaudible.].

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

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: [Inaudible.] Mugabe.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister Fritz, you may proceed.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Thank you. Mr Deputy Speaker, Madam Speaker, members of this House, of this august House ... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: [Inaudible.] this House.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Can you just give me - Mr Deputy Speaker, can I speak? [Interjections.] Can I speak or ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order, please.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Are we having another Mugabe here? [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Please come to order now!

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] Mugabe. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Hon members, hon guests in the gallery, from the NGO sector and other hon guests in the gallery ... [Interjections.] This is typically how they behave in this House.

Mr Deputy Speaker, this is a topic of national importance. [Interjections.] It goes to the heart of a matter which we are struggling with as a province and a society. The levels of violence against women and children are simply

unacceptable.

As a society we need to send a strong and unified message, condemning any form and all forms of abuse and murder of women and children. And that kind of violence includes the violence which I noticed last night in a place called Philippi East, of poverty. That we must also address.

This is a form of violence - we can talk about at a national convention, but on the ground, the poverty I saw last night, of very ordinary people, that is a form of violence. And most of those people there are women.

An HON MEMBER: There should [Inaudible.] this House.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: This Government is committed to having ... Shut up!

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

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: This Government is committed [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: ... to fight against [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: ... the abuse of women and children ... [Interjection.]

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

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Sorry.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I want to appeal to the side, to the left side, the ANC, to please allow the Minister to continue, and Minister Fritz, that remark is not parliamentary. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: I apologise, apologise [Interjections.]. Apologise and withdraw.

An HON MEMBER: He must apologise. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: I withdraw and apologise. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Now you are talking.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: So if you can just keep quiet for a second. I have just been protected.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Now you are talking.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Dyantyi, you have done enough now.

[Interjections.] Please come to order.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: This Government is committed to fight against the abuse of women and children. As the Department of the single ... you were outvoted long time ago, so please keep quiet. As a department of the single largest spending area of services to children and families, Mr Deputy Speaker, in this regard we spend in excess of R651 million on children and this funding renders critical services aimed at creating a safe and enabling environment for children. [Interjections.]

Our social workers work with 35 000 children on a monthly basis. Mr Deputy Speaker, we hold a zero tolerance towards the abuse of children and women.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Yes, we [Inaudible.].

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: As we head towards another year and another campaign of 16 Days of Activism for No Violence Against Women and Children, we hope it is not just again a tick box exercise of little meaning, that we must have this campaign, but that we actually mean something to people on the ground.

My Department will be leading a series of initiatives aimed at encouraging greater innovation, collaboration and greater efficiency amongst stakeholders

working in the sector. I am proud to announce that in this regard we will be hosting a gender-based violence workshop this year, as not only part of our 16 Days of Activism, but also as a means to coordinate, Mr Deputy Speaker.

This is the one fundamental problem, to coordinate the effort, to improve the service rendered by all stakeholders in the fight against gender-based violence.

This Department is also at the forefront of the fight for the rights of women and children, so we must and can stop violence against women and children. We mean all forms of violence. One of the least spoken forms of violence endured by women and children is what the Speaker referred to as human trafficking, and I agree wholeheartedly with the Speaker when she mentions this problem as one which needs much more awareness and attention from Government, civil society and the media.

Ms T M DIJANA: †Hayi suka! [Go away!]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Victims of human trafficking along the Beaufort West line of Ms Dijana are fully and truly silent victims, and in many a time where we as politicians work in areas like Beaufort West, we are right there in the centre of Beaufort West, we see the levels of not only abuse of young women, but abuse of getting human traffickers to town. And I hope ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: ... we can do more work and stop ... [Interjection.]

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

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: ... making a noise in this damn House.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order, hon Minister Fritz! Just one second. Chief Whip?

Mr S G TYATYAM: He said damn House.

Mr M G E WILEY: Mr Deputy Speaker, with respect, the hon Minister is making a speech. He has not in any way offended the other side of the House yet they are [Interjections.] They, and yet they ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Order!

Mr M G E WILEY: There is a deliberate campaign by hon members Nkondlo and Dijana ... [Interjection.]

Ms T M DIJANA: †Hayi suka! [Go away!]

Mr M G E WILEY: ... to disrupt the Minister by passing derogatory comments continuously, irrespective of ... [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Sit down.

Mr M G E WILEY: ... whether he says something that is meritorious or not.

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

Mr M G E WILEY: And it is unacceptable.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Please take your seat hon member Olivier. That is a valid point of order and I have also been watching those two members at the back making comments. I could not hear what they were saying, but if you say is derogatory I will take your word for it. Hon members, please come to order and allow the Minister the opportunity to speak.

Can I again repeat that this debate is a non-political debate and we must try and heed the Rules in that respect. Rule 143 is very clear on that and I am not going to allow that we ... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Why do you not ask [Inaudible.].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: ... go so wide. Hon member Beerwinkel? Are you

standing on a point of order?

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Yes, Mr Deputy Speaker, and I hope that you will endure me as you did the Chief Whip without a number in terms of ...

[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Beerwinkel, continue, it is a point of order.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I am glad that the Chief Whip understands what the word means when he says what these members have called the MEC. That then means he should have recognised it when the MEC hurled those same kinds of insults this way last week.

[Interjections.]

You cannot have one kind of ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Beerwinkel ...

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: ... word to this and another kind ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: ... you have made your point. Hon Minister Fritz, please continue and please heed my request now.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Human trafficking, Mr Deputy Speaker, can be broadly defined as severe forms of trafficking in

persons as the recruitment, harbouring, transportation, provision or obtaining of a person for labour or services ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Magaxa ...

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: ... for the use ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: ... why are you standing?

