
TUESDAY, 29 MARCH 2016

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL
PARLIAMENT**

The House met at 10:00.

The Speaker took the Chair and read the prayer.

[Business of the House suspended due to technical problems.]

[Business of the House resumes at 10:36.]

The SPEAKER: Please be seated. Okay, let us start again. Good morning honourable members. To our guests in the gallery, thank you for your patience. We seem to have had a technical glitch which has resulted in the TV screens being switched off, but we are able to continue with recordings and it is being broadcast. If you could bear with us, the technicians are also on their way to ensure that the switch which has blown will be replaced timeously so that we do not have any further interruptions. So I think without any further ado, we will get down to the business of the day. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: It must be a problem with Pretoria, I am sure.

The SPEAKER: We are not going to get caught up in problems today. We are going to deal with the business. I recognise the honourable, the Chief Whip.

(Notice of Motion)

Mr M G E WILEY: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I give notice that I shall move:

That notwithstanding Rule 161 the House considers the consideration of Votes and Schedules and the finalisation of the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 2 - 2016] and the principle and finalisation of the *Western Cape Additional Adjustments Appropriation Bill* [B 3 - 2016] on Wednesday, 30 March 2016. Thank you.

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY

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

1. Debate on Vote 7 – Social Development – *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 2 - 2016].

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

†'n AGBARE LID: Hoor-hoor! [Applous.]

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

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Honourable Madam Speaker and Deputy Speaker; honourable Madam Premier and Cabinet colleagues; honourable Leader of the Opposition or the acting Leader of the Opposition, honourable members of the Western Cape Provincial Government; Councillor Speaker of George, a very warm welcome; and any other Councillors in the House; special guests; NGO and community leaders; my senior staff, a very warm welcome to them. It is always good to see them; and then to my very, very special guests, some of the youth sitting up at the top that is always my focus.

Madam Speaker, I rise to present the Western Cape Department of Social Developments 2016/17 budget. I do so in the context of a sluggish economy and a growing pool of unemployed South Africans, which is placing more pressure on social services than at any other time in South Africa's history.

This increased need for services, combined with the impact of above-inflation wage agreements and impending equitable share cuts to the Province over the MTEF have compelled this Department to make some hard budget decisions. These are just some of the key pressures we have had to address in the budget:

- The first one is absorbing the impact of the Wage Bill and carry-through over the MTEF;
- The second was prioritising the provision of essential and statutory services, and downsizing non-core projects and activities. This is particularly critical in relation to the Department's ongoing drive to meet the greatly increased resource requirements that the Children's Act places on the Department and I want to say this is really a serious point and we will get to that.

The budget cuts will hurt and let me repeat to honourable Donald Grant, the budget cuts will hurt. We are particularly unhappy with the fact that we cannot give our NGO partners inflation-related funding allocation increases due to the combined impact of the above-inflation wage increase for public servants and the budget cuts. However, we believe our budget is still a tool for maintaining and expanding quality services.

The Department has received a total budget of R1 961 438 000, which represents an increase of just over R62.5 million.

Now our 2014 to 2019 Provincial Strategic Plan and Game Changers: this Department's budget priorities are guided by the Provincial Strategic Goals and in particular:

- Strategic Goal 2, which calls on us to *improve education outcomes and opportunities for youth development*,

- And the second Strategic Goal 3, which calls on us to *increase wellness, safety and tackle social ills*.

Allow me to share a few highlights of how we are allocating our resources to address these goals.

Provincial Strategic Goal 2: together with the Department of Education, this goal focuses on improving education outcomes and more importantly - hon member Mr Olivier - for my Department, calls for the creation of an enabling environment for the youth of our province to thrive and reach their full potential.

To this end, the Department has already established three Youth Cafés in Rocklands, Mitchells Plain, at the Vangate Mall in Athlone and more recently the George Youth Café, which was about a year ago already; it is very, very long, in partnership with SUFF. I am happy to announce that the Department of Social Development will be launching an additional three Youth Cafés:

- Nyanga Junction at the end of this month,
- Oudtshoorn next month,
- Vrygrond in May in partnership with an organisation called SOZO.

The Youth Cafés remain the flagship youth development programme of my Department. We will continue engaging the private sector and other municipalities to ensure that we can roll out more Youth Cafés in spite of the

declining economic conditions. I can also reveal that work is at an advanced stage into looking at developing a different Youth Café model, so as to ascertain the most cost effective way of rolling out more Youth Cafés across the province.

Through an initiative from my office we recently concluded the Youth Skills Transfer Programme (YSTP), which saw 363 young people from all over the province graduate from an intense business and entrepreneurial skills development course. YST graduates underwent training and workshops were offered in two blocks of five days each. The workshops covered basic market principles and practical business skills in;

- project management,
- event management,
- financial management,
- resource mobilisation,
- and marketing and life-skills.

I am proud to announce that the young people who underwent this course are already using their newly acquired skills... [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Stealing [Inaudible.] out of your pocket.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: ...to not only enter the job-market, but also to start businesses and employ people. There have been a

few noticeable success stories. [Interjections.] Let me share a few, if the hon member... and if I can be protected, Madam Speaker?

Mr Christiaan Jafta, who now runs a very successful air-conditioning installation and electronic refurbishing business in Bredasdorp; Ms Asandiswa Hlaza, and she runs a communications design and IT solution business in Mossel Bay; Mr Mario Klein runs Creative Explosions offering painting classes and hosting painting retreats in Ebenezer up the West Coast, and Ms Leandre Adonis, who runs a ladies' fashion clothing store in Bitterfontein, and then Mr Mordegai Erasmus, who runs Mordy's Musical School, offering performing arts and music lessons. These are a few of the people who have been coming out and have been very successful in using the kind of training that they had received.

The overall Youth Development component is allocated a budget of R12.7 million for this financial year. This is our continued commitment to investing in ordinary youth under the guidance of the Youth Strategy.

Under PSG 2, Early Childhood Development and Partial Care remains a key focus to improve the quality of ECD programmes and provide a safe environment and nutrition for children.

Indeed we are continuously building partnerships with NGOs working in the ECD space and just over R290-million has been budgeted for registered ECD centres. The programmes of 1370 ECD organisations have been registered

and are thus compliant with the Children's Act, allowing them to train practitioners working in our funded ECD facilities.

The ECD space is undergoing significant transformation as we look at re-engineering the way in which we support and fund these sectors, and of course our transformation has a completely different meaning to some of our Opposition.

In this regard, as part of the ECD Game Changer, we have identified 100 ECD Centres to establish a special ECD programme for English language and cognitive development at 100 sites where school readiness is poor. In addition, the initiative will establish support systems for parents of children at the 100 sites to better equip them to stimulate the same learning within the home in order to reinforce the learning happening within the registered centres. A key development will be the establishment of a monitoring system to track baseline and end-line impact and I want to repeat that, to track baseline and end-line impact... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: That is fine, as long as you are going to do it.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: ...on school readiness in the pilot cohort. [Interjections.] This will help us determine effectiveness for future general roll-out so we do not wait for matric. We start here right in Grade R. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: We would be watching you, do not worry!

The SPEAKER: Order please.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Provincial Strategic Goal 3; the Department's primary contribution to Provincial Strategic Goal 3 is in the area of children and families, restorative services, and a special focus on rectifying this province's historic under-investment in services to people with disabilities and it is a historic under-investment that we inherited...
[Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Ask the DA...the DA problems.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: ...but the Department - yes, we inherited it from you. The Department's Children and Families programme is allocated R615.1 million, while a further approximate R200 million is invested in child care and protection services...
[Interjection.]

Mr R T OLIVIER: That is nothing!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: ...rendered by the Department's own social work teams across the province.

Mr R T OLIVIER: That is peanuts.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Is that all you can do? Is that all?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: The big task that lies ahead for us is to ensure that we can bring these services fully into line with the Children's Act. [Interjections.]

Are you still there? [Interjections.] Good, and secondly to implement best practices in social work to children and families; and thirdly, to ensure - and I want to say to you - transversal alignment with our fellow PSG3 Departments to leverage the combined impact. For a long time we have worked in isolation of each other. Now we work transversally. [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: We will continue [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: Order please.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Madam Speaker, I am happy to once again announce this year that we have continued to make progress on our Child Youth Care Centres, as the norms and standards have been implemented. The therapeutic programmes to sentenced children with severe behavioural problems are currently implemented in all secure care facilities, and this is distinctly separate to children placed at facilities due to being deemed at-risk children. To continue our gains, we have allocated over R284 million for this financial year. We also endeavour to implement and

improve the continuum of care to all children of Child and Youth Care Centres, and that includes of course the NGO ones, and have thus implemented a centralised admission system under the Directorate Facility Management and Quality Monitoring. This covers all Child and Youth Care Centres operated by NPOs and the Department. This is a first in the country, I am so happy to announce.

†Die PREMIER: Mooi!

*The PREMIER: Well done!

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Our model is truly world-class so we do not compare with other provinces. We compare with the world and other provinces continue to learn from us and we do it with pleasure. No arrogance, honourable, no arrogance. [Interjections.]

The Department will continue to build capacity, especially to respond to children's needs. This is why over the last six years DSD has more than doubled the number of social workers within the Department from 457 social workers in the 2010/11 year to 967 this year. We have consequently invested heavily in the training and specialisation of staff, spending in excess of R5 million in this regard.

In terms of tackling social ills, this Department is continuing to prioritise

services to address substance abuse related harms in the province. In this regard we will welcome the announcement by the National Government of the reintroduction of specialised police units. We have long held that any strategy aimed at reducing the harms of substance abuse requires not only our social intervention, but also strong and competent policing and investigative elements designed to make arrests and secure convictions of drug manufacturers and dealers.

Our Department, together with the NGO partners, is working hard every day to help more than 10 000 beneficiaries. Over the last seven years we have more than doubled our budget for these services and this year have escalated it to R98.9 million to the Substance Abuse, Prevention and Rehabilitation sub-programme.

Our aim continues to be to improve the match between supply and demand for substance abuse services and improve overall outcomes. We have already increased our services over the last six years from seven Drug Treatment and Intervention sites to 25 sites around the province, this year. Apart from expanding access to services, we are also driving increased specification and specialisation in this difficult field. Our most recent specialised programme, an Opiate Substitution Treatment programme, will be expanded this year. The project has now been running for three years at Sultan Bahu in Mitchells Plain and the evidence so far is that around 85% of our clients are testing negative after undergoing treatment and therapy and so these results are strong by international standards, making the case for us to expand the

programme for this year.

This year we will also continue to run our women-only residential treatment programme at Kensington Treatment Centre, as well as our specialised courses at UCT, Stellenbosch University and UWC for addictions professionals and our school-based out-patient treatment programmes for adolescents; all of which are unique to this province in South Africa. [Interjections.] I will take you on a drive there by car, because you cannot fly there. You will fly over the centres.

Women and children, sadly, still bear the greatest brunt of violence and abuse. In the past couple of months I have heard of very disturbing cases related to the abuse of women and children reported to my office. I cannot describe the sorrow I see on the faces of families I have visited, who have either lost a child through a gruesome murder or mysterious disappearance. I cannot describe to you the anguish of spouses and families who have to deal with their mother, daughter or sister who has been the victim of a rape, domestic violence or murder. This cannot continue and I want to repeat, hon members, this cannot continue. [Interjections.]

Ultimately, the solution lies in everybody in society taking responsibility to ensure that this scourge is eradicated. Our Department has redoubled efforts to provide support to victims of this kind of violence.

Our Restorative Services programme as a whole receives R334.3 million,

while the Crime Prevention and Support sub-programme receives R201.8 million and Victim Empowerment sub-programme receives R30.1 million.

We have worked hard to build specialised skill-sets amongst our social workers working within this programme, and have now established an Anti-Human Trafficking Unit, which works closely with NGOs and other arms of the State, specifically the Criminal Justice System and the Hawks.

We will continue to support victims of violence, and ensure women and children have a continuum of services.

People with disabilities: my administration remains committed to nurturing a society that values the contributions of all of our residents and I want to say all of our residents, including those in the province living with disabilities. Promoting the rights, well-being and socio-economic empowerment of persons with disabilities remains a key priority.

The Services to Persons with Disabilities sub-programme has received just over R148.4 million in 2016/17. This is a major increase that will allow us to begin the process of consolidating services to children with severe and profound intellectual disability under the Department of Social Development as per our 2015 Cabinet resolution to this effect. This is a multi-year process, and will begin with the transfer of Sivuyile facility from the Department of Health to the Department of Social Development.

I also just want to show you the outer years; more than 44 Centres will be coming over to the Department of Social Development, which I am really looking forward to. In the outer years of the MTEF we will begin the process of taking over all funding of NGO residential facilities currently under the Department of Health, and there are 44 facilities.

Furthermore, as mentioned by the Finance Minister, we have established a residential care facility in Maitland, which will accommodate 30 persons with intellectual disability and those displaying challenging behaviour.

We are also expanding our pilot project in Mfuleni, Vredenburg and Diazville aimed at the primary identification of children and youth with disabilities between ages nought to 35 years. This includes families, caregivers at risk through not being linked to any type of services and our project ensures referral to available support services.

Within the Department we are promoting access and inclusion for persons with disability via our disability desk and I want to say this desk is working very well. Some of you must come and try the desk. Our service is aimed at ensuring improved access to information and physical accessibility for the Western Cape Government employees and the general public and in this regard we already have the one kombi that was customised together with the Department of Transport for our own employees. Charity begins at home, hon members.

The Older Persons' Programme: my elderly mother is in her late 80's, and so I understand first-hand the responsibility that we have to ensure that our older persons receive the very best care. This is especially important where older persons are frail and no longer live with their family so I do not talk about what I heard, I know. I see my mother, how frail she is... [Interjections.] ...and the support and I am talking to you hon members. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: The Department aims to ensure access to quality services for poor and vulnerable older persons and I want to repeat, we want to ensure quality service for poor and vulnerable older persons. With an allocation of R203.3 million we plan to assist 24 934 older persons in this financial year.

Funding has increased for service centres, independent and assisted living facilities, and residential care centres. 92 residential facilities for older persons have been registered and are in compliance with the Older Persons Act and hon members, you know that the Act is very strict on a number of issues on what you must do. I just want to say in line with the Older Persons Act we will continue our campaign to register all residential facilities, whether state-funded or private. In this regard, the Department plans to fund 9000 older persons at registered facilities, with an additional 15 931 funded

to have access to community-based care and support services and those are the things where people go during the day because they have nothing to do at home, so they go and meet other people during the day.

I also want to say that within the context of austerity measures, we are going to get that inspectorate that will go and visit older person facilities to make sure human rights are not abused. It will happen, I promise you.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: We will watch you. Do not worry.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Watch me for that!

Mr Q R DYANTYI: We will watch you.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Okay, good. Our funding to NGO as partners: the Department delivers its services in partnership with many NGOs, both big and small and I want to emphasise, both big and small. I know the big ones we call the corporate ones, but they are also small aunties with very good hearts, who are doing very good work as NGOs. These community-based organisations are staffed by highly motivated and committed people.

The Western Cape Department of Social Development continues to fund the greatest number of NGOs compared to any other province, despite having the smaller overall budgets of any other province in terms of this. As finance

becomes ever more stretched, we have a responsibility to ensure NGOs use public funds as intended. Our capacity to manage funding of NGOs to render social services on behalf of the Department is widely recognised as being the best in the country.

Our introduction of a comprehensive NGO funding policy enables us to ensure that funding applications and allocations are managed through a consistent and transparent process. Our Departmental systems for monitoring the use of these funds by NGOs continue to ensure that the vulnerable citizens of the Western Cape get maximum benefit.

It is thus hardly any surprise that the Financial and Fiscal Commission in 2014/2015 submitted that the Western Cape Department of Social Development spends a bigger portion of its budget - and that is 68% of its budget - on transfer payments to NGOs, more than any other province in this country and it is a very nice playing field with the [Inaudible.] †Net terloops!
*Just by the way!

Bringing the Institutional Capacity Building programme in-house continues to yield good results as we are better able to monitor the use of funds so you have your own in-house; not outsourced, †hier binne-in die huis, *here inside the house, †and they can also see where the people are wasting money in NGOs when they do the capacity building... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Just tell the Premier.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: ...And so it is a very good lesson to learn, hon members. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Please share that... [Inaudible.] [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order please, Minister Fritz. Please talk to the Chair. Hon member Mr Dyantyi.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Madam Speaker, also where we have the necessary evidence and information we will even discontinue funding to those NGOs that do not comply or where there are proven instances of corruption and misuse of taxpayers' money.

In conclusion, Madam Speaker... [Laughter.] [Interjections.] in concluding, let me take this opportunity to thank the Premier for her powerful leadership. Also, to thank every one of my Cabinet colleagues not only for their hard work but also for their dedication and their commitment to each other, apart from the work. *Ons maak nie mekaar dood met messe nie! †We do not kill each other with knives! And we put in the services to the people of this province.

I would also like to thank all my ministerial staff - I see some of them here, and most importantly I would like to thank Dr Robert Macdonald and his whole senior team of managers sitting at the back. But I think for me the

most important thanks today will go to every single social worker, community development practitioner, ECD... [Applause.]

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: ... ECD teacher, every single one who is making a difference in the lives of the people and the most vulnerable people out there. I would also like to thank the Chairperson of our Standing Committee and the full Committee; everyone on that Committee and for their robust interaction always. People must never-ever stop their robust interaction because we must be held accountable and it is the only way when we are held accountable Madam Speaker... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Your Chief Whip [Inaudible.] Speak to your Chief Whip, taking our time away, hey, Chief Whip.

The SPEAKER: Order please.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: ...when you are held accountable that the service will be delivered to the people on the ground and †so moenie vir ons *nice* vrae vra nie; gee vir ons die goed, die regte goed.
*So do not ask us nice questions; give us the goods, the right goods.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Daar is hy, *give instructions*. [Onhoorbaar.]

*Mr Q R DYANTYI: There you go, give instructions. [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Yes, specifically the ANC caucus. I also want to say a very special thanks to our NGO partners for their dedication and for their commitment at far less salary levels than what we get within the Department and I really want to make that point today, and really say thank you for going out in the middle of the night when a child is raped, at twelve o'clock, thank you. Continue that. We will be your partners and we will always appreciate your partnership.

Then finally I also want to thank my wife and my son for their love and understanding and commitment. †Dis die goed wat hulle nooit sê nie, *It is the things they never say, †they have business to do, they must go to school and university. Madam Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to table Budget Vote 7 on Social Development. I thank you. [Applause.] [Interjections.]

Mr M MNQASELA: That is leadership. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you. I see the hon member Ms Botha.

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

Ms L J BOTHA: Thank you Madam Speaker. The MTEF allocation for the 2016/17 period is R1.9 billion plus and this will be used by the Department to achieve its core functions and responsibilities, which include delivering a social welfare service to the poor and vulnerable in partnership with all

stakeholders and civil organisations.

The Department is also committed to providing community development service that provides sustainable development programmes aimed at empowering communities.

We acknowledge the economic climate the Department operates, which have prompted Treasury to request to undertake austerity measures. I thank the Minister and his HOD and the Department to come up with mechanisms to ensure that service delivery is not severely affected to those communities who rely on these services most.

In terms of ECD, the Premier has last year committed this and other Departments to Strategic Goals, which would direct the priorities of the Departments and inform each of the planned programmes. The Provincial Strategic Goal 2 requires that the Department of Social Development in the Western Cape directs all its services towards supporting and protecting the youth from an early age in order to help them prepare for and stay in school and realise their rights to safety and adequate care.

The Early Childhood and Partial Care main appropriation has decreased for this period. We however trust that the programme will continue to grow despite the financial constraints. The aim of the ECD Programme is to facilitate and nurture a caring and safe environment for children to survive, be physically healthy, mentally alert, emotionally secure and socially

competent and be able to learn.

Furthermore, as directed by the Performance Plan, this PSG commits the Department to place an emphasis on supporting youth beyond their school years to help breach the gap from education into financial independence.

Inter alia this requires that the Department strengthens the education aspects of early childhood development where it is needed most in communities where school readiness is poor, facilitate access to more skills development and economic opportunities for youth, who have completed their schooling and ensure that schools have access to social work services to assist where children are exhibiting risky behaviour or are affected by trauma.

Early Childhood Development is a critical programme for the Department as alluded to by the Minister. A report from Innovation Edge programme leader Sonja Geiser states that while 80% of children aged between three and four years in Quintile 5 have access to early learning services such as pre-schools or crèches, less than 40% of their peers in Quintile 1 enjoy this basic right.

Furthermore, of those children who do access early childhood services only one in six is supported financially through the State's per-child subsidy. Taking this into account, we applaud the Department of Social Development and the Department of Health for developing and implementing the First 1000 Days programme. The first 1000 days of a child's life are critical in their development and this programme is aimed at raising awareness of this crucial stage. The Department has identified three pillars which are critical in

ensuring the healthy development of children. They are ensuring the health and nutrition of both mother and baby; provide mothers and babies with support from fathers' families and the whole community and providing the right stimulation for babies' learning needs and giving them a safe, substance abuse free environment, which promotes wellbeing.

The following key areas of intervention aimed at improving access and quality have been prioritised for the next three to five years by the Department.

Facilitate appropriate ECD coverage in the province, which is centre-based and out-of-centre provision through the development of a provisioning plan, which serves as a planning and budgeting tool; improve ECD quality at targeted ECD sites where school readiness is poor in conjunction with WCED in order to contribute to the improvement of educational outcomes of children; improve the quality of nutrition in ECD sites in partnership with the Department of Health; support the mainstreaming of children with disabilities in selected ECD sites through training, teacher development, parental involvement and support; appropriate equipment and infrastructural support.

We are pleased with the work that has been done in ECD in the province. In 2010 the province had a total of 848 ECD practitioners trained by the Department to implement the ECD programme based on the national early learning standards. The total has more than doubled to more than 1743 trained practitioners. Early Childhood Development in the province now has

more than 1900 registered facilities.

In terms of older persons and persons with disabilities, the Department has allocated R203 million for the provision of services to older persons in the Province in the 2016/17 period. This Department aims to prioritise ensuring that the poor and vulnerable older persons have access to quality social development services. This again illustrates the Department's commitment to tackling social ills affecting the most vulnerable in our communities.

Between Census 2001 and 2011 there has been a 48% growth in persons aged 60 years and older in the Western Cape and the projections indicate that the population of persons older than 60 will grow by a further 35%.

In response to this population increase the Department has put in place measures to assist and support the elderly in the province through developing an outreach programme as well as assisting with living facilities.

Sub-programmes 2 and 3 commit the Department to designing and implementing programmes and provide services that facilitate the promotion of the wellbeing and the socio-economic conditions of persons with disabilities in the Western Cape.

Various challenges face our disabled persons in the province. Access to public spaces such as beaches, parks and buildings needs to be made easier. Buildings continue to contravene the Building Code and storm-water drain

covers are missing in some communities. These have the potential to be hazardous to people living with disabilities.

Included in sub-programmes 2 and 3 is an earmarked allocation of R37 plus million for persons with disabilities in the 2016/17 period. The Department of Social Development in the Western Cape is committed to providing specialised support to over 80 000 disabled persons, their families and their caregivers.

Furthermore, the Annual Performance Plan states that over the next three years the Western Cape Government has committed to continue promoting the rights, wellbeing and socio-economic empowerment of persons with disabilities.

In 2015/16 R37 million was made available to strengthen the support given to disabled persons and this will be increased over the MTEF period.

Working with the Department of Health and civil society the Department of Social Development has been able to create a residential facility in Maitland that accommodates 30 persons with severe intellectual disabilities. This type of care provided as seen firsthand by the Standing Committee, is very encouraging. However, I want to say to the Minister that our communities need more facilities like these, especially in our rural areas of the province. To our rural communities it can be a big financial burden to have their loved ones placed in care facilities within the metro. Care facility services for

people with severe mental and physical disabilities also need to reach our rural communities.

The Department of Social Development in the Western Cape is committed to providing specialised support to over 80 000 disabled persons, their families and caregivers.

I acknowledge that there are challenges and I urge the Department to continue to seek lasting and sustainable solutions. I also urge the community and the private sector to assist where they can and support our disabled persons in our communities. The DA-led Western Cape Government is committed to ensuring that disabled persons in our communities receive the care they deserve.

In terms of the NPOs, due to the budget constraints various decisions have had to be taken in order to best deal with the shortfall. Earlier on the Finance Minister revealed that there have been adjustments to non-profit organisations funding to accommodate the budget shortfalls.

Currently the Department of Social Development partners with over 3300 NPOs and ECDs to provide the most vulnerable in our communities with the service, which enrich their lives and of those they hold dear. When Minister Ivan Meyer delivered the 2016 Budget speech he mentioned that an amount of R3.3 billion will be transferred to NPOs in the Province over the 2016 MTEF period.

However, of concern is the impact that will be felt by the DSD as a lower-than-inflation increase for NPOs will impact on their ability to deliver service on behalf of the Department which may or will result in some NPOs closing.

With the challenges facing the Department it is pleasing to see that they are still committed to providing services and developing the youth in our communities. The Department is determined to ensure that a number of youth focus programmes are aligned with the long-term outcomes of the Provincial Youth Development Strategy.

Furthermore, the Department will continue to work together with the youth sector to ensure that NPO youth targeted programmes are aligned with this outcome.

The number of people accessing DCD funded NPOs specialised support services are just over 78 000. This reaffirms the Department's role in tackling the social ills facing communities in the province, but the downside to services rendered by NPOs can at times be negative. Communities are at times unable to access the service because of their political party affiliation. NPOs very often render service according to what their political playing field dictates. I once more urge the Minister and the Department of Social Development to strengthen their monitoring of NPO services where this is practiced... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please.

