
THURSDAY, 29 NOVEMBER 2018

The House met at 10:00

The Deputy Speaker took the Chair and read the prayer.

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

The SECRETARY: Debate on Vote 1 – Premier – *Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill* [B 6 – 2018].

The SPEAKER: I see the Premier.

The PREMIER: Thank you very much, Mr Deputy Speaker. The Adjustments Budget represents an increase of R10,4 million when compared to the 2018/19 main Budget. This increase will assist the Department to invest in much needed IT refresh and to communicate with citizens regarding water scarcity, especially beyond the borders of the City of Cape Town.

To deal with water scarcity, a targeted Water Demand Management Communication Campaign will be undertaken in the Karoo and parts of the West Coast over the summer period. These areas remain under distress and the campaign to the value of R4,6 million aims to encourage responsible water use so that limited supply can be conserved. The campaign will also

reach tourists and residents more broadly with the simple “Save water this summer” message.

R2 million has been allocated towards the strategic communication campaign which aims to report back to Western Cape residents as we come to the end of this administration. This aims to inform citizens of what we have done with public funds. Hon members ... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: It is fine. As long as you do not ... [Inaudible.]

The PREMIER: Comparative experience has shown that access to broadband has paved the way for economic growth and development in many regions. The Department continues to implement the Broadband Project, extending access to Government buildings, including schools, health facilities and libraries.

Broadband is a key enabler in all spheres of our society but specifically for the Western Cape Government’s Game-Changers, including the e-Learning Programme. Broadband connectivity is also being provided to Cape Access Centres to boost access to economic opportunities in non-urban areas.

The 100% milestone target for broadband rollout has been reached and there are 1 875 Government sites now connected to broadband. [Applause.]

Phase 2 of the broadband project commenced on 1 October 2017 and will run

for a five-year period up until 30 September 2022. During this second phase of the broadband project rollout, the minimum network connectivity speeds at Government sites will be upgraded to 100 Megs per second, which is 10 times higher than the minimum network speeds of phase 1. To date, 643 sites have already been upgraded as part of Phase 2 and the 50% milestone delivery target is expected to be reached by June 2019 and I hope that we are going to give priority to our schools, because the difference that successful e-Learning makes to our education programme is really substantial and one of the biggest barriers is sufficient connectivity where we need it.

The free public WiFi hotspot initiative is also part of the broadband project, Mr Deputy Speaker. A number of hotspots have been implemented by the Department of Economic Development and Tourism in recent years. The Department of the Premier's new initiative seeks to build on the existing WiFi footprint and to provide access to the public at over 1 600 Government sites over a five-year period. So that is an additional service we will provide to the public from our Government sites, which is free WiFi.

Subject to a successful procurement programme, the free data being allocated to each user per month will increase from 250 megabytes to 3 gigabytes, a twelvefold increase. This new initiative will, in all likelihood, commence on 1 December 2018, which is this Saturday.

Shifts totalling R47 million from the broadband budget were effected in the Adjustments Budget for a number of reasons. These mainly include, firstly,

the delay in the commencement of the new free public WiFi hotspot initiative due to a protracted procurement process, in the interests of public value creation. Part of the funds for this initiative, which was R13 million, will therefore not be spent within the 2018/2019 financial year.

Secondly, R32 million has been shifted for software licensing in order to address the currency depreciation.

Hon members, R14,4 million has been shifted from capital to current expenditure to provide for the migration to cloud services. The benefits of cloud services are reduced costs, optimisation of technology, more predicible operational costs and improved business continuity planning and disaster recovery planning capabilities, should this be necessary.

The migration of systems to the SETA Oracle Cloud service is complete. The migration of the HIS suite of applications, that is the Health Information System suite of applications, to a private cloud is complete and we are in progress with many other migrations to the cloud.

The Province is in the process of implementing a Transversal Client Relationship Management System that will enable multi-channel citizen access to Government information and services. Due again to a protracted procurement process resulting from the need to comply with all the internal architectural and standards approval processes, an amount of R4 million needed to be rolled over into this year.

A further R7,7 million will be shifted to the CRM, which is the Client Relationship Management initiative, from Business Process Optimisation funds, the latter focused on improving the efficiency and effectiveness of service delivery to citizens and departments within the Western Cape Government.

Residents across this province gain access to computer and internet facilities also, not only through our free WiFi but also through our Cape Access Programme. Due to cost efficiencies related to the in-house provision of our contact centre services, R4,2 million has been shifted internally to fund operational expenditure in our Cape Access Centres. And I would, hon Deputy Speaker, like to invite all our hon members to visit these Cape Access Centres which are often situated in remote rural areas, to see what a transformation to the lives of people internet access brings.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Let us hope they work [Inaudible.]

The PREMIER: Let us hope they do, and sometimes our connectivity is not as strong as we would like it to be, which is the reason for our Phase 2 rollout, firstly to 100 Megs and finally to a Gig and currently there is new technology out there that will enable us to eventually upgrade to 12 Gigs, which would be absolutely magnificent. And the reason that the hon Dyantyi mentions it is precisely the reason that I am on the ground a lot of the time, checking that connectivity is actually working.

The funding shift also follows the consolidation of the Western Cape Government contact channels as a trial run for Western Cape Government's service channel integration, resulting in the Cape Access Programme being expanded temporarily to include elements of the Western Cape contact centre, in line with our efforts to better manage citizen engagement. So we do not leave people living in rural areas out in the cold.

Mr Deputy Speaker, to mitigate risks associated with end-of-life devices, this Department has prioritised the refresh of its end-user equipment. An additional R2,3 million of retained revenue has been allocated for this purpose.

Hon members, through careful management of its Compensation of Employees Budget, the Department managed to surrender R11,2 million to the Provincial Revenue Fund.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Can you repeat that?

The PREMIER: Yes, I will ...[Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: R11 million has been surrendered because you have no plan for it.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order, hon members.

The PREMIER: I will ... [Interjection.]

Mr M G E WILEY: Do you actually understand what ... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Just explain ... [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: May I continue? Mr Deputy Speaker, in case the hon Dyantyi does not get the import of this, this is a good news story, not a scandal.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Oh [Inaudible.]

The PREMIER: Sometimes the members of the hon Opposition do not seem to be able to tell the difference. Through careful management of its Compensation of Employees Budget, the Department managed to surrender R11,2 million to the Provincial Revenue Fund and repurpose an additional R2,8 million to manage various in-year budget pressures, such as the licensing pressure related to the Rand, Dollar exchange rate fluctuations which would not have been necessary if we had had a stable National Government, I can assure you. [Interjections.]

Cost of employees or cost of employee savings in the Department of the Premier resulted from a deliberate attempt to reduce the cost of employees, as our National Government keeps asking every province to do, with due regard to the anticipated shortfall in the outer years of the MTEF budget.

So this, I would like to remind the hon Dyantyi, is a National Government policy which, as usual, the Western Cape seems to be the only province taking seriously and implementing, without the help of the hon members of the Opposition, I may add. [Interjection.] The Public Service Regulations of 2016 placed a renewed focus on ethics in the public sector. The Department has therefore prioritised the promotion of integrity and ethical behaviour in the workplace and wants to embark on a holistic ethics campaign, which I hope will not pass over the head of the hon member.

The allocation of R250 000 will raise awareness across all levels in the Department on the behaviours that promote integrity and ethical behaviour. The envisaged impact is that all officials in the Department will be exposed to acceptable principles of ethical behaviour in line with the Department's Ethics Management Strategy, which will reduce ethical breaches in daily conduct.

I would like to thank the Director-General, management and staff of the Department of the Premier for their continuing contribution towards governance for service delivery.

I would also like, in anticipation, to thank the Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee under the Chairpersonship of the hon Mitchell, for doing an excellent job in oversight and accountability. [Applause.] And to Mr Drikus Basson who is the chief financial officer who runs a very, very tight ship and whose essays on almost every expenditure I am very, very cautious to read in

full.

So I would like to thank him very much for his diligent service and to the DG for his devoted commitment to the work that this Western Cape Government does and to align that expenditure ethically with our priorities. I look forward to reporting back to the House regarding Government's achievements and challenges during the 2014/2019 term in my February State of the Province Address, which you will be very relieved to hear is my last one.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: The last one of the DA, not only for yourself.
[Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon Dyantyi. I see the hon Mitchell.

Mr D G MITCHELL: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. It is a privilege to rise in this House and speak on the Adjustment Appropriation Bill of one of the finest provincial departments in the country.

Under the very capable leadership of Advocate Gerber and under the sound political leadership of Premier Helen Zille, the Western Cape Department of the Premier has fast-tracked innovation, service delivery excellence and a commitment to youth development in our province over the past nine years.

As this is my last Appropriation Budget vote for this term, I would like to commend Premier Helen Zille for her stellar performance as Western Cape

Premier and I thank her and her Department for serving our province selflessly and with utter devotion in order to ensure we build a South Africa for all.

HON MEMBERS: Hear-hear! [Applause.]

Mr D G MITCHELL: In this Appropriation Budget I am pleased to see the prioritisation of additional funds for worthy programmes. I welcome an additional R322 000 towards Programme 2, Provincial Strategic Management, which will be used for the After-school Game-Changer, as well as R4,6 million from the drought relief reserve for water scarcity communication. These are critical Government programmes in our province and I am glad to see that these additional funds have been directed to these initiatives.

Furthermore, R4,4 million was shifted to fund various education ICT activities, as well as R2,2 million which will fund ICT requirements for the Office Modernisation Project. This is further evidence, Mr Deputy Speaker, of the DA-led Western Cape Government's effective and sound financial management of additional funds to modernise and capacitate our Government to best serve the people of this province. Again, Mr Deputy Speaker, to ensure we build one South Africa for all.

Mr C M DUGMORE: What do the people on the ground say?

Mr D G MITCHELL: Mr Deputy Speaker, I welcome the realignment of the Provincial Budget for, amongst others, ICT infrastructure, public WiFi rollout and expanded broadband provision in the province. The Western Cape Government has rolled out WiFi hotspots across the province since its implementation and established e-Centres for all.

Access to internet services at the centres is vital as this allows young people to access opportunities to education and employment. The digital online platform instantly fast-tracks these types of opportunities.

Mr Deputy Speaker, when we speak about a government's commitment to create an enabling environment, the Western Cape Government demonstrates just how South Africa can look and feel under sound political leadership; fit-for-purpose officials and a commitment by our citizens to achieve a whole-of-society approach.

The legacy left by Premier Zille over the past nine years is one which has advanced and better equipped our province in terms of innovation, modernisation and interconnectivity in the face of a globalising and digital world. The Western Cape, Mr Deputy Speaker, now has broadband from Cape Town to Merweville, from Vredendal to George, from Hout Bay to Khayelitsha. Government services have been digitised and streamlined for greater accessibility through the province-wide internet rollout and residents of the Western Cape now have ICT centres, internet access and access to information technology in every corner of this province. This is a clear

indication of this Department's commitment to build one South Africa for all.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Hear-hear!

Mr D G MITCHELL: Mr Deputy Speaker, allow me to take this opportunity to thank the Committee staff of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament and, in particular, the committee co-ordinator Ms Waseemah Kamish-Achmat and assistant committee co-ordinator, Ms Masintle Motsapi, under the direction of Ms Lizette Cloete, for their never-ending support, their dedication and commitment to the Standing Committee during this year. We are indeed better together.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I am proud to say that the DA supports Vote 1, the Department of the Premier. I thank you. [Applause.]

†Die MINISTER VAN MAATSKAPLIKE ONTWIKKELING: Mooi.

[The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Good!]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Magaxa?

Mr K E MAGAXA: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. From the outset I want to register my disappointment with the decrease in the Adjusted Appropriation for Programme 2 and 3.

Programme 2 is responsible for the implementation of the Youth

Development Strategy. In the APP the Premier told us that under this sub-programme her Department will work with Social Development to implement the Youth Development Strategy.

The PERO told us that over 29% of youth in the Western Cape are unemployed. For those in the 15 to 24 age group, the number is even more. In Khayelitsha and other African townships the situation is worse. Unemployed men go beyond 50%. [Interjection.]

How is this then a budget for youth and jobs when there is such a reduction in the budget for youth? [Interjections.]

It is an open secret that the Department is failing in the Broadband Game-Changer. The AG's report showed that the Department recorded a negligible underspending for the Broadband Rollout Project due to the reduction in the number of sites targeted for Broadband connectivity from 2 000 to only 1 875. Conditional grants were not spent because the Department failed to install network infrastructure as per its planned targets.

This budget for the programme is set to continue in that trajectory. For instance, payments for capital assets are reduced by over R14 million. The adjusted appropriation for sub-programme 4.4 is reduced by R47 million. Funds are shifted to other programmes because the Department fears to underspend. This is not about service delivery and citizen impact.

Mr Deputy Speaker, while I am comfortable with the increase of R10 million to the Department's Adjusted Appropriation, it is disappointing that the bulk of it comes from rollover. That is money the Department failed to spend. Over R11 million in Programme 4: Centre for e-Innovation, a critical programme for the Department. Programme 4 received an extra R16,9 million on the budget adjustment. It also received R14 million in virements and shifts.

This is all well and good. The only problem for me are the sources of this additional funding. On page 3 we note that R2 million is moved from Programme 2 to Programme 4. On page 5 we see that over R12 million is moved from Programme 3 to Programme 4.

Part of this money is shifted to sub-programme 4.5: Transversal Application Development, R3,9 million to be exact. Of this, R1,9 million will be used to fund development of PERMIS; another R1,3 million will be used for the development of the Service Benefits Pension Tracking system. A further R240 000 will be utilised for the development of a poor performance and exit questionnaire.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I welcome the decision on this particular sub-programme. These interventions were long overdue. Here is the reason I say that.