Mr K E MAGAXA: Can I ask if the Minister can take a question?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister Fritz, are you prepared to take a question?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: He is not prepared to take a question.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: I do not answer Mugabes. Sorry.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: What? What?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please take your seat. [Interjections.] Order.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Through [Inaudible.] ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: No, Mugabe ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Please take your seat. [Interjections.] What did you say?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Through the use of ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order, hon Minister Fritz, order!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: ... force, fraud ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.] Order, please, order! [Interjections.] Hon member Uys?

Mr P UYS: Mr Deputy Speaker ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I cannot hear, your own members are making a noise. [Interjections.]

Mr P UYS: Mr Deputy Speaker ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Dijana. I am listening.

Mr P UYS: ... the hon MEC has been saying Mugabe all the time.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Ja.

Mr P UYS: Now what is wrong with him? He is trying – he must just keep to his speech. Yes, he was referring to you ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, please, I take your point. Hon Minister Fritz ... [Interjections.]

Mr P UYS: And he was referring to this hon member.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please refrain from calling hon members by a name like that ...

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: He is an African leader.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: ... and come to order and deliver your speech.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Ja, I was.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Hon member Magaxa?

Mr K E MAGAXA: Mr Deputy Speaker, I do not want to delay us, because he

did not generalise. He referred to me that he cannot answer a question from Mugabe.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Mr K E MAGAXA: And my name is registered in this Legislature ...
[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, hon Minister Fritz ... [Interjection.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: ... and I am not [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I take your point. Minister Fritz ... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Withdraw!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: ... take your seat. When you refer to hon members refer to them by their real names.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: The hon, hon, ja, thanks.

An HON MEMBER: Withdraw.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please continue.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Thank you. Mr Deputy Speaker. This year I personally led the campaign, with my Department, for human trafficking awareness week, and human trafficking awareness week ran from the 2nd to the 6th of October 2017 and saw me commemorate the period, joined by our key specialist NGO partners, which I really want to say thank you to for the work they are doing to lead a silent protest on and along the St George's Mall within Cape Town, to raise awareness about the dangers of human trafficking.

South Africa continues to be a source of transit and a destination country for victims of trafficking. Criminal traffickers are increasingly becoming organised crime syndicates and that is what they are, and use deceptive means to potentially abduct and traffic adults and children. The latest statistics I could draw on show that nationally the Social Development Department has dealt with only 220 cases of human trafficking in 2016. The number is clearly low and highlights the difficulty in detecting the form of crime.

My Department continues to warn the public, especially parents, to be extra vigilant. Parents should know where their children are at all times and more importantly who their children are interacting with, specifically on social media. We have seen now a number of cases where through social media and Facebook children are lured and they absolutely disappear, and I think we must really, as members in this House, have a responsibility for that.

As a province we have also dealt with cases of trafficking, including a case last year of five young boys from KwaZulu Natal who had been recruited and deceived into travelling to Cape Town under the impression or false guise of having secured places at a top soccer academy in Cape Town. More recently in August this year, the Department intervened in a case of a 22-year old woman from Gauteng who was trafficked to Cape Town by saying there was an amazing job, and when she arrived here she was forced into sexual prostitution and exploitation.

Given the complex and underground nature of trafficking, reliable statistics are difficult to come by, especially for children. However, research conducted in the trafficking in persons in the SADC region, a base-line report in 2016 shows that poverty and unemployment are viewed as the primary push factors behind the trafficking of persons in South Africa. This is why criminal syndicates have exploited these two factors to lure victims into arrangements which entrap them at the end.

To combat human trafficking the Provincial DSD is a member of the Western Cape Provincial Trafficking Persons Task Team. This sees us work closely with our partners in the South African Police Services, the HAWKS, the National Prosecuting Authority, the international organisations for migration and specialist NGOs which we fund to render services.

Mr Deputy Speaker, as mentioned earlier, we are once again heading into the period of 16 Days of No Violence Against Women and Children. This year it

will be marked from 25 November until 10 December. However, it should be more than 16 days, as the Speaker indicated. We must have 365 days and we are saying this every year. I have always maintained that our awareness initiatives and interventions as Government should happen every day of the year. This is why the DSD ... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: We do [Inaudible.].

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: ... has allocated just over R27,7 million for [Inaudible.] services under the victim empowerment ... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Cheap talk.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: ... programme.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Cheap talk.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: The VMP, led by Mr Gaga and Ms René Botha, provides safe accommodation for adult victims of human trafficking and their children, through a growing network of 16 shelters across the province. Shelter services provide for basic needs like food, clothing and security. The victims can also access psychological support and other needed services like medical and legal assistance, and skills development to enable economic empowerment.

And many times the ability to be able to get to a place where one can report these instances for a victim. That becomes important in most cases. However, the fact remains that the Government cannot fight this battle alone. I continue to call on residents to report any suspected cases of trafficked women or children to the police or to our hotline, and alternatively the public can seek assistance from our social workers at any of our local offices closest to them.

We can end the scourge of human trafficking and women abuse, and honour our women and children over the 16 Days of Activism if we work better together and not in the other Mugabe style. Thank you. [Applause.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Dis swak. Swak.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is poor. Poor.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. The hon member Makeleni.

Ms P MAKELENI: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. The abuse of women and children is still a big problem in the Western Cape. Too many fall victim every day. These excess levels concern many about the future as even the father of our nation, Nelson Mandela, viewed children as a treasure and our greatest assets that should be treated with care.

The research indicates that as many as a third of women are raped in their lives. These reports further highlight that babies as young as three weeks are

molested, raped and murdered, as was 14-month old Lindokuhle Kota of Khayelitsha, and 18-month old Jeremiah Ruiters of Kensington. Many others illustrate the extent of the challenges that face Western Cape people.