Ms L J BOTHA: ...in order to ensure that they deliver on their objectives indicated on their business plans.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Stop the blue jackets. [Interjections.]

Ms L J BOTHA: NPOs are after all vehicles of Government within our communities that should help relieve poverty, strengthen family ties and create platforms of development in order for poor and vulnerable communities to have a stepping stone to a better life.

The officials in the Department need to be fully capacitated to handle the sometimes intense working environment they operate in.

†Agb Speaker, ten laaste doen ek graag 'n beroep op die Minister en die Departement om die fokus van dienslewering en geleenthede veral ten opsigte van ons jeug en ouer persone ook meer uit te brei na uitgestrekte landelike gebiede soos Kliprand, Molsvlei, Dwarsrivier, Algeria, Trawal, Koekenaap, Paleisheuwel, Strandfontein, Papendorp... [Tussenwerpsels.]

*Madam Speaker, I would finally like to call on the Minister and the Department to expand the focus of service delivery and opportunities with regard to our youth and older persons to large rural areas such as Kliprand, Molsvlei, Dwarsrivier, Algeria, Trawal, Koekenaap, Paleisheuwel,

Strandfontein, Papendorp... [Interjections.]

†Me M N GILLION: Net die Weskus, net die Weskus!

*Ms M N GILLION: Only the West Coast, only the West Coast!

†Me L J BOTHA: ...Elandsbaai, Leipoldtville, Merweville, Klaarstroom en so meer. [Tussenwerpsels.]

*Ms L J BOTHA: ...Elands Bay, Leipoldtville, Merweville, Klaarstroom and so on. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please.

Ms L J BOTHA: I want to thank the Minister Albert Fritz, the HOD, the Department and especially all social workers, community development workers who do the frontline service delivery work for our vulnerable people in the Western Cape. [Interjections.]

Madam Speaker the DA supports the Budget Appropriation for Vote 7. I thank you. [Applause.]

†'n AGBARE LID: Mooi!

*An HON MEMBER: Well done!

†'n AGBARE LID: Hoor-hoor!

*An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

The SPEAKER: Thank you. [Interjections.] Order please members. I see the hon Gillion.

Ms M N GILLION: Madam Speaker... [Interjections.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Maak die Huis warm, gooi kole!

*Mr Q R DYANTYI: Heat up the House, throw coals!

Ms M N GILLION: Madam Speaker, allow me first, through you, to advise the Chairperson of this Committee; I have raised the question in our Standing Committee, why is there an over-concentration on programmes in the West Coast? She just confirmed that. [Interjections.] Secondly let me also ... [Interjections.]

Ms L J BOTHA: Merweville is not on the West Coast.

The SPEAKER: Order!

Ms M N GILLION: ... let me also, through you, advise my Chairperson that you no longer use the term “disabled or disability people” but you use the term “persons with disabilities”. Then you give the dignity back to people living with disabilities. Thank you, Chair. [Interjections.]

The budget of this Department of Social Development is once again

disappointing to me as a member of this Committee. It clearly shows that we are not serious with the state of affairs in our communities especially the most vulnerable of the Western Cape.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Gooi kole!

*Mr Q R DYANTYI: Throw coals!

Ms M N GILLION: I am going to highlight but a few.

The SPEAKER: Order!

Ms M N GILLION: The amount of R8.770 million increases are due to the provision for the increase in capacity of support staff services such as the new Chief Financial Officer structure.

In the APP and Strategic Plan 2015 till 2020 on pages 22 and 15, respectively, there is no reference to the new structure of the CFO. There is a need for this matter to be clarified because the Department cannot nilly-willy create positions... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: That is willy-nilly [Inaudible.]

Ms M N GILLION: ...that are not in terms of strategic plans and APP.
[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: A point of order, willy-nilly!

The SPEAKER: Order please.

Ms M N GILLION: The social sector EPWP Incentive Grant for Provinces has revised estimates increments of 431%. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Gillion, order. Members, there is a speaker on the floor. Can I please request your cooperation? [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Mark Wiley, it is not nilly-willy. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: It is willy-nilly, okay. You may proceed, hon member Ms Gillion.

Ms M N GILLION: I did not eat my school fees. [Laughter.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Gooi kole!

*Mr Q R DYANTYI: Throw coals!

Ms M N GILLION: The question here arises, are we serious as the honourable MEC and the Department are going to utilise this budget for the betterment of all our communities?

During our APP, it was clear that this honourable MEC and the Department were not interested in the empowerment of women and youth groups, using

EPWP projects.

†'n AGBARE LID: Hoor-hoor!

*An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

Me M N GILLION: I am asking you honourable MEC Fritz, please change your attitude when implementing this budget allocation, it is much needed in our communities. It will be very interesting to see what activities will be associated with this increment?

The After-School Game Changer has an earmarked allocation of R240 000.

†'n AGBARE LID: Alweer 'n *Game Changer*.

*An HON MEMBER: Again a Game Changer.

Ms M N GILLION: ...whereas the same programme in Education has been allocated R2.22 million in the same financial year. This is more of a fiscal dumping exercise, which can never be allowed and approved by the ANC.

The Social Welfare Services should include budget allocated for indigent relief directed to benefit very distressed families and individuals. It is noticeable that over the years allocations in terms of rand value has been far below other sub-programmes. This cannot continue unchallenged, the most vulnerable sections of our communities must always be taken care of by the state. We call on this allocation to be significantly improved going forward.

We hope that the expansion of real and needed services and increases to NPOs will benefit the community-based NPOs who service the most needy communities. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Dyantyi, you have a speaker on the floor please. Thank you. You may proceed.

Ms M N GILLION: Madam Speaker, during the farm worker strike of 2012/2013 BFAB research showed that even if two members of a house earn R150 per day it is not enough to buy the essential nutrition for a family. Starvation wages deny communities economic access to food security.

I think the MEC should add his voice to the plight of vulnerable communities, especially farm workers in their cry for a better wage and stop complaining about the impact of the wage agreements on the budget. It sends out a very bad impression.

I believe that any Government's best assets are its human resources. It is further noticeable that the revised estimates in programme three are at average 2.48%, with the bulk going to Management and Support at 33%. This is not a core function but merely a support and therefore cannot be the most beneficiary budget-wise at the expense of other core sub-programmes such as Care and Service to Families; Child Care and Protection; ECD and Partial Care; and Child and Youth Care Centres. Summarily this allocation is not supported.

We think that children and youth offenders including victims of criminal activities must be given priority. Inter-governmental cooperation and collaboration is critical in this regard. We cannot play party political games when dealing with crime and how it needs to be dealt with. [Interjections.]

In fact, it is through this programme that the Children's Commissioner must be urgently established in terms of the Constitution of the Western Cape, and as enshrined in the Bill of Rights in the SA Constitution in order to protect and champion the interests of children as the best basic human rights. But we know the DA runs away from this duty. It does not want to actively consult or champion rights.

No, it even tried to make this constitutional obligation optional! Then, it ran away from its own proposal when it saw ordinary and poor people actually see value in such an office.

Is this honourable MEC Fritz going to support the institution of this Commissioner this year?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is the question.

Ms M N GILLION: Honourable Speaker, allow me to add my voice to the outcry of our communities of the Western Cape as exercised through public hearings conducted by the Department of the Premier, in asking the hon MEC

Fritz why he is failing to put pressure on the Department of the Premier to implement the long overdue appointment of our Children Commissioner.

Let me give you my reasons. During the last few weeks: a farmer in Grabouw is appearing in court for allegedly assaulting minors after they allegedly picked up apples while walking home from school, as they stay on the farm.

A four-year old rape survivor and her mother were turned away from the hospital in Paarl and they claim they were told to come back the next day, because the child was not bleeding.

A young girl's body was found stuffed inside a communal toilet near her home, half naked and having allegedly been raped.

Children from Grabouw on a daily basis are crossing the N2 to go to the nearby farm school on the other side of the N2, because the schools in Grabouw cannot accommodate them. And so I can continue with issues affecting our children within this province... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please.

Ms M N GILLION: ...not in another province, here with us in the Western Cape. My question to the MEC is: †waar is die oog op die kind, agbare LUR Fritz? *where is the eye on the child, hon MEC Fritz? †Please do not fail the children of the Western Cape.

The Women Development is a mere policy statement not supported by the strategic objectives as per Annual Performance Plan of this Department. It is also abandoned in the sub-programmes with the dedicated budget allocations. It has long been acknowledged worldwide that women are the most vulnerable, neglected, have the burden to look after children and grandchildren without support, and are victims of domestic violence, especially those from the historically disadvantaged background and underprivileged communities.

This is therefore not a mistake but speaks to the very character of the DA Government of the Western Cape and their attitude towards women development and empowerment. We are shocked and in a state of disbelief...

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Uitgevang!

*Mr Q R DYANTYI: Caught out!

Ms M N GILLION: ...to see that the Poverty Alleviation and Sustainable Livelihoods sub-programme is located under the Development and Research Programme 5, instead of Social Welfare Services, namely Programme 2. This is one of the critical services to the poor households who are living below subsistence levels. This bares the real truth that the DA does not care about the vulnerable and the poor.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Ja, hulle gee nie om nie!

*Mr Q R DYANTYI: Yes, they do not care!

Ms M N GILLION: The MOD Centres revised estimates decreased by R31 831 million rand to R47 830 million in 2016/17 due to shifting of the feeding scheme to Education, Vote 5. However, in Education, the MOD Centre feeding scheme is allocated R15.705 million only, whereas the note says: "...includes the MOD Centre feeding scheme function shifted from Vote 7."

What happened to the rest of the R31 million shifted from Social Development? Minister, please clarify. We are calling for the forensic investigation on this. There is an increase on the revised estimates of 26% on advertising, which is not a core function. The payments on Minor Assets are huge at 63% in Programme 1, Administration; 19% in Programme 2, Social Welfare Services; 94% in Programme 3, Development and Research. This is a clear abuse of taxpayers' money, and it is not acceptable.

The contractors; agencies and support outsourced services are benefits in Social Welfare Services with the revised estimates of 63% and 75%, respectively. Equally shocking is the revised estimates increment of 258% on consumables such as stationery, printing and office supplies.

It would be very interesting to know how the Cape Town Metro has been allocated per sub-council in a similar way that allocations are divided per districts and local municipalities. In almost all non-metro municipalities we

also see transversal projects across wards and municipalities but in the Cape Town Metro and Central Karoo there are no such projects. Perhaps a plausible explanation is required in this regard.

Honourable Minister Fritz, I must thank you for clarifying how many Youth Cafes are really operating in the province as this Department is giving us mixed signals in this Blue Book. On page 298 they talk about four and on page 300 they talk about three. Please Minister, your Department is confusing us.

On Substance Abuse, MEC Fritz, I also want to give you the assurance that we will monitor all programmes in this province, because we cannot afford programmes to run in this province like “Camp Joy” who was in the news for all the wrong reasons.

Minister, let me also give you the assurance that I will never become a praise singer and I will never stop asking all questions – [Interjections] – because as a member of this Committee it’s my role to play an oversight, not like other members of this Committee who are praise singers. [Interjections.] Because I want to remind you of your own words, MEC Fritz, I want to quote you on June 11, 2013 in your own words as the Western Cape Minister of Social Development and I open the quote:

“Let me say at the outset, that we do not deny the existence of inequality in South Africa, and yes, traces of inequality in all

provinces including the Western Cape.”

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Hear-hear!

Ms M N GILLION: I will deny my duty, MEC Fritz, as a member of this Committee, if I do not ask the questions that are troubling us, that are not always kosher to answer, to assist you in making the Western Cape a better place for all. I thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. [Applause] In the absence of the hon B Joseph, I now see the hon Christians.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Thank you, Madam Speaker. The ACDP supports Vote 7 and because of my limited time I just want to mention two things. The one thing is, Minister, I know it's a tight line when – and budget is the problem – it comes to rehab centres but you have prevention and you have rehabilitation on the other side. What I want to know with Mitchells Plain and all those areas expanding so much; the problem is for people to get into rehab centres and when they get into it they sometimes do not have the funds to pay to get in there.

I would like to know, Minister, what is your plan of action around people who are really poor who do not even have bread on the table, what are you going to do around that? Because I know – and as you know – there are a lot of success stories when we have people come out and they have a meaningful

role that they play in communities and the economy, so I think it is worthwhile investing money in those people turning their lives around.

Another problem – and I know, Minister, it is not your responsibility - but I think you know you have most probably had a lot of complaints about people queuing for their grants each month. When we had the old Civic Centres they sat down, now they need to stand. So we as the ACDP want you maybe to talk to your national counterparts and ask them: how can we return some dignity – because those people are frail, they are old and they are waiting for their grants. So maybe if we can address that.

Another thing we must complement you on, Minister, you know I am a big forerunner when it comes to Youth Cafés, the work they are doing – so thank you for expanding that programme. I believe our youth will benefit from that. So thank you for expanding that and I also want to thank you for expanding youth development because we know that when we have a strong youth ...
[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: When we have a strong youth and we invest in our youth we are going to have a better society. So I want to thank you, Minister, the Department, for what you are doing when it comes to these Youth Cafés and when it comes to these youth development programmes

So Minister, if you can just say here because we need to leave here today and say to the community – because I think it is our task to tell communities: this is what the budget – because budgets of social ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: ... affect the poorest of the poor and we want to go and give those people hope. I thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. [Applause] Members, interjections are allowed, not ongoing commentary, please, if I could ask you to co-operate. Hon Makeleni, you might want to have a conversation with the hon Christians outside. Thank you. I now see the hon Mitchell. [Applause]

Mr D G MITCHELL: Thank you, Madam Speaker. [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I do not think ... [Inaudible].

The SPEAKER: Hon Dyantyi, your support please. You may proceed, hon Mitchell.

Mr D G MITCHELL: Thank you, Madam Speaker. It is indeed a great privilege for me to rise in support of Vote 7 for the Department of Social Development.

I rise today as a young member that was afforded with opportunities created by this DA-led Western Cape Government. I rise because under a DA Government the vulnerable, the youth and people with disabilities are taken seriously.

I rise because this pro-poor, people-centred and youth-orientated budget speaks to the people of this province. I rise because young lives matter in the Western Cape. [Interjections.] Madam Speaker, before I begin with today's business ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Mr D G MITCHELL: Before I begin with today's business I would like to bring the House's attention to a sad story I came across over the Easter weekend while many of us were in our homes with family and loved ones. While the farmers in the Karoo were celebrating the rains that were falling, with it came some devastating effects for some families. Houses were flooded, belongings destroyed and lives lost.

An HON MEMBER: It is always that.

Mr D G MITCHELL: Two children were swept away by heavy currents while trying to cross a river in Klaarstroom, just outside Prince Albert. The body of one of the kids has been recovered and rescue workers are still looking for the other one. Our prayers and condolences go out to their families as well as

everyone else who lost a loved one over the Easter weekend. I urge our communities to help where we can and ensure that our kids are safe.

The Premier committed the Western Cape Government to strategic goals that will inform the priorities and programmes for each department. Provincial Strategic Goal 2 commits the Department of Social Development to improving education outcomes and opportunities for youth development in the Western Cape.

According to the last census, there are at least 2.2 million youth between the ages of 15 and 34, 13% of which can be classified as not in employment, education or training. Furthermore, 60% of the unemployed have no matric qualification. These stats put in context the challenge faced by the Department of Social Development and directly the youth in the Western Cape. [Interjections.]

Programme 5.6 of the Department focuses on youth development and amongst its objectives it seeks to create a conducive environment for our young people to develop themselves as well as their communities through seizing the opportunities that the Department offers.

The Provincial Youth Strategy has been implemented and one of the key focus areas of the strategy is to make the youth of this province employable and well prepared for adulthood and ultimately to be able to contribute to the economy of this province and South Africa.

Because young lives matter in the Western Cape, in 2015/2016 the Western Cape Department of Social Development invested just over R12.2 million into initiatives focused on the youth. The introduction of Youth Cafés has and continues to play a pivotal role in providing a socially inclusive and enabling environment for the youth fraternity in this province.

Furthermore, the Cafés offer entrepreneurial, leadership and other skills training courses and currently there are four Youth Cafés that are fully operational in the province. The Department aims to ensure that three more Youth Cafés will be added over the MTEF period.

The EPWP programme will also provide further skills training and development courses. Because, Madam Speaker, young lives matter in the Western Cape.

Mr M G E WILEY: Hear-hear!

Mr D G MITCHELL: It is pleasing to see an increase in the conditional grant that will create and contribute to the creation of 1 425 much needed job opportunities in this financial year. Why? Because young lives matter in the Western Cape.

Madam Speaker, allow me to move on to what is probably one of the biggest social ills in our society among the youth today: substance abuse.

Strategic Goal 4 speaks to addressing social ills by rendering comprehensive social crime prevention and substance abuse prevention and rehabilitation programmes.

One of the biggest challenges facing not only the province but South Africa as a whole is the scourge of crime in our communities. The reality is that substance abuse is among the top drivers of crime in the province and the youth make up the biggest social group involved in both. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: True.

Mr D G MITCHELL: The Department reports that there are two high risk periods for substance abuse in the growing years and these are between the ages of 13 to 14, during the period of puberty and the transitional stages of late adolescence to early adulthood. The Medical Council reports that the majority of people seeking treatment for substance abuse in the Western Cape are in their mid-20s, 85% of which are males.

It is clear to see the gravity of the situation the Department has to deal with, but I am confident that the Department will continue to work towards the eradication of all social ills facing our communities that lead to substance abuse and ultimately crime.

Sub-programme 4.4 indicates that the Department plans to ensure that 12 540

individuals benefit from substance abuse services which include prevention and rehabilitation. Also, an important medium term target for the Department is to render early intervention services for substance abuse to 7 090 clients in 2016/2017.

In response to the youth substance abuse problem, the commitment by the Department to introduce drug treatment services in all child and youth care centres is welcomed and will also provide sentenced youth the opportunity to finally break the cycle of drug abuse. This will continue over the next five years. The Department has also introduced a school-based drug treatment programme that is currently being introduced in ten high risk schools identified in the province.

The Western Cape Government has also identified alcohol as a game changer as the level of alcohol abuse remains unacceptably high and the effects being felt most by the vulnerable in our communities. South Africa is one of the top five heaviest drinking nations in the world, adding that it costs the Government R17 billion to deal with alcohol abuse. Alcohol abuse is certainly one of the most challenging social problems facing the province as it continues to be the cause of many trauma cases in our hospitals and has been at the forefront of many cases of domestic abuse in the province.

One of the aims of the game changer is to focus on reducing alcohol and other substance related harms through prioritising the building of strong communities and safer neighbourhoods.

Getting to the MTEF allocation, an amount of R314.1 million has been allocated towards substance abuse, prevention and rehabilitation over the 2016 MTEF period. This is a most welcome allocation but given the ever increasing population of the province and thus the increasing number of people that require services, we are concerned by National Treasury's reluctance to allocate more funds to the province and we strongly feel that we need to stop playing politics with people's lives.

In conclusion, the Department has been successful in a number of programmes but reality is that there are still a number of obstacles that the Department will have to get over in order to fully tackle the social ills facing the youth in the province. We acknowledge that they will need to be resolved in order for greater services to be afforded to the people of the Western Cape. And I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Department, together with all those that dedicate their lives to ensuring that they support and assist the most vulnerable in our province. I would like to thank them for their dedication and commitment and under the visionary leadership of Minister Fritz, the Department has continued to grow from strength to strength and we also looked forward to what the Department will achieve in this MTEF period. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr D G MITCHELL: Madam Speaker, the DA supports the budget vote

appropriation for Vote 7 because young lives matter in the Western Cape and not just at the ballot box. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! I see hon Minister Fritz to respond.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I want to start off by just saying to member Botha who is leaving us unfortunately, that even within the context of the budget cuts, also within the focus ... [Interjections.].

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Can I have protection?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Yes, I will protect you. Hon members, give the Minister a chance to begin with his speech.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Even within the context of our budget cuts we will ensure that service delivery continues to take place, specifically in terms of our core functions that we have to carry out. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: I have listened to a whole lot of ramblings on the other side and sometimes I think, I do not know whether I am on the same planet but perhaps I am not on Planet Zuma at all.

[Interjections.] So we will continue and I want to assure hon Botha that we will continue to do that.

I want to move on to... she made one very interesting point and I want to say specifically, and I heard objections from the Opposition, but where NGOs are politically... I am not saying people do not have the right to belong to whatever party, that is their personal right but where they use the funds that we give them to carry out political agendas of any party, any party ... [Interjections] ... just for that purpose, any party, we will stop the funding. We will stop the funding. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: You saw specifically last year, you saw the case when we had this big ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Minister Fritz, it might assist if you speak through the Chair and I want to ask members not to react to all his statements, please. Minister Fritz, please continue.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Specifically in certain areas, where we saw people, some organisations actively involved in the farm uprisings and I am not suggesting for one minute that people do not have a right to belong to whatever they want to, but do not use the Government's and taxpayers' funding to go and carry that out. [Interjections.]

Ms M N GILLION: [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Hon Gillion, I am saying - and do not get me wrong, you know I speak with respect to people, I am not like you who attacks the person, I respect all of you - that there is no over-concentration of services to the West Coast. In fact, we get demands for more services in the West Coast and I am talking about from the people in the West Coast – in fact, the farmers and ordinary people in Vredendal, all those areas, Van Rhynsdorp, the people are asking us for more services. So I also just want to make the point that those services are spread to every †hoekie, *corner, †including Beaufort West, hon Dijana. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: She at least is awake, very good point, she is awake. [Interjections.]

I want to make another important point and hon members please listen carefully to what I am going to say... [Interjection] ... around the information pertaining to sustainable livelihood. There seems to be – whoever advises you from within my Department got it completely wrong, the interpretation – but let me just make a point. We had this programme running. We saw the money disappearing, we have seen the new machines that are nowhere to be found, we have seen the [Inaudible] project of three million – up to today, no-one can account for it. How can we continue with a programme that steals the money?

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: And so the point I am making is, we will do the sustainable livelihood programme within the way that we see as target – †ek wens ek het polonie om op die brood te gesit het, maar ek het nie die brood [Onhoorbaar.] nie. – *I wish I had the polony to put on the bread, but I do not have the bread [Inaudible.].

The point I want to make, hon Davids, is that even sustainable livelihood in our opinion is far better suited in economic development where young people from our programmes are really trained to be sustainable and to be great, great entrepreneurs. We cannot go and run [Inaudible] project – †daar is nog ‘n abattoir waarin nog nooit ‘n ding geslag is nie, nie ‘n skaap is geslag in daardie abattoir nie, maar die geld is nêrens te vinde nie. *there is still another abattoir in which not a thing has ever been slaughtered, not a sheep has been slaughtered in that abattoir, but the money is nowhere to be found. †So please, in the presence of the Finance Minister, I will not give any money there.

The other point I want to just make about the after-school programme, is that it will remain an important game changer to us. Our children want to be kept safe after school. We see how they get shot through the head. You see the problem with us, some of us do not live in these areas, we live in our little middle-class areas and then come and talk a lot here. [Interjections.] And so what we are asking these hon members is to please bear with us when we

want to expand after-school programmes in the area.

I agree with and, I want to say to the hon Gillion, I completely support inter-governmental organisations. But you know, then their national Minister can have the decency to inform me that she is going to be in a place so that I can accompany her because I am not having a fight with her. I am not having a fight with her. [Interjections.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: You do not do that.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: [Inaudible] ... everyone and no-one pitches up. In fact, I had to lose money the last time when I invited you. So the national Minister is not inviting me in my own province, so what must I do? Then I hear she was in De Doorns or she was in Clanwilliam ... [Interjections.] And then she has all these ANC members, they are the chairpersons of ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: And the members who govern in this province are completely forgotten. So please, and I support you, I support the hon member, we must co-operate in an inter-governmental way and that is why we have very good co-operation with our municipalities to get the work done, but please do the same to us and support us. You know this Children's Commissioner, it is so amazing that – I just want you to hear

this, please understand, and here are some young, brilliant youths – the Executive who is being held accountable by the Legislature is telling me: when am I going to start with the Children's Commissioner? It's your processes.

Ms M N GILLION: It's your ... [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Get your processes off the ground.

Ms M N GILLION: It's your ... [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: No, it is not. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Hon Deputy Speaker, let them read the Constitution. Let them read the Constitution and they will see. I am only a member; there are four other departments. [Interjections.] †Asseblief, *Please, get that into your head. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Get that into your head. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Get that ... [Interjections.]

Okay, I think we need a workshop. We need a desperate, urgent workshop. We need a workshop. [Interjections.] I am serious, hon Davids. I will arrange the workshop for them but I am just one of the Executive. You must hold me accountable. Get the processes in Parliament and do not ask me nonsense. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

An HON MEMBER: You never come to workshops.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Let me say, and hon Christians I will answer the question around substance abuse and the seriousness that we treat it with, we will expand and what is very interesting – when we read in our speeches around the whole issue of substance abuse there is a host of free intervention programmes and school intervention programmes and so the residential programme is always the smallest and that is where everyone wants to go, but I think a lot of programmes can be outpatient programmes. And so there are a whole lot and for instance I see the number of calls from the Kraaifontein area, the Scottsville area where there is a huge demand and we are now going to put our minds together. We will find the money and we will go and roll out some intervention programmes ... [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: We are watching.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Ja, I hope. I hope you can come to the House.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: We are watching.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: And please be part of it. So we are completely with you. And I want to also say to our brilliant young member of the House that that will be rolled out in a far more aggressive and important way.