It came to my attention that under Programme 3 of the Department of the

Premier in the Western Cape there is gross corruption and maladministration that has gone unnoticed for years due to the lack of proper control systems. [Interjection.] For instance, all senior managers in the Department ... [Interjection.]

Mr D JOSEPH: Where is the proof?

Mr K E MAGAXA: All thieves will say: where is the proof? [Interjection.] Ja, that is the language of the thieves. [Interjection.] For instance, all senior managers in the Department - who are predominantly white – are getting bonuses and extra notches without following the necessary processes to determine whether one qualifies to get those benefits or not. Some people get these bonuses every year which range from 2% to 12%.

This kind of process is extended to other departments like Provincial Treasury and Agriculture which have its own policies that give them authority to allocate bonuses to certain individuals, especially to those who have close allegiance to the DA governing party in the province. All this is done without following due processes. [Interjections.]

This practice is tantamount to corruption. Legal opinion received by the Department, by the same Provincial Government, advised against these particular payments and even recommended that those senior managers should pay back that particular money.

This did not happen; instead the process continues unabated, senior managers are still getting those bonuses and extra notches. I hope the extra budget moved from Programme 3 to Programme 4.5 will assist to end this corruption.

We have a serious challenge with employment equity in this Department and province at large. It is a concern for me that Programme 3's adjusted appropriation decreased by over R15 million. These funds were shifted to other programmes. The excuse used is that the funds became available due to slower than anticipated filling of posts as well as vacancies that arise during the year. Other funds became available due to staff exits and due to resignations.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I have it on good authority that these resignations and slower than anticipated filling of posts are due to corruption and deliberate manipulation of HR processes that is prevalent in the Premier's Department.

Mr D JOSEPH: The ANC [Inaudible.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: Through this manipulation, what happens is that long service white employees either resign or retire and receive therefore service benefits and pensions. After a couple of months the same individuals are re-employed into the same departments where they enjoy their new salary, pensions and bonuses.

This is blatant and unashamed maladministration, corruption and

manipulation by the DA, let alone that it is bragging all over the country that it is running a clean government. There is no clean government there.

[Interjections.]

Mr D G MITCHELL: Yes, there is.

Mr K E MAGAXA: This is happening in the same Department that claims to be a custodian of good governance in the Western Cape. [Interjection.]

What I have exposed here should not surprise you when you see that Programme 5: Corporate Assurance is the second least funded programme in this Department. The purpose of this programme is to render enterprise risk management, internal audit, and provincial forensic, legal and corporate communication services.

It only received an extra R5,3 million in the Adjusted Appropriation. What is more concerning is that the budget for internal audit is reduced by R150 000 while that of the Chief Directorate Provincial Forensic Services, which aims to create a zero tolerant environment towards fraud, theft and corruption is not increased.

PFS programmes include fraud risk assessments for each provincial department, fraud and corruption training sessions to officials across all provincial departments.

The funds for the Legal Services sub-programme are increased by R500 000. The biggest increase goes to the corporate communication sub-programme.

This kind of budget structure is clearly weakening internal audit and forensic services, while it makes funds available to fund legal battles that may arise due to corruption in the Department. This is a budget for corruption, in actual fact.

The corporate communication funding is of interest to me. The increase of R4,6 million is to protect the image of the Premier and her Government at times like the colonialism praising Tweet and the Paper Video scandals.

The PREMIER: What is that?

Mr K E MAGAXA: I can only hope that bulk of it will not go to Tony Leon and Nick Clelland's Resolve Communications, the company that has already received thousands from the City of Cape Town.

Mr M G E WILEY: Who wrote your speech?

Mr K E MAGAXA: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. In the absence of the – order, order. In the absence of the ACDP and EFF, it is the hon Premier to respond. Hon Premier, to reply?

The PREMIER: Well, thank you very much indeed, Mr Deputy Speaker. I would like to begin by thanking the honourable Daylin Mitchell for his very heart-warming speech and I hope that I could half have lived up to the words that he used.

One of my great regrets about my term in office is that I have not nearly succeeded sufficiently ... [Interjection.], Mr Deputy Speaker, in securing innovation in government. The compliance environment ... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Is that your only regret?

The PREMIER: I said it is one of my regrets. [Interjection.] It is one of my regrets, Mr Deputy Speaker, that we did not succeed in entrenching innovation much more in government. We had a long discussion with the Auditor-General's office yesterday, as is normal in the routine engagement with the Auditor-General, and what arose yet again is the incredibly restrictive regulatory and compliance environment that, in the Fourth Industrial Revolution, makes it almost impossible for Government to get a foot in the door.

The procurement processes are premised on knowing what you need to procure and on doing a needs assessment based on what you have always done in the past. The very nature, Mr Deputy Speaker, of the Fourth Industrial Revolution is that there are new things out there that you do not yet even know you need and that you do not yet even know could help

transform the lives of your citizens. And because of the extraordinary extent ... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: That part is so true.

The PREMIER: ... and because of the extraordinary extent of corruption in our society, the National Treasury has had to put up fence, after wall, after bulwark, after barrier to prevent this, creating such a restrictive environment that innovation becomes almost impossible – in fact, it does become impossible.

And I compare that to countries that have the kind of economic growth that we need in order to deal with the dreadful levels of youth unemployment in places, for example, like Mitchells Plain and Khayelitsha, which we are not complacent about for a second. In fact, every single thing we do in this Government is to seek to ensure that we reduce youth unemployment.

Mr Deputy Speaker, when you go to places like Thailand or Vietnam or Singapore you see the role of government where there is zero tolerance for corruption, but you see the role of governments in driving growth.

Now this morning I was thrilled to hear Minister Gwede Mantashe, the Minister of Mineral Resources, standing up at a stakeholders' breakfast and making the following points:

South Africa's absolute number 1 priority has to be economic growth and economic growth comes from investment and unless we have investment and economic growth, we will not get jobs.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Correct.

The PREMIER: And so, he is absolutely correct and we have been saying that for 20 years.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: It is only the ANC that can ... [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: And unfortunately the corruption in which the ANC has specialised makes growth and jobs impossible, because no-one will invest in a country that is seen to be so corrupt and where the connected political few channel all the resources that they can get their hands on into their own pockets.

Minister Gwede Mantashe recognises this. And we say that the Government's first responsibility is to create an environment where people wish to invest in the terrain of mineral resources, which has declined so catastrophically, destroying so many jobs over the past 15 years.

And Mr Deputy Speaker, he said that he, as the Minister, would work very hard to create that environment by separating oil and gas from mining and by creating conditions conducive to prospecting for oil and gas off our coast and

on our shores and not putting all sorts of blockages, Government blockages, in the way of doing so. And he said when you are prospecting, you have not found the resource to mine yet or to build a business on yet and so he said that the BBEE requirements for prospecting should not be there because they have, frankly, destroyed the capacity of prospecting companies to go out and do the job because they add such a barrier and such a cost to the process.

Now I welcome ... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I can see the impact the ANC has on you ... [Inaudible.]
Gwede Mantashe.

An HON MEMBER: That is outsourcing. You only realise it now.

The PREMIER: Let me say that good policy ideas, from wherever they come, have an impact on me.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Ja.

The PREMIER: I do not commit the fallacy of origin. [Interjection.] I do not commit the fallacy of origin where, whatever anybody in the ANC says, is automatically wrong. [Interjection.] And it is a great pity that the ANC commits the fallacy of origin whenever it comes to anything that the DA says, because what the hon Gwede Mantashe said this morning is what the DA has been saying for 20 years. [Interjections.]

So we welcome the fact that he has eventually come to agree with us that economic growth is our number one requirement, otherwise, as he put it, we will not get investment, we will not get economic growth, we will not reduce poverty and we will not reduce inequality. Because the best way to reduce inequality is to increase jobs. And that was said with absolute clarity by the Minister and I said, “Hear-hear” and I was the first one to lead the clapping.

He also said, which was fundamentally important ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Premier, just one ... [Interjections.] Order, order! Hon Dyantyi. Hon Chief Whip?

Mr M G E WILEY: Mr Deputy Speaker, I wonder if I could ask the Premier a question, please? [Interjections.]

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

The PREMIER: I am certainly happy to take a question, yes.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Wiley, you may proceed.

Mr M G E WILEY: Hon Premier, could you tell me, at this very important regional breakfast hosted by the Minister this morning, were any members of the ANC on the other side of the House invited or present at that breakfast? [Interjections.]

Ms P MAKELENI: How would you know? How would you know?
[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order. Hon Premier?

The PREMIER: I did not see any of them there. [Interjections.] But the hon the Western Cape Minister of the Environment and the hon the Western Cape Minister of Economic Opportunities were there. And we had a very valuable discussion, both before and both during the sessions and those two hon members from this side of the House are still there because this discussion is so important to the economy of the Western Cape.

Mr M G E WILEY: Does this mean that they are so irrelevant ...
[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

The PREMIER: And there is another crucial point that the hon National Minister made and I was thrilled to hear that because what it means for minorities in this country to hear a National Minister say this, should not be underestimated, should not be underestimated.

He said white people are not the problem in South Africa. [Interjections.] Low economic growth is the biggest problem in South Africa. And he said even if you took all the wealth of every white in South Africa, and many of

us are not wealthy, Mr Deputy Speaker ... [Interjection.] If you took all the wealth of whites and confiscated it and distributed it amongst black people, it would not come near to solving poverty and it would not come near to solving inequality.

So the point he made was that we should not focus first on redistributing; what we should focus on first is growing, because an economy is not a zero sum game, it is not a fixed pie of a fixed size. We can grow the pie so that more and more people can participate in sharing the pie. And he said that quite clearly, that if there were no whites in South Africa the problem would not get better, in fact it would be worse. And the commitment of a National Minister to the very same vision of one South Africa for all is greatly to be welcomed, especially when I have to return to a House of venom and racial insults ... [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENTS: Yes.

The PREMIER: ... and the other things that emanate from the hon the Opposition.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Ja, the MEC of Finance can give you instructions now what to say. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Dyantyi, you are speaking to us on the fifth Order, I see. [Laughter.] You will get your opportunity today.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Ja.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Premier, you may continue.

The PREMIER: Now I was speaking about our barriers to innovation. Because of the extent of corruption in our country, Mr Deputy Speaker, all of these blockages have been put in the way. When I look at countries like Singapore, which set out with a one nation one future approach, right from the beginning and really meant it and really implemented it and did not hound minorities with skills and capacities who wanted to contribute, but included them and encouraged them; when I see that country today in which everybody is included, irrespective of their ethnicity or language or race or background, in a thriving economy that is ahead of the game worldwide, from being in extreme poverty only 50 years ago, I can see what we can achieve in South Africa with far more resources, with far more infrastructure, with far more land, with far more capabilities than they ever had – if we would only embrace what we have and build on it, rather than try to destroy everything that was built in the past because it came from an unjust system.

And that was the insight ... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Because they [Inaudible.]

The PREMIER: That is the insight that Singapore and Vietnam and that Thailand had.

Now I hear from the hon the Opposition, and it is an important point, that we must first give back the land. [Interjections.] The DA fully supports land reform. In fact, the next insight, Mr Deputy Speaker, that is going to arrive at the ANC's door, hopefully not another 15 years too late, is the following: that security of tenure underpins a banking system which underpins an economy.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: It is long, long, long that [Inaudible.]

The PREMIER: And if you want to destroy an economy, you will introduce insecurity of tenure and expropriation without compensation.

Let me first explain to the ANC that the most fertile land in South Africa and a very large portion of it, in fact, I would say the majority of the most fertile land, is already in black hands. [Interjections.] Along the eastern seaboard which gets the most rain and has the most fertile soil. [Interjections.]

The big question is, is that land producing food and jobs? And the answer is, mostly no. And the answer to the question of why is our most fertile land not producing food and jobs lies in the simple answer: insecurity of tenure and the power of traditional leaders over whether or not people may stay on their land.

And instead of increasing insecurity of tenure across our entire productive farming sector, we should rather be increasing security of tenure where

people do not have ... [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: How do you evict a 60-year old who worked on your farm for 15 years? How can you [Inaudible.] a person like that?

The PREMIER: We have to increase security of tenure. And I know that President Ramaphosa understands that because he said to King Zwelithini that we are also going to have transformation of land ownership in traditional areas and King Zwelithini said: don't you touch me on my Ingonyama Trust. And because the ANC is so terrified of traditional leaders, it backed off.

The real focus on the need for land reform lies in our most productive land where there is insecurity of tenure and where people need to have security of tenure and that is what we promote in the Western Cape through equity share schemes ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order. Hon Premier.

Mr P UYS: Mr Deputy Speaker, I just to put it on the record, a point of order, that you allowed the hon Premier for 15 minutes now to not talk to the Adjustment Budget ... [Interjections.] And a major precedent was created now and I am putting it straight on the record now. I please want you and the hon Speaker to be consistent when we have debate today and tomorrow.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Let me say what my interpretation of that was.

[Interjections.] There was an interjection about land and the hon Premier took that opportunity to speak about land and my view is, she is linking it to the growth of the country and the growth of the province.

The PREMIER: That is right, and innovation and why innovation is so difficult, which is the key point that the hon Mitchell made. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Continue, hon Premier. I take hon member Uys's point. I did say yesterday that the debates will be linked to the topics in the Blue Book under the Adjustments Appropriation, but the hon Premier had the opportunity to react to an interjection which led to that point. [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: If they do not want me to potentially deviate from the topic, they must keep their interjections on the topic as well, otherwise I will answer them, Mr Deputy Speaker. [Interjections.]

So, the critical point about land reform, which we fully support, is that it is largely an urban challenge because people need land and land ownership and security of tenure where they live and work. And it is critical, if we want to improve food production and jobs, that land reform comes to traditional areas where there is insecurity of tenure.