On 20 November UNICEF celebrated World Children's Day with a call for children to participate in their #KidsTakeOver campaign, which encourages them to be more proactive. UNICEF observed that worldwide there are around 50 million adolescent girls, aged 15 to 19, that experience forced sexual intercourse or other act in their lifetime. This debate is 10 years old in this Legislature as this Saturday, 25 November, is the commencement of the annual 16 days awareness drive.

Let all unite to fight this scourge. The epidemic goes against all that we fought for in the past. It reportedly takes place against the backdrop of an unprecedented global outcry against the magnitude of sexual harassment and other forms of violence women suffer every day. It is the worst form of exploitation and repression of children and women, the defenceless and vulnerable in our society.

Let us join UN women who encourage all to 'leave no one behind' and end violence against women and children. Let us all wear the colour orange to also visibly show our opposition to violence against women and children. Ms Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka says:

“There are many ways to prevent violence in the first place and stop the

cycle repeating.”

The story of young Noluvo Swelindawo who was found dead in December 2016 near Khayelitsha is still fresh in our minds. She was murdered simply because she is bisexual.

I also commend the South African Police Services for its hard work to apprehend and have perpetrators convicted, but we want more to be done. Today young women and girls are victims of human and drug trafficking. They are coerced to hide drugs in their bodies, not only in violation of their human dignity, but also exposing their bodies to health risk and dangers.

According to the Victims of Crime Survey 2015/2016, the Western Cape leads with fear of crimes. Almost half of households avoid going to open spaces or parks, allowing children to play in their areas and allowing children to walk to school. Their human rights are violated in the most horrific manner.

I have argued before that the lukewarm approach by the DA-led Government does not assist in this onslaught against many innocent and vulnerable people of our province. It lacks decisive leadership to champion the fight. The Provincial Government initially refused to institute an inquiry into the killing of women and children, claiming lamely it is too expensive. What can be more expensive than the loss of innocent lives? One life taken is too many. [Interjections.]

The still outstanding establishment of the Children's Commissioner is taking too long. It includes attempts to change the Western Cape Constitution and other forms of delays are employed, but if it was not for the strong objection [Interjection.] by the ANC in these Chambers and the civil society structures outside this Legislature, the establishment of the Children's Commissioner would have been forgotten.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Just like [Inaudible.] Zuma.

Ms P MAKELENI: In the meanwhile poor women and children are daily victims of senseless killing. It is heightened for women everywhere like in committees, organisations, churches and business to stand up, unite and be counted. All community members, irrespective of gender, status or standing need to join hands and protect the children.

Awareness programmes education must teach every member of society to report suspicious behaviour. Young children must be taught to say no to unbecoming actions and especially [Inaudible.] men but women too, and those who still contemplate engaging in such action should know that they will come to face the full force of the law. Put them in jail and rot in there. We say to them, "Consider yourselves warned." †Wathinta abafazi, wathinta imbokodwa.[You strike a woman, you strike a rock.] [Applous.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Mooi, mooi, mooi!

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Good, good, good!]

†Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Die agb Lorraine Botha.

[The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The hon Lorraine Botha.]

†‘n AGB LID: Kom nou, Lorraine, gooi kole en gooi jou eie kole. Gooi hulle in!

[An HON MEMBER: Come on, Lorraine, throw coals and throw your own coals. Throw it in!]

†Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Orde. Sy kan self kole gooi.

[Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Orde. Sy kan self kole gooi.]

†Me L J BOTHA: Jy is nou al so warm teen die tyd van daai kole.

[Ms L J BOTHA: You are by now so hot because of those coals.]

†Mr Deputy Speaker, as we stand on the eve of another 16 Day Campaign of No Violence Against Women and Children, it feels quite surreal as this matter is extremely close to my heart, because there are many children and women across the province that face daily abuse and violence, and it is a subject that I have lived.

Along with this, 2017 also marks 19 years since South Africa adopted this campaign, which was launched internationally in 1991, to address the scourge of violence against our women and children. My question then would be how many times should this be said? How many times must the abuse, rape and

murder of our vulnerable be highlighted before we all effectively address it? Previously I have also mentioned the African proverb that it takes a village to raise a child, while also going on to say that it takes the same village to ensure that our women too are protected.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: So true.

Ms L J BOTHA: The abuse and violence against our women and children is becoming a norm that we should stop immediately. Various reports have indicated and highlighted the number of children and women that have been brutally raped and murdered in this province. Let me be crystal clear, Mr Deputy Speaker, no rape or murder can in any way be justified.

Just yesterday, to my complete disgust, the front page of *Die Son* newspaper highlighted the story of an 11-year old girl from Delft who was raped. The article goes on to say that the incident occurred when the suspected rapist got into his mother's bed where this 11-year old was sleeping. It is further reported that the community allegedly assaulted the suspect and he is currently in a coma in hospital.

In today's paper there is a report of a grandfather in Atlantis who allegedly molested his 7-year old granddaughter. Once again a perpetrator with a trusted role in a child's life.

Now I fully understand the community's anger and frustration, but we should

never take the law into our own hands. We should always remember that we do have law enforcement agencies whose job it is to arrest perpetrators and to ensure that all the evidence is available so that they can be tried successfully. It must however also be said that at times our law enforcement is failing us as the wheels of justice takes forever to turn.

Mr D G MITCHELL: Yes, yes.

Ms L J BOTHA: In response to my parliamentary question to Minister Plato with regards to child murders over the last three years in the province, SAPS tells us that during the 2014/15 financial year, 200 children were murdered in the Western Cape. During the 2015/16 financial year, 169 children were killed, while by the end of August this year, which was nine months into their financial year, 123 children were killed in the province. Some might say that there is a reduction, but to us it is shameful, disgusting and completely unacceptable. The fact that one child was killed, whether in my control or not, means that we failed that child.