Hon Gillion, I want to thank you again for saying that we need to speak about people living with disabilities. We will roll it out, we do not apologise for it and we will support you and you must hold us accountable in rolling out the issue of people living with disabilities. And it is good to be held accountable as a government and that makes us very different in South Africa because we are the only government that is DA, a different party running this country.
[Applause.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: [Inaudible] ... accountability. It is an important point to make.

Hon Davids, hon Christians, you are so into my face that I must love ...
[Interjections.] Deputy Speaker, hon Christians, the issue of SASSA, the

issue of the South African - what is it - Security Services, they are a big headache. Again it is a National Government-run institution. Wherever National Government runs something, it collapses.[Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Wherever they run it, they mess it up. Wherever they run it, they steal the money, so what do you expect? [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: You did not mention the money that is deducted from people every month, from the old, vulnerable, poor people. They must stop stealing the money as National Government. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: And so if they give it to us, you know we will do a very good job, a very good job for them. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Now I want to come to hon Mitchell ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: I want to speak about hon Mitchell, It is great and thank you for always remembering our people in this province and in this country that are vulnerable and poor and that we need to

not continue with soup kitchens but empower people so that they can go and get their own fish, teach them to catch the fish and stop giving them fish and thanks for that. Thank you for that and it is good to have young, young members who are in this House who are recognising that and I really think you are going to have a very, very great thing.

But I want to make the point also about our youth strategy. The Government in the province cannot do it alone – we need partnerships with our NGOs, with our communities, with everyone in the police, to stop the crime in our communities.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: And so, honourable, I want to just say I support all the things that you are saying. We will continue, as I said. The hurdle will only be overcome when the community and other Government organisations will take hands and solve the problems.

And then I just want to do a final call on every single member in this House to really go out and make a difference in the lives of everyone, not only their constituency but every single one. I thank you. [Applause.]

An HON MEMBER: Hear-Hear!

[Debate concluded.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. That concludes the debate on this Vote.
The Secretary will read the next Order.

1. Debate on Vote 3 – Provincial Treasury – *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 2 - 2016].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: We will allow a couple of seconds just for the bays to be cleared.

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

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister Meyer, I then see you. The first speaker is ready, thank you.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker, hon Cabinet colleagues present here today, the Leader of the Official Opposition; leaders of other political parties, hon members of the Western Cape Legislature, senior officials and citizens of the Western Cape, ladies and gentlemen.

Today I rise to table the Budget for Vote 3, the Provincial Treasury for 2016/17 financial year. The total budget for Vote 3 is R260.7 million for this current financial year. This represents a growth of R10.3 million or 4.1 per cent compared to the 2015 adjusted appropriation of R250.3 million.

When I delivered this Government's 2016 Provincial Budget in March, I did so under the theme "A Budget for Growth". The Provincial Budget affirmed the Western Cape's alignment to the National Development Plan 2030 and responded to the weakened economic and fiscal outlook and committed to smart, sustainable and inclusive growth. The 2016 Provincial Budget gave effect to the budget policy principles of the Western Cape Government, which aims to support economic development and social progress and create public value for all, while maintaining service delivery risks.

Contributing to building a capable state and partnerships is one of the key priority areas articulated by the National Development Plan. The Provincial Treasury's 2016/17 Budget articulates the Department's contribution to building a capable state.

Mr Deputy Speaker, let me now turn to the planned policy initiatives for this year.

The budget and plans of this Department supports Provincial Strategic Goal No. 5 which aims to give effect to the outcome of Integrated Management in the province. One of the key policy initiatives is a more integrated planning and budgeting approach. The objectives of the integrated development planning and budgeting approach are as follows:

- Ensuring strategic policy alignment, a province-wide monitoring and evaluation as well as an inter-governmental reporting system.

- Ensuring integrated financial governance, planning and budgeting.
- Facilitating integrated joint planning between provincial and municipal spheres of government.
- Driving spatial governance, alignment and performance management.

Also, Mr Deputy Speaker, by:

- Facilitating partnerships and partnering for development.

With the above in mind the Provincial Treasury's 2016/2017 Budget is aimed at building and further entrenching good governance and embedded integrated service delivery. More importantly, the budget follows through on our assurance to the people of the Western Cape that we will continue to pursue inclusive growth by mastering the science of deliverology and putting the correct systems in place and making correct decisions to ensure irreversible change.

The aim is to strengthen co-ordination and alignment between processes and structures of Government and other key role-players, while improving service delivery and creating maximum socio-economic impact and creating public value.

Engagements and collaboration with provincial departments and municipalities will be further supported through structured engagements such as the IDP Indabas, the Joint Planning Initiative, the Municipal Governance

Review and Outlook as well as the Local Government Medium Term Expenditure Framework.

The Provincial Treasury also embraces its responsibility to improve allocative efficiency, ensure value for money and maintain fiscal sustainability.

In line with the principle of fiscal consolidation, the Provincial Treasury will issue new Treasury instructions to all departments and provincial entities and new efforts will be undertaken to strengthen the financial oversight in municipalities within the framework of the legislation.

Post the 2016 Local Government Elections I will convene a Mayco Member for Finance Workshop to further strengthen our Local Government support to municipalities. It has now become an annual Local Government Finance learning network in the Western Cape. This coming year I will also, post the election, engage with the Standing Committee on Public Accounts so that that learning experience of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts can also move into the learning experience of the Local Government learning network.

Provincial Treasury's departmental budget structure consists of four programmes, each of which receives the following budget allocations.

Programme 1: Administration receives an amount of R44 million. This programme provides efficient and effective departmental governance support

services to enable the Department to achieve all its goals and objectives and a clean audit outcome.

Programme 2: Sustainable Resource Management receives an amount of R121.9 million. This represents a growth of R15.6 million or 14.6% compared to the 2015 adjusted appropriation of R106.4 million, which is mainly due to inflation adjustments and the reprioritisation of the capacity building initiative which forms part of the external bursary programme in the Western Cape.

The programme will continue to provide effective, efficient and sustainable management of both provincial and municipal fiscal resources to enable service delivery and create public value through:

- The annual tabling of the Provincial Budget;
- The assistance to municipalities in preparation of municipal budgets through the annual municipal budget assessments; and
- through the monitoring and quarterly reporting on the budget implementation.

Programme 3: Asset Management receives an amount of R57.9 million. This programme will focus on providing guidance and increased involvement over supply chain management in both provincial and municipal sphere.

Furthermore, the roll-out and maintenance of financial systems as well as the clean-up and updating of data in the current systems are being done in preparation for the migration to the Integrated Financial Management Systems.

Let me now turn to Programme 4: Financial Governance. This programme will receive an amount of R36.7 million. The programme uses different fora to build capacity and financial skills within departments and local governments.

In conclusion, the continued fiscal constraints faced by the Government and the Provincial Treasury calls for focused and appropriate management from all managers and officials within the Provincial Treasury. There is no doubt in my mind, hon Deputy Speaker, that the Provincial Treasury will continue to play an effective role in ensuring that the credible medium-term fiscal framework supported by vigorous socio-economic analysis result in budgets which promote shared growth and development.

It also records all financial transactions properly to comply with the financial management norms and standards and manages the built environment, the physical and the financial assets, financial systems and liabilities.

Also it will improve in-year expenditure management, also known as IYM, and analyse the improved inter-governmental financial systems and municipal oversight and capacity building.

Mr Deputy Speaker, let me now turn to the key priority areas for 2016/17. In line with the above the following will be prioritised in 2016.

- R21.5m is ring-fenced for municipal financial management improvement and capacity supporting grants.
- The development of strategic sourcing methodologies for certain commodities to enhance supply chain management efficiencies in the system.
- Continued preparation for the migration to the IFMS System, the so-called Integrated Financial Management System; and
- further strengthening of the monitoring and reporting of the CGRO progress, the so-called Corporate Review and Outlook within departments and the coordination of the Municipal Governance Review and Outlook programme.

There will also be:

- Two new capacity building initiatives that will be introduced to build financial skills in the provincial and local spheres. These will include the MFMA bursary and internship programme targeting the youth and a Chartered Accountant Academy to give specific public sector accounting experience within the government.

Mr Deputy Speaker, in conclusion, it now gives me great pleasure and honour to table the budget of R260.7 million for Vote 3 Provincial Treasury for 2016/17 financial year. I thank you. [Applause.]

An HON MEMBER: Hear-Hear!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Denis Joseph?

Mr D JOSEPH: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. The appropriations by Provincial Parliament from the Provincial Revenue Fund for the 2016/17 financial year is dedicated to various votes, namely the departments and entities for specific listed purposes according to the Acts of Parliament as well as the Provincial Legislature Act.

I support Vote 3 allocation as raised by the Minister, which seeks to improve good governance, enhancing accountability, creating public value, enabling delivery of quality services through partnerships and capacity building in finance for the Western Cape public sector.

The budget, within a difficult economic climate, is appropriated to support a capable state. The fit for purpose concept, driven by the Democratic Alliance, is clear. Where the DA governs, it governs well because we put the people first as we strive for continuous improvement and where necessary we identify the weak areas to make sure that the people of the Western Cape benefit from good governance.

Leadership is the key word. From National Treasury to Provincial Treasury, to Local Government finance, leadership is the key word. Financial management with key business principles, regardless of the budget, the budget size or the size of the department, is needed to manage the costs containment plan.

South Africa, including the Western Cape, is faced with First World or economic developing countries that need services as well as the developing needs of millions of previously disadvantaged people.

Co-operative governance or inter-governmental relations will ensure that financial policies and regulations are implemented. The co-operation between the Standing Committee on Finance, in particular Local Government as well as the Office of the AG, is very important, which will contribute to effective and efficient management of a good governance model.

I take this opportunity to thank the private sector for their continued partnerships with the Western Cape Government, especially the partnership between the Minister of Finance and our Department of the Treasury and the other financial sectors. The one good example is the partnership between Nedbank and the Provincial Treasury and, as the Minister mentioned, there are partnerships that bring benefits. These beneficiaries of the partnerships are, for example, the bursary students in accountancy, economics and mathematics.

I also would like to thank and acknowledge the initiatives by the Treasury Department to establish the Bursary Fund for Municipalities to enhance their financial capacity with chartered accountants.

The National Minister as well as our Provincial Minister made reference to the role of public entities. Public entities should be seen as an extension in support of Government services to provide services to our people. It is important that we must note the remuneration of senior positions in these entities. The staff composition in the entities and the value for money projects, the overseas travel and the achievement and the goals of these entities should be reviewed. It has been raised by the National Minister and also by our Provincial Minister in the budget speech.

During the past financial year the Gambling and Racing Board were faced with internal challenges at senior level and at Board level. This led to some court cases and legal costs that necessitated the Minister of Finance to guide the Board to stability. And I take this opportunity to thank all the committee members of SCoF for their oversight role which led to the identification of concerns which were raised with the Minister and we will receive a report back, a recovery plan, from the Minister in due course.

I am sure that the revised regulations as well as the newly appointed Board members will assist the Western Cape Gambling and Racing Board to execute their duties according to their mandate.

†Agb Adjunkspeaker, ons ervaar dat sekere munisipaliteite lenings maak wat hulle nie kan terugbetaal nie. Ons vind ook dat sekere munisipaliteite die leningsgeld nie aanwend volgens die redes waarvoor die lening aangegaan is nie – met ander woorde, hulle wend nie die geld aan vir waarvoor dit geleen is nie.

Ek versoek die Minister en die Tesourie om strenger riglyne neer te lê. Dit is nie regverdig teenoor die inwoners van munisipaliteite in die Wes-Kaap dat daar skuld aangegaan word waaruit die inwoners nie voordeel kan trek nie. Die staatskuld kan nie vermeerder nie, veral nie ‘n paar maande voor die verkiesings nie en dit is belangrik dat die munisipaliteite hiervan kennis neem. Die ANC is bekend daarvoor dat hulle lenings maak en raadslede uitbetaal voor ‘n verkiesing, of raadslede permanent aanstel in munisipaliteite. Dit is “cadre deployment” en dit plaas druk op personeel na ‘n verkiesing.

Agb Adjunkspeaker, ons moet seker maak dat die munisipaliteite ook die kapitaalebegroting wat hulle kry vir kapitaalprojekte gebruik en nie vir operasionele projekte gebruik nie.

‘n Belangrike punt is die skuldinvorderingsbeleid van die staatsinstansies. Dit moet beslis gehandhaaf word. Terselfdertyd moet daar ook gesorg word dat die deernisbeleid vir persone wat finansieel sukkel goed bestuur word.

In die moeilike tye en finansiële omstandighede is die rol van Tesourie baie belangrik wat moet fokus op die fiskale beleid. Finansiële beleid en monitering van die departemente en entiteite sowel as munisipaliteite moet gehandhaaf word vir hulle verantwoordbaarheid. Die geïntegreerde finansiële bestuurstelsels waarna die Minister verwys het, bly 'n prioriteit om eenvormigheid in die finansiële bestuur van die staatsdiens te bekom. Die BAS System, PERSAL en die LOGIS System moet na een stelsel geïntegreer word. Sodra die Nasionale Tesourie gereed is, sal die Provinsiale Tesourie begin met hierdie proses.

Die Departement Tesourie het ook begin met die herstrukturering in die lig van uitgawe wat verminder moet word. 'n Komitee is alreeds aangestel om te kyk na poste wat kritiek gevul moet word. Poste wat kritiek is word beskou as skaars vaardighede. Ons kan nie beskostig om die personeel in Finansies te verloor nie. Tesourie gee sterk leiding in die bestuursvlakke van almal in die staatsdiens. Alle departemente is besig om die gebruik van konsultante te hersien en hier moet ek ook die Staande Komitee van SCOPA uitsonder, van die openbare rekeninge, en vir hulle ook bedank vir die oorsigrol wat in finansiële bestuur gespeel word.

Ons is afhanklik van menslike hulpbronne, *human capital*. Ons is ook afhanklik van ons departementshoofde, ons direkteure, al die administrasie tot by die tegniese dienste, selfs tot by die laagste besoldigde persoon in die Departement of in die Wes-Kaap. Ons is afhanklik van elke persoon om 'n rol te speel.

Die werksomgewing is besig om te verander en daarom speel kommunikasie, tegnologie en bestuurstelsels 'n groot rol. Die begroting van die Wes-Kaap soos uiteengesit in die begrotingsrede is daar om vir almal te help, veral armoede te verlig, maar ook te sorg dat dienste aan almal gelewes word.

Ek wil ook van hierdie geleentheid gebruik maak om die Parlement se personeel te bedank vir hulle werk, veral die Parlement se uitreikingseenheid wat ook hierdie jaar sorg dat ons begrotingsinligting by al die mense of gemeenskappe uitkom, wat belangrik is want ek dink daar is 'n groter rol wat die gemeenskappe moet speel - in Engels noem ons dit nou *civil society* - want dit is die rol waar ons ook as lede van die Provinsiale Parlement 'n mandaat gekry het, dat daar ook oor ons 'n oorsigrol gespeel word deur die gemeenskap daarbuite en veral die mense wat in die finansiële sektore werk.

Dit is op hierdie punt, agb Adjunkspeaker, dat ek as voorsitter van die Komitee en ook as die DA-lid wil sê dat ons hierdie begroting, die Begrotingspos Nommer 3, ondersteun in die Wes-Kaap. Ek dank u. [Applous]

*Mr Deputy Speaker, we experience that certain municipalities make loans which they cannot pay back. We also find that certain municipalities do not apply the loan money according to the reasons for which the loan was made – in other words, they do not use the money for what it was loaned for.

I appeal to the Minister and the Treasury to lay down stricter guidelines. It is

not fair to the citizens of the municipalities in the Western Cape that debt is incurred from which the citizens cannot benefit. The state debt cannot increase, especially not a few months ahead of the elections, and it is important that the municipalities take note of this. The ANC is known for making loans and pay out council members prior to an election, or appoint council members permanently in municipalities. It is cadre deployment and places pressure on staff after an election.

Mr Deputy Speaker, we must also ensure that the municipalities use the capital budget they receive for capital projects and not use it for operational projects.

An important point is the debt recovery policy of the state bodies. It should definitely be maintained. At the same time it should be ensured that the compassion policy for persons struggling financially is managed properly.

In the difficult times and financial circumstances the role of Treasury is very important and it has to focus on the fiscal policy. Financial policy and monitoring of the departments and entities as well as municipalities should be maintained for their accountability. The integrated financial management systems to which the Minister referred remain a priority to gain uniformity in the financial management of the civil service. The BAS System, PERSAL and the LOGIS System must be integrated into one system. As soon as the National Treasury is ready, the Provincial Treasury will start with this process.

The Department Treasury has also started with the restructuring in view of the expenditure that has to be reduced. A committee has already been appointed to look at posts that need to be filled critically. Critical posts are regarded as scarce skills. We cannot afford to lose the staff in Finances. Treasury provides strong guidance in the management levels of all in the civil service. All departments are busy revising the use of consultants and here I also have to single out the Standing Committee of SCOPA, of Public Accounts, and thank them for the oversight role being played in financial management.

We are dependent on human resources, human capital. We are also dependent on our heads of departments, our directors, all the administration to the technical services, even to the least remunerated person in the Department or in the Western Cape. We are dependent on every person to play a role.

The work environment is busy changing and therefore communication, technology and management systems play a big role. The budget of the Western Cape as set out in the budget speech is there to assist all, especially to relieve poverty, but also to see that services are rendered to all.

I also want to use this opportunity to thank the staff of Parliament for their work, especially Parliament's outreach unit which this year sees to it that our budget information reaches all the people or communities, which is important because I think there is a greater role that communities should play – in

English we call it civil society – because that is the role where we as members of the Provincial Parliament received a mandate, that there should be an oversight role over us as well by the community out there and especially over the people working in the financial sectors.

It is on this point, Mr Deputy Speaker, that I as Chairman of the Committee and also as DA member want to say that we support this Budget Vote Number 3 in the Western Cape. I thank you. [Applause.]

†Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Dankie, agb lid. Die agb Beerwinkel?

*The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member. The hon Beerwinkel?

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. I have heard so many versions of that word – honourable, hon Deputy Speaker – I will deal with member Wiley later. Can I start off by thanking the staff sitting in that box before I go further, because Vote 3 is dependent on the work that those people do because their work is transversal and I will deal with it as I go along. I will deal with many other Votes but I will come back to Vote 3 every time, I give you that assurance now.

So to those staff members and those who are not here, *in absentia*, I would like to say thank you very much for the hard work that they put into compiling this Blue Book when we eventually receive it. They are a group of dedicated, committed officials whom I have worked with for many years. I started off with Dr Stegmann, *in absentia*, whom I will always thank for what

I have acquired up to now. They are dedicated, they are hard working, they are helpful.

The PREMIER: Hear-Hear! [Applause.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: And Deputy Speaker, when I will be addressing the issues that I want to raise it is by no means addressed to them. They are officials, they carry out instructions. So from me, thank you very much, Treasury officials.

The role of government anyway, because of their transversality, is to serve the people of this province and it is their duty to see to it that that is done.

†Mnr M G E WILEY: Mooi!

*Mr M G E WILEY: Good!

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Mr Deputy Speaker, for a while I am going to put my speech down and I am going to refer to the reality of what is in Vote 3. Part of the work that they need to do is to enhance budget management responsiveness, strengthening public finance management, improve business information data, facilitate infrastructure expenditure, strengthen supply chain management, support interlinked financial systems, enhancing accounting, accountability, enhancing corporate governance, ensure procurement is done in a sustainable manner and facilitate the transversality of all of this work – integratedness, is the word – that happens across all of

these departments with their budget.

I will not repeat the numbers, you have heard them from the MEC. But the worrying part about Vote 3 is that it is not a service delivery department, it services internally and if we look at the initial amount that they are given, R486 million, half of that goes to the Premier's Department and they are left with R239.9 million to do what it is – R261 million - that they needed to do. That includes financing and own reserves, that is why the amount differs.

But before I even go into what I am wanting to say I would like to address – and I am sorry that the Speaker is not here today, you were in the Chair anyway regarding this issue that I want to raise, I am actually very glad that the Speaker lost her cool the other day in the debate in Vote 2. I am happy that that happened because then, Mr Deputy Speaker, when she sits in that Chair she will understand the frustration that we have when we sit here and why we react in the way that we sometimes do because of what we get from that side of the House.

And I also think that she unfairly reacted, and accused hon Uys of treating her like a little child.[Interjection.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Deputy Speaker, I am glad that ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Can I just say, hon Beerwinkel, I allowed you to say that but in terms of the Rules the Speaker or anybody who is dependent

on the House for election cannot be criticised from the floor. So just keep it in mind but I will allow you to continue.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: With respect, Mr Deputy Speaker, I am not criticising the Speaker as such.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No, I understand.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: I am reacting, I am just addressing the issue of her reaction to that.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, I understand – that is why I allowed you.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Okay. Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I want to emphasise the fact that the provocation that comes from the other side of the floor is many times the reason why we react the way that we do. We cannot just sit here like puppets and be expected not to say a word, not to interject, not to shout sometimes because of what we heard.

You see, unlike the rest of the House on that side, the backbenchers of the DA, we know that we are in the Opposition here and, as such, it is our duty to hold this Executive to account. As you have heard my previous colleague say, we are not praise singers, we are not here to sing all the glory, give them the glory and ask them sweetheart questions so that they can get up here and grandstand. We are here to play an oversight role. We all sit in oversight

committees, but the strangest thing is that most of the time the DA members do not play that role. There are very few of them that actually do. I can point them out to you as they sit there. [Interjection.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Because they know that their role is oversight. The rest will have sweetheart questions or even worse, and I urge the members on that side to sometimes watch the proceedings that happen in this House. Most of them sit on their phones all the time or walk into a committee without even opening their books. So I do not understand why ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: ... where all these comments are coming from now around the Budget Votes.

An HON MEMBER: Never.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Just to pick up again about a political – last week we were told it is political votes so you can veer off a bit, but when you veer off completely, as hon member Christians did when he was speaking and calling members hypocrites, I think hon member Christians can understand what it means to be a hypocrite, completely, because he sits here in an ACDP seat, he praise sings for the DA and I do not really know if he knows what party he is supposed to be supporting. [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: And you ... [Interjection.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Mr Deputy Speaker, that is just a deflection because most of the times when these MECs stand up here or members stand up here, they are addressing issues that do not affect the province and the budget that we should be referring to. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Member, just one second. Mr Wiley, hon Chief Whip?

Mr M G E WILEY: [Inaudible] ... this lecture on the ethics and morality, can you give some relevance to the Budget ... [Interjections.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: I am getting to the Budget. Sit down! [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Just one second, hon Wiley your point is taken. I am listening very carefully and I have allowed the member a little bit more latitude because this is the ... [Interjections.] Order! This is the over-arching Budget Vote where the money goes to. But member Beerwinkel, get closer to the core of the vote.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: I am getting there, Mr Deputy Speaker. [Interjections.] Most of the time the deflections that come out here when we are supposed to be addressing a specific vote with a specific purpose, we have a specific topic of discussion for debate, which we sometimes don't

understand why we have it because it is never addressed – in Vote 2 there is R39 million that is allocated to direct charges as that Vote by Treasury because that is for the Legislature's salaries. That means it is the salaries of all of us sitting here.

Mr M G E WILEY: But we are dealing with Vote 3.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: So Vote 3, for hon member Wiley's attention - I am getting there – Vote 3, Treasury allocates these amounts to the different votes. So that was allocated to Vote 2 as well. I am getting there, member Wiley. Please speak in your own vote, this is my vote, I will address it.
[Interjection.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: I seriously think that when these debates happen again they should go to national and play their votes. I am really sorry that the Speaker in Vote 2 cannot do what she needs to do and that is to do public participation, because we serve the community of this Western Cape via public participation. Her vote was cut by 10% for public participation via Treasury, the MEC and the rest of the Cabinet here – did not pay attention to the need of the Speaker and what she needs ... [Interjection.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: The Premier must account.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: It was transferred somewhere else. Hence the

Speaker can never do what she is supposed to do. I hope that when this MEC for Finance goes to National again and sits at Minmec, he will inform Minister Gordhan, who is now suddenly his good friend [Interjection.]... how disrespectful they are when they are in this House towards National, towards the Ministers, towards the allocation and the way National behaves itself in their allocation of what they do. Because you cannot praise sing when you are up there and then accept the money when you get it here, given to Provincial Treasury, to distribute across the different votes and then criticise those very people at National that have given it to you. That is not right. They must stop playing games with the poor and tell the truth. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: This song of taxpayers' money, we will put music to it one of these days. We will put music to it because as we sit here, all of us pay tax for the hundredth umpteenth time. We all pay tax. It is also our money. [Interjections.] I did not even mention anything about National Government's money. I am saying the song of taxpayers' money, we will put music to it because we have heard it *ad nauseam*.

I am going to speak to specific votes now, Mr Deputy Speaker, and then bring it back to Treasury because at Cabinet these votes are allocated their specific amounts. You have Vote 2, which is allocated in the book R169 million, but in actual fact it is only R130 million. Why? Because that R39 million I spoke

about earlier is for the salaries of these people. We need to earn that salary. Every month it gets paid directly into our accounts. We cannot sit here and praise sing when we should be in an oversight role.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Tell them!

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: We have to earn our money.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Tell them!