But, as usual, the ANC tried to get a racial spin on it, focuses on the few remaining farmers who keep food security alive in South Africa, instead of

trying to increase food security through land reform ... [Interjections.] And that is why we support equity share schemes on farms and fully support land reform, including the use of the vast swathes of National Government-owned land in Cape Town, which we have been trying to get for many years.

So the hon Dyantyi does not have to worry because we are absolutely committed to fundamental land reform that works. And one day, just like the hon Mantashe comes to the insight that we have been saying for years and years about the priority of economic growth and removing of barriers to growth, so one day the hon the ANC will come to the insight, hopefully before the entire economy has collapsed, that in fact the real land reform that is needed is more security of tenure, not less. Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker.

Now, let me get back to the innovation I was talking about. [Interjections.] In Singapore and in Thailand and in various other countries, 70% of children go to FET colleges, now known as TVET colleges, and in their last year they have to start a business. And they come up with the most brilliant ideas and the best of those ideas, chosen on innovation and merit, are then actually actively incorporated and tested by the Singapore Government.

Given our regime here, it is absolutely impossible to get that right. We have got the biggest tech innovation hub in the Western Cape of the entire African continent, more than Kenya and Nigeria, here in the Western Cape. Yet it is impossible, under the restrictions we face from the compliance regime, to enable Government to use those solutions.

We call government hacks, as we describe them; we tell these young, brilliant techies what our problems are. They come up with truly brilliant solutions, but our procurement system does not allow us to utilise them.

Now unless we get real about innovation in government, Mr Deputy Speaker, we are not going to retain or grow the high tech Fourth Industrial Revolution economy which is currently pumping in this province. And while we are so busy on dealing with the thievery in other parts of this country that triumphed under President Zuma, while we are so busy dealing with that ...
[Interjection.]

Mr P UYS: Mr Deputy Speaker?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Uys?

Mr P UYS: Just a point of order. The DA national caucus in the auditorium is making a noise and it is influencing what is happening here. Would you please ask them to leave – did you allow them to be here?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: We will ask them to tone their voices down, if that is the issue, but I will follow that up.

Mr P UYS: Mr Deputy Speaker, is a political party allowed to use the auditorium?

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

Mr P UYS: A national caucus?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: If the reservation was done through the correct channels then certainly there is not an issue. [Interjections.]

Mr P UYS: You know it is not allowed.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Hon Chief Whip.

Mr M G E WILEY: Can I address you on this matter, please?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I do not want to have a big discussion on it, but you may address me. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: You raised it.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order!

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

Mr P UYS: I want you to rule, hon Deputy Speaker.

Mr M G E WILEY: May I address you on this matter, Mr Deputy Speaker?

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: You raised it.

Mr P UYS: Of course I raised it.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order! Please come to order. Hon Uys, just take your seat.

Mr M G E WILEY: May I address you, please, briefly? The auditorium has been booked under my name, which I will take full responsibility for. It has been done because every facility in the National Parliament has been taken up with taxpayers' jamborees so that political parties ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr M G E WILEY: ... and other people doing their legitimate work in Parliament cannot even use their own space. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, point taken. The point is completed here. Hon Premier, you may continue.

Ms N D NKONDLO: They are making noise here.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: [Inaudible.]

An HON MEMBER: ... quieten down.

The PREMIER: And then in economies that have really grown and flourished, once the government has tested it and become their first client, they ensure that they help scale the business, not only domestically but internationally. And that is one of the key reasons why business and entrepreneurship and new ventures have flourished in a country like Singapore and one of the key reasons why we cannot get it to flourish here. And I do hope that my successor in this office has more success than I have had, but I have tried to push the boundaries as far as I can.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You will not ...[Inaudible.] Unfortunately you will not be ...[Inaudible.]

The PREMIER: Now the hon Magaxa comes up and says we have reduced our involvement in Youth Development. Now that is totally bizarre, Mr Deputy Speaker.

Before I came here, and I anticipated that particular red herring, I asked for the provincial spend annually from the hon the Minister of Finance, Minister Meyer, and, calculating across Government budgets, we spend R62 billion each year on Youth Development in the province. And over the MTEF, on strategies for youth and improving learner outcomes very specifically ... [Interjection.] we have budgeted R86 billion over the MTEF. [Interjection.] Now this is quite an extraordinary percentage of the budget, because we want

the youth to be prepared for a growing and inclusive economy and I would like to challenge any other province to meet the pro rata share of our commitment to Youth Development anywhere in the country. We are absolutely committed to that programme and the uninformed words of the hon Magaxa did not in any way detract from that.

Youth unemployment is horrifically high at 29% and we have to deal with that from the bottom up by improving the retention rate which, if you factor into school results, makes the Western Cape by far the best performing province in the country because we try to keep kids at school for as long as possible, not push them out so that we can have an artificially high matric pass rate.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Not under their [Inaudible.].

The PREMIER: And that is absolutely critical and, in fact, particularly under Minister Schäfer ...[Interjections.] the retention rate has got specific emphasis.

Now, it is quite extraordinary that the hon Magaxa makes allegations about corruption ... [Interjection.] in any of our departments. Of course he does not provide any specifics, just broad generalisations. [Interjections.] Just broad generalisations. [Interjections.] And, Mr Deputy Speaker, I would like him to go and give evidence under oath on that particular point because it will never stand up. Anybody who works with a chief finance officer like Mr Basson

knows how he scrutinises the spending of every cent, and rightly so.
[Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Ja, he has been a good official but he has been
...[Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

The PREMIER: Secondly, every bonus and notch increase is subject to a rigorous process, Mr Deputy Speaker, and it is moderated and if anybody feels aggrieved they are entitled to lodge a grievance which will be fairly and honestly dealt with. So to come here and make unfounded allegations under the protection of parliamentary privilege is nothing short of outrageous. And I would like to say to the hon Magaxa: please come outside this Chamber ... [Interjections.] please accuse somebody of corruption and let us see him defend that in court under cross-examination. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Hon Premier, just one second, just take your seat. Hon Olivier?

Mr R T OLIVIER: Mr Deputy Speaker, is it parliamentary to threaten a member of this House? [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: It is not parliamentary to threaten any member but the hon Premier did not threaten anybody, as far as I could understand.

[Interjections.] Sorry?

Mr K E MAGAXA: [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: It was not a threat, it was an invitation. Hon Premier, you may continue.

Mr M G E WILEY: Only the ANC would see an invitation as a threat. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Hon Premier, you may continue. Hon Premier, done? [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: Yes, I am certainly checking my notes. It is called the Fourth Industrial Revolution and it is very useful to have my researchers on hand to use technology. You know there is a German saying, let me use it in this House and I will translate it because the translators might have some difficulty with it but in fact it is very well-known. It is called ‘Vorsprung durch technik’ and that means the advantage of technology. And Audi has used that for many years. It is a slogan for a car company and it really makes sense, because that is how I won a rally, a motor rally. “Vorsprung durch technik.”

Now let me please tell you a little bit about our employment equity stats which I received the other day. [Interjections.]

Mr P UYS: There are a lot of people typing ...

The PREMIER: Ja. First of all, this Department is in full compliance with employment equity requirements in terms of designated groups and, very specifically, on appointing, training and promoting members of designated groups. For example, 94,9% of our employees fall in the designated groups, with 83,5% from African, Coloured and Indian groups. [Interjection.] The figures also show 94,2% of our promotions in 2017/18 have been from the designated groups.

And I would like to simply say this, that transformation is a process, not an event.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You had 10 years.

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

Mr Q R DYANTYI: 10 years, nothing [Inaudible.]

The PREMIER: If you try to manipulate outcomes rather than grow your own timber and enable people to compete on the basis of ability and performance, you are going to destroy the state. And that is exactly what has happened at the national level. The state has been used as an employment agency for cadres and politically connected individuals and the result is there for all to see. Here we believe in equity and we believe in ensuring the broadening of

opportunities, not the manipulation of outcomes and you will see the difference between the so-called transformation at national level and the transformation, the real transformation at provincial level.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Okay, so what?

The PREMIER: Firstly, at national level it is ... [Interjections.] Firstly, at national level the only thing that actually qualifies as transformed is when everybody is 100% black African. [Interjections.] Here we understand transformation to be inclusive and to be diverse, because we believe in one South Africa for all. And that, and the role of minorities, may well be another insight that the hon the Opposition may come to over time.

Mr Deputy Speaker, on the Corporate Assurance question let me tell you that it is at least a thousand times stronger today than it was when we inherited this Department from the hon the Opposition, when Corporate Assurance had been decimated to enable the leadership to get away with actually downright theft and manipulation.

And it is on that basis, Mr Deputy Speaker, that I say that we on this side of the House obviously support the Adjustment Budget and the fact that we are taking South Africa forward one step at a time. The success of the Western Cape will help South Africa to achieve success. Thank you very much, hon Deputy Speaker. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: That concludes the debate on this Vote.

[Debate concluded.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Can I just make an announcement to say that the proceedings of the House are being live streamed on the internet and for them to switch over between the various Votes ,which will be recorded separately for later use, we will suspend business between the Votes for about two or three minutes just to allow the technical people to get their act together and also to allow the galleries to be cleared for the next department.

The House is suspended for two or three minutes. The bells will be rung again.

[Business of the House was suspended at 10:59 and resumed at 11:01]

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

The SECRETARY: Debate on Vote 3 – Provincial Treasury – *Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill* [B6 – 2018].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see Minister Meyer.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker and thank you for this opportunity to take part in Vote 3, Provincial Treasury, Adjusted

Estimate Vote 2018.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the Department's Adjusted Estimates for 2018 were tabled on 22 November. In total Provincial Treasury was allocated a Main Appropriation of R325 309 million which was decreased by R18 557 million to an Adjusted Appropriation of R306833 million. The largest adjustment, within the Vote, was a result of compensation of employees which was reduced by R13 079 million in line with the cost of employees austerity measures and also due to the late filling of posts, natural attrition, internal appointments and the lower intake of trainees who form part of the financial management capacity building.

An amount of R2,478 million was realigned to the Provincial Revenue Fund Mr Deputy Speaker, for the rental accommodation of the Western Cape Gambling and Racing Board. In addition an amount of R1 million was also shifted to Vote 1, the Department of the Premier, of which R500 000 was for the appointment of technical experts for the evaluation of reviews and technical support on improvement interventions for the evaluations link to the strategic priorities and R500 000 is for the assistance of Phase 2 of the corporate review and outlook and the e-GAP enhancements.

R1,5 million was shifted to Vote 9, the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning, for the assistance with the development and enhancements of projects, under the umbrella of the Department's integrated management information systems.

Furthermore, Mr Deputy Speaker, R500 000 was shifted to Vote 12, the Department of Economic Development and Tourism for assistance for small and medium enterprise development and initiatives in support of revenue generation and municipal economic development growth initiatives in support of municipal and community sustainability.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the total adjusted per programme is as follows:

Programme 1 Administration was decreased by an amount of R2,37 million;

Programme 2 Sustainable Resource Management was decreased by an amount of R35,318 million and;

Programme 3 Asset Management was decreased by an amount of R6,153 million and;

Programme 4 Financial Governance was increased by an amount of R25,65 million.

The largest shift in the Adjustment Budget for Vote 3, Provincial Treasury was between Programme 2: Sustainable Resource Management and Programme 4 that deals with Financial Governance and it was largely for the Financial Management Support Grant and the Financial Management Capacity Grant which is now vested with the project managers to enhance accountability within these specific programmes. This is based on the

outcomes and the recommendations of the Local Government Medium Term Expenditure Committee and the Municipal Governance Review and Outlook and the Integrated Development plans of municipalities.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the Provincial Treasury adjusted estimates I have just outlined, allows for identified in-year and immediate service delivery challenges to be addressed. This is in line with our commitment to achieving the 2018 Budget outcomes and principles of fiscal consolidation and fiscal discipline as outlined in the Western Cape Government's Main Budget earlier this year and the Western Cape Medium-term Budget Policy Statement 2018. I thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker.

†'n AGB LID: Mooi!

[An HON MEMBER: Good!]

†Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Agbare Dennis Joseph.

[The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Dennis Joseph.]

Mr D JOSEPH: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. From the outset I would like to say that I support the Adjustment Appropriations for Vote 3. This Department aims to improve good governance through enhancing accountability, creating public value, enabling quality services and building financial capacity in the public service. The DA supports the Adjusted Appropriation of R306,833 million indicating that the Department has rendered R18,557 million from the Main Budget. This is to provide effective

services in the Western Cape.

To provide effective services, Mr Deputy Speaker, we need effective leadership, within Provincial Treasury and in other departments, that is based on professional and ethical business practices. That is the key good governance.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I take this opportunity to thank the Minister of Finance, Dr Ivan Meyer, for his leadership role in Provincial Treasury. I take the opportunity to thank the HOD, Mr Mr Zakariya Hoosain, the DGD Mr Harry Malila, Chief Director Ms Pick, Ms Fantana, Ms Ibrahim and Mr Harding. I take the opportunity to thank the CFO, Ms Smit and the directors and the managers and all staff working in Provincial Treasury. Mr Deputy Speaker, I recognise the role of Dr Nleya in the fiscal policies unit, as well the economist Ms Claire Horton.

Senior management in Provincial Treasury work closely with National Treasury, work with municipalities and work with departments and the entities provide the assurance that the Western Cape Government is on the right path, and that the 'better together' concept is for the benefit of the people in the Western Cape.

The Public Financial Management Act as well as the Municipal Financial Management Act guides all public state institutions. It guides municipalities as well as public representatives. Within the Department we find clear

policies on supply chain management, clear policies for the controls and the regulations as well as internal audits and external audits.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the role of the A-G is critical. It enhances accountability and good governance and we should recognise that the role of the A-G should stay independent. I think that is a very important aspect of their role, to keep their independence.