We can highlight the various objectives of the 16 day campaign, but ultimately the aim is for all to actively fight to eradicate violence against women and children. Given the statistics I have just mentioned, one should have to question the execution of this campaign's objectives. Must Government then ensure that the objective are achieved? It is not only Government's responsibility, but society as a whole, including parents, guardians, the community and our NPOs and faith-based organisations. It is

on all of us.

The reality is that charity begins at home. Are we teaching our young boys to become women abusers? Are we teaching our young boys that is okay if you harm or hit a girl? Or are we teaching our young boys to respect girls, to care for girls, to treat girls as equals? In addition to this, are we teaching our young girls what it means to be independent? Are we teaching our young girls to become career orientated? Are we teaching our young girls to set goals and aspire to achieve them?

Mr Deputy Speaker, the following is vital. Our young boys and girls should be taught to respect each other. In addition to this, our talking alone will not help, but our action will go a long way, in showing them what it is meant by respect for each other. I must commend every person who is ensuring that abusers are reported, and I recommend now that let us name and shame all those perpetrators by creating a community register so that they are known to everybody in communities.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the 16 Day Campaign of No Violence Against Women and Children should be a lived experience over 365 days and not just during this period, but in so doing we will have to take hands across party lines, religious lines, economic status and communities to tackle this evil. I thank you. [Applause.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Mooi, mooi!

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Good, good!]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The hon member Olivier.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I support the present call made by Recovering Addicts Alcoholics Empowering Lives, of Sober Living Farm in Worcester, to bring Helen Zille, giving her 10 days to institute a commission of inquiry into the scourge of drug abuse in the Western Cape. I challenge you, Mr Deputy Speaker, today likewise to support this call, combined with a probe into gang violence and killing of our young people.

†Die MINISTER VAN MAATSKAPLIKE ONTWIKKELING: ‘n Mens moet eers ... [Onhoorbaar.]

[The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: One should first ...
[Inaudible.]]

Mr R T OLIVIER: This would be a clear indication ... [Interjection.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: You are alone, you are alone.

Mr R T OLIVIER: ... that the DA led Legislature and Government...
[Interjection.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: You are isolated.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr R T OLIVIER: ... is serious ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr R T OLIVIER: ... about protecting the plight of women and children in this province. Chapter 2 of our South African Constitution contains the Bill of Rights which stipulates the right to life and children's rights, amongst others. Yet, there are people who find it easy to abuse those rights unashamedly. Our justice system should not let them go free and roam around in the streets with no sense of repentance on their side.

The ANC long acknowledged the triple oppression suffered by women under apartheid ... [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: They are so useless. The ANC is useless.

Mr R T OLIVIER: ... namely sex, colour and class. After 23 years of democratic rule it is regrettable that our society still faces challenges. All peace-loving people in this province must stand up together, take a stand and confront it with the vengeance that was displayed during our fight against the apartheid minority racist regime and injustice.

Men should learn from the humble life of our president, O R Tambo, the

longest serving ANC leader under the trying times in the history of our organisation. A God-fearing, noble leader who lived a life free of abusive tendencies and roughness. During his centenary birthday year, we should emulate his character and values of selflessness, humility and love.

In many instances violence against women and children is perpetuated by either intimate partners and adult men known to the family and neighbourhood. In the South African Police Services 2016/2017 financial year, 3 478 women and children were murdered, of whom 2 639 were women, 574 boys and 265 girls nationwide. It was reported that Cape Town still saw a 40% increase in murder and rise in other crime in the past decade, and in the main the victims are largely women and children.

A total of almost 50 000 sexual offences was recorded by the police, down from almost 52 000 a year before. The majority of the sexual offences recorded were rapes, followed by sexual assault. This is unacceptably high. It must start with all men who stand tall and denounce any form of abuse. We say genuine men do not hurt women and children. [Interjections.] We must understand the United Nations' definition, as correctly quoted by the Speaker, of violence against women which states, I quote:

“An act of gender-based violence that results in physical, sexual or mental harm or suffering of women, includes threats such acts, coercion and arbitrary deprivation of liberty, whether occurring in public or private life.”

Men must appreciate the gravity of this violation, children and their impact. Many children exposed to this suffer from behavioural and emotional disturbances in their early lives and schooling. At times intimate partners' violence can be linked to the high infant and child mortality and morbidity rate. Again, children are the innocent victims.

There seems to be appropriate policies and legislation to address discrimination against women, promote gender equality and support women. However there is a need to develop enough instruments to implement such protecting, promoting and advocacy. I agree with the ANC MP, Francois Beukman, who offered practical measures to better South African Police Services performance during a similar debate in the National Assembly. He said, I quote:

“Management of dealing with complaints by commanders must be sharpened; compulsory consequence management for all SAPS members who do not adequately respond to complaints; ongoing training and capacity building programmes for SAPS first responders to deal with the victims; more resources to be allocated to the SAPS, family violence, child protection and sexual offense units. Complaints that not get adequate service should immediately be escalated to complaints commanders and be copied to the civilian secretariat.”

In closing, Mr Deputy Speaker, we call on all men who call themselves

honourable men, to keep their belts tightened, to fasten their zips and to put their hands in their pockets when tempted to beat a female or a child; increase awareness campaigns countrywide and to educate our learners and churches in our communities. I thank you. [Applause.]

†Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Dankie. Die agb Minister van Kultuursake en Sport, Min Marais.

[The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. The hon Minister of Cultural Affairs and Sport, Min Marais.]

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: Mr Deputy Speaker, it is long overdue that we become honest about the future of South Africa and realise and in turn optimally make use of the immense power we hold, in bringing a real difference to the state of our nation.

In light of our current circumstances, it is no secret that the future of South Africa for the majority is bleak. We have all felt ourselves fade into a state of hopelessness. There exists a despondency in our criminal justice system, our National Government, the status quo, job availability, options to improve our livelihoods, which all ultimately lead to a loss in confidence in the very institutions that ought to enable these democracies for us.