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: I earn mine.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: [Inaudible.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Thank you, Comrade Mackenzie. I earn mine. I do my work and you know that.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: I know you work hard but that is [Inaudible.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Thank you. We know that.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: He is a sell-out.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Mr Deputy Speaker, I want to go to Vote 4.
[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: I want to go to Vote 4, Community Safety. Community Safety has four programmes. In total R292 million. Remember, this is the total of the R51 billion that was given to Treasury to distribute, given to Vote 4. Then you look at Vote 4 and you ask now how was this money distributed, remembering that we are busy with austerity measures? We cannot be distributing and transferring money to different votes in the same way that we did it before because the needs are the same, in fact, they are greater but the money is less. So Vote 3 is about Treasury distributing the different funds. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: [Inaudible.]

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

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Treasury's budget ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Can I just say, I am listening. I took the point that hon Minister Madikizela made from across the floor, and I am listening very carefully. The hon member is busy with a very indirect way of getting to different votes which is fair but she must relate it to the ... [Interjections.]

Order! Order!

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Mr Deputy Speaker, they are wasting my time.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: She must relate it to the original vote which is Vote ... [Interjection.] Hon member Tyatyam, I am talking.

Mr S G TYATYAM: Yes, but he is shouting.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! [Interjections.] Order! I am not allowing you to speak while the Chair is speaking. Hon member Ms Beerwinkel, I am allowing you to continue, but please the centre of your debate must be on Vote 3 and the reasons for them shifting the money. That is acceptable but not a detailed discussion of the votes where the money lands. That is what I am saying. [Interjections.] Please continue.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Mr Deputy Speaker, I don't know whether I should ask whether I should address you but I did say right at the outset ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You did say ...

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: ... that I will come back to Treasury because this is about the full amount given to Treasury and its distribution which is part of Treasury's role, to monitor how these different departments spend ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, you may continue. If your members allow, you may continue.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: No, no, there is some speaker sitting here in the benches.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I will control them from the Chair and you are allowed to continue.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. You see, this is the reason why I did not read from a speech originally. I took the information from Vote 3 in the book. What are they responsible for? I read that, so that when I do this, you can understand why I did this first. It is about their responsibility to the other votes as well.

Ms M N GILLION: Exactly!

Mr R D MACKENZIE: You can continue ...[Inaudible.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: They are not used to that style.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: No, they are not.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Bear with them. They are not used to - it is a first!

[Laughter.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Social Development, Mr Deputy Speaker ...

[Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Ooh, Social Development!

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: MEC Fritz just got up a few minutes ago. My member raised important issues that are not being addressed. Social Development is about serving the poor people of this province. What was the increase given to them? 7%.

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Where was it mostly spent? Services to persons with disabilities given there but in total a 3% increase to that vote. How do you justify that?

Mr M G E WILEY: What is the country's growth rate?

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Then, Vote 9 ...

Mr Q R DYANTYI: It doesn't matter, now listen!

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Then Vote 9, Mr Deputy Speaker, now I must stand

still at Vote 9 and its allocation from Treasury.

HON MEMBERS: Yes!

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: I have to pause there. MEC Bredell serves Local Government and he serves Vote 9 with two integrated votes; Environment and Planning, municipalities on the other side. You cannot have this municipal planning in the air. It happens in those 30 municipalities for which he also has responsibility, but look at the amount of money that he gets to do that important integrated work; this word that is buzzing around here. How much money does he get to do that? How much?

I wish I was a fly on the wall at Cabinet to understand why one MEC's image is allowed to be polished to the extent that when the budget was put up; it was down here in the arches; on big screens. The budget was put up there for people to pass, but which people passed there? The people who have the ability to watch TV, to read books, to read the newspaper, to find out about the budget. How much money was spent on that? But the budget for public participation in Vote 2 is cut. How do you put that together? That is Treasury. Where in the poor areas - Mr Deputy Speaker, can I be told - were screens put up, in the rural areas? My colleagues here - in the rural areas screens were put up to explain to those poor people how much money was allocated to their areas?

An HON MEMBER: I wonder?

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: The role of Treasury, Mr Deputy Speaker, to allocate the correct amount of money to the different votes so that they can do their work.

I want to also go to Sport. These votes that I am raising, are votes that deal with people, children and youth; I want to speak to Vote 13, the allocation to Vote 13. Normally the smallest amount of money given there. Programme 4 in Vote 13 speaks to ...

An HON MEMBER: You can write Mackenzie.

Ms M N GILLION: Mr Deputy Speaker, listen ... [Interjection.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Programme 4 is ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Beerwinkel, just to assist the Chair. Who takes the final decision on allocating the money to Vote 4?

†ILUNGU ELIBEKEKILEYO: Haibo!

*AN HON MEMBER: Oh no!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: In that specific - is it the Sports Vote ...
[Interjection.]

Mr P UYS: No, Mr Deputy Speaker, you cannot start asking questions.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I need to know that because it has a bearing on relevance. Is the amount given by Treasury a global amount, or is the Treasury's amount given to that specific Vote as a specific amount?

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Treasury does not decide how this vote should be split, Mr Deputy Speaker. Treasury gives the amount to the vote. They will then decide how to split it.

Now, if I speak to Sport and Rec. which is Vote 13, remember this is the one that deals with the youth, the schools, the MOD Programmes and all of that; most of it anyway is a conditional grant from National, so they are supposed to get it.

An HON MEMBER: Uh mm – National.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: But look at what is Sport and Rec's ... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: [Inaudible.] next MEC will find it. [Inaudible.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: ...goods and services about? Advertising in the vote increases by 82%. Advertising is not a service to the people.

Ms M N GILLION: Exactly!

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Catering I can understand. That is probably for the ...

Contractors - austerity measures, Mr Deputy Speaker - contractors increased by 92% in that vote. Now ...[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Fritz!

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: ... where are the people, the children, being serviced with this money? It is part of Treasury's role when they hand in their quarterly reports to see whether the targets they put there service the people that they were given the money for.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: So, your comment is about the global amount given to the Department, not about the detailed amount because the detailed decisions are taken at departmental level?

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: That is correct, Mr Deputy Speaker. But, when they give quarterly reports to us and to Treasury, who they monitor; how many targets did they put there, how much was it [Inaudible.], Treasury must pick up on that. Are your targets measurable?

Mr M G E WILEY: The Audit Committee does it.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: And are they be able to ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, hon member you may continue. Please continue.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Hon member Mr Wiley, Mr Deputy Speaker, please give him a workshop on how Treasury works because he clearly does not know. [Interjections.] But I want to talk about money that is wasted here.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Then public participation cannot happen. Hon member Wiley mentioned in his last speech that because of hon member Uys and because of our leader who is not here, they had to ... [Interjection.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: I understand there is a problem with that old man.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Ja. They had to set aside money for legal expenses. Why? Because they decided to take our members on on an issue. So, were our members supposed to just sit there, fold their arms and accept it? [Interjections.]

Mr M G WILEY: Fransman has taken us to court, Mr Deputy Speaker!

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: We are allowed ... [Interjections.] to defend

ourselves!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Hon member Ms Beerwinkel, I think you are a little off the Vote 3 point now. I cannot see the relevance of that one.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Mr Deputy Speaker, unfortunately this is about money that Treasury had to allocate to the correct votes for the correct purposes, but they cannot because money is being allocated to the wrong things. Hence the Speaker cannot even do what she is supposed to do because money is spent on legal costs. They expect our members to just come and stand here with no defence. It is their right. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Finally, Mr Deputy Speaker, let me go here. Not finally, but let me go here. We had a performance by the MEC of Finance last time. MEC Bredell said this House is a disgrace in the way members are performing. I agree. He spoke about the Zip-Zap Circus where people must apply, he must start with his own fellow members. Let me read what the Constitution says. Chapter one ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Just one second. Hon member Mr Wiley?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr Deputy Speaker, you have given an enormous amount of latitude here.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: You are not the Speaker. Sit down!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Sit down!

Mr M G E WILEY: You are debating the individual votes.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I cannot hear the hon member. Just allow the hon member.

Mr M G E WILEY: You are debating the individual votes. I can scarcely find a sentence that is referring specifically to Vote 3 in the speech.
[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr M G E WILEY: She is talking about Budget Council issues which is not the issue here. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! I have allowed the hon member on occasion to continue, and I am not sure what she is referring to now, and I will listen

very carefully. If it is about Vote 3 it is in order, if not then the hon member goes too wide.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Yes, Mr Deputy Speaker, it is.

Mr K E MAGAXA: I think you want [Inaudible.] [Laughter.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please continue, hon member Ms Beerwinkel. Your time is almost done.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: I am referring to this, Mr Deputy Speaker, because this is in the MEC of Finance's speech. It was also in his comments that he kept on making. He said that the Western Cape is a capable state. Let me read you what the Constitution says.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is just a song.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: I kept reminding them, this is not a state. Chapter one says:

“The Republic of South Africa ...”

And it refers to the Republic of South Africa:

“The Republic of South Africa is one sovereign democratic state.”

Not the Western Cape - South Africa - is a democratic state. It also says ...
[Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You do not like the lecture? [Laughter.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: The Constitution is the supreme law of the Republic.
Law or conduct ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, I am waiting for you to bring it into Vote 3.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Law or conduct inconsistent with what I have just read now is invalid. So, it is in their best interests to accept that they are part of South Africa, part of the nine provinces, not a “competent state”, not an island, part of one state. As such the poverty that exists in this province needs to be addressed via the allocation of votes where people are served, not Education and Health, that we understand there are lots of people, a lot of members that need to be allocated because of the costs of employment and those negotiations that are taking place. But if you look at all of these votes and the role that Treasury has in dividing this money, you will see that people are not served, administration is served.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Management is served ...[Interjection.]

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

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: ... and not the reason why Vote 3 is there. Thank you. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! The hon member Mr Christians. Order! Come to order first please.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Mr Deputy Speaker, the ACDP supports Vote 3, Provincial Treasury. I am definitely not going to respond to that long, irrelevant and boring speech. [Interjections.][Laughter.] Definitely not! [Interjections.]

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

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: I want to congratulate the Minister and the officials ...

Mr K E MAGAXA: Your bosses.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: ... for their excellent leadership because when we sit here we sit with our jaws hanging open listening to those officials, listening to how competent they are. It is a unique skill that they have.

I cannot understand that in the one sentence hon member Beerwinkel praises them and then the work they do, she runs down. I cannot. She did exactly the same last year. Exactly the same.

When we talk about building good governance, financial oversight and structured engagements, the consequence is that you have good running departments.

An HON MEMBER: Exactly!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: The consequence is that you have good service delivery, targets that you can meet. She cannot even get the correlation between good service delivery and the role of Provincial Treasury. [Interjections.] So, Mr Deputy Speaker ... [Interjection.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: So, so, so, ja.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: I thought after being a member so long she would inform me, but I think she misled the entire House when it came to her speech. It was not relevant. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: But let me say the following. I want to know from ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Just one second. Hon member Mr Tyatyam?

Mr S G TYATYAM: Mr Deputy Speaker, the hon member is not speaking on the budget, on the vote. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Tyatyam, you are taking a big chance. He is referring to your previous speaker who spoke so the hon member may continue. [Interjections.] Please continue.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Mr Deputy Speaker, what I just want to know from the Minister is: I read in an article the other day that National Treasury is sending back municipalities' budgets because they are not budgeting for services and they cannot make their budget at the end of the year. So municipalities have now said that they are playing political games because they want votes and now they are under-budgeting. So, if the Minister can say if in the Western Cape there are any and how they are assisting those municipalities to have correct budgets? [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Hon member Christians, your time has unfortunately expired. I see ... [Interjections.] Order! Order! Please come to order before I see the hon Minister Meyer to respond. Hon Minister Meyer?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: There is nothing to respond to really.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I will make it short because the substance ...

Mr D JOSEPH: Ja.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Was too much.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: ... was short. [Laughter.] Thank you, firstly, to my Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Finance for his leadership and legislative oversight over the budget of Vote 3. He clearly understands and studied the budget in great detail, and I want to thank him for his particular engagements, not only in the Committee, but also on a one-on-one basis with me personally.

I would also like to thank you hon member Joseph, for acknowledging our partnership with our key stakeholders. I want to assure our members that we will also issue further Treasury instructions to all provincial entities as it is not business as usual in the 2016/17 financial year.

†Agbare Joseph, ek stem met u saam dat ons meer streng moet wees in terme van die goedkeuring van lenings. Ek stem ook met u saam dat lenings slegs aangewend moet word om kapitale uitgawes te finansier en nie op operasionele uitgawes te bestee nie. Ek en my kollega, die agb Minister van Plaaslike Regering, Minister Bredell, doen ook gereeld 'n beroep op munisipaliteite om nie kapitale begrotings aan te wend vir operasionele uitgawes nie. Die Departement van Provinsiale Tesourie en sy Departement

Plaaslike Regering monitor ook op 'n gereelde basis die leningsaansoeke van munisipaliteite in die Wes-Kaap. Ons konsulteer ook gereeld met die Nasionale Tesourie asook die kantoor van die Ouditeur-generaal in dié verband.

*Hon Joseph, I agree with you that we have to be more strict in terms of the approval of loans. I also agree with you that loans should only be used to finance capital expenditure and not be spent on operational expenses. My colleague, the hon Minister of Local Government, and I regularly call on municipalities not to use capital budgets for operational expenses. The Department of Provincial Treasury and his Department of Local Government also monitor loan applications of municipalities in the Western Cape on a regular basis. We also regularly consult National Treasury as well as the office of the Auditor General in this regard.

†I concur with the hon member Beerwinkel that the Provincial Treasury has outstanding officials, and I want to thank them for their great leadership because part of building a capable state is having competent officials, particularly in the Treasury Department, but generally in Government. So, I want to thank them for the work that they are doing, they are outstanding officials, unlike what we have in Limpopo. [Interjection.]

What you have done in Limpopo is destroying a government. That is why your government in Limpopo is absolutely destroyed.

An HON MEMBER: Finished.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: It is finished; it is over. Unlike your government, we have capable officials and unlike your government, we only have 82,000 staff members in this province ... [Interjection.]

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

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: ...but in Limpopo ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Just one second. Hon member Ms Beerwinkel?

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Mr Deputy Speaker, you see it is this unfair double-standard that exists here. [Interjections.] Where is Vote 3 now? And the MEC is not even addressing you. He is pointing fingers here at the hon member. He should be speaking to you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Ms Beerwinkel, I will control that. Hon Minister speak through the Chair please.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Mr Deputy Speaker, in Limpopo Province they have destroyed every single thing. Limpopo has much more staff than this Government.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Vote 3!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: This Government has about 82,000 staff members and in Limpopo, where they are in charge, there are 120,000 staff members.

HON MEMBERS: Yoh!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Mr Deputy Speaker, 70% of the money of the budget of Limpopo goes into salaries. 70%. That is why there are no services where you are running the show.

An HON MEMBER: Are you in Limpopo now?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: I am now in Limpopo. [Interjections.] There are no ghost workers in our administration. [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Hon member Olivier, is that a point of order? A question?

Mr R T OLIVIER: Mr Deputy Speaker, may I address you on that point?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You can do that.

Mr R T OLIVIER: You have raised an issue about the specific relevance to Vote 3 but the MEC is now addressing us on the Limpopo state of the

province and I want to understand through you, Mr Deputy Speaker, what allocation has he allocated to Limpopo in that Vote 3?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! This is a political debate and the hon Minister is now responding to it. [Interjections.] Order! Order! Order! I expect the hon Minister to get closer to home in his next comments. Hon member Wiley? Just one second.

Mr M G E WILEY: May I address you on this matter please? The hon member Ms Beerwinkel gave us a lecture on the sovereignty of South Africa and the hon Minister is addressing the sovereignty of South Africa and its component parts. [Applause.] He is following her example.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, hon member Wiley, I hear that, but it has not changed the topic of the debate. The topic of the debate is Vote 3. Hon Minister?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Mr Deputy Speaker, I will return now from Limpopo to the Western Cape but there are a lot of potholes so it will take longer to get to the Western Cape because of all the potholes in their province. [Interjections.] So, I took long to get here.

†‘n AGBARE LID: Kom terug.

*An HON MEMBER: Come back.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: If they built roads better it would be easier to get to the Western Cape more quickly. But, Mr Deputy Speaker, I think that the heart of this debate is the source of Government revenue. When the National Minister tabled his budget in the National Parliament, he indicated that the revenue of the National Government for this current financial year, in terms of tax collection, is R1.1 trillion; corporate tax and personal income tax mainly. He also indicated that the total Government expenditure for this current financial year in South Africa is R1.4 trillion. That leaves us with a R300 billion shortfall that we need to approach both national and international capital markets to make up that shortfall.

So, fundamental to public finance is the issue of the political economy and decisions that are taken in relation to whether we are going to raise taxes or not. But the hon Premier is absolutely correct because there is something in the political landscape of public finance called the national and provincial equitable share. The key word there is “equitable”. And so, she is absolutely right to say the National Government does not do us a favour because there is a formula that is prescribed on the basis of what is equitable. So this ...

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Assumption.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Assumption. Thank you hon Minister, my English is not that good; the assumption that we are getting money from National Government is a myth [Interjections.] because the National Minister addressed it in his budget speech on the 24 of February in National

Parliament. So, I think we can leave this story of the money and National doing us a favour. National is not doing anybody a favour; it is a correct allocation of money based on an equitable formula.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: But, Mr Deputy Speaker ... [Interjection.]

Mr L H MAX: Constitutionally bound.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Constitutionally bound. There is a lawyer. I find it very hard to respond to the hon member Beerwinkel because she did not address Vote 3. The hon member was all over the show, piggy-backing on all the different votes. [Interjection.] I do not know she did that because this is the wrong debate.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Mr D JOSEPH: Come to the Budget Committee.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: That is a matter for the Budget Committee.

Mr D JOSEPH: Yes!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: In a democracy you win an election and then

based on that election, you will receive a mandate. Based on that mandate, you table a budget to allocate the resources to your priorities.

An HON MEMBER: But there is no [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: It is therefore the responsibility of this side of the House to decide where the budget will be allocated. So, we allocate the resources based on the electoral mandate that we received in 2014. I am glad hon member Chief Whip, that side of the House, is here because he knows that a regional government or a provincial government is a sub-national government. What is so difficult in understanding that a regional government or a provincial government is regarded internationally as a sub-national government? All over the world. It does not mean ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: The basics of principles of public administration are clearly not understood in this House.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: On that side of the House.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Gauteng is a sub-national government. Your Limpopo is a sub-national government. What is so difficult in this simple understanding? So let me ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: I do not understand what your understanding is. Hon members ...[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Vote 3!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: I think let me rather conclude ...
[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Vote 3.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: ... to thank also the hon member Christians. I could not agree more with him on what he has said because he understands the budget, he understands the limitations of where we need to further invest, and also the suggestion that he made in his comments regarding the municipalities; we will certainly take up his input in that particular ...

An HON MEMBER: Space.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: ... space. I also want to thank the Head Official of the Provincial Treasury and all the staff members that work particularly hard in the budget office. But this is not only an exercise of the Provincial Treasury, because we have now entered the phase of integrated budgeting and planning. This is not only the work of Provincial Treasury, it

is now also the work of the Department of Environmental Affairs, it is the work of the Department of the Premier, it is the work of the delivery unit and it is also the Department of Local Government because they are now jointly responsible for the way that the budget is allocated in this Western Cape Government.

Lastly, I would like to thank - in the gallery – our friends from Germany, our friends from the Netherlands and our friends from Great Britain. They are also here in this House today and I want to thank them because what they are doing, is they are creating public value. [Applause.]

I want to thank them, Mr Deputy Speaker, because they are ...

An HON MEMBER: From Bavaria.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: ... volunteers from all over, not only from Bavaria, from all over the show. They are not only from Bavaria, they are from different parts in Germany, but they are also from England and they are also from the Netherlands. And what they do here in South Africa is they are creating public value because they work as volunteers. They work as volunteers in the Durbanville Children's Home, and I would like to invite the hon members to come and see what they are doing. [Applause.] [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: No, no, we are all family. We are living in a

global village; they are our family. [Interjection.] They are part of the global village and where they are adding value. You should really appreciate what they are doing and I want to personally, on behalf of the Minister of Social Development, thank you for your great work in assisting us in helping our children of this province. Volunteers from around the world, thank you for your outstanding leadership in this regard. This Parliament notes your work. I thank you. [Applause.]

[Debate concluded.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! That concludes the debate on this Vote. Proceedings will now be suspended and will resume at 14h00. The bells will be rung before 14:00.

[Business of the House suspended at 13:03 and resumed at 14:00.]

The SPEAKER: Welcome back, hon members, welcome to the Administration. We now get to the third Vote, so I will ask the Secretary to read the third Order of the Day.

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

The SPEAKER: I see the hon Premier. [Applause.]

HON MEMBERS: Hear-Hear!

The PREMIER: Thank you. Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. Corruption and maladministration leads to disinvestment and job losses. This is a blunt statement, but it is also incontrovertible. It is equally incontrovertible that investors in our country have recognised that the Western Cape provides good governance, stability and predictability, fostering an enabling environment in which investment and job creation can thrive.

We have assisted investors, whether they are local or international, and businesses that are here in the Western Cape to expand their investments and grow their work force by cutting through the bureaucratic red tape that prevents so much investment. Growth is essential for job creation, and job creation leads to poverty reduction, and that is what we are trying to achieve. Similarly, we believe that the people of the Western Cape are hard-working and are looking only for opportunities to improve their lives. That is what people want; opportunities to improve their lives.

And our progress has been good, despite significant challenges, including a 45% growth in the population of this province in the last 15 years; many of the people who have come, who have needed to be supported and helped and have opportunities, have not got resources or skills. We have been far more successful than any other part of the country in creating a context for the

creation of opportunities for jobs for the people who need work.

Astonishingly, Statistics South Africa records our year-on-year growth in employment, from the 4th quarter of 2014 to the 4th quarter of 2015, at 9,7%. Now that is the year-on-year growth in employment. That would already be spectacular if it was the year-on-year growth in the indications of economic growth, which can happen without much increase in employment, but when it is a 9,7% year-on-year increase in jobs, that is a huge achievement given the prevailing economic conditions.

Francis Fukuyama in his book *The Origins of Political Order and Political Decay* highlighted three requirements to foster a prosperous nation: the rule of law, accountability, and that means a culture of accountability across the entire society, and a capable state.

Good governance in state institutions is an essential element of a capable state. The Department of the Premier has been instrumental in the Western Cape Government's consistent success in the MPAT, which stands for Management Performance Assessment Tool results. The Western Cape Government also secured gold, silver and bronze awards for Best Department and Best Head of Department at last year's National Batho Pele Service Excellence Awards.

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

The PREMIER: The Department and Director-General won the silver awards in these categories and I would like to congratulate everybody who achieved an award and everyone who is putting in such an effort to make our province the epitome of a capable, sub-national entity of a state in Africa.

The Department of the Premier provides support to the Provincial Executive, provides strategic direction on transversal policy and strategy, and provides corporate services for the whole of the Western Cape Government.

It is in the corporate services role, in particular, that the Department of the Premier makes a vital contribution to good governance. I would like to draw hon members' attention in particular to the role of the Corporate Assurance Programme in the Department of the Premier which provides forensic services, internal audit services and enterprise risk management services to all departments.

These are the basic building blocks of good government providing assurance to the provincial leadership, to the Legislature and the general public that the province is well governed. It is on this solid foundation that opportunities for economic growth, job creation and social development are built. This is the capable state which Fukuyama describes as absolutely essential for progress.

Madam Speaker, the 2016/17 Main Budget of the Department of the Premier is only R9 million more than the 2015/16 Main Budget. This represents a nominal increase of 0,6% in the budget of the Department of the Premier. The Department's staff costs are projected to increase at 9,2% in 2016, and general inflation is currently at a rate of 6,2% and rising, and therefore the budget is, in effect, substantially reduced in real terms. The additional personnel costs and inflationary pressures will have to be absorbed in cutbacks elsewhere, unavoidably impacting on service delivery.

At the time of last year's MTEF budget, the Department reported that the budget outlook over the medium term was constrained and that MTEF budget cuts totalling R67 million for the period 2015/16 to 2017/18 had been imposed. Recent events on the global and local economic fronts, the drought, as well as the student fee issue, have impacted the Department's budget even further and resulted in additional cutbacks of R83.3 million on MTEF personnel costs and R13.7 million on MTEF non-personnel costs. So our environment is exceptionally constrained, to put it mildly.

To make matters worse, the current depreciation of the Rand against the Dollar has created significant shortfalls in the funds available for CE-I, that is, Centre for e-Innovation, licensing. It is important to note that CE-I achieves significant savings by engaging with service providers on behalf of the entire Provincial Government. Despite these savings, the estimated shortfall for licence payments ranges between R24 million and R46 million, depending on further currency fluctuations and the Western Cape Government

negotiations with our service providers. The immediate impact is that the Department will be forced to curtail capital expenditure this year which creates risks for the infrastructure which underpins the CE-I's service delivery.

So this is a very serious situation because previously our budgets have been able to cover both our capital infrastructure investments for our communication technology platform, plus the licence fees. Now because the exchange rate has caused a massive increase in Rand terms of our licence fees, it means that we will inevitably have to cut back on Capex which could have quite serious consequences.

Within the Department we will ensure that austerity measures are deepened. To ensure adequate focus on its core mandate, the Department's executive has workshopped various priorities and potential savings based on the following criteria:

1. Protection of Special Purpose funding received from other departments;
2. The impact on internal and transversal service delivery;
3. Impact on governance improvement; and
4. What is necessary to achieve Provincial Strategic Plan and the APP targets.