The Standing Committee on Finance has an oversight role over the Executive and the Department with its entity, namely the Western Cape Gambling and Racing Board. We have the responsibility to compare the annual performance plan with their budgets allocated to implement these plans. We also have the responsibility to assess their adjustments with the adjustment budgets.

Programme 1 has spent R26,4 million, 45% for the first six months, and for the next six months the focus will be on Programme 1. It will be for the new academic year, bursary programme and communication plans within the Department.

Programme 2 has spent R51,7 million, 41% for the first six months and the next six months, the focus will be on the commencement of transversal, municipal training as well as the finalisation of the budget process, including transfer payments to municipalities.

Programme 3 has spent R24,2 million, 42% over the last six months, the next

six months the focus will be on further maintenance of the central supplier database and municipal training.

Programme 4 has spent R17,5 million, that is 25% over the last six months, and the next six months will focus on the Financial Management Support Grant for municipalities as well as financial management capacity.

Mr Deputy Speaker, all four programmes within the Provincial Treasury will surrender funds to the Provincial Revenue Fund out of the compensation of employees. This total amount is R15,557 million. This amount includes R2,4 million for reduced transfers and subsidies of the Western Cape Gambling and Racing Board.

The shifting of funds between Votes amounts to R3 million and the DA supports the amounts mentioned by the Minister, the R500 000 that was shifted to Vote 1, Department of the Premier; R500 000 to Vote 12, Department of Economic Development and Tourism for the assistance of small, medium macro-sized enterprises.

The DA supports the R1,5 million that will be shifted to Vote 9 for Environmental Affairs and Development Planning. In Programme 4, the DA supports the R500 000 that will be shifted to Vote 1, Department of the Premier, for the assistance of Phase 2 of Corporate Governance Review and the Outlook Enhancements.

The Western Cape Gambling and Racing Board projected an underspending of R1,9 million and it mainly relates to lower legal costs than anticipated, as well as accommodation. The need for accommodation for the Western Cape Gambling and Racing Board was strongly driven by the Standing Committee and I take this opportunity to thank all members of the Standing Committee for their contribution.

The Department of Public Works and the Gambling and Racing Board management equally played their role to make this goal a reality. We are looking forward to the visit of the new offices of the Western Cape Gambling and Racing Board in 2019.

Mr Deputy Speaker, let me take this opportunity to thank all staff in the Western Cape Provincial Parliament for rendering a professional service to our members. A special word of thanks to the co-ordinators Shumeeze, [Inaudible.] and Wasiema at the Budget Committee.

To all staff on the 5th floor, all back-office staff, our sincere thanks for your service. A word of thanks to our procedural staff as well as our support staff in the House. To the Committee members, I appreciate your contributions and value the work that you have done in this Committee to make Parliament effective and efficient.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the Provincial Treasury is in good hands because the Provincial Treasury has good leadership, professional and financial

management and together with the competent Western Cape Gambling and Racing Board with professional staff, the people of the Western Cape will be the beneficiaries of good governance.

In closing, where the DA governs, we govern well. I support Vote 3. I thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. The hon Beerwinkel.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Mr Deputy Speaker, because this is the last Adjustment Budget for this term of Parliament, I want to take this opportunity to thank the officials of Treasury with whom we have come a very long way over many years and most of them are not even here today. Thank you for your dedication, your commitment and staying power but rest assured, we see the strain that you are taking, both in the work that is presented to us and in your demeanour.

MEC Meyer, coming back to Vote 3, the buck stops with you in this Adjustment Budget. For me to only address the adjustments of R18,5 million in Vote 3 in isolation, would be short-sighted and letting you off the hook too easily, because the picture is much bigger than that and so I will not repeat budget details that have already been mentioned.

And so under your watch, with all the adjustments and allocations from DoRA across the departments were negotiated. Under your watch, the clusters

were formed, because to understand the shifts in Vote 3, you need to understand the clusters.

Vote 3's responsibilities during the Main and Adjustment Budget are not as simplistic as the other 13 because your responsibility in Treasury is transversal and you are the custodian of the Budget. For that reason also, your clown performance yesterday, pointing out how the ANC voted against your allocations per vote, makes no sense because you as the DA, voted against the very DoRA that allowed you to make part of the allocations in this very Adjustment Budget.

Worst is, that the largest portion of the DoRA was for Agriculture, who under your watch, has still not accounted for the allocations made in the past two financial years. And so MEC Winde cannot, by protection of this House, spread untruths as he did yesterday, because they did not present their annual reports.

Yet under your watch, you have now again allowed almost R2 million to be shifted from financing to Vote 12 for an SMME Loan Fund to be administered by Casidra on their behalf, Casidra being the very reason why the Auditor-General is being taken to court. SMME growth and development is the responsibility of Vote 12, yet Vote 3 also allocates R500 000 to Vote 12 for SMME support and revenue generation.

You sit by and watch departments violate National Treasury instructions

which appear in every Audit Committee Report as an emerging risk and that makes you complicit, yet that is part of your fiducial responsibility to check that this does not happen.

Part of your role as Treasury is to guide and to instil the practice of adherence to rules and regulations at all times. Every year, at the beginning of the Budget cycle we are presented with an appropriation statement and beautiful APPs by each department. We are told how they are connected and how they will be rolled out. Then we get to this adjustment period, and the wheels come off. You cannot be rubbishing National Government at every sentence and every speech but 94% of your Budget allocation comes from National via equitable share and conditional grants. [Interjections].

Of the four programmes in Vote 3, we have always known that Programme 2 is where it all happens in support of the other three programmes, but also with regard to local government allocations and spend. It is also from this Programme that the largest shift of R35 million happened to increase the allocation to Programme 4 by R25 million for projects that will be run in Programme 4.

But with only a few months left to spend it, why were these only identified now? You have also shifted R1 million to Vote 1, and all the more funds are being shifted to corporate from other Votes which are basically more internally focused and that to the tune of R25 million.

In Vote 3 you have surrendered plus, minus R13 million from the cost of employment. Should you not be advocating to departments and yourself, to allocate less to cost of employment, knowing that there is this moratorium on appointments? Some posts are difficult to fill, some are just sitting there on the organigram, so come the adjustment period, there is a huge chunk of cost of employments surrendered to the Reserve Fund, or is this your way of parking funds elsewhere in case it is needed at the mid-term period?

How is it possible that R304 million surrendered now from Equitable Share, the very fund afforded to you by National to allow you to fill your mandate, can be surrendered? Funds do make a difference in people's lives which means the initial planning for those funds could have been otherwise allocated.

How is it that under your watch, Education can now surrender R130 million from the cost of employment for teachers? It is one thing to work smarter and work in clusters, but if you do not plan what each one's responsibility is from the get go, between shifts virements in this Adjustment, it will not work and it does not make sense.

What happens to the targets and budgets that were originally allocated to that amount if so much is shifted now between Votes? There is no innovation for new sources of own revenue or more importantly, the world, to even introduce gender budgeting.

At this stage of the year you are moving around funds in a cluster to allow the other partners in the cluster to function. What assurance do you have, that that money will be spent? What were these departments doing without those funds for the past few months and how did they manage to reach their targets? Alternatively, are all these shifts a way to hide the fact that they might not spend their entire budget?

In Vote 3 across programmes you have shown savings on consultants which you reallocated to other under-budgeted programmes within Vote 3. What was your initial reason to appropriate four consultants and what important work was not completed due to this non appointment? This looks like another place, another form of parking funds for later use.

But let us get to the other ball, which you MEC Meyer were instrumental in dropping, and that is the illegal collection of fees from route operators collected by the Gambling Board; after two years the contracts had expired and they collected R17,5 million. It took a newly appointed CEO a few weeks after appointment, to pick it up and soon we will be muzzled by throwing the sub judice rule at us while you try to amend legislation to cover that mess. What were you doing in your oversight capacity over the Board when they collected, when they were allowed to collect and allowed this travesty to occur? Under your watch MEC, Treasury is slipping badly and losing the plot. I feel for those officials in this Department who are trying to keep this Department afloat amidst this mess. I thank you. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member. In the absence of the ACDP and EFF it is again Minister Meyer to reply.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Mr Deputy Speaker, I would like to start where the hon Beerwinkel has ended. She said this mess under my leadership... [Interjections.]. I want to start with where she ended.

The PREMIER: What an outrage.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Exactly Premier. This is the report of the Auditor-General of this Government and this Department of Treasury and I report from the Auditor-General Report about the Western Cape:

“The overall audit outcomes of the Western Cape remained unchanged in 2017/18.

Of the 14 Government departments and five provincial entities, 17 received an unqualified opinion for both 2016/17 and 2017/2018.

It is commendable that the Province had 15 clean audits in 2017/18, 14 of which were sustained from 2016/17 by institutionalising internal controls over financial management, performance reporting and compliance with legislation.”

The report says further:

“Human Settlements improved from a financially unqualified opinion with findings in 2016/17 to a clean audit outcome by addressing its performance information findings.”

The report of the Auditor General says:

“The Premier and members of her Executive and Standing Committees honoured their commitments through various good governance initiatives and support functions within Provincial Government. These activities have developed and influenced accountability culture, thus improving and maintaining clean administration. Consistent oversight ensured that required actions were taken where weaknesses in controls were reported and consequences were effected through investigations as required by legislation with appropriate action being taken to hold officials accountable where applicable.”

This is the report of the Auditor General of this Government and I am proud to be part of this Government. [Applause.] Hon you have indicated that I am responsible for the transversal architecture of government, the Auditor-General’s report is an application of transversal evaluation of this governance.

But also, Mr Deputy Speaker, the Provincial Treasury of this Government, and I had a look at provincial treasuries across South Africa. There are my staff. The leanest Provincial Treasury in South Africa with this record of the Provincial Auditor-General.

I am happy that I have excellent staff and I want to thank them for their great leadership. The Provincial Treasury has multiple internal and external stakeholders. Provincial Treasury has to deal with 13 departments, multiple entities, 30 municipalities, 30 accounting officers, 30 CFOs and this work carries 12 months a year and with this number of staff, I think they are performing exceptionally well. And I am here today to defend my staff against the attack that they have received here and also ... [Interjections.] Mr Deputy Speaker ...

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

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Mr Deputy Speaker, I cannot allow the MEC to twist my words that I cast aspersions on the staff which I did not do [Interjections.].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: I did not do.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, point made. Hon Minister you may continue.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Mr Deputy Speaker ...

Mr C M DUGMORE: That is why no one takes you seriously.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: ... if you conclude that the Treasury is in a mess and I am going back to Hansard, Mr Deputy Speaker, and I will write something about this mess that she is talking about. Also what we have done, we have mainstreamed the activities in the Provincial Treasury as it relates taking the Budget to the people, the Mayco Member of Finance Workshop, the Fiscal Policy Workshop, the Ministerial Infrastructure Committee, but also the public sector, Chartered Accountant Academy as well as the Revenue Master Class for municipalities.

Mr Deputy Speaker, there was reference made in terms of the transversal shifts. I am the Chair in this Cabinet for Provincial Strategic Goal 5: embed good governance and part of these adjustments are to facilitate the smooth running of this Government and so some of these adjustments were made in the context of the Provincial Strategic Goal number 5.

Also we have extensively been able to manage the combined assurance of this Government that speaks to the role of the executing authorities, the role of the accounting authorities, but also the role of the Chief Financial Officers,

the role of internal audit, the role of external audit and so within the combined insurance and the programme managers, we have been able to successfully again, under this period of the review, to manage that.

I want to thank my accounting officer, Mr Zakariya Hoosain and also my excellent CFO, AnnaMarie Smit and all the programme managers within the Treasury and all the staff. Thank you also hon member Joseph for your input and successful leading, not only the Standing Committee of Finance, but also the Budget Committee in this Parliament.

Also the issue that was raised about the oil and gas; this is a very important sector of the Western Cape and the economy and I understand Gwedi Mantashe decided not to invite some of the members on that side of the House to this breakfast because they cannot make a contribution, substantive contribution to the debate, so I fully understand Gwedi Mantashe when he decided not to invite you.

He decided to invite members of this side of the House because he knows that members of this side of the House can make a substantive contribution, because we read documents, we study documents and Minister Bredell and Minister Schafer are currently there because they make a meaningful contribution.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I would also like to thank the members of the Standing Committee because our engagements with them are always productive and

very efficient. Also the hon member wanted to know why this Parliament has rejected the National Government's Fiscal Framework, I think the answer is very simple. If you mismanage SARS and you leave a R50 billion hole in your revenue capacity, last year and this year another R27 billion, as a result of mismanagement of SARS, it means as the Premier called it, opportunity costs for this province.

We simply cannot accept that fiscal framework because it robs the people of the Western Cape of money that should have been in the National Revenue Fund; mismanagement of SARS, we cannot support that. I think also the member has referred to the National Treasury Instructions and that we do not want to comply with that.

Mr Deputy Speaker, we are serious about these matters. When we receive these National Treasury Instructions we assess it against the business operations of this Government. We also assess it against the principle that I introduced, does it create public value? And we have seen that some ,, [Interjections.] of these National Treasury Instructions do not give rise to allocative efficiency and so we engage with the National Treasury and we have received a legal opinion that says this Government does not have to comply with National Treasury instructions. We built an alternative case, we asked for exemption and we got it because we have the interest of the people of this province at heart. [Interjections.]