Each day we see a new form of division, either on the basis of race, culture backgrounds, ethnicity, gender, language, appearance, sexual orientation and levels of education. Horrific incidents such as child murders, increasing

violence against women and children, amongst all the other social ills, sparks community outrage, accelerates open dialogue into the causes and possible remedial actions to these preventable fatalities and in retrospect, leaves us with a disturbing wake-up call to the daily realities in our vulnerable communities.

At the end of last year, following the death of Anene Booysen, we officially opened a netball court in her name in the home town of Bredasdorp. All in attendance had the pleasure of listening to the personal story of Sigi Burger. Sigrid or Sigi Burger, a 21-year old, born in Bredasdorp, has been selected to represent the National Proteas Team twice in her 14-year netball career. She shared how difficult it was to remain dedicated and committed to the sport, amidst all other temptations. She made a point of thanking her support base, which not only included family and friends but coaches, teammates and especially community members, who unknowingly motivated her by supporting community leagues and identifying in her a beacon of hope and inspiration in Bredasdorp, when she was oblivious to this fact.

Two young people, faced with similar circumstances in the same areas get completely different outcomes, prevailed in their lifetimes. The most striking one is the participation in sport and the value placed on its significance by key role-players.

Research has shown that participation in sport directly affects community safety and development by positively engaging with youth, improving

resilience and is instrumental in conflict resolution, nation building and civil peace keeping.

Our youth have been described as, “a generation whose dreams have been denied, whose hope has been diminished, whose trust has been broken, whose talents have been crippled”.

The question then arises, what do we as a provincial government then do to correct the inequalities and hardships we suffer as a nation? Mr Deputy Speaker, testimonies like Sigi’s will always stick with me and has emphasized the urgency in which we, all stakeholders, have to party together to incorporate a culture of positive participation, develop excellence and create an enabling environment for the empowerment of our youth and women as an alternative to the anti-social activities dominating our communities.

†As jong professionele lui, sommige meer ervare as ander en trots Suid-Afrikaans, is ons in ‘n uiters magtige posisie om ‘n werklike verskil in ons land te maak. Die oplossing is redelik eenvoudig en sal u samewerking wil vereis om betekenisvolle verandering in die Wes-Kaap en groter Suid-Afrika teweeg te bring.

Die oplossing is om ‘n nuwe prentjie van die toekoms van Suid-Afrika te skets, sodat ons jeug en nasie weer kan droom. Ons moet vertrouwe versterk en nuwe hoop inspireer. Die rol wat ons moet speel is nie net om die samelewing weer te bevry nie maar om die gemoedere van die samelewing te bevry.

In teenstelling met die algemene geloof moet ons verstaan dat ons nie 'n land in gevaar is nie, maar eerder 'n land met potensiaal. Ja, ons word gekonfronteer met al hierdie teenstrydighede, maar daar is eerder inisiatiewe in ons gemeenskappe en dit is hoog tyd dat ons hierdie lewensveranderende pogings aan almal sigbaar maak en uitnemendheid vier, eerder as om die hartseer stand van sake verder te bevorder.

Die Wes-Kaapse Regering het aansienlike vordering gemaak om 'n bemagtigende omgewing te skep vir die bemagtiging van ons jeug en vroue en my kollegas het die verskillende inisiatiewe, programme en vennootskappe genoem wat geleenthede vir almal skep, maar soveel meer kan bereik word. Die visie van die Departement van Kultuursake en Sport is om aan al die inwoners van die Wes-Kaap toegang te bied tot sport en ontspanningsaktiwiteite en kuns- en kultuurdienste, om op hierdie wyse aan individue die geleentheid te bied om betekenisvolle verbeteringe te bewerkstellig wat hulle lewensvooruitsig betref.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[As young professionals, some more experienced than others and proudly South African, we are in a very powerful position to make a real difference in our country. The solution is fairly simple and will require your cooperation to bring about a meaningful change in the Western Cape en larger South Africa.

The solution is to sketch a new picture of the future of South Africa, so that our youth and nation can dream again. We have to strengthen faith and inspire new hope. The role we have to play is not only to free society again but to free the minds of society.

In contrast to the general belief we have to understand that we are not a country in danger, but rather a country with potential. Yes, we are confronted with all these contradictions, but there are rather initiatives in our communities and the time has come that we make these life changing efforts visible and celebrate excellence, rather than further promoting the sad state of affairs.

The Western Cape Government has made significant progress to create an empowering environment for the empowerment of our youth and women and my colleagues have mentioned the various initiatives, programmes and partnerships that create opportunities for all, but so much more can be achieved. The vision of the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport is to offer access to all the inhabitants of the Western Cape to sport and recreational activities and art and culture services, to in this manner offer the opportunity to individuals to achieve meaningful improvements regarding their life prospects.]

If we are honest and blunt about our current circumstances, it is safe to say that our limited budget has and will for a significant period of time

experience constrained pressure on our service delivery footprint as a government. We can attribute the blame of our failing economy, deteriorating moral fibre and consequent conflict to a national unaccountable administration or even state capture. Yet and still, the finances available or lack thereof, will remain insufficient to deliver on our fundamental mandate to the people we serve.

It is therefore paramount to have engagement of this nature to explore opportunities to collaboratively build on our social capital and support each other in our mutual goals. In the wake of our dismal economic situation and increasing violence, it is our duty to become more innovative in our business.

If the funds are too limited, surely, we are to explore different avenues and go the extra mile in creating an enabling environment. These engagements are not only pivotal but essential if we are serious about inspiring change through Cultural Affairs and Sport as it unites, fosters tolerance, acceptance, builds civic pride and community participation. All of which is most needed at present.