And all of those are going to be critical criteria in making the decisions on what we spend money on and what we do not spend money on.

In support of the National Government's initiative to manage staff costs down to sustainable levels and to eliminate waste from an expenditure perspective, the Department implemented a Compensation of Employees Expenditure ceiling and imposed further cuts on discretionary goods and services allocations. To ensure increased efficiency over the medium term, administrative expenses will remain static. A Compensation of Employees Committee has been established to make recommendations with regard to the filling of departmental posts. All the aforementioned initiatives assist in keeping critically important posts and projects funded, but makes sure that nothing that is not absolutely essential becomes a magnet for money.

The branch People Management has implemented an online e-recruit service which assists line managers with shortlisting through a pre-selection questionnaire. A Performance Consulting Unit will be established to assist line managers with the development of performance agreements that instil accountability in the workplace, performance coaching and the management of poor performance. The Provincial Training Institute continues to roll out e-Learning programmes, including; the Accounting Officer System and Delegations Programme; the Executive Development Programme for SMS members; the Middle Management Development Programme and online training for Supply Chain Management Bid Committee members, and so on.

From an Organisational Behaviour perspective, in addition to the values of Caring, Competence, Accountability, Integrity and Responsiveness, we have

now added the value of Innovation so that we are open to new ideas and develop creative solutions to problems in a resourceful way. Madam Speaker, the Department of the Premier will continue to partner with all departments in creating meaningful sustainable and cost-effective organisational structures and business processes that will improve service delivery. This is important within a constrained budget environment.

Cape Access has established eight new e-Centres in the current financial year. It should be noted, however, that plans for the construction of new Cape Access Centres must, of necessity, be reduced over the 2016 MTEF, and only six Centres will be built in the forthcoming financial year as opposed to eight in the last one.

The budget cuts also impact the Department's ability to render corporate and shared services to client departments at stipulated service standards and schedules. The Department will therefore review service schedules, standards and commitments and adjust accordingly. From a provincial good governance perspective, the Department advises that the continued attainment of clean audits may be at greater risk following the cutbacks in funding.

The Centre for e-Innovation continues to fulfil its transversal role in respect of ICTs and has made substantial progress with the implementation of broadband in the Western Cape. Key deliverables thus far are as follows:

- The building of broadband infrastructure, consisting of either wireless or fibre infrastructure, has been completed at over 1 000 sites and the broadband service has been activated at over 900 sites. The remaining sites will be connected by the end of the 2016/17 financial year.
- This progress, Madam Speaker, is particularly significant when one considers the following:
 - The Western Cape Government sites at which the broadband service has been activated comprises 169 corporate sites, 692 schools and 92 libraries;
 - The service is underpinned by a corporate grade service level agreement ensuring that all Western Cape Government sites receive a high quality of service;
 - This project has been implemented with minimal negative impact on the corporate and the schools environment, and of course corporate includes hospitals and community health centres.
- Further key milestones include the establishment of a separate and distinct Schools Network as well as Libraries Network.
- Leveraging off the broadband capability which has been established, the Western Cape Government is also in the process of establishing a managed e-mail and calendaring solution for schools which will be fully established and operational within the 2015/16 financial year.

- Within the corporate environment and the leveraging off the broadband investment, the Western Cape Government has derived significant savings regarding telephony. The Western Cape Government is achieving a saving of at least 40% on previous telephony charges at identified sites and will be aggressively rolling out this aspect of the broadband solution to ensure savings for the departments of the Western Cape Government over the MTEF.
- BizProjects is implemented in all Western Cape Government departments allowing officials to plan, track and monitor strategic projects. It is also utilised at Provincial Top Management and Cabinet meetings to monitor progress towards achieving the Provincial Strategic Goals. We will focus on growing the maturity level of project management in the Western Cape Government.
- BizPerformance is being used centrally at the Department of the Premier to capture APP indicators and Quarterly Performance against targets for all departments.
- BizBrain, which is Business Intelligence, has been implemented in three provincial departments. Transversal dashboards are being implemented for Finance, People Management, Project and APP performance management.

The Centre for e-Innovation is driving the Service Interface Programme in the province. Through this programme the Western Cape Government aims to improve the citizens' experiences when engaging frontline staff at service points managed by the Government. It focuses primarily on a few coalface service delivery points where it aims to analyse and improve processes, structures, skills, communication, systems and cultures at one facility and apply the lessons learnt to similar institutions.

Our responses to the presidential hotline referrals continue to be exceptional, with a cumulative resolution rate of 99,36% which is by far the highest in the country.

The Corporate Assurance Programme I alluded to earlier is responsible for the establishment of structures and processes with appropriate checks and balances that enable the discharge of responsibilities and oversight. It will be supported by a Corporate Governance Maturity Model which will map the organisation's journey towards corporate governance maturity.

Despite the budgetary challenges, the Department of the Premier remains committed to maintaining and improving accountable management and transparent good governance in this province. The Department's objectives are to serve the Western Cape Government as a whole by providing essential corporate services to all provincial departments. The continued roll-out of the broadband initiative is providing high speed access to the internet, to Government offices, hospitals, clinics, schools and citizens, and I look

forward to the results of the Citizen Interface Programme which we hope will improve the citizen's experience of our services.

Madam Speaker, I would like to thank my Cabinet colleagues most warmly for working in such a committed team. I would like to thank the Director-General, Advocate Gerber, and next to him the person who keeps the finances in check, Mr Wikus Basson, and their entire team for their dedication and hard work during the past year, their sense of humour which is always appreciated in difficult times and for their support and guidance which is a very polite way of putting it but I really mean it. Thank you very much. We look forward to a challenging and productive year ahead. Thank you, Madam Speaker. [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Premier. I see the hon member Mr Mackenzie.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Thank you, Madam Speaker. It is again an honour for me to stand here today in support of Vote 1 because it illustrates that this Department is committed to advancing good governance and ensuring that the province continues to be a shining beacon of hope.

Under the leadership of Premier Zille the Department continues to focus on youth and job creation. The Department of the Premier plays an important role as part of the Western Cape Government. The Department provides these key roles as it focuses on its strategic goals which addresses the need for

good governance and integrated service delivery through partnerships and spatial alignments.

As outlined in the Budget Appropriations the Department plays a critical role as it aims to render relevant and timeous Executive Government support services to the executive and the Director-General.

Critical to the Government of the Western Cape is creating safe spaces for our young ones to develop in and contribute to a well functioning society. The youth is the lifeblood of our nation and our future. This means investing in critical areas that are designed to ensure, as the hon Premier puts it, that our young people are able to tap into the opportunities of a 21st century society and economy.

In spite of the current climate, but particularly the economic climate, the Western Cape Government continues to prioritise investment in youth and development. It is pleasing to see that the progress for the Centre for Innovation, or CI as we call it, continues to fulfil its objectives and role of ICT in the province. The Centre for Innovation has made good progress with the implementation of broadband in the Western Cape and in fact they have come to present to the Committee on several occasions.

As highlighted before, key deliverables for some of these areas are: the building of the broadband infrastructure consisting of wireless and fibre infrastructure. What we have said, hon members, and if you just walk

outside of Parliament, there is a nice joint initiative by the Western Cape Government and the City of Cape Town with a company called Isabelo. If you walk outside Parliament you will see students standing around there and using that free WiFi. It is actually quite an amazing sight, so well done on that.

The Advancement of Youth Project is another indication of the hon Premier's commitment to youth in the province. R26 million is allocated to broaden access opportunities for youth. The programme aims to assist students that have passed matric and who would like to gain some work experience in the public sector. Up to now the project has provided 2 251 internships and a further 750 participants will take part in the programme between April 2016 and March 2017.

Now one would obviously want the Premier to do better, but in a briefing from National Treasury last week, which was very interesting for all of the members there, one of the statistics that I picked up in the meeting is that last year we paid R129 billion to service debt in the country.

Currently, based on 9/12 - obviously we know what happened - we are going to pay R147 billion. That is an additional R20 billion that National Government is going to pay. Now that money, taking into account ...
[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please hon members.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Madam Speaker, can you protect me please? In fact, that question, Madam Speaker ... [Interjection.] - here is the book. In fact I asked that question twice in the meeting. Are you sure that we are spending R20 billion on 9/12 and they confirmed it. In fact, here are the statistics that will shock you.

In August last year we paid R8.5 million servicing debt which is roughly about R25 billion. On 15 December, post 9/12, we are now paying more than double, and in fact 11%. I mean, that is shocking, that is billions of Rand literally gone down the tubes. Now all that money could have been allocated to all provinces obviously, to ensure that we spend the money in our communities that deserve it.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Dit is 'n swak pging [Onhoorbaar.]

*Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is a poor effort [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please!

Mr R D MACKENZIE: To further invest in skills development of our youth, the Premier announced that more than R120 million has been allocated to supporting the youth in our province through a workplace [Inaudible.] This is a much welcomed initiative, it will contribute to lessening the youth unemployment rate in the province while also creating better lives for the young ones in the province.

In 2015 you also announced the game-changers which would be the key priorities for the Western Cape Government. In fact, as Chairperson of the Standing Committee, we invited you to Parliament where we had an opportunity to ask questions in the Committee and all members on that Committee asked questions because it was that the game-changer is indeed a great programme.

Hon Premier, the Department of the Premier also briefed us on your budget and your Annual Performance Plan. So we are happy that you stated equivocally and that you will start the process and policy guidelines on the appointment of the Children's Commissioner. However, it is concerning that the Western Cape Government is forced to take mitigating measures as a result of the R1.5 billion that has been cut in the provincial equitable share by National Government.

In fact, further cuts to your Department will sacrifice the filling of 132 crucial posts. Now that is not of your own making So we also note the impact that the Rand has on it as you mentioned now during your speech that when the broadband strategy was started the deal was signed at R11.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Hy is swak!

*Mr Q R DYANTYI: He is poor!

Mr R D MACKENZIE: It is now R15.45 to the Dollar. So the impact on

Government and the impact of this is going to be severely and highly felt by the poorest of the poor.

In fact, furthermore, we are happy that the Western Cape Government has already introduced cost cutting measures.

Ms M N GILLION: Praise singer.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: In fact, some years ago you already started flying economy class. So the other day when I saw that Minister Pravin Gordhan was flying economy class, I asked myself why are people making a big issue of it? [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please!

Mr R D MACKENZIE: So we applaud the tough decisions that you make, hon Premier, to ensure that frontline services still reach the people of the Western Cape. This illustrates the DA-led Western Cape is committed to extending free and fair access to opportunities and I wish the hon Premier and the Department well in delivering services to the whole of the Western Cape during this period of [Inaudible.]. I thank you. [Applause.]

†‘n AGBARE LID: Mooi.

*An HON MEMBER: Well done.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is the oversight of the DA. That is it.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Dyantyi, your speaker is on the floor next. I see the hon member Dugmore.

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

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

Mr C M DUGMORE: Thank you very much Madam Speaker ...[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Dyantyi, please contain yourself. Thank you.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Madam Speaker, thank you for this opportunity to participate in the debate on Vote 1 which deals with the Appropriation Bill for the Department of the Premier. I am sure that hon members would agree with me in saying that it is fair for this House to actually expect the Department of the Premier to lead by example. [Interjections.] Not only do we expect best practice regarding leadership to confront the central issues facing the people of the Western Cape, but we also expect the hon Premier to honour commitments which she has made in this House, thus building trust, that the word of the highest office in the province will, in fact, be honoured.

I am sure hon members would agree with me that this is the least that we would expect. But once a situation develops where promises are made and

not kept by the first citizen of the Western Cape, then we begin to see a trust deficit [Interjection.] developing in this province. The hon Premier makes much of accountability, but she fails that very test of accountability because once a situation develops where the constitutional mandate to redress the imbalances of the past by actively pursuing representivity of all the people of our province, in particular the historically disadvantaged communities of Coloured and African people, urban and rural, to ensure that those communities, in particular, are represented within the senior structures of the public service. When that begins to be cynically ignored, we then begin to see a pattern of non-compliance is followed in the broader society, including the business community, including local governments that are actually controlled by the same party that the hon Premier belongs to.

And once a pattern develops of actually ignoring the constitutional provisions of this province's own constitution as certified by the Constitutional Court for over seven years, the very integrity of the hon Premier herself [Interjections.] and the Department of the Premier by extension is brought into question.

We are being asked, Madam Speaker, to support R1,3 billion for this Vote, yet not a single Rand has been allocated to bring either the Children's Commissioner or the Environmental Commissioner into line ...[Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: It is fair ...[Interjection.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: And what is most astounding [Interjections.], Madam Speaker, is that ...[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please!

Mr C M DUGMORE: ...when the hon Premier stands up this afternoon to speak about her own Vote, there is absolute silence on the Environmental Commissioner or the Children's Commissioner and all that we get from what can only be described as an honourable lapdog of this House, the Chairperson of this Committee, hon member Mr Mackenzie, simply mouths a welcome for broad policy formulations around the Children's Commissioner ...[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Dugmore, will you please take your seat? There is an hon member on the floor. Hon member Mr Mnqasela, is it a point of order?

Mr M MNQASELA: Madam Speaker, it is a point of order. I think it is up to your ruling to guide this House ...[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr M MNQASELA: ...and there is only one Speaker here in this Parliament. [Interjections.] Madam Speaker, I would really like to hear your ruling on whether is it honourable to call a member of this House a lapdog, really

...[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Ja!

The SPEAKER: I have noted your point of order. Hon member Mr Dugmore
...[Interjection.]

Mr M MNQASELA: [Inaudible] someone as a dog.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. Sorry, if I can address you. I do recall you saying that the hon Chairperson is a lapdog. It would be deemed to be unparliamentary. If you could withdraw that please? Thank you.
[Interjections.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: Madam Speaker, I withdraw the ...[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you ...[Interjections.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: ...the description of the Chairperson as a lapdog, I withdraw [Inaudible] ...[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

Mr C M DUGMORE: So, Madam Speaker, we have a situation that in a budget for Vote 1, with the constitutional mandate, with the commitment

made by this hon Premier in front of all the people of the province in 2009, seven years ago, not a single cent is allocated in this budget that is before us today, and this makes a mockery of this entire budget Vote.

The budget simply makes a vague reference to a process of guidelines, but there is nothing of the sort in the Annual Performance Plan, and this is particularly concerning as one of the key mandates of the Department of the Premier is to implement the Provincial Constitution of the Western Cape which requires, as it currently stands, that both an Environmental Commissioner as well as a Children's Commissioner be appointed.

The fact that this 2016 budget does not speak to this in any way shows that there is no intent on the part of the hon Premier of this province to implement this. [Interjections.] It was, in fact, in 2009 that the hon Premier promised in her speech that she will appoint a Children's Commissioner. ...[Interjections.] No word on Environmental Commissioner, but seven years later, hon members, we are no closer; we simply have words again of the hon Premier when questioned on this matter, that there will be a Children's Commissioner. No budget, no timeframes, no indication as to when this should happen, and this in a province where our children are the most affected relatively to other provinces in regard to substance abuse and gangsterism. Where thousands of children in the Western Cape suffer from foetal alcohol syndrome, where our children and young girls are often victims of alcohol induced domestic violence, rape and murder.

I want to put it to this House, Madam Speaker, that the failure of the hon Premier and her party, the DA, to appoint a Children's Commissioner for over seven years, leaves blood on her hands and on the hands of the Democratic Alliance. The DA is complicit in this. [Interjections.] These pathologies which are peculiar in many instances to the Western Cape have a particular manifestation and it is clear ...[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please! Hon member Mr Dugmore, sorry.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Madam Speaker, I would your ...[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Minister Winde, the Chief Whip first, thank you. Chief Whip?

Mr M G E WILEY: I would like your ruling on the phraseology of blood on a man's hands [Interjections.] I would like that would be elucidated... [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you. [Interjections.] Your point of order is noted. If I recall a previous session where it was alluded that an hon Minister had blood on his hands, it was ruled unparliamentary, so I would like to ask the hon Minister Dugmore that you withdraw your statement saying that the hon Premier has blood on her hands because it is ...[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: I say it ...[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: ...casting a direct aspersion on the hon Premier.
[Interjections.] I ask that you withdraw please.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Madam Speaker, I will withdraw that, but also request that you study previous rulings on this matter [Interjections.] and I would like to rephrase by saying that the fact that the Children's Commissioner for seven years once the promise had been made ...[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: We are [Inaudible] ...[Interjection.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: ...has not been appointed. [Interjections.] We can point to deaths via foetal alcohol syndrome. We can point to deaths as a result of gangsterism, deaths as a result of domestic violence and surely this hon Premier must take responsibility for that? [Interjections.] And that is why some people would describe that as a situation of having blood on her hands. [Interjections.] Some people may describe it as that. ...[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: No!

Mr C M DUGMORE: ...because, in fact, the failure to honour her promise has resulted in a situation where the focus which a Children's Commissioner would have placed together with other departments [Interjections.] on this

issue has actually been a singular failing of this province. [Interjections.]

One can only, Madam Speaker ...[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Dugmore ...[Interjection.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: ...draw the conclusion ...[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Dugmore, please take your seat, there is a member on the floor. Hon Minister Winde?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker, I want to know if the hon member Mr Dugmore will take a question? [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Will you take the question?

Mr C M DUGMORE: No, I won't. ...[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Ah, come on ...[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: He said, no, thank you. [Interjections.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: One can only draw the conclusion, Madam Speaker, that while ...[Interjections.]

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

The SPEAKER: Order please, members! [Interjections.] Can we afford the speaker on the floor an opportunity to present, both sides of the House? You may proceed, hon member Mr Dugmore. ...[Interjection.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Dis baie seer!

*Mr Q R DYANTYI: It hurts a lot!

Mr C M DUGMORE: Thank you, Madam Speaker, maybe the hon member Winde can send a note to the hon Premier and she can respond to his question ...[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Okay ...[Interjection.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: ...when she replies. [Interjections.] One can only draw the conclusion that the lives, and I say this with all earnestness and respect, one can only draw the conclusion that the lives of mainly Coloured and African children are just not worth it and do not have the same value as the children of the wealthy and children from historically White group. [Interjections.] I want to suggest, and I ask members to consider this, that if the majority of children affected by these pathologies, substance abuse, gangsterism, foetal alcohol syndrome and domestic violence were actually from historically White constituencies, this Commissioner would have been appointed a long time ago. [Interjections.] It is because it is an indisputable

fact that the DA listened to the voices of privilege ...[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: People!

Mr C M DUGMORE: ...and not the voices from Mitchells Plain, Delft and Khayelitsha, does not give those voices equal value. [Interjections.] And in the previous financial year, which is 2015/2016, the Department of the Premier and the Legislature spent thousands of Rands through public hearings on the First Amendment Bill on the Constitution of the Western Cape to amend the Provincial Constitution's existing provision ...[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr C M DUGMORE: ...on the Children's Commissioner ...[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon members, there is far too much noise in the Chamber. Can we please get order. You may proceed, hon member Dugmore.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Essentially, what was happening in that series of public hearings led by the Department of the Premier and the Legislature was actually to try and make a case that these Commissioners should be ever put on the back-burner and in fact never appointed by making their very appointment optional.

This constitutional amendment was met with resounding opposition from

stakeholders across the province. To quote a few lines from some of the submissions to bring to the attention of this House. One of the submissions said the following:

“That the amendment removes the mandatory language of the initial constitutional provisions and places a discretion on the Provincial Parliament to create a Commissioner for Children. It is noted with concern that the memorandum on the objects of the Bill states that the appointment of the Children’s Commissioner should be given effect when it is thought desirable to do so.

Furthermore that the Provincial Government is of the view that the filling of the vacancy is not desirable because of the limited powers of the Commissioner and the adequacy of the powers and functions assigned to other officials and authorities in terms of national legislation. [Interjection.] The filling of this vacancy would also consume scarce state resources.

The Bill therefore creates the impression that the Provincial Parliament is reneging on its responsibility to protect children’s rights in the province. Furthermore that the Provincial Parliament does not view children as a priority in the province as it would consume too many resources.”

Then Molo Songololo, a designated child protection organisation, said in

their submission:

“We do not support the proposed amendment that provides for discretion to establish the Commissioner for Children by the Provincial Legislature. We believe that the proposed amendment lessens the duty of the Provincial Legislature to establish the Commissioner for Children and waters down the obligation of the Provincial Legislature to fulfil its constitutional mandate.”

Now, this was last year. Surely we could have had a situation where the hon Premier, in preparing her speech and the budget for this year, would have come to this House and said this is what the people of the Western Cape have said very clearly seven years after I made the promise. [Interjection.] Yet we have a budget vote before us today which, as I have indicated, does not include a timetable, does not include any resources towards the establishment of this Commissioner.

I want to put it on record; I want to challenge the hon Premier in her response to give this House a date by which the Children’s Commissioner will be appointed and to give us a date by which the Environmental Commissioner will be appointed. You already failed the people of this province by making a promise in 2009 and I think this House and the people of the Western Cape deserve that particular commitment. [Interjection.]

This year she tells us that the legislative systems are able to deal with these

things, but no details are provided. And once again, the hon Premier owes this House responsibility to clarify exactly what her intentions are in regard to the Environmental Commissioner. This Provincial Government talks about reducing the red tape for developers, and on the other hand they talk about rolling out a red carpet for developers.

An HON MEMBER: They are doing it.

Mr C M DUGMORE: We all know that in our province with biodiversity citizens, with communities which are insisting on public participation, we need an Environmental Commissioner to actually draw the public's attention to the abuse of processes which are alleged to be happening in many parts of our province. But once again in regard to the Environmental Commission, there is no budget allocation, nor any actual plan for implementing it and these references to the two Commissioners which are listed as key policies, which should be reviewed and implemented, are not provided for.

We then have a situation where this province in regard to austerity measures has indicated that there are a total of R1.5 million in budget cuts over the next MTEF period, which would essentially have an impact on service delivery as we have already seen with the freezing of posts and the Department's ability to deliver on its mandates, according to officials. We know that the Premier has over R1.3 billion proposed to be voted on this particular vote. Over R800 million, in other words, two thirds of that is

allocated for the Centre for e-Innovation, and this is all about choices, because that money actually comes from the equitable share.

We have a situation in another Standing Committee where we were informed and it was testified in that committee, under oath, by those officials, that the failure to actually staff the Provincial Traffic Law Enforcement section of this province is contributing to deaths on our roads. MEC Grant was in that meeting. I think this essential failure of leadership of the Department of the Premier is that when we look at a budget such as this for Vote 1, we all also look at what choices have been made in regard to other budgets. The point that hon Member Beerwinkel was trying to make.

Now surely if we do a calculation and ask what would it cost to appoint an additional 25 provincial traffic inspectors which would create an additional visible presence on our roads, and when one also considers that the Western Cape was the only province where deaths on our roads over the Easter Season actually increased, surely this ... [Interjections.] It is. The facts are and I will show the Honourable Premier, ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order.

Mr C M DUGMORE: I am not talking about the overall statistics; I am saying it is the only province where there was the greatest increase in the number of road fatalities over the Christmas Season, that's factual. MEC Grant, Madam Premier, through the Speaker will confirm that. But yet we

have a decision ... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] believing his National Minister.

An HON MEMBER: No man!

The SPEAKER: Order please members. You may proceed.

Mr C M DUGMORE: ... to allocate over R800 million to CEI. All of us support broadband, all of us support the fact that children in our libraries and our public spaces are able to access it, but it's about choices and how one phases in broadband, compared to the clear and present dangers in the staffing of provincial traffic inspectors on our roads. So the choice that is made to not allocate the resources required to our provincial traffic - and that is a choice for which this Premier and the MEC for Finance need to take responsibility – and in fact the entire Cabinet because the failure to resource Provincial Traffic and to roll out the CEI programme without making any adjustments to the pace of that roll out, is a clear political choice that you are making.

Exactly when we come to the point on the Children's Commissioner about what is regarded as important, the fact that there was a minimal, minuscule increase on school safety to just under R30 million. When one then again considers how much is allocated to the Department of the Premier and the CEI budget, and one looks at the trauma that our children are suffering as a

result of gangs and drugs in our schools, it is about choices.

This province has shown, Madam Speaker, and I would like to indicate to you that since 2009 in terms of crime, substance abuse, the issue of lack of representivity, the failure to deliver houses at the pace of the ANC, this province has actually gone backwards since 2009, under the leadership of this Premier. We are arguing that the failure of the Premier to honour commitments made has resulted in a trust deficit in this province, has resulted in the skewed allocation of resources, particularly to working class and rural communities, mainly African and Coloured. This is the legacy of this Premier and that is why we as the ANC cannot bring ourselves to actually support this Vote 1 for the Department of the Premier. [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you. In the absence of the hon member Joseph, I see the hon member Christians.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Madam Speaker, thank you. The ACDP supports Vote 1. They say people in glass houses must not throw stones. I do not know if they even have a house to throw the stones from. But let me say, and I want to say a couple of things, if you talk about accountability and a capable state and good governance, I believe from my side the Premier is an excellent leader, a dynamic leader, for what she has done so far. If you compare the other provinces with the Western Cape, we are far above the other provinces.

So, you must compare with others. If you say the Premier is not a good

Premier, then you must be able to compare with the other provinces. Don't say something and you cannot even tangibly look at what is happening. So, I am saying from our side we believe that the Premier – member Dugmore – is a dynamic, capable leader leading this province well with a well-run Department. Just a couple of things, Madam Speaker. We all know about broadband.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You are saying we!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Ja, my party. The ACDP. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Dyantyi, order.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: So, when we spoke about broadband and there were problems in the beginning with SETA, they criticized. Now that it is successful and it is rolled out, they have a problem.