We are not simply going blindly to do things and then later discover there is

a mistake. Many of these other provinces that implemented National Treasury instructions, †hulle is nou skaam, [they are now ashamed,] but we think and we apply our mind, we engage and we advise the National Treasury, we ask also for exemption and we have received those particular exemptions.
[Interjections]

Many of these other provinces want to follow us now because they see that some of these National Treasury instructions do not make sense because it was not thought through properly. Remember many of these things ... [Interjection.] were implemented during the time of Mr Gigaba and you know where he is now.

We applied the principle of rationality. If something does not make sense to us in this part of the Government, does not comply with the principle of rationality, we are not going to implement it and there is a full case history in our Constitutional Court on the basis of rationality.

Also I think many of these adjustments in this Vote, you will see directly and indirectly because I chair the PS5, I see sometimes also the link between PSG1, PSG 2, 3, 4 and 5 and what this Budget does, it allocates some money to some of these PSG's. Why, because we follow a whole of government approach.

Also hon members, I want to also just mention two last matters. One relates to the fee operators. This House will appreciate that I have met with the

Gambling Board last week, we have substantively discussed this matter. I have given them clear guidelines in the value system of this Government in terms of accountability, in terms of reasonableness, in terms of fairness, in terms of the rule of law. I have intervened in that matter and have asked the Gambling Board to go back and take a decision based on my input into that discussion.

So that matter will be taken care of and if there is anybody that has been done in, I am the first one to apologise because I believe in the principle of fairness and I have asked the Gambling Board not to further litigate this particular matter because if this matter goes to the High Court, it will cost more than what it would actually cost this Government. So I have taken a deliberate, decisive decision in this particular regard and they will now go back to the Gambling Board and I take responsibility for that. [Interjections.]

Thank you hon Denis. Thank you for the particular input and leadership that you have given in the Standing Committee of Finance and I really appreciate also your principle of collegiality and I think you fully understand, together with members of the Committee, the important role of this Standing Committee and this particular Vote. I thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. [Applause.]

[Debate concluded.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: That concludes the debate on this Vote. We will

again suspend for a couple of minutes and the bells will ring to indicate the start for the next Vote, Human Settlements. The House is suspended.

[Business of the House was suspended at 11:33 and resumed at 11:37]

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

The SECRETARY: Debate on Vote 8 – Human Settlements – *Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill* [B 6 – 2018].

[The Speaker takes the Chair.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see Minister Madikizela.

[The Speaker takes the Chair.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Mr Deputy Speaker, I just need, to as I am about to present the Adjustment Budget, to say that early this year my Department presented our risk in terms of our budget and we did indicate that in the next MTEF period the budget of Human Settlements, because of other pressures nationally, will be cut by R1 billion.

But I think I must take this opportunity and thank the National Department of Human Settlements for the support that the Department provided to my Department to deal with some of the pressures that we are facing in the

Western Cape. [Interjection.]. Because it is common, Madam Speaker, that a few weeks or a few months before the elections you see the amount of protests escalating in provinces, particularly when it comes to the issues of human settlements. And I am very happy to report in this House, Madam Speaker, that if you look at all the protests that we have seen, because these protests are normally characterised by two types of protests.

Of course there are people who are opportunistic because it is closer to elections but there are people who really protest because they have genuine concerns. And if you look at all the protests where I had to intervene with my Department, Madam Speaker, you will see that since our intervention, those protests have died down and it is because we did not only intervene, but we started to do something in all those areas.

Members of this House will remember the situation that we had in areas like Grassy Park – whether it is in Grassy Park, whether it is in Site C, whether it is Rheenendal, but the point that I am making is that in our intervention we made sure that all those areas with genuine concerns became part of our business plans and we are now catering for those areas. Partly because as I said, of the support that we received from the National Department of Human Settlements, to supplement and complement some of the short-falls that we had.

But also, if you look at some of the massive fires that we had, thus far we had four big fires. There was one in Silver Town, one in Kosovo, one in

Vrygrond and if you look at all those areas as well, again we have managed to do something in terms of intervening there and doing something. Over and above of course what we are already doing in areas like Hout Bay, where we are busy with design plans to make sure that we settle those people permanently.

Now in terms of the Adjustment Budget that I am presenting here, it is a very small part of the Budget. It is 0,16 of the entire Budget and I think just to quickly go through some of the internal shifts that we have to do as a Department.

There are rollovers of R6,8 million and R693,000 of that is because of the modernisation work that is being done by the Department of Public Works and part of that money was going to be used to replace the furniture as part of that modernisation work and because the work still continues, we could not spend that R693,000.

But also R6,1 million out of that is for the implementation of water saving measures of departmental and municipal projects. This money is assisting contractors on additional costs incurred to use non-potable water because you remember, that we are coming from a period where we were facing major risk in this province because of drought, and we had to intervene and assist in some of our projects, especially those people who were using non-potable water.

There is an additional R127,000 of the Human Settlements Grant that will be utilised for the construction and rehabilitation of three houses in Bito municipality area. These are the houses that were burnt down in 2017, Madam Speaker, and also other adjustments that we are doing as a department.

The amount of just over R32 million will be going to three areas; R17,3 million will be going to Drakenstein. Now the reason why we are spending this money there is because Drakenstein is one of those areas where we are doing the catalytic projects together with the National Department of Human Settlements.

Now you would know, Madam Speaker, that some of these areas do not have enough money to fund bulk infrastructure, and part of this money will be going for bulk electrical services, because we could not wait for Eskom because that is part of Eskom that must be fulfilled. But we had to intervene in order to expedite that.

R5 million will be going to Oudtshoorn in an area called Dusseldorp for bulk infrastructure and again, this is part of the work that we have been doing as a Department, because a number of municipalities across the province as we know, do not have enough MIG infrastructure funding. We come in from time to time as a Department, to assist some of those municipalities, so that is what we will be doing in the area of Dysseldorp in Oudtshoorn.

R9,6 million will go to Stellenbosch and also there we are funding bulk infrastructure, partly because in Idas Valley for example, in Stellenbosch, a project is starting which is part of our strategic goals, to unlock affordable housing projects. I think, in this House, I have spoken a lot about the need to unlock affordable housing programmes and projects because these are the people who are earning too much to qualify for a free house but they are earning too little to get a bond from the bank. We had to intervene in terms of bulk infrastructure in this particular area so that we can unlock a project of that nature in Idas Valley in Stellenbosch.

So these are the only adjustments that my Department will be dealing with as far as December is concerned. I thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister. I see the hon member Maseko.

Ms L M MASEKO: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker, the Department of Human Settlements, led by Minister Bonginkosi Madikizela, has committed to delivering housing opportunities and restoring the dignity of people including those living in informal settlements and backyard dwellers across the province.

While the ever increasing informal settlements remain a challenge for the Western Cape and the rest of the country, we must commend the Department for being responsive to the needs of the most vulnerable and impoverished in our society.

The Department has diligently championed a number of successes and the three priority areas where more resources are being directed is to the upgrading of informal settlements, increasing affordable housing and prioritising housing to the most deserving people in relation to the allocation of housing.

We need to acknowledge the on-going challenge of updating the beneficiary database in some municipalities. I have no doubt that the Department will come up with innovative ways to deal with this challenge for the benefit of communities of the Western Cape Province.

Madam Speaker, I support the Department of Human Settlements Adjusted Appropriation for the 2019/2019 financial year of which over R2 billion and an increase of more than R38 million, sorry of R38 million, from the Main Appropriation as indicated by Minister Madikizela.

The increase will greatly improve the Department's ability to deliver much needed housing opportunities in the Western Cape. The Department of Human Settlements under his leadership has achieved exceedingly great results. The budgetary constraints did not deter him or his Department from dutifully carrying out its mandate of delivering quality houses to the people of this province.

The Department has accelerated housing provisions while promoting social cohesion through the development of integrated and sustainable human

settlements in an inclusive society.

Furthermore, we are pleased with the Department's commitment to go above and beyond its call of duty and show that the Western Cape does not only deliver top structures but it has prioritised bulk services, although this is not its mandate, by partnering with the National Water and Sanitation Department. Yes, service delivery to this Department is a priority and service delivery has to be fast-tracked in housing.

People on the ground are demanding services and they do not care which levers of Government are fraught with challenges. We cannot sit back and watch on as services crumble. Non action can be seen by people as a reflection of our Government, we dare not falter.

We need to condemn the disruption of service delivery to the most deserving beneficiaries as these criminal elements delay the implantation of housing projects. By so doing we will turn the tide against social ills and the unemployment rate which leads to crime. The whole of government and whole of society approach, ensures that we shift away from merely building houses but to create communities that we can be proud of.

Madam Speaker, the Standing Committee on Human Settlements has consistently engaged with the Department to do things differently and it is most welcoming to see that the Minister with his Department, has been co-operative in this regard.

The Minister's visionary leadership is crucial for creating housing opportunities for all approved beneficiaries in this province. Let me also thank our Standing Committee members for really engaging with the Department and for the Department at all times responding accordingly to what the members in the Standing Committee suggest for the benefit of this province.

Our support staff, Ms Shumeeze Jones, Masintle and Nomfunde and also Arnold Barends, who is like a knight in shining armour, for every Standing Committee when travelling out for our oversight visits. And also I want to thank the Department in the leadership of Mr Mguli to say thank you for always being there to answer the questions for us. Madam Speaker, the DA supports this Vote and I thank you. [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you. I see the hon member Davids.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Thank you, Madam Speaker. This adjustment period has seen an increase of R38 million in the adjustment estimate from the Main Appropriation. This is a drop in the bucket. By their own admission in 2017 the Department said we can only assist 18 000 families per year on the current budget and we need more than R80 billion to serve the current backlog.

Money has been moved around within the Department without any clear plan or indication that it will lead to service delivery increase. There was a

reclassification of R70 million of financial interventions and R37 million moved from Incremental Interventions without any merit. R46 million moved from Social and Rental Interventions, this is in line with the City cancelling social housing projects in Salt River. No wonder the Mayco member responsible for housing, Brett Herron, accused the DA council of blocking the project when he resigned from the City Council last month.

Former Mayco member Brett Herron's statement that the City has reneged on its commitment to redress apartheid spatial planning has land and housing activists speaking out. It seems that the City of Cape Town is almost always in a constant state of turmoil and even in conflict with its own residents.

Council are claiming that the City and Province are intent on perpetuating inequalities in Cape Town, said Lester September, Chairperson of the Forum of Cape Flats Civics. Greater Cape Town Civic Alliance Chairperson, Phillip Bam, urged the City to clean up its act. The spatial planning designs have to be reversed in every development the City has planned.

The City has to urgently speed up the delivery of housing and cut all the red tape. Bam said that there were delays in housing projects. Councillors must be held accountable to the community to explain what is going on. If we do not solve the housing problem we are going to see more protests and disruptions, hon MEC.

Reclaim the City, Woodstock Chairperson, Deena Boscha, said the City is

dragging its feet and cannot go on like this. The fact of the matter is that they do not want to provide social housing and that is what the DA right-wing wants. [Interjections.].

Former Mayor Patricia de Lille said she tried to intervene in the matter while she was still in charge.

“When I came back after the four days that my DA membership was suspended, I saw that they were going to stop the area base management, where we focus on community needs and stop the transport and urban development authority. When I found out that there were attempts I realised that they did not want social housing in the inner city.”

She said she did her best to try and find out why Herron was blocked from various projects. [Interjections.] This is the legacy of the DA under the leadership of MEC Madikizela and the legacy of the MEC Madikizela’s leadership and allocation of resources being implemented in the province.

When the proposed integrated social housing project at Salt River Market came before the City Council, on 25 October, it was delayed for another month and its future is now uncertain. R70 million for Drakenstein MEC; R5 million for Oudtshoorn and R9 million for Stellenbosch. What was the policy or criteria to allocate these funds knowing that Stellenbosch is a municipality with a high revenue income? There are a lot of bulk services

that are currently happening in Drakenstein. Why is Paarl, Stellenbosch and Oudtshoorn prioritised over the Cape Flats or other towns within the province? Where is the assistance to the thousands of farm workers who are evicted annually? Because the MIG of Drakenstein is higher than any other municipality, second to Cape Town. The Western Cape Government only works for affluent suburbs and does not care about the poor and working class. Coloured and African citizens are on their own in the Western Cape.

Hundreds of millions will remain unspent again this year. Housing development expenditure to date is only 46%. This will again lead to under-expenditure. Current payments are only at 41% and payments for capital assets are only at 37%. This Vote has omitted to disclose any gifts, sponsorship or donations. The question which begs to be asked is did the Department or senior management receive any gift sponsors or donations? They said no but that remains to be seen.

This is especially relevant since the Public Protector report revealed the MEC received not R3 000 as he claimed in the Standing Committee, but R134 000 for his birthday bonanza. [Interjections.]. The MEC has to date still not declared this benefit he has received ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please, hon Davids. Hon Davids kindly take your seat.

Ms S W DAVIDS: ... and through his caucus they have delayed the [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Davids there is a point of order. Please take your seat.
Thank you. Chief Whip?

Mr M G E WILEY: Madam Speaker, it was clearly stated that the debate is about the Appropriation. It has got nothing to do with the Appropriation and the Public Protector has in fact investigated and come back with no finding of what the member mentioned.

The SPEAKER: Thank you Chief Whip. Order please members.
[Interjections.]. Member Davids you may proceed.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Madam Speaker the reason why I brought this in ...
[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Sorry. Kindly take your seat please member Davids. Sorry, hon Minister Meyer.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Madam Speaker, you must make a ruling on this particular matter because the Public Protector, Chapter 9 Institution has indicated ...

Mr P UYS: That is not true.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: ... that there is nothing that was done. So, please can you rule that she, because we are not going to proceed, must

withdraw that statement.

The SPEAKER: Hon Minister ...

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: This debate is not going to proceed.

The SPEAKER: Minister Meyer, kindly take your seat please. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Madam Speaker, we ask you to make a ruling on this matter.