We are all in influential positions to plant that seed of hope and to inspire our youth to want to be better versions of themselves. This past Sunday was another tangible reminder that empowerment is promoted, and hope and unity is indeed restored through the arts.

The community of Bishop Lavis and surroundings came out in their numbers,

approximately 10 000 in support of Paxton Fielies, as she victoriously competed in the 2017 South African Idols Final.

The 17-year old Belhar High learner's participation and unearthed talent, personified that we are indeed better together. The Bishop Lavis Action Community or BLAC approached the Western Cape Government for assistance in live streaming the final showcase for the community.

In less than a week we threw our weight behind it, making the showing not only possible but successful in its aim to be shared with as many viewers as possible.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: At 17h00 on the day an overwhelming spirit of celebration and community filled Lavis Park, notoriously known for violent warfare, as thousands from different walks of life, both young and old, came together and wholeheartedly supported one of our own.

Even for a few hours hope was restored in Bishop Lavis and the province and at last peace, unity and pride fell on the Cape Flats. Creating platforms to identify and showcase the remarkable talents from our very own backyard goes a long way in rebuilding a once broken society in a way that little else can and inspires not only hope, but the promise of a better future in which

violence against women and children are drastically reduced.

Paxton has undoubtedly made us immensely proud and together with the 2017 Voice Winner, Craig Lucas from Elsie's River and Denise Marais from Heidelberg, who is currently representing South Africa in a World Karaoke Championships in Finland, have demonstrated that more resources need to be directed to create an enabling environment in which unfound artists can flourish.

In celebrating and promoting the self-determination and triumphs of our emerging artists, we then uplift our communities and allow residents, especially our younger generation, to dream of a better future and aspire to make constructive decisions in the same way the positive role models have, by leading by example.

It is pivotal for us to increase trust, social inclusion, quality education and confidence in the human spirit to contribute to the enrichment of our communities and the wellbeing of the South African condition in which we have 365 days of no violence against women and children, that there would have been a significant mindset shift, amongst all, and not only women and children, but the men and boys of society as well. Empowerment then becomes a priority. I thank you. [Applause.]

†Mnr L H MAX: Hoor-hoor!

[Mr L H MAX: Hear-hear!]

†‘n AGBARE LID: Mooi!

[An HON MEMBER: Good!]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The hon member Christians.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Mr Deputy Speaker, it is an honour to participate in this debate today. No violence against women and children is an important debate. Still shockingly we hear many stories about abuse of our women and children. We will never forget the names of Stacha Arends, Jeremiah Ruiters and Courtney Peters, the 2-year old girl from Khayelitsha who appeared in the papers in May, raped by her own father, a 25-year old.

Mr Deputy Speaker, when I attended the funeral of Stacha, the brigadier that led the investigation said she told the perpetrator, looking into his eyes, saying “God sees you. You will be caught”. The life of a courageous young girl of eleven was taken.

Now, Mr Deputy Speaker, the problem is we do not condone any mob justice, but the criminal justice system is failing our people. People tell you day in and day out, that the rapist that raped again was already previously convicted and was out on parole or bail and that cannot be tolerated. We need to, as a government, a national government, get our criminal justice system in order, to deal harshly with perpetrators when they are found guilty of these crimes: raping a 2-year old, a 6-month old and killing them. They must be left to rot in jail.

We cannot tolerate them walking around in our communities, seeking their next victim. But I said it before and want to say it today, it starts in our homes. We, as fathers need to show our boys how to treat our spouses; how to treat our girls and in communities where we play an important role, we need to show and not talk about it.

So, Mr Deputy Speaker, I want to ask today, where are the days when we were young and could roam the streets? Our neighbour was our father, was our mother. They looked after us, because our parents went out working. Today they are the perpetrators. Our children are not safe in schools, because even teachers, educators, are now the perpetrators. [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Mr Deputy Speaker, we cannot fail our people. We need to stand up and talk about this constantly. I thank you. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Your time has expired. Hon member Beerwinkel.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Mr Deputy Speaker, and Madam Speaker in her absence, where is she?

The SPEAKER: Here I am. [Laughter.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Okay. It is very clear, listening to these inputs today that even amongst us here are victims and survivors. Collectively lived experiences from which I am sure many lessons can be learnt. The opportunity today should be a cathartic one, to both listeners and victims alike and freedom just by the release.

Maya Angelou, a famous author of *I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings* said, “Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better.” Today it is 19 years that this campaign has been in operation and despite this remarkable progress, the truth is that as we speak there is some woman or girl child somewhere being abused, because patriarchy still largely governs the psyche of men.

Whenever we start talking about this specific period, everybody thinks sexual violence and rape. No. While violence is physical, abuse takes on many forms. It is verbal; it is psychological; it is emotional and of course it is sexual ... [Interjection.]

HON MEMBER: And financial.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: And financial, you are right. But these are non-visible and internal, but hurt the most. George Orwell said, and I quote, “Of pain, the only thing you wish for is for it to stop.” The above abusive practices can happen in any situation when men need to use force to conceal

their insecurities and then to the women, the normal refrain is always, “But why does she stay?” Victims will tell you, it is because of their ego or what is left of it, or their status or the children or there is no support structure or because of what people will say, but it is never, “I am staying, because I am strong enough to work it out.”

It is more likely “I am staying because I am too weak to leave.” On this subject of abuse, Mr Deputy Speaker, if you would allow me, I would be failing my colleagues today if I did not address the shockingly blatant abuse hurled at us last week by a DA MEC and today actually has the audacity to do it again. [Interjections.]

†U sien, Adjunkspeaker, sommige mans voel – DA-mans nogal, dat hulle alleenreg daarop het om neerhalend, beledigend te wees en wanneer gekonfronteer word, voor te gee dat hulle bedoelings verkeerd vertolk word. Dit stop vandag.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[You see, Deputy Speaker, some men – DA men at that – feel that they have sole right to be disparaging and offensive and when confronted, pretend that their intentions are being misinterpreted. That stops today.]