Mr D JOSEPH: Yes.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: You know now the Premier says: these are the sites, we have connected schools. Now they have a problem because it is successful. So that is the game they play. So when something is done successfully, they criticize the other part. I mean we were sitting in the Education the other day, and then member Dugmore said e-Innovation money must be spent on safety at schools. Now it is traffic cops. I do not know

what he wants next. But let me just say the following: there is something good because Department and Department Heads have received praise and accolades from National Government. So I would have expected from this side that they need to say: Premier you are doing XYZ very well, how can we help you improve to render a better service? But all they do is play the race card. They again play the race card, talking about Coloureds and Blacks. They cause division in this province. The voters of the Western Cape do not want them. [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you. Order, please members. Can we get some calm? Hon member Makeleni, have that conversation afterwards. Members can we have some order please? I see the Honourable the Premier.

The PREMIER: Thank you very much indeed, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Order.

The PREMIER: I would like to begin by thanking the hon member Mackenzie who serves on the Portfolio Committee for pointing ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please.

The PREMIER: ... out that in fact our main focus is on creating opportunities for the youth, and if you look at our entire expenditure, you can link it in one way or the other to creating more opportunities for young people in this

province. From the Pay Project to the free Wi-Fi to all of the initiatives that were undertaken that we can list, they have all been absolutely critical for the future prospects of young people. And that is why more and more, from Khayelitsha right through to Woodstock, this province is becoming a hub of innovation for young people and a magnet for young people and we are very delighted by that.

Now, I was fascinated to hear the honourable Dugmore's speech. I agree that we need to lead by example in Government and the person who can learn the most about the need for 'leading by example', is the honourable Leader of the ANC, but we will leave that there for a moment.

Let me begin by a quote from a person that I admire greatly. It is John Maynard Keynes and he made the very profound statement once, which I have often thought about when I am looking at how the environment changes and the facts that are brought to my attention change. John Maynard Keynes said:

“When the facts change, I change my position. What do you do?”

You see if people become stuck in some kind of ideological groove that, for example the Marxists in South Africa are still stuck almost half a century after the ideology has proved to be a total failure, then you can't make progress.

The critical thing about being human and about developing and about growth and development in societies is the people are able to weigh up the evidence and if necessary, change their position. And so the bottom line is that Marxism having failed completely in every society where it's ever been tried, failed because they did not have John Maynard Keynes' approach to the world, which says 'when the facts change I change my position, what do you do?' You can remain stuck in the same groove forever, or you can move on on the basis of evidence. And this Government is an evidence-based government, and that is what we look at.

The Children's Commissioner is the issue to which the honourable Dugmore devoted most of his speech and he says that I made a commitment in 2009, which is right. But also in 2009, in front of the whole province, I gave the reasons right here why the facts have changed since the original Constitution was drawn up and why I thought that the millions that would be required for expenditure on the Children's Commission was not the best way to spend money in support of the youth. I gave my reasons. I said the Children's Commissioner, and this is what I said ..[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order.

The PREMIER: So I said one thing but I also said another thing, and I'd like to put what I said in the context of what I also said. The Commission's powers as provided for in the Provincial Constitution are limited to monitoring, reporting and researching on issues. The Commissioner does not

have the power in terms of the Provincial Constitution to proactively intervene in children's issues, and I wanted proactivity. Many of the powers required to perform in terms of current provincial policy relating to children's issues are now in fact assigned to institutions that were created since the Provincial Constitution, in terms of national legislation, many which are doing a reasonable job. So we would have been duplicating with scarce money.

And then we concluded that State resources could be better utilised in assisting children in direct proactive ways, such as more social workers, such as improvements in education, such as many, many more drug rehabilitation centres which we have developed, such as the direct interventions to help children at risk. And in all of the areas where we would have been wasting money, quite frankly, on office infrastructure and other things to do things that are already being done by others, which was not the case when the Provincial Constitution was drawn up...[Interjection.] ...now we are spending huge amounts of money on improving the lives of youth, including the PAY Project and other things, which would have been essentially wasted had we duplicated structures.

Now I hear people interjecting, Madam Speaker, around the Police Ombudsman. The reason why we had to do that is because the IPID is not working. It is dysfunctional. We had to do it. According to my experience, not my knowledge, my experience - I've been writing up a lot of examples about how totally hopeless the IPID has been in the past. And in fact that is

why we went to the Constitutional Court because the Honourable ANC Government nationally said we're duplicating, and the Constitutional Court said we were not duplicating, and that in fact we had the right to do it. And we set up ..[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order please. [Interjection.] Order please members. Order, honourable Dijana, Chief Whip Wiley. You may proceed Premier.

†'n AGBARE LID: Ek is niemand se [Onhoorbaar.]

*An HON MEMBER: I am nobody's [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: Order please. You may proceed Premier.

The PREMIER: We established a Commission because policing was failing in Khayelitsha. The recommendations of that Commission have made an absolutely enormous difference and since the Commission's report and the changes that were made, including Adv. Pikoli as the Police Ombudsman, we have no more necklacings in Khayelitsha, which is certainly worth the investment that we made. [Interjections.] So vigilantism has reduced dramatically and thank goodness, we don't have any more necklacings at the moment, at the moment. So the bottom line is that ..[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order please.

The PREMIER: The powers that were provided for, the Children's

Commissioner in the Provincial Constitution, are things that are being done and done well by a range of other institutions and we prefer to invest the money in direct support for children. Now we have the honourable Dugmore making a number of statements around the plight of children, and I completely agree with him, in this matter. He says substance abuse is rife, yes it is. Gangstering is rife, yes it is. Fetal alcohol syndrome is rife, yes it is. Domestic violence and rape and murder are rife, yes tragically they are. But if you look at the mandate of the Children's Commissioner, there isn't a single thing that the Children's Commissioner would be empowered to do on any of these issues – on any of these issues.

In fact, look at what we're doing. We have a game changer on reducing alcohol harms. We have pumped millions into Nyanga which is the area suffering the most from alcohol harms. For example to provide alternative activities every weekend for young people ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order.

The PREMIER: Madam Speaker, we have pumped millions into Nyanga, for example to provide alternative activities for young people every weekend, so they don't have to sit in shebeens, drink and get drunk, beat each other up, kill each other ..[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please.

The PREMIER: You know, I would like to say that every time you give an example of what you are doing, the honourable ANC moves the goalposts. So when I give the example of what we're doing in Nyanga, then they try to claim that we say only youth in Nyanga are drinking so they can play the race card.

The SPEAKER: Order please.

The PREMIER: Madam Speaker, Nyanga is the murder capital of the world. The victims and the perpetrators are overwhelmingly young males ...[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Madam Premier, please take your seat. Honourable Olivier, if I can caution you. An interjection is allowed, but you've provided the running commentary for the last little while. I need your support. Everyone had an opportunity to speak, please allow the Premier to respond accordingly. You may proceed Premier.

The PREMIER: Thank you Madam Speaker. On every single one of the pathologies that the honourable Dugmore rightly raises, we have spent the money far better on actually tackling those pathologies, than we would have on spending a lot of money on the Children's Commissioner. It's very interesting that the ANC, long before that there were other institutions that were doing this work, did not establish a Children's Commissioner, an Environmental Commissioner and here they are being so †*hoog heilig* *holier

than thou †about us now. We decided ...[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order.

The PREMIER: We decided that the best interest of the children in this province will be served by not spending money on stuff that would be duplicating other functions. So we try to do it the constitutional way to get enough support for constitutional change and that was rejected. So therefore we later have to institute a Children's Commissioner. We are going to have to do it and we're doing it because the Policy Unit is finalising the policy and an approach, and then we will move towards getting the legislation in place to say what the Children's Commissioner precisely will have to do within the confines of monitoring, reporting and researching and we will progressively move towards that. And I cannot give an exact date now because these processes take time. Now ..[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order.

The PREMIER: Madam Speaker, the honourable Dugmore is quite right. There is a massive skewed resource allocation in this province, but it is massively skewed towards poor communities. It is massively skewed towards poor communities, not away from poor communities. And we think that that is very, very important that poor communities get more resources. So that is what we're very, very committed to doing.

Yes, we do have austerity measures and the Centre for e-Innovation does get a lot of our money, because connectivity is a right. It drives growth, it drives opportunity, it drives education and it is an extraordinary lever for people to be able to live lives they value. And in some countries in the world connectivity is now seen to be human right. We are not nearly there yet, but we certainly need to give our young people, especially those on the other side of the digital divide, the opportunity to do so.

It is a complete fiction that over this weekend we had more deaths than in any other province. In fact, if you said the Easter period [Interjections.] ... you said the Easter. And over this weekend I would like to refer the honourable Dugmore ..[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order.

The PREMIER: I would like to refer the honourable Dugmore to the library next door. There's a front page lead on one of the newspapers there, if you could just pop in and read just how dramatically improved the statistics were for this year. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Sorry. I think let's get clarity, it was Easter if I recall correctly. You did say Easter. So there's no debate on Christmas or Easter. You may proceed Premier.

The PREMIER: Madam Speaker, the honourable Dugmore argues if we didn't

spend so much ...[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Premier, please take your seat, there's a point of order.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Just to address you on the point of order. You have indicated that as far as you had heard I have indicated that I was referring to the Easter period ..[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: The Easter weekend.

Mr C M DUGMORE: For the record, obviously we can check Hansard, but I want everyone to know that I was actually referring to the December period. And I want to be very clear on that.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. Noted.

The PREMIER: Madam Speaker, that is nothing new, the ANC dwelling in the past again and pretending it's the present.

The SPEAKER: Order.

The PREMIER: Now the honourable Dugmore looks at the budget for the Centre for e-Innovation and says what else could be done with it. What else could be done with the R20 billion that we now have to pay extra in our loan repayments because of what I call the 'Zuma Tax'? Their leader has created

a situation where every South African is much, much poorer today than we were on the 8th of December last year. So if the Honourable Dugmore would like to talk about December, let's talk about the real crash that happened in December. Let's look at the crash that affected every single South African.

Let's look at the other crash in which ...[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order please.

The PREMIER: ... we, on a 10% effective increase for public servants, when we are so overstaffed nationally, not provincially, as terms of the public service.

The SPEAKER: Order members.

The PREMIER: Of all of the money that we've lost, or the R64 million that we may have to spend in additional license fees because of the exchange rate, that is the 'Zuma Tax'. If we had billions and billions of rands that we lost after 9/12 last year, the real crash in this economy that affected every single one of us, we would have had a lot of money to do a lot of different things. And the real deficit is the trust deficit that the whole of South Africa has in the President of the ANC who also happens to be the President of this country. That is where the trust deficit lies.

But in fact, far from being able to do anything about that kind of leadership,

they give him a standing ovation at the NEC. So this is where the problem is. The Honourable Christians is quite right, we are in the Western Cape ..[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Honourable Dyantyi.

The PREMIER: That's outrageous. Madam Speaker ..[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Honourable Dyantyi.

The PREMIER: If the ANC cannot imagine that anybody would speak out of conviction without being paid for it, that reflects on the ANC, that reflects on the mentality of the ANC. They don't believe that anybody gets up here and says what they genuinely believe unless they are paid for it. That is a pitiful reflection on themselves and on nobody else. So, Madam Speaker ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order please.

The PREMIER: In this Government we look to the future, we have to live with the burden of the past in many ways, and the burden of the collapse of our currency is something that the poor will feel more than everybody else. And I hope when the poor feel the inflation on food, the increase in the cost of living, the incredible shrinking of their live savings and their pensions, they will know who is responsible and they will know where the trust deficit

needs to lie. Thank you. [Applause.]

†‘n AGBARE LID: Hoor-hoor!

*An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

[Debate concluded.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you. That concludes the debate on this Vote. If we can just allow a minute or two for the officials to vacate the bay and the next team to come in, it would be appreciated.

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

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. The Secretary will read the next Order.

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

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see the hon Minister Madikizela.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Thank you very much, Mr Deputy Speaker. Madam Premier, Cabinet colleagues, Leader of the Official Opposition, members of Provincial Legislature, members of the Human Settlements ..[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order, order. Hon Minister one second. Honourable Davids and some others as well, give the member time. Minister you may proceed.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Members of the Human Settlements ...[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister, one second. Hon Minister, if you want the podium you can get it, otherwise you may continue.

An HON MEMBER: No it's fine.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please continue.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Madam Premier, Cabinet colleagues, Leader of the Official Opposition, members of the Provincial Legislature, members of the Standing Committee under the leadership of member Maseko, our Mayors and Councillors, managers of our entities, our partners in the NGO Sector, service providers in various disciplines, our stakeholders, HOD of the Department, Mr Thando Mguli, Chief Directors, Directors and the entire Human Settlements family, my Department's honoured guests, ladies and gentlemen, people of the Western Cape.

Mr Deputy Speaker, this year we celebrate 20 years since the adoption of our Constitution, and I would like to quote its preamble.

"We, the people of South Africa,
Recognise the injustices of our past;
Honour those who suffered for justice and freedom in our land;
Respect those who have worked to build and develop our country; and
Believe that South Africa belongs to all who live in it, united in our
diversity.

We therefore, through our freely elected representatives, adopt this
Constitution as the supreme law of the Republic of South Africa so as
to:

- Heal the divisions of the past and establish a society based on democratic values, social justice and fundamental human rights;
- Lay the foundations for a democratic and open society in which government is based on the will of the people and every citizen is equally protected by law;
- Improve the quality of life of all citizens and free the potential of each person; and
- Build a united and democratic South Africa able to take its rightful place as a sovereign state in the family of nations."

This must be a constant reminder to those who have made it their daily project to divide our people along racial lines. Racism, subtle or coded, by white or black people must be exposed, condemned and rejected with the contempt it deserves because it is threatening the very foundation of our

Constitution.

Chapter 2 of our Constitution: The Bill of Rights, also reminds us:

- “1) Everyone has the right to have access to adequate housing.
- 2) The state must take reasonable legislative and other measures, within its available resources, to achieve the progressive realisation of this right.”

I want us to note “within its available resources”, and I’m going to elaborate on that.

Mr Deputy Speaker I just want to take this opportunity and send my condolences to families of 42 people who lost their lives during the devastating fires that we had in this province between November and January. There were 8,129 fires and 8,800 who were displaced and 42 people who lost their lives, and I think we, on behalf of this Provincial Government, really want to send our heartfelt condolences to all those people who were casualties in this tragedy.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the country is facing a leadership crisis - and that largely impacts on the lives of poor people. That is why the leading party in the Western Cape, the Democratic Alliance, adopted Freedom, Fairness and Opportunity as its values at its last Congress in Port Elizabeth. This can only be realised when the 8.3 million jobless people in South Africa are able to

find jobs in order for them to contribute towards their houses. The growing number of people reliant on state assistance is not sustainable because current resources will never be enough and we need to get our priorities right.

†Somlomo ndikhuliswe ngabazali ababengathathi ntweni, kodwa baqiniseka ukuba sinamakhaya so masingawukhuthazi ke lo mkhwa wokuba wonke umntu makaxhomekeke kurhulumente ngezinto zasimahla. Ewe sinoxanduva singurhulumente lokuqinisekisa ukuba sincedisana nabantu abazimpula zikalujaca, abangathathi ntweni - kodwa inyaniso kukuba asisoze sikwazi ukwakhela wonke umntu indlu yasimahla.

*Mr Speaker I was raised by parents who were poor, but they made it a point that we had roof over our heads so let us not encourage the tendency of people depending on government for free services. Yes, we have the responsibility as government to help the poorest of the poor, those who are disadvantaged - but in reality we can never build free houses for everyone.

†So, the economic challenges we are facing as a country compels us to relook at the housing provision approach, guided by Sections of our Constitution, Chapter 6, (1) and (2). For far too long we have given a very wrong impression and raised unrealistic expectations that government has unlimited resources that can provide everyone with a free house - we have to change this mindset. Many competing needs and financial pressures of the country, like #feesmustfall, have resulted in the loss of R3.7 billion for the

Department of Human Settlements nationally, and R424 million in this province alone.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I believe that every challenge presents an opportunity to do things differently. While this is a huge cut for my Department, we are working hard to soften the blow, particularly for the poor by using our budget to leverage more from the private sector and NGO's. In anticipation of these challenges, our three strategic goals will be responding to this. Our first strategic goal to remind the House, is focussing on the upgrading of informal settlements to improve the living conditions of many people in informal settlements who fall outside the qualification threshold of government's full subsidy, and those who are still far from being prioritised on housing demand database.

My Department is currently partnering with a number of NGO's via the National Upgrading Support Programme. 9 NGO's are actively involved, as we speak. The Department has contracted 2 NGO's, Isandla in consultation with Habitat for Humanity and CORC to assist with 3 projects to develop a Provincial Informal Settlement Support Plan, rapid appraisal of non-metro informal settlements and an 'enumeration study' of 9 settlements in the Southern Corridor, City of Cape Town. This will assist focus interventions for informal settlements and clarify the roles of different stakeholders in *in situ* upgrading of informal settlements.

Short-term interventions based on community consultation will be prioritised

to improve the quality of life of people living in informal settlements. I also pledged R10 million to Slum Dwellers International to support the upgrade of informal settlements. Once approved, these projects will include the upgrading of wetlands and community halls, incremental tenure options and “double storey” shacks, Early Childhood Development facilities, re-blocking, and informal trading opportunities. Some of what we have achieved through our strategic partnerships are:

- Collective decision-making with Community Leaders of various settlements
- A reduction in the housing backlog through funding from our commercial banks partners; Crime and risk prevention with Metro Police, Law Enforcement and Disaster Management partners.
- Well organised communities and shared responsibility for social upliftment through NGO’s such as UN Habitat, Slum Dwellers International, and Development Action Group.

I wish to thank all partners, including those who could not be mentioned in today’s address.

Our second strategic goal is accelerating the provision of houses in the GAP or affordable market by partnering with the private sector, financial institutions, and we are also innovating from our side, to make homes available to this income category. One of those innovations is to make land available to the private sector through the request for proposal process. This

land is our equity for development in order to subsidise the end-user and make the houses more affordable for this particular market.

Already two out of three land parcels have been adjudicated and successful service providers are in the process of signing land availability agreements and development rights, these will yield 350 Finance Linked Individual Subsidy Programme opportunities. The remaining one is being finalised and a service provider will be appointed soon. We have also requested my colleague, Minister Grant from the Department of Public Works, to make other land parcels available for the same purpose. These land parcels have been advertised already and the tender will close on the 31st of March, which is two days from now. And one of the important conditions on these land parcels is to ensure that between 40% and 50% goes to HDI's, or Historically Disadvantaged Individuals. This in addition to 4 628 opportunities on FLISP alone in various areas.

My Department has also submitted a proposal to the National Department of Human Settlements to increase the Institutional Subsidy from a R3 500 to R7 000 in terms of income, which will assist people in this category to own a home. Currently this particular programme caters for people who earn between R3 000 and R3 500 and it is a rent-to-buy type of approach which means if we increase it to R7 000 we will bring more and more people who are able to own homes in the long run. These are the people that earn too much to qualify for a subsidised house, but too little to qualify for a bond. We are waiting for approval from the National Department in this regard, and

I must also add that this proposal was received in February by the National Minister and the Department.

The Department of Public Service and Administration has partnered with the Government Employees Pension Fund, acting through the Public Investment Cooperation, or PIC, to provide specially arranged home finance opportunities for government employees, because that is one of the problems that we have, that many government employees are not able to own homes because again they fall into this income category group. The Department will play a leading role in providing affordable housing opportunities to the public servants. My Department manages rental stock in order to ensure that quality and affordable rental housing is available to those who need it.

While most of the Department's budget is spent on providing free housing to those who earn below R3 500 a month, the Department also provides for the housing needs of others who are in different range and require housing assistance within their available budget. In order to ensure the sustainable management of the rental stock, it is essential that the land is collected from these properties. While one recognises that many residents have been inhabiting the properties for a long time, the Department has always administered these as rental stock and tenants are fully aware of this. As such, there are no plans to turn the rental stock into privately owned units, because we provide privately owned units in other programmes. Tenants that are unable and cannot afford to settle the arrears, may be assisted on a case-by-case basis by writing off between 50% to 100% of their rental arrears

when concluding their new lease agreement.

Such write-offs will be based on each tenant's income and payment history if they approach us as a Department. The Department has no intention of evicting anyone – I want to emphasise that. The Department has no intention of evicting anyone in good standing with their lease agreements. Qualifying tenants whose gross household income is below R3 500 a month, and can no longer afford to pay rent, will be assisted with subsidised housing units, which means they will be getting houses for free. These units are made available to beneficiaries and families that are unemployed and those who struggle to pay their rent.

However, defaulting tenants that do not comply with the conditions of their lease agreement, for example non-payment, allowing illegal occupation and drug dealing as we have seen in a number of our rental stock, are committing acts that constitute a breach of contract and this can result in their lease agreements being terminated, and legal action being taken against them.

Our third strategic goal is the tightening of screws on the previously skewed housing allocation that prioritised younger beneficiaries and ignored older and most deserving ones. We have a moral obligation to ensure that this anomaly is corrected, and we are doing this by privatising those with special needs.

†Sekela Somlomo, iyaxhalabisa into yokuba eli sebe selinikezele ngezindlu

eziingamawaka angaphaya kwamakhulu amane, kodwa kusekho iinkonde neenkondekazi ezisahlala ebugxwayibeni logama kukhona abantu abatsha ababhalise izolo asele benezindlu, yile nto siyilungisayo ke silisebe ukuqinisekisa ukuba abona bantu kudala babhalisayo nabadala ngabona kuqalwa ngabo xa kunikezelwa izindlu.

*Mr Deputy Speaker, it of concern that this department has donated more than four hundred thousand houses, but there are still very old people who are still living under very bad conditions while there are young people who registered not so long ago and they already have houses, and this is what we are trying to rectify as the Department, making sure that those who have been on the list for a long time and the older people are the ones who are our first priority.

†During her State of the Province Address, Premier Zille spoke about our Game-Changers in the province, and one of those is the Better Living Challenge. On the 22nd February this year, Minister Grant and myself had a press conference, announcing the Western Cape Government's Better Living Model Game-Changer, a new approach to inclusive affordable urban living. This R2.4 billion project will see the Western Cape Government, together with City of Cape Town and our private sector partners, plan, design, fund and develop the formal Conradie Hospital 22 hectare site into a sustainable and affordable mixed used, mixed income and mixed-tenure neighbourhood. More than 3,600 presidential units will be delivered by project.

Extensive public participation process with all interested parties will also take place over the next few months. The Premier again spoke about catalytic projects that will yield just over a 105 000 housing opportunities by 2022, which is a 5-year project, starting on 2016/2017 financial year, to 2021/2022 financial year which will lead over 105 0000 housing opportunities. This will cost just over R10 billion and these projects include the Southern Corridor, the George Municipality Catalytic Project, Saldanha Bay's Vredenburg Urban Renewal Project, the North Eastern Corridor, the Voortrekker Integration Zone, the Breede Vallei Transhex Project, Drakenstein's Vlakkeland Project and De Novo, and then Belhar CBD.

After the agreement with the National Department of Human Settlements and MINMEC on the 1st of February 2016, I convened public meetings with communities that will benefit from the Southern Corridor Project, and these communities were initially earmarked as part of phase 2, which is Barcelona, Europe, Lusaka, GxaGxa, Vukuzenzela, Kanana and Kosovo to introduce these projects and our service provider, Community Organisation Resource Centre for the first phase of enumeration, which must be completed by August this year.

The Department, in cooperation with National Department of Human Settlements, and HDA, are currently in the process of negotiating the purchase of Denel land, which will assist in the implementation of the Southern Corridor project, through USDG funding, as well as awaiting responses from National Public Works with regard to additional parcels of

land at iThemba. This land will assist us a great deal because it is between Mitchells Plain and Khayelitsha and the Department has been looking for this land for some time now. Meeting with communities of Thabo Mbeki, Tsunami which are part of the communities that will also benefit in the Southern Corridor will follow soon.

Construction on the following catalytic and provincial priority projects is planned to begin for the 2016/17 financial year:

- George Municipality Catalytic Project, which includes Thembaletu, Wilderness Heights and Syferfontein, is estimated to yield 12 465 housing opportunities at a cost of R2 billion.
- Transhex Project in Breede Valley Municipality, estimated to yield 7 300 opportunities at a cost of R1.2 billion.
- Vlakkeland Project in Drakenstein Municipality, estimated to deliver 3 260 opportunities at a cost of R550 million.
- Forest Village in City of Cape Town, is estimated to deliver 4 600 opportunities at a cost of R730 million, as a contribution to the Southern Corridor.
- Phase 2 of Belhar CBD will also commence in the upcoming financial year.

The Department, in collaboration with its partners, will purchase additional land and provide additional funding for bulk infrastructure, in order to fast track these catalytic and provincial priority projects.

Mr Deputy Speaker, let me now turn to another exciting part, a work that is done by this Department. Our responsibility as Department is to do three things, and we must do these things if we are to ensure that our values of Freedom, Fairness and Opportunity are realised. And these are – this Department must house people, it must empower people and it must employ people. And we are successfully doing that as the Department of Human Settlements. In order to deal with racial differences in our country, we have to, amongst other things, deal with the structural inequalities of our economy, and this we can do by empowering historically disadvantaged individuals and making sure that they become key players in the built industry. My Department is doing exactly that Mr Deputy Speaker.