The SPEAKER: Minister Meyer I have heard you and in the interest of making a fair ruling, I will revert to Hansard for the correct transcript. I will revert to Hansard for the exact words that were used and before we adjourn tomorrow, I will come back to this House with a ruling. Hon member Dugmore?

Mr C M DUGMORE: Madam Speaker, could I address you? I just want to ask whether it is acceptable once you, as a Speaker, have made such a ruling for the hon MEC to shake his head and say "I am not happy." Could you please investigate whether that is in fact a sign of disrespect of the Speaker's ruling [Interjections.]. It is simply not acceptable for me that every member of this House can simply offer a view on your ruling. I would like you to please investigate that.

The SPEAKER: Thank you hon Dugmore. I will indeed look. [Interjections.] We must guard against frivolous and spurious points of order but I can point out that all members must respect the Chair, it applies to both sides of the House and I trust that we will proceed today with that on top of mind. Thank you. Chief Whip Wiley?

Mr M G E WILEY: Madam Speaker, going back to the original reason why I stood up and that was on a point of relevance and I would like your ruling on the matter of relevance so that it does not get repeated again please. [Interjections.].

The SPEAKER: Thank you, Chief Whip. Members, sorry before you proceed member Davids, I have been informed that the Deputy Speaker last night at the closing of the session provided guidelines in terms of relevance. Sorry, maybe you were not in the House but I will allow the member to continue. We are busy with Vote 8 which is concerning housing. You may proceed member Davids.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Thank you, Madam Speaker, I am very relevant because this is in the Standing Committee. I asked the question, did any senior member or anyone from that Department receive sponsors or donations, they said no. And then ...

Mr K E MAGAXA: And their Chief Whip must [Inaudible.].

Ms S W DAVIDS: ... and then the MEC made a joke in there, he said only the R3 000 for the cake. Then it is my work to go back and check it is only R3 000. [Interjections.] So it was R134 000. I read the document.

The SPEAKER: Sorry, member Davids, kindly take your seat please. Chief Whip?

Mr M G E WILEY: With respect, this opens up a whole new can of worms. The ANC laid a charge with the Public Protector. Did the hon member provide that evidence to the Public Protector?

The SPEAKER: Thank you, Chief Whip. [Interjections.]

Mr P UYS: Madam Speaker, I think it was going fairly well, so maybe we can just ignore that comment and let it go.

The SPEAKER: Yes. Members let us guard against being disrespectful and patronising in the manner in which we engage. For any debate to flourish there needs to be healthy respect and a level of tolerance and as the Deputy Speaker guided this House, it needs to be relevant to this book which I have in front of me and at this point in time I am dealing with Vote 8. Member Davids I do believe there has been an outcome by the Public Protector and I would suggest that you keep that debate for another day. We are now dealing with Vote 8, which is housing, thank you.

Mr P UYS: Sorry, Madam Speaker. Maybe you did not watch the debate earlier on but under Vote 1, it was more than 20 minutes where the Premier deviated from the book. She said “because of an interjection” and she went on to a land reform debate here, so we alerted the Deputy Speaker to that that it has been side-tracked and he allowed that to continue, so I think there is some flexibility allowed and a precedent that has been created.

The SPEAKER: I was aware, I watched the proceedings and I heard the Deputy make a ruling in terms of relevance and the Premier’s response to an interjection. Hon member Davids I am going to allow you to proceed but let us focus on the Adjustment Appropriation for Vote 8 please. Thank you.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Thank you, Madam Speaker. My last point, I am going to conclude by saying when the hon Premier was speaking she lashed out at the ANC about corruption this and corruption that, but just the other day in the City of Cape Town Council it was shown out that J P Smith is going to be investigated for three years corruption that took place. A Council of the DA. So what goes for the one must go for the other, Madam Speaker. And I did not come here to embarrass the MEC. I said, he answered in the Standing Committee to R3 000, so I went and checked and it was R134 000. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you member Davids. In the absence of the ACDP and the EFF I now see the hon, the Minister, Minister Madikizela.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. Let me thank the Chair of the Standing Committee for leading the Committee and holding this Department accountable together with the colleagues in the Standing Committee. You know it is ironic, Madam Speaker, because when we engage in that Standing Committee, we allow people to ask pertinent questions that are relevant to the issues pertaining to this particular Vote. We respond to all the issues.

I always find it surprising that people come here and grandstand but I will deal with some of the issues that were raised here. It is true, through you Madam Speaker, what hon member Matlodi said that one of the challenges that we are facing in the Western Cape is of course the number of the population growth which also impacts on this Department in particular.

We have seen that the waiting list or the housing demand database is currently standing around 600 000 families because of the massive population growth that we have seen. According to Stats SA, the population of this province grew by almost two million in 15 years. So that is why we will always have this challenge in this Department of having less money than the demand because of some of these challenges. And, of course, I mentioned the fact that the Budget cut is also adding to the pressure that we are facing but also, as I said, the support from the National Department of Human Settlements is really, really appreciated because in some of our projects and programmes, they do come to the party and assist when we ask for assistance.

Let me come to member Davids, just to deal with some of the issues that she raised because she was all over the show, I think she got an opportunity to try and grandstand but I think I must deal with some of the issues that she raised. Now the issue of the comments by the former Mayor, I find it very ironic because she was in charge of the City of Cape Town. In fact we must admit, you are one of the people who kept on raising the challenges, housing challenges in the City of Cape Town.

Now I find it very strange that you are now defending the failures of the former Mayor as far as housing is concerned in the City of Cape Town ... [Interjections.] because without necessarily making this a joke, Madam Speaker, I do not know how many times I appeared before the Standing Committee raising my frustration about some of the challenges in the City of Cape Town.

And the person who must take responsibility for those challenges, is the former Mayor so it cannot be now that we are now coming here and defending the very same person who was responsible ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please. [Interjections].

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: I raised those issues several times. I did, I did. [Interjections.].

The SPEAKER: Minister Madikizela, kindly take your seat please. Please

take your seat minister Madikizela. Take your seat. Hon member Magaxa, if I may address you, if you wish to pose a question to the Minister, you need to do it through the Chair. We cannot have a spat across the floor here when the process to be followed is to address, and if it is an interjection ...

Mr K E MAGAXA: [Inaudible.] interject, that is my interjection.

The SPEAKER: ... but then your interjection cannot become a running commentary. I can understand but I will provide you with guidance. The minute your interjection becomes a running commentary, it is then my duty to alert you to that. Thank you. [Interjection.] Now you may proceed Minister.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: For the record, I want to bring to the attention of this House, that this Department since 2009, because you know I keep on hearing about this under-expenditure. This Department from 2009 has never sent a cent back to the National Treasury, not a cent under my leadership. In fact we have been getting more money to spend in poor communities so we must clearly move away from this grandstanding and being dishonest about some of the things that we are saying. [Interjections.].

Mr S G TYATYAM: Roll over.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: No, no, no there has never been a roll over, there has never been a cent ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Minister Madikizela, please address the Chair, thank you.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: I want to put that on record. Now on the issue of the Salt River Development, I also need to just respond and give a specific response on this matter for member David's information, because I know that she does not have this information.

Now the reality, when it comes to that particular project, it is not true, it is not true that the caucus of Cape Town, under the Democratic Alliance is against that particular project. The issue at hand is this: there are two questions that were put to the attention of the former MMC. The first question was, why are we selling the land at 10% of the total value? I think that was a valid question that people were asking because the land cost R180 million and we were selling it, in fact we were making it available to the Social Housing Institution for R11,8 million.

Now that is a valid question and of course, he failed to give an answer to that question which was a valid question. The second question of course was that if we are making land available at the value of 10%, why do we only have 33% of housing that is going to be social housing because I am sure you are aware that out of the total project, it is only 33% that is going to be social housing. Now that was the second question which was a valid one.

In fact a third question was around the credibility of the service provider or the social housing institution, because many of those councillors received a

number of complaints about Communicare. Now surely those were valid questions. Now because that member failed dismally to answer those questions he then threw his toys out of the cot and then blamed the caucus for stopping the project instead of answering the questions. Now there are valid responses to those questions, but when people are asking valid questions, you must respond to those questions.

But again, Madam Speaker, you cannot blame the councillors for asking these questions because you might be aware that there are three projects currently, where due processes were not followed, that were stopped because of the fact that processes were not followed. Founders Garden was meant to deliver a number of social housing opportunities in the inner city development. That project was stopped because there is a forensic investigations; Maidens Cove is under the same situation.

When this was brought before the councillors, there were questions because of the experience under that former member who violated some of the processes which resulted in some of these projects being stopped. So that is the reality here ... [Interjection.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: And you noticed that when he was gone.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: No, no we have been raising these issues ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Magaxa.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Now another question that the member is asking is, why is it that the money is given to these three municipalities and not to the Cape Flats. Now again, you must understand, in fact I gave reasons why we are giving this money to those municipalities.

When it comes to the Cape Flats, I am sure you are aware that in 2012 a grant that is called the Urban Settlement Development Grant was made; as far as metros are concerned, it is the grant that is used to deal with infrastructure. The City of Cape Town by the way is getting R1,5 billion of that particular grant, so it does not need infrastructure support funding and that is why ... [Interjections.] we are supporting municipalities outside Cape Town.

Now by the way, just to respond to your question, I did tell you that this is our own revenue that we are using to support these municipalities and in every financial year we support different municipalities because that money is not enough to support all the municipalities that need that grant. So in the last financial year for example, we supported municipalities like Cederberg and other municipalities and this year we supported other municipalities. So when you ask what about other municipalities, it is because that grant is not enough to support all the municipalities at the same time.

This was an issue that was also raised by the member's leader, and I did respond to this question because this issue was dealt with by the Public

Protector. I think it is important, Madam Speaker, that I bring to attention the findings of the Public Protector. 5.1.3 up to 6.2 which deals with the outcome of this particular case, so it is either people are illiterate, they cannot read or they act stupid. Now the whole thing of the birthday party was enjoyed by 130 people and was clearly not for the benefit of the MEC. No evidence to the contrary was presented or obtained during the investigation.
[Interjection.]

Mr K E MAGAXA : [Inaudible.] Do you think that is fair?

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: “It cannot be construed that the hosting of the birthday party constituted hospitality that was intended as a personal gift for the MEC.”

Now lastly, paragraph 6.3 (d) provides “that hospitality intended as a gift and received from a single source which cumulatively exceeds the value of R350 in any calendar year, must be disclosed. As already indicated the hosting of the birthday party did not constitute a personal gift.”

Now reason for closure:

“The complaint, lodged by Mr Magaxa against MEC Madikizela, that he failed to declare the benefits of sponsorship that he received during a birthday party, that was held on a particular date, and therefore breached the evidence, is not substantiated and therefore it is dismissed. The

complainant was afforded an opportunity ...”

Now I find this very strange as well.

“The complainant was afforded an opportunity to comment on the contents of this report before it was finalised, and he did not.”

[Interjections.]

Now for him to go to the media and come here and grandstand and undermine the report of the Public Protector is opportunistic and I find it very strange that the person who is raising this is a compromised person who stole money from this Parliament. The fact that ... [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: I did not steal any money.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: No, no, you stole the money of this Parliament. You are going to be held accountable ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: ... for that.

The SPEAKER: Minister Madikizela, sorry ...

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: This is what needs to be

investigated. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Minister Madikizela take your seat please.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: I find it very strange that you are raising this when you stole money in this Parliament.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Davids and Minister Madikizela ... Sorry, there is a member on the floor.

Mr P UYS: We all know it is unparliamentary to say another member stole money of this Parliament. I want the MEC to apologise.

Mr M G E WILEY: She did!

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

Ms S W DAVIDS: You got R134 000 ... [Interjections.].

The SPEAKER: May I ask both member Davids and Minister Madikizela, you cannot engage in that way. Minister Madikizela, in terms of the Rules of the Parliament, it would be considered unparliamentary to tell a member “you stole money”. It would need to come in the form of a substantive motion. So I am going to have to ask you to withdraw that statement in terms of it being unparliamentary.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: But she did steal it. She did steal it.

The SPEAKER: Minister Madikizela I have asked you ...

Ms S W DAVIDS: R134,000 ... [Interjections.].

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: That money is taxpayers' money that you stole.

The SPEAKER: Minister Madikizela ...

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: It is the taxpayers' money that you stole. When friends come together ...

The SPEAKER: Minister Madikizela ...

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: ... when friends comes together ...

The SPEAKER: Minister Madikizela ...

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: ... and put together a birthday party it is different to stealing taxpayers' money. [Interjections.]

Mr P UYS: Ask him to leave, he is just ignoring you totally.

The SPEAKER: Minister Madikizela, I have asked you to withdraw the statement, if you don't mind.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: I withdraw, Madam Speaker.

[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: No, I never begged him, I am sorry. Hon Magaxa I am not going to engage you on a matter.

An HON MEMBER: What he said is true.

The SPEAKER: Well there is nothing wrong with saying please, hon Magaxa. I am asking you to please be quiet now. That is please. That is the context of please and thank you.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Can I address you Madam Speaker?

The SPEAKER: Of course you may.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Madam Speaker, you have powers.

The SPEAKER: Yes I do.

Mr K E MAGAXA: And we respect those powers but you abuse us and misuse us and expect us to respect you. You said to that member more than two times, please ...

The SPEAKER: Hon ...

Mr K E MAGAXA: ... please and you stand up by making your ruling and then two times and a third time you even said again. If you can please. I am [Inaudible.] on that.

The SPEAKER: Hon Magaxa there is no need for a debate. The very fact that you are challenging a ruling is disrespectful in itself. You have ... [Interjections.]