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

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Slap them! Slap them!]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: We, especially the women on this side, will not let our passion for speaking out about what is right or wrong, be determined by the colour of our skin, our gender, our age, our academic achievements or our political affiliation or our scholastic achievements, or to be dictated to by double standards. Practice what you preach, MEC. “No” means “no”.
[Interjection.]

Back to the topic. Normally what perpetrators do to escape accountability for their deeds, is to promote forgetting, and if that fails they attack your credibility. Statistics show that most abused women seldom leave. Raped women or children knew their violator and physical science adds to the sales of make-up to conceal it.

Strength however, doesn't have to be physical, because that is the upper hand that men have. As women we have to sharpen our other skills, because often we hear how women are breaking through the ranks and achieving in a man's world, only to be subjected to subtle abuse or sexual innuendos or blackmail or merely for the male colleague to prove his authority or strength through psychological and/or emotional abuse.

Normally this type of abuser does not see a problem with his own anger and insecurities. His biggest problem is how your anger will make you react and so as a defense mechanism, will make you feel straight-jacketed. You will develop depression, you will misplace or transfer frustrations, you lose sleep,

you become irrational and an emotional mess. You will judge yourself by what has been done to you. You blame yourself for what has been done to you. Your thinking becomes irrational and this very reaction to the abuse is used against you to prove that you are crazy, which you later tell yourself and believe.

However, all is not lost. Our justice system has dealt with some really crazy and scary cases of violence and abuse recently and the perpetrators have certainly not come off lightly, but very important, Mr Deputy Speaker, that is all talk. What can we do?

Most women these days have cellphones and I would like to introduce you to an App on your phone. It is called Dial Direct's Namola App, which once downloaded will share your GPS coordinates with the 24/7 response call and a 90 seconds call-back commitment is guaranteed. I tested it. It works.

What else can we do? We can hold this Provincial Government to account for root causes of poverty, hopelessness, gang violence, drug abuse and poisoning the minds of the youth. We can put added pressure on Provincial Government to put safety nets in communities and appoint more social workers.

Mr M MNQASELA: Ask Zuma.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Mr Deputy Speaker, we are also aware of a very long

letter that is addressed to the Premier regarding gang youth rehabilitation job creation issues. We hope that she will attend to it. We can support Government programmes that speak to the eradication of this phenomenon, such as the above App I have just spoken about, introduced by Minister Susan Shabangu in Parliament.

We can ensure that victims are treated with dignity and privacy at SAPS offices. We can ensure that victims' support rooms are private and conducive and adequately furnished. We can reinstate community values of Ubuntu. We can support other women going through difficult times. We can support survivors until they are strong enough to make it on their own. We can increase awareness at schools and at every community organization.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, your time has expired but just finish off.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Can I just finish my last ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, you can. Your last sentence.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Finally, Mr Deputy Speaker, allow me to share some motivation gems. "Survivors" - it is a long sentence – may I?

"Survivors of violence and abuse are recognized by their courage, because when all else goes silent they step forward and share their truths

so that others can know that they are not alone in their struggle.

Knowing when to walk away, is wisdom.

Being able to do so, is courage.

Doing so with your head held high, is dignity.

Get out while you can.”

[Applause.]

†AGB LEDE: Mooi. Mooi.

[HON MEMBERS: Good. Good.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, member. The hon member Wenger.

Ms M M WENGER: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. The 16 Days of Activism of No Violence Against Women and Children is quite simply not enough, because when our children and our women suffer, society suffers. Ultimately as Margaret Mead once said, “The solution to adult problems tomorrow, depends upon how our children grow up today”. It is therefore important that as a society we should be opposing the abuse of women and children all year round and not only for 16 days.

The current legislation pertinent to the protection of our children in this country is the Children’s Act. This piece of legislation governs all the laws relating to the care and protection of children. In theory it is supposed to ensure that people are prohibited from allowing the ill treatment of a child,

the abandonment of a child by a guardian, the commercial exploitation of a child, abducting children and the employment of children under the age of 15.

But very often, despite good legislation, there is a failure in its implementation in many parts of our country. A study completed by the University of Cape Town found that less than 20% of child abuse cases in Kwa-Zulu Natal and the Eastern Cape were referred to the police by social services.

In turn, in these respective provinces, the police only referred 8% of such cases to social services. The safety of the most vulnerable group of people in our country is not guaranteed as a consequence of a fragmented and inadequate system.

To respond to hon member Makeleni, perhaps she could explain to this House why in all the years of ANC government in the Western Cape, a Children's Commissioner was never appointed and nor does any other province have a Children's Commissioner where the ANC governs. [Interjections.] It is only under the DA Government that legislation has currently been enacted to create a Children's Commissioner.

Meanwhile, our Government's support to children and families is the largest single item in our Social Development's annual budget. And this year our programmes for children and families received R651 million. This spend

stretches closer to R1 billion when one includes staff and operations required to carry out child protection, investments in child justice and children with disabilities.

Mr Deputy Speaker, we are increasingly finding that perpetrators are not being brought to book and many women and children fail to receive the necessary support that are crucial to their long-term recovery and wellbeing. Violence against women and children in our country continues, often with no consequences ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Order, hon member Makeleni and Minister Winde.

Ms M M WENGER: ... for perpetrators. In the Western Cape in the last financial year, 35 000 crimes were reported against women and 9 600 crimes were reported against children.

In 2010 South Africa's first comprehensive legislation on human trafficking was promulgated, which amongst other things seeks to implement South Africa's international obligations with respect to this problem. The Act is intended to give effect to our country's obligations concerning trafficking of persons in terms of these international agreements, to provide for an offence of trafficking in persons; to provide for penalties and for measures to protect and assist victims of trafficking in persons. It is also intended to prevent and combat the trafficking of persons within our borders or across our borders.