When I took over this Department in 2009, about 25% of the total value of our budget went to SMMEs and HDI's. Today, about 46% of my entire budget goes to this [Applause.] ...and we will continue to make sure that more and more HDI's become part of the mainstream economy and they benefit directly. For the past financial year the Provincial Priority Projects – now the figures that I am going to mention here will exclude all other projects implemented by municipalities, which I am sure will take this number, you know, far higher. But our provincial projects alone have created 1,419 work opportunities. This equated to 344 full-time employment opportunities at an average rate of about R170 a day, with a total budget of R11 million. Now this is real empowerment. Our beneficiaries are empowered through the delivery of title deeds, ensuring security of tenure and the opportunity to leverage finance through the use of their property. In

the 6 months from April to September 2015, an excess of 3 000 properties were transferred to beneficiaries, and a further 5 200 are expected to be completed for the period October 2015 to March 2016.

We have reduced the title-deed backlog from 86 350 in 2009/2010 term to the current level of 55 000 and will continue to reduce this backlog until everyone has his title deed. And one of the challenges that we have in this space which makes our job a bit challenging, is the fact that a number of the houses that were allocated, were given to people years ago, are now occupied by different individuals. And we are now busy coming up with a different mechanism to deal with that, because if people have been there for 10, 15, 20 years we just have to regularise them and that is the approach that we are going to take.

Mr Deputy Speaker, let me now come to Military Veterans, which is one of the projects we are also busy with as the Department of Human Settlements. The National Department of Human Settlements in partnership with the Department of Military Veterans took a decision to provide houses for military veterans. We have made slow progress on this programme for various reasons, and I am going to get to these reasons now, but I want to stress that this has nothing to do with unwillingness to participate by the Western Cape Government which is a perception by some. Perhaps we need to clearly define what we mean by Military Veteran. For now this is the definition that comes from the National Department as you will know. A military veteran is defined as a person who:

- a) “rendered military service to any of the military organisations, statutory and non- statutory, which were involved on all sides of South Africa’s Liberation War from 1960 to 1994;
- b) served in the Union Defence Force before 1961; or
- c) became a member of the new South African National Defence force after 1994; has completed his or her military training and no longer performs military service, and has not been dishonourably discharged from the military organisation or force”.

Now approximately 6 000 veterans have been identified nationally via a database supplied by the Department of Military Veterans, of which approximately 500 reside in the Western Cape, but we are to clean that list because we had a situation where there were 29-year old military veterans. There is no way that a person who is 29 years old can be military veteran. Now consequently the Department has initiated a project in Blue Downs, Nuwe Begin and Kuils River areas which could ultimately house approximately 250 families. The project is currently at procurement stage – that is tender evaluation, and the project will be implemented in phases based on the number of approved beneficiaries. We are now working together very closely with the National Department of Military Veterans, because there is again a discrepancy in terms the criteria that they are using, the criteria that we are using now we are working together to marry the two so that we are able to sort out those discrepancies.

Mr Deputy Speaker, through our strategic partnership with private developers, on Thursday 17th of March 2016, the Premier of the Western Cape, Ms Helen Zille, myself and the City of Cape Town MAYCO member, Benedicta van Minnen, officially launched the Greenville Housing Project in Fisantekraal near Durbanville, Mr Dyantyi's constituency. This development will eventually accommodate over 16,000 homes along with school, community facilities and public spaces on 767 hectares of land. Greenville has been planned to accommodate a variety of housing types and would become home to first-time buyers, low and middle income citizens, and qualifying recipients of Breaking New Ground homes. Innovative technology will be used in this project. The event was marked with much elation where some deserving beneficiaries received their new homes.

Now let me now turn to last financial year's achievements. Human Settlements Grant for 2015/2016 was just under R2 billion and we set a target of just over 18 000 opportunities and these 18 000 opportunities were delivered from 181 projects in the province. Now we will be spending our 100% grant so we won't be losing any money and we are going to make if not exceed our target of 18 000 opportunities.

†'n AGBARE LID: Hoor-hoor!

*An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

An HON MEMBER: Well done!

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: So municipalities are our primary developers and implementing agents, and their performance determines whether or not we reach our targets. And I want to thank all the municipalities, most of them are here, for their cooperation and excellent work. These achievements were not going to be possible without you colleagues, thank you very much. And for all our service providers that are working very closely with us.

Mr Deputy Speaker, also the process is currently underway to determine the City of Cape Town's readiness for being assessed for assignment. If you remember we followed a process where, together with all our partners, we are now starting a process to assess the City for [Inaudible.] assignment which will give them full powers to become the housing developer, and that process is underway. We are quite confident that before the end of the term we will complete that process. We are also ensuring that we account for every cent and for the 2014/2015 financial year, the Department obtained a clean audit for the second consecutive year, which was for the first time since 1994 ... [Applause.]... utilising its entire Human Settlement Development Grant of just under R2 billion.

Let me now turn to the anticipated expenditure for the 2016/2017 to 2018/2019 which is our MTEF period. In terms of DoRA this Department will be getting just over R7 billion in the next MTEF period and this R7 billion will be utilised as follows: 2016/2017 a total of – a total of 19 664 opportunities will be delivered with a budget of just over R2 billion;

2017/2018 a total of 22 638 opportunities will be delivered with a budget of just over R2.4 billion; and in 2018/2019 a total of 23 714 opportunities will be delivered with a budget of just over R2.6 billion. And as I said the MTEF total spend and delivery is just over R7 billion and just over 66,000 housing opportunities will be provided.

Looking ahead, Mr Deputy Speaker, we are also involved in checking Human Settlements Policy to better reflect the challenges and needs of our delivery environment. The National Department of Human Settlements is currently undertaking a process to develop a Human Settlements White Paper. This is an important policy moment for us as we reflect on the approaches we have taken over the last two decades to support poor households and meet their human settlements needs. We are well aware that the current delivery model is unsustainable and this is a view, by the way that is shared by all of us, and bold policy decisions need to be made to ensure that housing recipients are not merely passive recipients or beneficiaries of housing, but also partners and contributors in the process of building sustainable neighbourhoods.

The Western Cape Department of Human Settlements has facilitated a number of consultative engagements to feed into the White Paper process, including workshops with our government and non-government partners, a number of valuable recommendations have been governed. There is a need to shift away from the government driven supply-side mechanisms and towards approaches that put beneficiaries at the centre of making trade-offs about the standards and location of their housing, and draw upon the resources made available for

housing. Rental and rent-to-buy models of delivery are also seen as critical. The Western Cape will make a written contribution to the White Paper process in the coming months, where we will recommend how practically we can overcome the past challenges and move towards the vision of the developing sustainable human settlements.

Lastly, Mr Deputy Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the Standing Committee, all the staff members of the Department of Human Settlements under the leadership of Mr Mguli, my team from my office, my office staff, under the leadership of Ms Cloete – Elizabeth Cloete sitting there, and all my colleagues. I see there is also my colleague who serves on the Housing Committee, Nationally, Ms Kota here, and also all of our stakeholders, our partners or developers, our municipalities who are really making sure that we are changing the lives of our people in this province every day. And last but not least, the advisor in my office, Mr Steenkamp, my family in their absentia and all my colleagues who make sure that they keep us on our toes in this House. I thank you. [Applause.]

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see the hon member Maseko.

Ms L M MASEKO: Thank you very much, Mr Deputy Speaker. The Department of Human Settlements Budget 2016/17 is aligned to achieve

Government's prescribed outcomes. The Western Cape Department of Human Settlements under the DA will also contribute to the National Development Plan and National Outcome Aid which was a strategy developed to provide focus for the Department. The National Outcome Aid is embraced by the Western Cape Government by a devised Provincial Strategic Agenda which consists of five Provincial Strategic Goals. The Department of Human Settlement's contribution is the execution of Provincial Strategy Goal 4, which is to enable a resilient, sustainable, quality and inclusive living environment. PSG 4's outcomes will be increased housing opportunities, improved settlement functionality, efficiencies and resilience.

The Western Cape is increasing its contributions to Human Settlements with more than 6% compared to National Government's increase of only 1.3% in Conditional Grants, way below inflation. The Western Cape under the DA Government continues to its commitment to prioritise service delivery to the poor when the ANC fails to do so. I am going to just highlight why I am saying this. I can list the provinces that have wasted the most of South Africans' tax money, they are: the Eastern Cape, Free State, Gauteng, KwaZulu-Natal, Limpopo, Mpumalanga, Northern Cape and North West. [Interjections.] If you check the Western Cape ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order, hon member Dijana.

Ms L M MASEKO: The Western Cape Government's share of the Human Settlements Budget has almost doubled from 4.6% to 8% in only four years,

complimenting the lack of will from National Government to prioritise delivery to the poor. With this budget, the Western Cape Department of Human Settlement's effort is to realise the whole of government and the whole of society agenda within the Human Settlements family. The Department will create an enabling environment for NGOs and private sector business to participate in the activities and assist the Department to enter into partnership with institutions in order to achieve a sustainable, integrated Human Settlements agenda. A key issue for our Standing Committee on Human Settlements in our interaction with the Department is the acceleration of bulk services and the sustainability of free housing for those who earn less and gap housing market beneficiaries for those who earn more and who quality to secure funding from financial institutions.

One will ask if this budget is addressing the issues highlighted by the Standing Committee to the Department and the answer is yes. The Department will action the upgrading of the Informal Settlements Programme where municipalities have to upgrade informal settlements to at least a UISP3.

Is this enough to remove the backlog of housing in the Western Cape? The answer is no. The economic migration to urban areas has put pressure on the National Government which of course includes the Western Cape. Because Human Settlements is an opportunity to make citizenship more inclusive, the Department is tightening its screws on the allocation of free houses by prioritising the most deserving beneficiaries like the elderly, disabled and

child-headed households.

During one of our oversight visits to Cederberg Municipality we found out that there were complaints regarding the beneficiaries of the Graafwater Project, that 20-plus year olds were allocated houses while the elderly people were not prioritised. Eventually the municipality had to get an independent consultant to investigate the complaints. Unfortunately we are still waiting to get that report from the municipality.

That is an indication that there are problems within municipalities when it comes to the allocation of houses. Redressing the past to create opportunities, the Department has undertaken two economic empowerment initiatives by releasing properties to historically disadvantaged individual developers and awarding contracts to HDI contractors, releasing land parcels to HDI enterprises and appointing build-sector professionals of HDI descent. These initiatives include women and youth.

I am concerned about the land invasion and selling of houses by beneficiaries. Most of the houses that have been built are turned into shebeens, if not sold. This process is not sustainable at all. The Western Cape Department of Human Settlements provides housing opportunities year after year but the backlog is increasing. The Western Cape intends to deliver approximately 105 000 housing opportunities over the 2016/2017 to 2021/2022 MTEF.

As the Chairperson holding the Department accountable, I am happy to say that even with the reduced fiscal envelope over the 2016 MTEF period, this budget embarks on various efficiency programmes but not affecting the service delivery of providing housing opportunities, including access to basic services, to beneficiaries in accordance with the Housing Code.

Further hereto, the Department, in collaboration with the City of Cape Town and all municipalities in the Western Cape Province, should develop contingency plans to deal with land invasions and evictions. I would like to thank Minister Bonginkosi Madikizela, HODs, CFOs, the Chief Director of Human Settlements Planning and the Department, as a whole, in making sure that the lives of the people of the Western Cape Province, under the DA Government, are improved and to instil a sense of belonging and ownership. We can only achieve that by giving decent living conditions to communities of the Western Cape. Mr Deputy Speaker, the DA supports the Budget Appropriation for Vote 8. I thank you. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, order. I see the hon Leader of the Opposition, hon member Magaxa.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Thank you very much, Mr Deputy Speaker. The provision of decent housing remains a priority area for the African National Congress-led Government in South Africa. This is not an accident of history but rather a programme led by the National ANC Government to restore the human dignity of our people.

We do this because we have an appreciation of how the dispossession of our people's land by the colonial and apartheid state stripped our people of their sense of belonging and dignity. It is on this premise that the Freedom Charter states, I quote:

“All people shall have the right to live whereby they choose, be decently housed and to bring up their families in comfort and security; unused housing space to be made available to the people”

It is because of this that 22 years after democracy, the ANC Government has delivered 3.8 million subsidised houses, 850 000 of which were delivered during the term of the current President, thereby eradicating about 500 informal settlements, with a Department of Rural Development and Land Reform delivering on its mandate to bring about redress and redistribution of land to formally dispossessed people.

Therefore, the issue of human settlements or housing delivery to our poor people is not just a question of people depending on the Government but actually it is a commitment, it is part of the National Democratic Revolution which is a resolution of colonialisation of a special type.

Land and housing remains a contentious issue in the Western Cape, especially in the City of Cape Town, where hundreds of thousands continue to live in absolute squalor and many are running out of patience with the slowed down

pace of delivery under the Democratic Alliance Government since they came into government in 2009 in this province. Year-in and year-out, poor displaced people have occupied vacant land. In the last two months we have seen attempted occupations in the areas of Du Noon, Retreat and Parkwood including Philippi to mention a few.

Instead of responding to the urgent need of housing delivery, the DA-led City of Cape Town decides to play politics ahead of local government elections. They inform the media that the land occupations are engineered by political parties ahead of local government elections. This is absolutely nonsensical and ridiculous in actual fact.

For a government to view the urgent housing need of our people as a form of political point scoring is actually insulting to the poor majority that is expecting this Government to deliver those houses and land for housing, in particular. Those people are running out of patience with the slow pace delivery of this Government and have decided to occupy vacant land because they can no longer endure their living conditions. These occupations have nothing to do with elections but slow delivery of services. However, I want to state on behalf of the ANC, that the ANC is against the occupation of land illegally.

Mr M G E WILEY: And the SACP?

Mr K E MAGAXA: In this year's budget estimates and APP currently before

us, the housing delivery target set by the Department is 105 950 housing opportunities by 2019 while the housing demand backlog currently stands at 538 564 registered on the database. This figure is probably higher in terms of real demand and likely to go up. As it stands, we still do not have a copy of the Housing Demand Database although we have requested the Department to provide us with this for years now. One can only wonder what informs the refusal of this Department to make this database available to us. I think the Minister, when he is responding, is going to tell us why after so many years they cannot just give it to us. When they came into power, they claimed that they would clean up everything, they would produce a housing database and unfortunately we are still waiting. I am not the only one waiting, the whole country, this province is waiting for that database. [Interjections.] We do not know when we will get that database, nobody knows. It is only an efficient database at your own disposal, controlled and manipulated by you.

The MEC informs us that the housing targets are based on the availability of resources and makes the excuse that the reason that the target is so low is due to lack of resources and the current economic climate. This is not sufficient as the ANC delivered more housing opportunities with even lesser resources. When comparing the housing delivery statistics of the ANC from 2004 to 2009, the ANC-led Government delivered 164 193 total housing opportunities over the five year period. The hon Judge is here to testify on that. [Interjection.] He is not anywhere [Inaudible.]

This DA-led Government plans to deliver 109 950 total housing opportunities

by 2019 which falls short of 54 253 housing opportunities which were delivered with an even lesser budget allocated at that time. This is a perfect example of how service delivery has actually slowed down over the past years and will continue to slow down in future at the expense of the dignity of our people.

The Department has once again failed to present us with a plan for implementing real social cohesion and integration. The current programmes, which are purported to be social integration programmes, are only targeted at Africans and Coloureds as if those are the people who actually benefited in the colonisation of a special type.

The MEC states that the reason there is no social integration targeting white people and white communities is because white people do not need free housing with Bothasig being only but one example where different races are supposedly integrated through one unit. This is while white communities are surrounded with a multiplicity of unoccupied land which the Provincial Government refuses to purchase and build affordable housing for social integration. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order. Just one second. Hon member Dyantyi, I can see ... Order, hon Minister Schäfer and hon member Maseko.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Thank you. Instead of targeting white areas for social integration, the Department continues to come up with plans which place our

people on the outskirts of economic activity while leaving the good land as white reserves for white private development. We want to inform the Department that social integration does not mean Africans and Coloureds only, it means deconstructing the apartheid spatial build which preserved certain land for whites only and this remains the case in 2016 with no plan from the Department in this budget. [Interjections.] The Department defines “integrated development” [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order. Hon member Magaxa. Just one second. Hon member Kivedo, do you have a question?

Mr B D KIVEDO: A question. I was just wondering whether the honourable ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order! Hon member Kivedo, take it easy. Hon member Kivedo, address the Chair first, the Chair will get permission for you.

Mr B D KIVEDO: Mr Deputy Speaker, I just asked the hon member Magaxa ...

HON MEMBERS: No!

Mr B D KIVEDO: Just give me a second. I was on my feet then the hon member Magaxa also jumped up.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order. Hon member Kivedo do you want to ask the member a question?

Mr B D KIVEDO: I just wanted to know whether hon member Magaxa ...

HON MEMBERS: No!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order.

Mr B D KIVEDO: ... will take a snappy question? Whether he ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order. Hon member Kivedo, take your seat please, take your seat please. Order. Take your seat please! Hon member Magaxa are you prepared to take a question?

Mr K E MAGAXA: No.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The answer is unfortunately no, you cannot ask a question now. Please proceed.

Mr K E MAGAXA: You can write it down. The Department defines “integrated development” as where people of different income brackets live together. If this is the definition used by the Department then the City of Cape Town remains an unintegrated space because those in the upper income

bracket live in isolation from other income brackets.

This is something we have raised on countless occasions to the extent that we had even suggested that the Rondebosch Common be used for low cost and mixed income housing as one of many examples of deconstructing the apartheid spatial build.

The so-called catalytic projects still do not address the issue of racial and social integration. The “Better Living Project”, although in its pilot stages, still does not bring working class people closer to the economic generation centres such your CDB of the City of Cape Town.

Instead the Provincial Government, through the Department of Public Works, has been selling off land which could be used for social integration to private investors. The selling of the Tafelberg Remedial School in Sea Point by this Provincial Government could have built 216 mixed income affordable units in that area. The Department claims that this will apparently be used for the development of mixed recreational facilities.

This means that the same white families who already reside in Sea Point will benefit from these apparent recreational facilities to be developed. The people who will benefit from this development by a considerable majority, will come from the same white families that benefited from the centuries of corruption and patronage that we call colonisation of a special type. They will also be the people with whom the decision-makers in the DA are socially

closest, perhaps even sharing a gym.

This is but one example of how this Provincial Government would rather sell off available land to their wealthy cronies who will develop it for exclusive use to maintain the current social structure of the City of Cape Town. The Department is gradually reducing its targets for land acquisition in the MTEF period. This is another example of how instead of being concerned with land acquisition for greater delivery of housing opportunities, this Provincial Government would rather sell land to make profit. Land should be acquired and allocated for the people and not for profits.

Even those private investors who are sold land by the Department are not mandated to invest in poor communities. Even those who receive major construction projects from the Department, do not uphold their social responsibility for those particular communities. The sole priority is profits in the midst of a housing crisis.

The City of Cape Town remains one of the most segregated cities in the world. Unregulated rents and property prices are forcing poor and the working class people out and there is not enough well located affordable housing for those people.

This Department has failed to ensure that rental accommodation is regulated in urban centres such as the CBD of the City of Cape Town where the rental prices are exorbitant and unaffordable for middle income groups, especially

the emerging black middle class.

We welcome the reduction of utilisation of consultants in this year's budget. The Department informs us that they will reduce their spend on consultants from R36 to R46 million in this financial year to about R30 million in the next financial year, that is appreciated. Understanding that the function of consultants is by and large specified services such as town planning and engineers, there is no reason that the Department cannot create in-house capacity within the staff complement of the Department to employ these professionals on a full time basis to cut costs.

The Department is planning on transferring more properties to municipalities in 2016/2017 financial year. These municipalities will now be burdened with the sustenance of that land which the Department is transferring to them without a plan of how those municipalities can make use of the land for housing development. The land the Department is transferring should actually be utilising such land for housing demands because the Department is in a better position to maintain such land as opposed to poor municipalities.

On the Upgrading Human Settlements, in the 2015/2016 budget estimates, the Department planned to close down human settlement projects run by municipalities due to inactivity. In this year's budget for 2016/2017, the Department is now telling us that they are now transferring back the same project to the same municipalities which makes absolutely no sense from a planning and delivery point of view.

Furthermore, in the 2015/2016 budget, we were told that the Department is working on developing a framework for upgrading informal Human Settlements in 2016/2017; we are informed that this framework or plan is still in its development stages with no indication of when and how long it will take for it to be implemented. The lack of movement on developing this framework is an indication that the Department has no intention of actually upgrading informal settlements in the Western Cape.

It is unacceptable that developing a framework would take more than a year to develop with no indication of its completion. While the Department is dragging its feet on this matter, people living in informal settlements are affected by fires, floods and all sorts of health hazards and social ills. I appreciated that the MEC, for the first time in this House has paid condolences to the people who have lost their lives and we support him on that. [Interjections.] I think you are slowly influencing DA.

The Disaster Management Unit of the Department has failed to ensure preventative measures for disaster management in informal settlements. The Department instead waits for people's dwellings to burn down first before ensuring that they upgrade informal settlements. The recent fires of Masiphumelele is a case in point where many of those dwellings could have been saved had this Provincial Government ensured that there are roads, pathways, streets etc. in that particular settlement.

We note the R29.5 million allocated to the Title Deed Project to ensure that title deeds are handed over as this has become a national priority. We remain worried that the issue of De Novo near Stellenbosch has not been resolved especially considering the fact that that whole property is owned by the Provincial Government, and in this 2016/2017 budget and APP the Department has not presented us with a plan of how they are going to deal with that particular issue, but have instead said that they do plan on dealing with it without saying how exactly it will be dealt with.

The Department informs us that they are anticipating what they term as a “saving” on compensation of employees due to current vacant posts which have not been filled in the current financial year. This is not a saving but rather an under-expenditure due to not filling those vacant post. Do not take those chances here.

This year’s budget allocates R3 million to the Cape Craft and Design Institute on what is basically an exhibition whose impact in the past has not been measured. The Department is increasing its allocation to this institution by 86% which is almost double the amount in the current financial year. This is wasteful expenditure.

The Department states that the increase for Goods and Services is inflationary yet the allocation to Goods and Services for Programme 1 is at 21.13%, which is far above inflation. The Department cannot justify such a high increase. There are other ridiculous increases under Goods and Services

which cannot be justified. For an example, the Department increased its allocation on Catering by 136%.

An HON MEMBER: Yoh!

Mr K E MAGAXA: The Department tells us this increase is due to the Govan Mbeki Awards which is a National programme. I think we need an explanation how it will relate to them. Even the workshops the Department hosts cannot have a catering increase of 136% which is far above the current prices of food inflation. How does one justify a catering increase of above 100% in this volatile economy? What saving are you saying you are making, you have been claiming to have been making some saving here.

The following increases and allocations could not be explained by the Department in the Standing Committee meeting on the budget. They could not tell us why there is an 89% increase on contractors; an 83% increase on outsourced service, why they had to increase the allocation on venues and facilities by 377,7%. All these are examples of misappropriation of public funds and wasteful expenditure.

Last year there was R201 million for Social Housing Projects and some of those projects did not deliver and came to a standstill. In the Adjustment Estimates, these funds were shifted and now we are told that they are being shifted back again to where the business plan apparently says it should be allocated to. It appears as though the Department does not know what to do

with the Social Housing Project as funds are not being utilised but rather shifted around as we are seeing it being done again this year in the 2016/2017 budget estimates.

On the HDIs, we are informed by the Department that they spent 46% of their budget on HDIs. However the construction industry continues to be male dominated. The Department is yet to give us an indication of the percentage allocation of spend on HDI women in construction.

Mr Deputy Speaker, we welcome the placement of interns for those individuals who have received bursaries from the National Department of Human Settlements, although in its budget and APP, this programme is purported as a programme of the Provincial Government whereas it is not.

We note the installation of solar energy in certain areas however the fact that there is no installation in outer rural areas remains a serious concern to us.

On the Incremental Housing Programme, the target estimate goes from 3 345 in 2016/2017 to 7 144 for 2017/2018 for the number of new sites connected to basic services. This is actually skewed planning because there is no indication that the Department will be able to double its connection for serviced sites with basic services within a year as the track record thus far has been far below.

This year's budget allocation is filled with inconsistencies from a policy and

implementation point of view. The Department continues to drag its feet on the urgent housing needs of the poor majority of this province and maintains an unequal socio-economic province through separate development coupled with no real social integration. The funds are incorrectly allocated and wasteful allocations in many instances as highlighted above.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Hon member, just finish off. Your time has expired now, just finish off.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Okay, just one last sentence. In the midst of a housing crisis, this Provincial Government is concerned with selling off land for private development. As the African National Congress we do not support this budget. I thank you. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The hon member Christians?

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Mr Deputy Speaker, the ACDP supports Vote 8. I want to agree with the Minister where he said free housing is not sustainable. I want to actually compliment the Minister on the alternatives because you said: this we cannot do, we do not have the funds, we need partnerships, we need municipalities and this is the alternative. So, I want to compliment the Minister on the alternatives.

Like I said previously, the Conradie initiative is a good alternative for the mixed income, mixed use and the mixed tenure. I want to know from the

Minister what are the other initiatives in this regard because this is definitely looking at solutions as to addressing some problems. Also, the other initiative which I think is very good is increasing the subsidy from R3 500 to R7 000. I hope that will be successful and I believe a lot of people will be assisted by this proposal. But you see, the problem is and I can answer it over and over, they come with impossible - not even solutions - to this. The member mentioned, and he sends a false hope to the people out there, the Rondebosch Common over and over in his speeches saying it must be utilised for low cost housing. The Minister answered last time and said it is not even our property. But they do it over and over again and come with things that are not solutions.