Hon Magaxa you have a right to submit a substantive motion. You need to manage your anger hon Magaxa. [Interjection.] You are indeed angry, so you have to manage yourself and I am asking you please to compose yourself. Again, I use the word please. [Interjections.]. Member Davids?

Ms S W DAVIDS: Thank you, Madam Speaker for the opportunity ...

The SPEAKER: Well I am sorry if you do not have manners and you do not understand please and thank you. I am sorry. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Madam Speaker ... [Interjection.] No, no, no please.

The SPEAKER: Is this a point of order member Davids?

Ms S W DAVIDS: Yes, Madam Speaker, it is a point of order because the MEC said there was never a roll-over in his Department. [Interjections.]. There were two roll-overs all these years. Programme 1 and Programme 3. Programme 3 is R6,1 million ... [Interjection.] and Programme 1 is R693 000. So he did not speak the truth, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Chief Whip Wiley, what member Davids has indicated is that there were two roll-overs and that the MEC failed to mention those, so she is raising it as a point of order. It is relevant to the debate because we are talking about roll overs.

Mr M G E WILEY: With respect, Madam Speaker, the debate is finished. The Minister has sat. She does not get a second chance at the cherry.

The SPEAKER: No, no. The Minister was still busy. I did not realise he had finished. Minister Madikizela do you wish to proceed? [Interjections.] No, the Minister was not finished in my understanding. He was clarifying a matter. [Interjections.].

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: So, as I conclude, Madam Speaker ... [Interjection.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: You are finished.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: No, no. It is not for you to tell me I am finished.

The SPEAKER: As I said hon Magaxa I asked the Minister to take his seat while there was a point of order being debated. You may proceed Minister.

Mr K E MAGAXA: This guy concluded.

Ms S W DAVIDS: He concluded, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Hon members I am allowing the Minister to proceed. [Interjections.]. You may proceed Minister. [Interjections.].

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: As I conclude, Madam Speaker, as I said we gave reasons why the money was given to those three municipalities because we have to support municipalities ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please, hon member Makaleni and member Mitchell and all of you engaging in some kind of debate. We do not need to see fisticuffs here. You may proceed, hon Minister.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: ... because we have to support municipalities that do not have enough infrastructure funding and I want to take this opportunity, Madam Speaker, as I said earlier, because I started by saying that we tried by all means, from the National Departments to this

Department to other municipalities, not to politicise housing issues and we have been doing that. Now it is very sad that some people come here and grandstand about such a sensitive issue. Some of these issues were addressed thoroughly before the Committee meeting was convened.

I want to thank members of the Standing Committee, the officials under the leadership of Mr Mguli, for the work that this Department is doing because if you look at all the issues that we are talking about, they are changing the lives of the people in the Western Cape, and for that thank you very much.

[Applause.]

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

[Debate concluded.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon members proceedings will now be suspended and will resume at 14h00. Thank you.

[Business of the House was suspended at 12:22 and resumed at 14:00]

[The Deputy Speaker took the Chair.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please be seated. The Secretary will read the fourth Order.

The SECRETARY: Debate on Vote 5 – Education – *Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill* [B 6 – 2018].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see the Minister of Education.

†n AGBARE LID: O, hier kom die kole! [Gelag.]

[An HON MEMBER: Oh, here comes the coals! [Laughter.]]

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Mr Deputy Speaker, as a government that is focused on service delivery and clean governance, we are doing everything possible to ensure that we continue to deliver our frontline services.

I have stated previously the constraints that we operate under in Education, and little has changed in that regard in this financial year, although I am pleased that there is some relief in the MTEF.

Mr Deputy Speaker, today I am requesting this House to approve an adjustment in the Education budget to accommodate funding not previously specified in this budget, the reallocation and shifting of funds and for other minor adjustments.

In terms of this vote, the budget of the Western Cape Education Department will unfortunately decrease slightly from - let me get it right and not do a Zuma - R22 193 312 000 to R22 149 780 000 for the 2018/19 financial year.

Our Main Appropriation has had a net decrease of R43,532 million. This is the net of the approved rollovers infrastructure funding received from National Government and in-year adjustments made, totalling R143,97 million.

The bulk of the other adjustments is the surrender of R130 million on Compensation of Employees to the Provincial Revenue Fund. The reallocation of the CoE to the 2019/20 financial year is for the explicit purpose of funding the 2019 Educator Basket of Posts. It is anathema to me to have a reduction in the Education appropriation, and I regularly interrogate why this is so. I will discuss some of the reasons shortly.

The approved rollovers are specified on page 73 of the Blue Book and relate to expenditure committed, but the items or services could not be delivered by the end of the financial year. In addition, an amount of R25,829 million has been recently allocated from the National Education Infrastructure Grant for the purpose of the reconstruction and rehabilitation of schools resulting from extensive damage from the devastating Knysna fires, as well as some damages suffered by schools during the Cape storm in June 2017.

In terms of the Compensation of Employees, based on the current CoE expenditure levels and projected expenditure for the remainder of the 2018/19 financial year, the Department anticipates that the Compensation of Employees budget will be underspent by R163,641 million. The main reasons for the underspend are the slow filling of vacant posts, which is unacceptable

and an ongoing issue that we are addressing. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: It is a DA story. Do not feel bad. It is a DA thing. You are [Inaudible.]

Ms P MAKELENI: They are all doing it.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: The lower anticipated pay-out of 1% as opposed to 1,3% as pay progression to educators. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: It is not just you. It is not the fault of the Department. [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: The delay in the full implementation of the pay progressions is mainly due to PERSAL compatibility problems, coupled with challenges in translating the notches experienced nationally. The estimated cost of the 0,3% that is still due amounts to R22,4 million for 2018/19 and we are still optimistic that these challenges will be resolved before year-end to conclude these payments.

I do not like any underspend, but we do need to bear in mind the following.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You do not like underspend but you are doing nothing about it.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Our monthly salaries budget is R1,35 billion. R163 million is about 0,7% of our annual budget. I do accept that it is a monumental task to try and remain within the bounds of acceptable deviations from the budget with this amount of money and 40 000 staff members and if we overspend, we will never hear the end of it, especially from the other side of the House.

To protect the integrity of the Compensation budget, the Department requested that it surrenders 80% of the estimated surplus on Compensation - that is R130 million - to the Provincial Revenue Fund in 2018/19 for reallocation to the 2019/20 financial year with the explicit purpose of funding the Basket of Posts. The remaining 20% of the estimated surplus, R33 million, will be reserved as a contingency on the current Compensation budget and if realised will be prioritised for the implementation of the 0,3% pay progression as mentioned above.

Although the Department did receive some funding for growth during the 2018/19 financial year, which is desperately needed and greatly appreciated, the Department maintained a conservative basket growth considering its exposure to the uncertainty of the outcome of the collective agreement as it could have resulted in committing the Department to establishment growth over the MTEF that was not sustainable.

The collective agreement has subsequently been finalised. The financial impact of the 2018 wage agreement is approximately R44,63 million in the

2018/19 and approximately R145 million across the MTEF. These costs were absorbed within the Department's budget, in other words, once again National Government has negotiated increases that they have not allocated adequate funds for... [Interjection.]

The PREMIER: Oh, as usual!

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: ...and we are expected to "absorb" these additional amounts. Obviously this means that we have to take it from other important programmes.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is Premier Zille's legacy.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: No it is National Government, National Government. [Laughter.] National Government again!

The PREMIER: *Usile, usile wena.*

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Haibo! [No ways!] The WCED committed to a further basket growth of 201 posts, which is miraculous in the current conditions, to address the continued learner growth, effective 1 January 2019. This will increase the Compensation budget in the 2019/20 by R190,246 million.

In terms of the main shifts:

R103,749 million has been shifted to Programme 1, where funds will be utilised for e-Learning ICT (Information and Communication Technology) implementation for LAN and SMART classrooms as well as claims against the state.

R147 million has been shifted from Programme 2 for the reallocation of funds due to the accelerated norms and standards payments that were paid early.

An HON MEMBER: Where is Fritz?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: R4,8 million has been shifted to Programme 4, where funds will be utilised for the introduction of a skills stream at Silverstream Secondary School, provisioning for Braille learner, teacher, support material and for the expansion of the development of Schools of Skills to address the National Skills Development Plan.

R41,446 million has been shifted from Programme 5, Early Childhood Development for the reallocation of funds owing to fewer Grade R subsidy claims received than anticipated, fewer student enrolments, as well as student drop-outs at TVET Colleges.

R50 million has been shifted to Programme 6, where funds will be utilised to address the backlog in maintenance and to mitigate any risk of further deterioration of immovable assets.

R30,687 million has been shifted to Programme 7, where funds will be utilised to support the Jobs Fund for unemployed youth programme.

In terms of other adjustments, which total R143 970 million, the Department managed to decrease our own revenue for 2018/19 by R7 million, because of the subsequent reduction in the recovery of debt as a result of the reduction in the total debt outstanding, which is an achievement.

In terms of shifting of funds between votes, which total R6 million:

R3,824 million goes to the Department of the Premier to fund ICT initiatives in respect of the Department's ICT operational plan.

R1,191 million also shifted to Vote 1 to fund Gartner Licences...
[Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: It is like a bottomless pit that you talk about the Premier's Department. [Inaudible.] There are no results.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: ...for the provision of services and the supply of products through the State Information Technology Agency (SITA).
[Interjections.]

The PREMIER: *Uyandihlekisa.*

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: R1,060 million shifted to Vote 6 for the Provincial Employee Aids Programme (PEAP).

R550 000 shifted from Vote 12 to us for the funding of the Mathematics Educator Development project.

R100 000 from Vote 12 for the Apprenticeship Game-Changer Career Awareness Competition via the e-Learning Game-Changer.

R632 000 shifted to Vote 1 for various ICT initiatives in respect of the operational plan.

This in fact highlights the improvement of our transversal governance, with all these departments working together to achieve our common goals.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank and congratulate Mr Leon Ely, our Chief Financial Officer and his team for achieving a fourth clean audit in a row for the 2017/2018 financial year. [Applause.]

The PREMIER: Hear-hear! [Interjections.]

Ms P MAKELENI: I am clapping for the Department.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: This is as a result of strong internal financial controls... [Interjections.] ...and reflects the commitment and

innovation of our financial managers.

Ms P MAKELENI: If only for our children.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: I also want to thank my HOD, Mr Brian Schreuder, for his commitment, support and leadership. Thank you to Provincial Treasury for the huge amount of work that has gone into this; also to the Premier and my Cabinet colleagues. Thank you too to the Standing Committee chaired by Honourable Basil Kivedo for supporting this Adjustment Budget, which unfortunately the ANC is not supporting...

Ms P MAKELENI: Yes, not supporting...

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: ...so they do not obviously agree with our giving extra money to our schools.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: So today, Mr Deputy Speaker, I am requesting this House to approve the Adjustment Education Budget for 2018/19. Thank you.

The PREMIER: Hear-hear! [Applause.]

†Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Agb lid Kivedo.

[The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Kivedo.]

†Mnr B D KIVEDO: Agbare mnr die Adjunkspeaker, ek staan met trots om die repliek te lewer op hierdie Appropriasiebegroting vir Begrotingspos 5, Onderwys. Eintlik is dit onnodig dat ek repliek moet lewer. Daar is elf tale. In watter taal moet ek nog sê dat dit die bes-geoliede masjien, onderwysmasjien, in die land is. [Tussenwerpsels.]

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[Mr B D KIVEDO: Hon Mr Deputy Speaker, I am standing proudly to reply on this Appropriation Budget for Vote 5, Education. It is actually unnecessary that I reply. There are eleven languages. I which language do I still have to say that this is the best oiled machine, education machine, in the country. [Interjections.]]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is a good start. That is a good start.

†Mnr B D KIVEDO: As daar nog dinosourusse geleef het, sou hulle dit ook besef het. [Gelag.]

[Mr B D KIVEDO: If dinosaurs were still alive, they would also have realised it. [Laughter.]]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Gooi kole, gooi kole!

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Throw coals, throw coals!] †You have got 18 minutes.

Mr B D KIVEDO: But in any case, we are grateful for, you know, there are two slips. The one is a Freudian slip. The other one is a Zuma slip. You have heard the greater, the massive amount. I will keep that amount to myself just in case I make a slip.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You do not have a speech. Do you have a speech?

Mr B D KIVEDO: But for your information just to show...

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Do you have a speech?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr B D KIVEDO: R22 149 780 000. Thank you JZ. [Laughter.] And this will go a long way now... [Interjection.]

Ms P MAKELENI: Who is JZ now?

Mr B D KIVEDO: ...in building capacitating our learners, our teachers, our school community in terms of qualitative and also quantifiable issues in education.

An HON MEMBER: Who is JZ?

Mr B D KIVEDO: And I think, I must - may I, yes - address my hon Olivier,

my SC co-member, that we will have to see eye to eye. Unfortunately I have an infection in my left eye so I can also see you with the one eye. [Laughter.]

I must commend Minister, MEC Schäfer for capacitating initiatives, projects, programme; Debbie Schäfer, in schools that are pivotal in rendering excellent results. [Applause.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Gooi, gooi, gooi!

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Throw, throw, throw!]

Mr B D KIVEDO: And you know, my dear colleagues, if you work and you deal with the MEC with the Minister that thinks out of the box, and a clear indication of that is the Bill... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr B D KIVEDO: ...that has just been passed. [Interjections.] It is so far removed from the Shebeen Bill and the Liquor Bill.

Mr P UYS: Oh, tell us about that.

Mr B D KIVEDO: You know what, watch this space. Your own kids are going to benefit from that Bill. [Applause.]

†n AGBARE LID: Mooi!

[An HON MEMBER: Good!]