But let us look how well this act is being implemented. I asked the police, whether any arrests have been made in terms of the Prevention and Combating of Trafficking in Persons Act in our province, since it was assented to in 2010. I was told:

- 2010 – zero;
- 2011 – 2; 2 convictions, fined R6 000 each or 1 year imprisonment;
- 2012 – zero;
- 2013 – 2 convictions, who are on bail pending appeal;
- 2014 – 3, currently in court from the Milnerton police station and 2 accused from Woodstock police station who absconded;
- 2015 – 2 accused, 1 received a 15-year imprisonment and the second the case was withdrawn; 2 accused at Goodwood which the case is now being postponed and another one at Kwanokuthula, case withdrawn;
- 2016 – 2, Milnerton Police, currently in court and
- 2017 – 2 accused, Maitland Police, currently in court.

So, in 7 years, 18 accused. South Africa's Domestic Violence Act has one of the broadest definitions of abuse ... [Interjection.]

Ms M M WENGER: It is defined broadly as physical, sexual, emotional, verbal and psychological abuse. It also includes harassment and ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order.

Ms M M WENGER: ...stalking. We have very good legislation that in many ways is broader and more nuanced than other such pieces of legislation in the world, but the practical inadequacies of the implementation need our full attention. In the last two years nationally, out of 224 000 warrants for arrest for domestic abuse only 1 600 arrests were made, which means that the police failed to make 223 000 arrests for domestic abuse in terms of the Act.

The police therefore arrested less than 1% of people that committed domestic abuse! In the Western Cape, while the arrest rate is double the national average, there were 32 600 arrest warrants, of which only 624 were executed. That is 2%.

It is appalling that given the very high levels of violence against women in our country, that we have such a lacklustre performance from law enforcement. If we are serious about combating abuse and domestic violence, we have to be serious about holding perpetrators to account. We know that every often domestic abuse works in a cycle. So, by the time a person has reported it to the police, it is very likely not the first time but the most desperate time. We cannot fail our women when they cry for help, but we have to look at the systemic problems, the underlying reasons why there is such poor performance.

It may be in no small part due to the severe under resourcing, under staffing, under training and under equipping of our police service, which prevents law enforcement from properly informing our victims about their rights and advising them on how the process of applying for a protection order is carried out.

Also, it is very important that the victim finds alternate accommodation and other support services. So, in conclusion Mr Deputy Speaker, I call on all responsible and reasonable people to make a pledge to care and to act. Only by acting with common purpose will we make a difference in the lives of women and children and start winning the battle against violence on women and children. I thank you. [Applause.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Hear-hear!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. The Speaker to reply to the debate. [Interjections.] Order, order! Hon member Mnqasela, please come to order. Hon member Olivier, the Speaker is on the floor. The Speaker wants to start speaking. Madam Speaker, you may continue.

The SPEAKER: Mr Deputy Speaker, I firstly would like to thank the hon members for participating and bringing valuable contributions and inputs to what is a very serious subject. It is nothing to take lightly. I think the subject matter is contentious and we need to move beyond party politicking, to really deal with the issue of violence against women and children.

I also want to acknowledge all our guests in the gallery. Thank you. Your coming out today displays your commitment to wanting to make a difference and for that we want to salute you, thank you. [Applause.]

I must though, touch on an observation and my observation tells me there are many women in the House, but in order to solve the problem we need to engage boys and men more often. So, I would like to pledge and commit that God willing, 2018 we will see some more men and boy-children in the House rather than just focusing on women, because mostly women are the victims and men and the perpetrators, sadly and it is time that we start the trajectory and start crafting a new conversation.

Hon member Olivier, you touched on something that I think is very brave. Few people would want to talk to the issue of “put your hands in your pockets and zip up your fly” and I think it is so beautifully encapsulated in the book, *Rape: A South African Nightmare* and I am going to ask you to bear with me, because this is my closing ambit, but just allow me to talk to something. It says: “It is also important to note that rape myths ...” - you know the thing that raping a woman is okay, because she wore a mini-skirt? Those are dangerous myths and the book says that rape myths do dangerous work. “They can embolden perpetrators and re-traumatise victims and survivors. Rape myths and excuses are at the heart of what is keeping rape culture intact.”

You see we do not talk about this R-word. We skirt around it. It is the elephant in the room. Rape myths and excuses are at the heart, as it is said, of what is keeping the rape culture intact. If we accept that it is time to render all forms of gender violence genuinely illegitimate in all spaces we occupy, then it follows that we need to stop making excuses, that we can take up the challenge to constantly debunk rape myths wherever we encounter them because all gender based violence is brutality, a form of gender war against survivors' bodies and psyches. Let that sink in.

So, I am appealing to everybody who has been here today, and thank you. When you leave here today, I want you to adopt that #WhenYouSeeSomethingSaySomething and Griselda so kindly shared this # with me, #WhenYouSeeSomethingSaySomething, because by saying something you are actually helping and supporting a victim. It could be a man, a woman and a child. You could be saving that person's life by speaking out. How many of us know about †“daai uncle daar agter in die jaard”, [‘that uncle there in the backyard’] but we do not want to talk about the uncle in †“die jaard” [‘the yard’.]

It is time that we start to bring this conversation home and start talking about the realities and if you do speak out and you do say something, you can be sure that in this way you are making a difference to help to restore basic rights and human dignity for all. I thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker.
[Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. That brings us to the end of this debate. Before we adjourn I just have to announce that the election of the CWP Western Cape Grants Executive that was meant to take place now immediately after the adjournment, will not take place now. It will be rescheduled on a different date. The House is adjourned.

The House adjourned at 15:44.