Hon Minister, another thing that is a good initiative is the affordable housing for public service. There are people working at the public service. So these are the type of initiatives that we need in a time when we do not have the resources. The Minister said that even the entire Province's budget will not be able to accommodate housing in the Western Cape. But these people do not know this. I do not know who writes these speeches because it is the same one as last year. [Interjections.]

But, Mr Deputy Speaker, if I can just say this is exactly the same member that had a rally in Khayelitsha and not even 300 people pitched up so who is who in the zoo? So that is what I am asking. Less than 300 people pitched up at his meeting in Khayelitsha, a public meeting. [Interjection.]

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

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: A disgrace for the ANC. [Time expired.]

[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Please come to order. Order! I see the hon Minister to reply.

†Mnr M G E WILEY: Hoor-hoor!

*Mr M G E WILEY: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Thank you very much, Mr Deputy Speaker. Let me start by thanking the Chairperson of the Standing Committee for her input. I do take the point that you made. I think that the issue of young beneficiaries in the project that you visited in Cederberg is one of the reasons why we decided to take this decision as a Department, nationally, to say we need to really get our priorities right.

So with the issue of people who are selling their houses, again I think you are raising a very important point. But I do want to say that the difficulty here is that we have the pre-emptive right clause in our policy which is Section 10 (a) and (b) that prevents people from selling their houses but we can only pick that up if people are selling these houses formally through the Deeds

Office.

The reality is that a number of these houses are sold informally, I mean there is no way that we can pick that up. That is why. People meet in a corner somewhere and money exchanges hands and we have no way of knowing that a house in a particular area has been sold. It is the biggest problem but again a number of people are renting out these houses and it is an income challenge and unfortunately the policy is silent on that. If people are renting their houses there is nothing that we can do because the policy is silent on people who are renting their houses. So these are the challenges that we have and unfortunately up to a point now where we are looking at this pre-emptive right clause because it is a toothless dog if people are selling these houses informally.

The issue of land invasion and evictions; look, we are a constitutional democracy and the rule of the law must be respected, it must be applied. We cannot and I am glad that hon member Magaxa also agrees with us here, condone land invasion. I mean two wrongs will never make a right. The fact that people have been waiting, in fact in most cases, people that invade land have not been waiting for that long at all.

The majority of people who have been waiting for a very long time are still waiting and we cannot have a situation where we prepare land for people who have been waiting for 20 or 30 years and we allow people who have registered yesterday to invade land and we will always evict those people if

they break the law because we cannot condone lawlessness.

Now let me come to hon member Magaxa. Obviously I will not respond to many things because as usual it becomes a chorus and repetition of many untruths, you know. But I do want to really respond to a couple of points that he made and I agree on the prioritisation of housing for poor people, we share that, we share that wholeheartedly but the reality is that if you look at the number of houses that you have quoted that have been given to people over the years, you will realise and you will agree with me that there are people that really do not deserve to be given those houses compared to many people who are poor, who are still waiting. That is why we are getting our house in order to make sure that we do exactly that. We need to prioritise the most deserving people and it must not be a free for all.

I agree with you as well when you say land and housing remain a contentious issue but where I disagree with you, you are limiting this problem to the Western Cape. It is a national issue. Land and housing is a contentious issue nationally. You also touched on the issue of land invasion and I think I have responded to that, we cannot condone land invasion just because people have been waiting.

But again, on the issue of slow delivery, I think you have been repeating this over and over again and I think you are starting to believe your own untruth. Because it is not true that there is slow delivery. The reality is that the biggest challenge that any city like Cape Town, Jo'burg and Durban is facing

is the rate of in-migration. It does not matter how much we get, we will never catch up with the rate of in-migration in terms of housing demand.

Now 14 years from now, by the way, we are told that in 2030 Cape Town's population will increase by 700 000 people, 700 000 thousand people. Between 2001 and 2011 the population of the Western Cape increased by 1.3 million people. So it does not matter how much money we get, the reality is that we will never have enough money to build a house for everyone who comes to Cape Town, who goes to Jo'burg, who goes to Durban. This a century of urbanisation and that is why we are embarking on a different approach completely. [Interjections.] No, we are not. No. We are saying we need to place more emphasis on improving the living conditions of our people because the available resources will never be enough for us to build a house for everyone. So, it has nothing to do with slow delivery but has everything to do with the increase in the demand.

Now the issue of the copy of the Housing Demand Database; again we must understand, to make this point very clear, we embarked on a Housing Demand Database Improvement Programme in all municipalities. The Housing Demand Database is not kept by us. Remember allocation of houses is done at the municipal level. We have assisted municipalities to clean their Housing Demand Databases and as I am talking to you now, most municipalities have a credible Housing Demand Database.

You have been requesting that we must make these available. We can provide

a summary but we cannot just make the list available because the Protection of Information Act comes into play here or Personal Information Act comes into play. But all municipalities have Housing Demand Databases and if you want to see the summary of that information it is readily available in all municipalities. So, it is not true that it does not exist and it is not true that we refused to make it available.

Now the issue of social integration; again this problem. I find the ANC very hypocritical when it comes to this. I challenge the ANC to tell me, during the eight years of their tenure, the things that they are talking about, can you tell me one piece of land in the city centre that you identified and built houses on as part of this integration that we are talking about? [Interjections.] Tell me one in the city of Cape Town. You know what? You cannot tell me anything because there is zilch. In the eight years that you were in power you did nothing.

But let me tell you what we are doing. [Interjection.] Well, what is different about the N2 Gateway from the many initiatives that I spoke about? Now, let me tell you what we are doing about it. I mean if you are saying Conradie is not at the centre then I do not know what you mean by centre because Conradie is five minutes away from town. There is this focus on the City of Cape Town as the only town. One of the things we are doing now nationally is to really decentralise and build new towns because the towns that you are talking about are over-saturated and the infra-structure is crumbling. That is why if you look at the investment that has been made by Government over the

last five years or so, in terms of infrastructure, you will see that we are investing away from the City of Cape Town because we need to create new towns.

Through the Greenville project that I just spoke about now we are building over 16 thousand houses. We will be creating a new town there. That is why I spoke about the project in Wilderness and Syferfontein in George. Now, again, if you look at Delft. Delft is part of the N2 Gateway that you spoke about. Here are the realities that hon member Mr Magaxa must get to grips with because it is all fine and good to make these popular statements but the reality is we work with people. If you look at the areas that I spoke about, Barcelona, GxaGxa, Vukuzenzela and Europe, we are talking about, if you include the backyarders as well that will benefit, we are talking about 28 000 thousand families there. You will never find land anywhere where you can just uproot an entire community and place them there. You will never find it. But over and above that, people themselves are saying we have been living here for 20/25 years, we want the development to happen here because it is convenient for us where we work, where our children attend schools, etc.

So, it is a combination of many approaches that we are taking here. While we identified Greenville to build new houses in, in other areas it is just impractical. You have got to listen to people because, as I said, you cannot just uproot 28 000 families and take them elsewhere. You spoke about Rondebosch Common but over and above the Conradie there is Two Rivers Urban Park that we are now busy with, which is also central. Two Rivers

Urban Park is another development that will provide houses in the centre and it will do far more than Rondebosch Common can ever do. Now the land acquisition is reduced again.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Why [Inaudible.] Rondebosch?

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: You see there is this flip-flopping from the ANC again. [Interjection.] On one hand we are accused of spending too much money buying land and then when we reduce the amount of money we are accused of not spending enough money buying land. We believe that on a ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, is that a question or a point of order?

Mr M MNQASELA: It is a point of order. Rule 39, please. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I am listening.

Mr M MNQASELA: Mr Deputy Speaker, this is not on - that the hon member Magaxa continuously makes irrational objections, interruptions here [Interjections.] so it cannot ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon member. I take your point but I will control from the Chair. Please continue, hon Minister.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Thank you. So we have actually made enough land banking to start with planning and developing that land for the people that we need to develop it for. So, the fact that we have reduced the budget to buy land, we are using that budget in other areas where it is more needed.

On the issue of the role of municipalities, again, you must understand, because you made mention of the fact that you hope we are not just dumping that land. Any land that we transfer to municipalities - in fact there are two types of land that we transfer to municipalities. In some instances we transfer land that already has occupants so that it will be easier for those people to get their title deeds etc. So, that is the first, but the second one; any land that we transfer to municipalities is because that land is in the business plan of that particular municipality and it is going to be used for housing. So you can rest assured that when we transfer land we make sure that it is used for human settlements.

If you look at the Informal Settlements Support Plan, again, if you listened to my speech and the progress that we have made thus far, now we are at a point where we have even appointed NGOs who are assisting us to develop this Informal Settlement Support Plan. It can never be a year project hon member Magaxa. If you understand the complexities in the informal settlements space you would know that to come up with this plan - because it is not that we are just doing this plan and nothing is happening. We are doing a lot in terms of

UISP or upgrading of informal settlements but we want to accelerate under this programme. That is why we have now enlisted the support of the NGOs and really we are in the far advanced stages and will now be engaging municipalities with a view to fast-track the UISP Program in this regard.

Saving in vacancies, it is not under expenditure, it is actually saving because what we are doing, in fact countrywide - the Minister of Finance spoke earlier about the bloated public service and it is not really sustainable. Now, what we are doing as Government is to look at the critical posts that must be filled so that we have enough money to use for front line services. Now you cannot employ, employ, employ when you have no money to deliver front line services. So we have to save this money and use it elsewhere in a way that will benefit people. So it is saving, it is not under-expenditure.

Catering: again, let me be frank here. I am unapologetic about this because we have to from time to time, recognise the good work – and it is happening across the board - of the people in the industry who are doing good work and the Govan Mbeki Awards are the type of awards that give recognition to people who are sitting here. These are service providers, these are municipalities and we have to cater for those people and that is the only item really. If you look at this Department and this Ministry we are not spending money entertaining people, we are not doing that. That is the only item that has increased the budget in terms of entertainment, that is the only one. And we will continue doing that because there is a need for us to recognise people who are doing good work in this space.

The shifting of funds in social housing: you must understand again, social housing is a type of programme where you need partners, like SHRA. One of the challenges that we have - by the way SHRA is a national entity, the Social Housing Regulating Authority – is that there were a number of problems that existed in SHRA and as a result we could not move on social housing. So, I think it is budgeting principles. It is normal budgeting principles that if you have set money aside with the hope that you are going to spend it in a particular programme and because of factors outside your control you can shift that money and spend it elsewhere, it is a normal budgeting principle. So, there is nothing wrong with that. If there are problems with a national entity that must assist us to move on social housing then we have to change our plans in terms of what we wanted to spend that money on.

In a nutshell, Mr Deputy Speaker, I think by and large I have responded to the questions that were posed by the hon member. I think a number of questions were answered at the last Standing Committee meeting but unfortunately he did not attend that meeting. [Interjections.] I am not sure whether hon member Dijana who attended gave him feedback because some of the things that he raised were responded to at that particular meeting.

Once again, let me thank all the service providers, the municipalities, our partners, our entities and our NGOs, who are really working very hard to make sure that we change the space in the informal settlement sector and

more importantly the team of my officials that are really doing outstanding work. Thank you very much. [Applause.]

[Debate concluded.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: That concludes the debate on this Vote. The Secretary will read the last Order of the Day.

5. Consideration and finalisation of the *Saldanha Bay Industrial Development Zone Licensing Company Bill* [B 5 - 2015].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see the Minister of Economic Opportunities, Minister Winde.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Thank you very much, Mr Deputy Speaker. This is a piece of legislation that is part of a process. You know that Saldanha Bay IDZ has been something that has been coming on for quite a long time and this piece of legislation is the legislation that puts the company in place to actually operate. This is the licensing company and you will have known that up until now, that role has been played by Wesgro. They then set up this company, which has to happen via a process, and only once the approval has come through from National Government can we then go to the next step, which is this step, which is putting the actual company in place and so this piece of legislation does that.

As you all know in this House, we have spoken about it over many years that this piece of legislation is ready to help the oil and gas industry. It has been a focus for a while for this country and for this region and that is why National, Provincial and Local Government are involved in this process of the Saldanha Bay IDZ. I think just to re-confirm where we are, this is how we take from the two to four rigs that get serviced here every year, how we take that to 12 rigs. This is how we take the 4,000 skills in process for this industry to 18,000 jobs or skills in process so it links to the skills programme.

It takes R1 billion to R3 billion in GVA turnover per year and we see this as creating a further 16,000 jobs in the region linked to this industry. This is a true partnership between National, Provincial and Local Government, the local authority already spending a fair amount of money on basic infrastructure and the Provincial Government spending on roads infrastructure and taking that responsibility via Wesgro, and now through this legislation we are making sure the company is in place. Of course Transnet is spending a lot of money on infrastructure as a key partner, as well as the IDC with their property, Transnet's property and the DTI and Minister Davies bringing this all together from a National point of view.

I want to say that without this next stage in the process we would not have that company in place to make sure that, following the R8 billion that is going to be spent by the public purse at all three levels of government over

the next few years, we would not be able to then attract the billions and billions from international investors and that is moving on to the next stage where we would then be in a position to create those jobs.

I want to say to the Standing Committee who made sure that this piece of legislation went through very speedily, thank you very very much for doing that, to the Programming Authority for making this happens. You know from the end of last year when you went to public consultation through the public process and the process that the Standing Committee have been pursuing right to actually getting the legislation to this stage, thank you very much. I cannot say for passing it because we still have to do that. Hopefully I can in a few minutes once you have heard the rest of the debate but thus far I believe that the process has gone well and that there has been unanimous support for it. We really need this to take this initiative by South Africa to the next stage. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. The hon Beverly Schäfer.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Mr Deputy Speaker, the vision as set out by the Department of Economic Development is to create a vibrant, innovative and sustainable economy by identifying opportunities to create inclusive growth and jobs for all the people of the Western Cape. And so, the Western Cape's focussed approach is on three key sectors of the economy, through Project Khulisa, which sets out to tackle the challenge of a stunted economy and urgency to create more jobs and ultimately further decrease the high levels of

unemployment, particularly youth unemployment, in this province.

With this in mind, Saldanha Bay is seen as a high growth potential lever for jobs and change in the Western Cape Province. The West Coast District economy contributed 32% of the Western Cape GDP in 2013 and was the fourth largest employer within the Western Cape. The development of the Saldanha Bay IDZ forecast a R53.4 billion cumulative contribution to the Western Cape GDP by the end of 2020 with an approximate R8.2 billion in cumulative taxes back to the National fiscus.

The oil and gas sector forms part of the Western Cape's strategic objectives and aims to increase direct jobs by more than 20,000 within the next five years. The establishment of the Saldanha Bay IDZ is a significant, collaborative approach as the Minister said from Local, Provincial and National Governments, including key partners such as the DTI, the Transport Ports Authority, the IDC and Wesgro, which must be noted and commended. Just as importantly, with the full involvement and engagement of the Saldanha Bay community, the SBIDZ's purpose is to be a delivery mechanism for South Africa's goal of competitive economic development and job creation in a localised economy.

It aims at diversification and transformation of the historically under developed and under supported economic sector and also to broaden its regional and national economic base, therefore building a robust diversity to South Africa's present economic base. So the Saldanha Bay IDZ is a free

trade zone and the IDZ and the SEZ legislation allows for a customs and a duty-free area. It is South Africa's deepest natural port and the aim is to establish a world class competitive SA marine engineering service centre. Rig repair alone has the potential to generate, as the Minister has indicated, in terms of R4 billion per annum while we increase to 11 rig projects being serviced from a dedicated key facility. With a dedicated repair quay and a floating dock, the Saldanha Bay IDZ could service from three rigs at any time and generate anything from R10 million to R1 billion per project.

For every one Rand allocated for the licensing company operations, the Western Cape leverages R268 from the private sector. Its success however is largely dependent on its ease of doing business and its ability to service the end user in a way that exceeds its current competitors nearby in Namibia and Angola. Our Committee was tasked to take a draft of the Saldanha Bay IDZ Licensing Company Bill to public hearings, which seeks to regulate those operations of the Saldanha Bay IDZ Licensing Company and to provide that framework for the management, the shareholding, the functions and the governance of the company.

This is the final stage that sets the parameter for growth and jobs specifically. This Bill deals with only the essential provisions and is not isolated in its existence but it fills and fits into a whole host of National legislation, more specifically the Special Economic Zone Act, the Companies Act and the PFMA. Without this Bill passed, the Saldanha Bay IDZ cannot transact or conclude its property agreements with the IDC or the NT&PA nor

can it transact with SARS.

The draft of the Saldanha Bay IDZ Licensing Company Bill was referred to our Standing Committee on the 8th of February for consideration and reporting. Public hearings were conducted in Saldanha Bay and in Cape Town on the 1st and 2nd of March this year. The Standing Committee deliberated the contents of the Bill and took into consideration both written and verbal inputs made by all stakeholders. The informal and formal consideration of the Bill was concluded on the 22nd of March. I would really like to thank the Committee co-ordinators for their continued dedication and hard work taking through the Bill process and meeting the required time frames needed. And to my colleagues in the Standing Committee who unanimously supported this Bill and who, whenever we were doing oversight, continuously worked together and that I really want to thank you for. I would also like to extend my thanks to Dr Stegmann, Chairman of the Board and Mr Doug Southgate CEO of LiCo who, with their staff, have been patient and accommodating, always making themselves available to engage with us in a way that we could get to grips with this entity. As Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Economic Opportunities, Tourism and Agriculture, I recommend to this House the acceptance of the Western Cape's Fifth Parliament's Bill, the first Provincial Bill for 2016, the Saldanha Bay IDZ Licensing Company Bill 5 of 2015. I thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon member Ms Davids?

Mr M G E WILEY: Hear-hear!

*n AGB LID: Mooi! Mooi!

*An HON MEMBER: Good! Good!

Ms S W DAVIDS: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. The oil and gas sector is one of the priority sectors in terms of National Government's Industrial Policy Action Plan and the Saldanha Bay IDZ has been identified as a useful policy tool to advance the objectives of [Inaudible.] the new growth path and a National Development Plan under Operation Phakisa. Operation Phakisa, which is a National initiative introduced by the Presidency, is based on big, fast results and utilised by other governments, including the Malaysian Government.

It was developed by private and public sector stakeholders to develop and plan fast-track programmes to unlock growth and delivery in the ocean economy which has four focus areas being, oil and gas exploration, marine transport and manufacturing, aquaculture and maritime protection and governance. It is under these premises that Saldanha Bay was designated as an Industrial Development Zone by the National Minister of Trade and Industry, Rob Davies.

The President of the Republic of South Africa, the hon Jacob Zuma, handed over the Industrial Development Zone Operating permit on 31 October 2013. Interestingly, the Premier of this province, Helen Zille, ran away when the

President launched the Saldanha Bay IDZ but that is a story for another day. [Interjections.] This official ceremony gave the Saldanha Bay Industrial Development Zone Licensing Company, commonly referred to as LiCo, legal status as the IDZ Operator.

In his 2016 Budget Speech, the Finance Minister, Pravin Gordhan, announced a R9.2 billion investment to develop Saldanha Bay as an oil and gas hub under Operation Phakisa. This will transform Saldanha Bay into a one stop rig repair and oil service hub. Focusing specifically on up-stream and mid-stream services such as rig repairs, the initiative has already provided over 30 thousand job opportunities in the future. National Government will also establish recognition of prior learning, model training and centres of specialised [Inaudible.] in Saldanha Bay to cater for the specialised skills necessary for the successful operation of the IDZ. In addition to this 18,172 learners will be trained as artisans, semi-skilled workers and professionals over the next five years as part of Operation Phakisa.

The immediate target by National Government is that oil and gas infrastructure be established by March 2016 in Saldanha Bay which we have reliably been informed is currently on track. This will have a direct effect on the coastal economy of the Western Cape. Although the Western Cape would like to make us believe that the Saldanha Bay IDZ is a sole programme of the Western Cape, this is in actual fact a National initiative in partnership with the provincial and local spheres of government, as well as the private sector.

The Bill currently before us is to regulate operations of the Saldanha Bay IDZ Licensing Company. There were a number of issues we raised on the Saldanha Bay Industrial Development Zone Licensing Company Bill, some of which I will highlight in my input here today and some of which were highlighted by the community in our public participation processes.

In terms of the objectives of the company, which is Clause 3 of the Bill, we raised concerns regarding representation and commitment to empowerment and equity. We are satisfied with the clarification provided by the Department that the company is 100% owned by the Provincial Government and gives the company BBEE status on level 1. As economic transformation and equity remains a key objective of the African National Congress we are therefore comforted by the fact that LiCo is governed by the SEZ Act, together with other national legislation frame-works, which make BEE and Black Industrial Empowerment mandatory to LiCo.

Furthermore, since the company is bound by the Public Finance Management Act, the PPPFA law applies to LiCo. We must however also raise concerns that in as much as the PPPFA law stipulates that when Government procures services it should first consider companies with proven track records, which most black companies do not have, especially in that area where the IDZ is because it was explained to us in the Standing Committee. That was one of the challenges that the company has. This should not continue to be used to measure black owned businesses which are still building their track records.

Note that the main economic policy of the National Government is the New Growth Path which very particularly specifies two objectives, which are jobs and eradication of poverty. The DTI's Industrial Policy Action Plan, through the industrialisation instrument, must become a key component in the operations of this entity.

We also raised concerns about the election of the Board of LiCo and the representation thereof. We are pleased that in terms of Board representation the three spheres of government, which are National, Provincial and Local, were finalised by a letter from Minister Rob Davies which prescribed that the Board structure be representative of all three spheres of government and two other representatives from industry, business and labour and another from civil society. We do however want to state that the one representation from industry on the Board must rotate between business and labour because labour also at our public hearing made a submission, under COSATU, on this Bill. And then the civil society representation must be selected fairly because there was a query from the community that the person that is currently on the Board from civil society was not elected fairly.

We want to raise concerns on the absence of the requirement of gender balance on the election of the Board because we saw that there was no gender balance. Although the Department tried to assure us that this is implied, underlining legislation on equity, the issue of gender representivity still remains an issue. We also raised concern on point 5.2 which states that:

“Subject to the Companies Act, the Provincial Minister may, after consultation with the National Minister, remove a Director on good cause shown.”

and Point 3 states that:

“the Provincial Minister must, after consultation with the National Minister, designate the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson for the Board.”

We wanted it to be in consultation with the National Minister as opposed to after consultation. We were told in the Standing Committee meeting that this is inconsequential and that if this is read to be “in consultation” this will make the process open with no proper accountability. It was explained to us in the Standing Committee that if we say “in” it means that whoever must take accountability for it will not have that accountability status because it will be an open loophole and we understand the explanation.

Although we were satisfied with this explanation we are comforted by the fact that the overarching appointment of the Board is already pre-determined in other existing legislation. We are satisfied that the company will operate within the existing National legislation frame-work. The work of this House is therefore to hold LiCo accountable and ensure that it delivers on its mandate and complies with all the conditions to the designation of IDZ and LiCo as a whole. Noting all issues noted above, we support the Bill.

[Applause.]

†‘n AGB LID: Mooi! Mooi!

*An HON MEMBER: Good! Good!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mr Christians.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Mr Deputy Speaker, the ACDP supports the Bill.

[Laughter.] [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. The hon Minister to respond. Order.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Thank you very much, Mr Deputy Speaker. Once again, as I said earlier, thank you very much to the Standing Committee and I was highlighted by the Chair only receiving this on the 8th of February, holding public consultations, debating and interacting as you have heard from the speakers, with the Department, with the legal team, going on public hearings and getting here by the end of March to approve this legislation. I want to thank you very very much for the dedication and for the commitment.

Can I also say to the Chair but also to the Committee that this is just one piece in the long puzzle that is moving forward and I would really like you to please continue to keep an eagle eye, from an oversight point of view, on this LiCo as it moves into a company, as the Board is appointed, as it starts to

develop the actual property and as investors come on.

You know I have got a responsibility to it but I also need you to take that oversight responsibility seriously. This is a massive investment for South Africa, we cannot allow anything to fail us on this way forward. I must say that listening to the hon member Davids who had to reiterate that this is not a sole Western Cape project. [Laughter.] I do not know who has ever said that. I know that I have never, ever said that. It is a project with partners from National, Provincial and Local governments, all involved in making sure we land this.

Perhaps also just to add because she spoke a lot about Operation Phakisa and that Operation Phakisa and the philosophy around it is exactly the same philosophy that we used for Khulisa. So, it is exactly the same. [Interjections.] Well, you have to have your own one. I could not call the Western Cape one Phakisa as well, that would be a bit confusing, I would imagine. I do believe in that philosophy and the way of it operating and perhaps there again, I would say to this Standing Committee, do not just hold Khulisa to account, hold Phakisa to account as well and ask Phakisa to come and report to this Standing Committee too because they also have a major role in making sure that we land this project.

There are many, many jobs at stake and this project can make a big difference to many, many people's lives, specifically on the West Coast. So once again, thank you very much to this team for putting the piece of legislation in place.

It is a big step. I really do appreciate it. Thank you. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister. That concludes the debate on this Order. Are there objections to the Bill being finalised?

HON MEMBERS: No.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No objections? Agreed to. The Secretary will read the Bill.

The SECRETARY: The *Saldanha Bay Industrial Development Zone Licensing Company Bill*.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Bill will now be sent to the Premier for assent. That concludes the business for the day. The House is adjourned.

The House adjourned at 16:52.