Mr B D KIVEDO: That Bill is not a DA Bill. It is not a DA Bill, hon member Magaxa, it is a Bill that will benefit all and for generations to come and what is also evident... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: At least you are [Inaudible.] It is a good start.

Mr B D KIVEDO: ...is that we are moving in terms of retention. I think Premier reiterated the importance of retention in her speech.

An HON MEMBER: And the shebeen?

Mr B D KIVEDO: Where does job creation start, unemployment, pushing back the frontiers of poverty?

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Ja, ons het daai gesê ja.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Yes, we have said that.]

Mr B D KIVEDO: It starts in the classroom with retaining those learners in the class with career pathing, with sending them to apply their knowledge, their cognitive knowledge in the workplace.

Ms P MAKELENI: Yes, *amandla!*

Mr B D KIVEDO: Within those contexts.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Not enough teachers!

Mr B D KIVEDO: There they have to go and apply it.

Ms P MAKELENI: Ja.

Mr B D KIVEDO: And we are not only urban-based. We are moving in the rural areas, the smallest remotest village in this province. That is where we are moving.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Tell us about schools in the rural areas.

Mr B D KIVEDO: This Department in terms of its outcomes, in terms of public schools, look at the following: sustainable development. Sustainable development of learners, it is not only about teaching, instruction and didactics and pedagogies - no. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Still they must drink alcohol?

Mr B D KIVEDO: It is also about that primarily education is about development.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr B D KIVEDO: It stands on the pillars of the NDP.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon member Kivedo, just one second. Hon member Makeleni.

Ms P MAKELENI: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I have been patient with hon member over there.

Mr D G MITCHELL: Uh-uh, just sit down man.

Ms P MAKELENI: I am still waiting for him to get to the adjustments.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, I will respond.

Ms P MAKELENI: At some point he must really get... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I will respond to that. [Interjections.] Order! Order! Hon member Kivedo... [Interjection.]

Mr B D KIVEDO: Perhaps, you know, I know. [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order, hon member Kivedo.

Mr B D KIVEDO: Yes.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The point of order was that you should link your speech to some word in the Blue Book.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Ja, asseblief Oom.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Yes, please *Oom*.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The seven programmes, somewhere in the Blue Book you must link up with it.

Mr B D KIVEDO: Yes, I have been on the topic the whole time, I know after lunch people tend to sleep. [Interjections.]

Right, then the other issue that is being taken seriously and that can be financed more appropriately is the ECD, something that is very near to my heart as well.

Mr K E MAGAXA: I think you miss home now, I think you miss home now.

Mr B D KIVEDO: Training support of teachers, upskilling. Upskilling, †dit is nie nodig vir nagraads nie, matriek is ook orraait. Matriek is ook orraait. [it is not necessary for post-graduate, matric is also okay. Matric is also okay.]

†Mnr P UYS: Vir 'n onderwyser, vir 'n onderwyser?

[Mr P UYS: For a teacher, for a teacher?]

Mr B D KIVEDO: You mentioned it earlier on.

Ms P MAKELENI: Ja.

Mr B D KIVEDO: Let me say, †matriek is ook orraait. [matric is also okay.]

Ms P MAKELENI: Only adjustment on the [Inaudible.]

Mr B D KIVEDO: And then in the final analysis, that will secure jobs. That will secure employment. That will secure the downward spiral of criminality because if you work you earn your own money. You need not have to steal. If you work you can live a decent life without pestering other people. [Interjections.]

In the Western Cape parents can rest assured knowing that no-fee schools give them some sort of reprieve; no fees, no-fee schools. [Interjections.] That is saving grace. [Interjections.] That is saving grace, and now we are on the foundation of the Freedom Charter.

†n AGBARE LID: Daar is hy.

[An HON MEMBER: There you go.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Tell them, tell them.

Mr B D KIVEDO: The Freedom Charter is not only the property of the ANC,

remember, remember that, but the doors of learning and culture should be opened to all learners even in spite of the fact that you do not have money or school fees to pay.

Mr K E MAGAXA: That is what you taught me.

Mr B D KIVEDO: Those doors should go open.

Mr S G TYATYAM: Ja, ja, ja.

Mr B D KIVEDO: We need people in South Africa to not burn down schools; but building schools. [Interjections.]

Ms P MAKELENI: Yes, yes Uncle.

Mr B D KIVEDO: And building strong fibre human-fibre. [Interjections.]

Ms P MAKELENI: Yes Uncle.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I think Verwoerd now is turning in his grave.

Mr B D KIVEDO: We also have the Department making strides in facilitating to a large extent an epoch of e-Learning.

Ms P MAKELENI: Getting to the adjustments.

Mr S G TYATYAM: Ja, an epoch, ja, ja.

Mr B D KIVEDO: Premier has alluded to that, issues of broadband which will turn technology or will bring technology to the class as soon as possible.

Ms P MAKELENI: Good speech, Uncle!

†Mnr B D KIVEDO: Nou wil ek miskien, agbare mnr die Adjunkspeaker, deur u, 'n ding sê wat kontensieus is in hierdie dag en datum, en dit is die kwessie oor skoolveiligheid. Dit is een aspek waar die onderwyssektor geweldige *flack* moet neem.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[Mr B D KIVEDO: Now, hon Mr Deputy Speaker, through you, I would like to say something contentious in this day and age, and that is the issue of school safety. It is one aspect where the education sector gets considerable flack.]

†Mnr R T OLIVIER: Daar sien ons nou 'n feit.

[Mr R T OLIVIER: There we now see a fact.]

†Mnr B D KIVEDO: Ons word links, regs en in die middel geklap...

[Tussenwerpsel.]

[Mr B D KIVEDO: We are slapped left, right and centre ... [Interjection.]]

†'n AGBARE LID: Wat van die Bambanani?

[An HON MEMBER: What about the Bambanani?]

†Mnr B D KIVEDO: ...deur partye en deur instansies en deur groeperinge wat dink dit is die kernkritiese en primêre taak van onderwyskundiges om die skole veilig te hou.

[Mr B D KIVEDO: ...by parties and institutions and groupings who think it is the core critical and primary task of educationists to keep schools safe.]

†'n AGBARE LID: Mooi!

[An HON MEMBER: Good!]

†Mnr B D KIVEDO: Daar is 'n basiese kernverskil en dit is wat op die skoolterrein gebeur is die besigheid van die skool in terme van die kriminaliteit wegwerk, boelie-taktiek wegwerk, dwelmmisbruik en ander afwykende gedrag. Wat buite die skool gebeur is die saak van die SAPD. Die Suid-Afrikaanse Polisie diens - ons kan nie oral wees nie. Jy word of opgelei vir 'n onderwyser of vir iemand wat 'n uniform dra. Jy kan nie albei dra nie.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[Mr B D KIVEDO: There is a basic core difference and that is what happens on the school premises is the business of the school in terms of fighting the criminality, fighting bullying tactics, drug abuse and other abnormal behaviour. What happens outside the school is the business of the SAPS. The

South African Police Services – we cannot be everywhere. You are either trained as a teacher or as someone wearing a uniform. You cannot wear both.]

Ms P MAKELENI: I like this speech.

†Mnr B D KIVEDO: Anderster moet jy kom klas gee met jou uniform aan in die klas en met jou medaljes. [Tussenwerpsels.]

[Mr B D KIVEDO: Otherwise you have to come and teach dressed in your uniform and with your medals. [Interjections.]]

So I think to be honest, and in seriousness now, I think we must take this issue up very, very seriously because our kids are under siege, my dear friends and colleagues. They are under siege. Teachers are under siege, the whole school community, SGBs and people who are involved in schools, because crime, hon member Uys, happens within seconds.

†Mnr P UYS: Ja.

[Mr P UYS: Yes.]

Mr B D KIVEDO: It does not ask for colour, creed, culture, language, faith, it does not. No! It is non-discriminatory crime. It touches each and anyone or every one of us and each one or anyone of us can become a victim.

†So ons moet ons oë en ore oophou en daarom is dit belangrik dat ons nie moet stry en kibbel oor wie se taak dit is nie. Ons moet hande vat as ouers, u

as ouers van kinders van leerders. Ons moet hande neem en saam die vloek van misdadigheid en kriminaliteit beveg.

Afwykende leerders kan op diverse programme gaan. Hulle kan gerehabiliteer word. Daarom daardie intervensie-skool wat in die Bill, Wysigingswetsontwerp staan is een daarvan wat geweldige positiewe dividende kan afwerp en ek glo dit sal.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[So we have to keep our eyes and ears open and therefore it is important that we do not argue and bicker about whose task it is. We must take hands as parents, you as parents of children, of learners. We must take hands and together fight the scourge of crime and criminality.

Problem learners can follow diverse programmes. They can be rehabilitated. Therefore that intervention school in the Bill, the Amendment Bill is one that can bear tremendous positive dividends and I believe it will.]

So we have these development plans also for other learners to go on say youth camps to inculcate morals and ethics and principles and values and normative behaviour because education is not only about 1-2-3, A-B-C. No! It is about all these issues. It is about whole-person-development.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Daar is hy.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: There you go.] †Now you see I have got more time
[Inaudible.] 18 years.

Mr B D KIVEDO: I commend Minister Debbie Schäfer for focusing more
quality learning.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Ons luister nou.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: We are listening now.]

†Mnr P UYS: Dit is 'n MEC wat daar praat. Hy het nie eers 'n nota nodig nie.

[Mr P UYS: It is an MEC speaking there. He does not even need a note.]

Mr B D KIVEDO: The Department under the leadership of MEC Debbie
Schäfer also is very much inclined to improving NSC results, and I know the
Premier also.

Ms P MAKELENI: Yes.

Mr B D KIVEDO: When they stand there in Leeuwenhof and I am sitting
right in the front chair, †dan kry ek lekker, my tone krul as die sertifikate
uitgedeel word. [Gelag.] [then I am thrilled, my toes curl when the
certificates are handed out. [Laughter.]]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Die ding van daai tone; die ding van daai tone!

[Tussenwerpsels.]

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: The thing about those toes, the thing about those toes!

[Interjections.]]

Mr B D KIVEDO: In conclusion. †Ek het mense om dankie te sê, wat onderwys vir my in die tydperk 'n vreugde gemaak het. Ek begin by MEC Debbie Schäfer, baie dankie dat ek met u kon werk, as Minister, as my Minister en ook dat ons – [I have people to thank, who have made education a pleasure in this period. I start with the MEC Debbie Schäfer, thank you that I could work with you, as Minister, my Minister, and also that we] - could work in tandem. We never had any hassles, hiccups, and differences with one another. I think we were on the same page. We are on the same page, more or less. [Interjections.] I am only teasing. No, but when it comes to basic issues we are definitely on the same page. [Interjections.]

I want to thank the WCED HOD, Mr Brian Schreuder and his team for constant support, for cooperation, for the ambience, the vibe, that they bring to the table. Thank you very much, WCED.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: WCED.

Mr B D KIVEDO: My colleagues - all my colleagues sitting here, they have a contribution that they made in making education possible, whether they are in Environmental Affairs or Transport or whatever, it does not matter, it is all about education.

Thank you also to all the parents and learners, the SGPs, the unions, school committees, the lot.

Ms P MAKELENI: There is SADTU, Uncle.

Mr B D KIVEDO: Members of the Standing Committee, member Olivier and member Dugmore are not here and member Lorraine Botha, member Ricardo Mackenzie, member Wiley, the members as alternates and member Daylin Mitchell.

†n AGBARE LID: En sê vir Olivier.

[An HON MEMBER: And tell Olivier.]

Mr B D KIVEDO: Thank you very much for strengthening our hands.
[Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Remember they gave you four minutes last time, nè.
†[Onduidelik.] Nou gaan jy weer aan, jy gaan aan. [Gelag.] [[Inaudible.] Now you go on again, you go on. [Laughter.]]

Mr B D KIVEDO: For the procedural staff of Parliament, as well as the support staff... [Interjections.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Jy wil nie stop nie!

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: You do not want to stop!]

Mr B D KIVEDO: Thank you very much. I have 18 minutes. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Mr B D KIVEDO: To my PA, Ms Tania Steyn-Dowie, thank you so much for your support through sometimes difficult circumstances. To the rest of the PAs and secretaries on the fifth floor, thank you very much for your cooperation... [Interjection.]

Ms P MAKELENI: And the translators.

Mr B D KIVEDO: ... your friendship and your love and affection. To the media, our media and research team, thank you so much.

An HON MEMBER: Stand together.

Mr B D KIVEDO: I am proud to say that I, Basil David Kivedo, support this Budget. Thank you. [Applause.]

†Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Voor ek vir die agb lid Olivier vra, ek wil vir die agb lid Kivedo sê daar sal nog 'n geleentheid van afskeid wees volgende jaar met die hoofbegroting. [Gelag.]

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Before I speak to the hon member Olivier, I want to say to the hon member Kivedo there will be another opportunity for a farewell next year with the Main Budget. [Laughter.]

†n AGBARE LID: Dit is 'n groot begroting.

[An HON MEMBER: It is a large budget.]

†Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Agb lid Olivier.

[The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Olivier.]

Mr R T OLIVIER: Mr Deputy Speaker, thank you very much for the opportunity to participate in this debate.

Seeing that the Chair of the Standing Committee spoke lengthily in Afrikaans, I am going to speak in isiXhosa because this is an Education Committee, so those who wants to follow, can use what is in front of us.

†Somlomo enkosi kakhulu ndiyabulela, okokuqala into esikhathzayo Sekela Somlomo sileli cala yinto yokuba sinikwa uhlahlo-mali olwehlileyo ndiyacinga yi-R45m ukusuka kwiR22b 193 2... ngoko ke Somlomo into esifuna ukuyikhankanya phantsi kweemeko esinzo kwizikolo sinikwa uhlahlo-mali oluhlisiweyo kuthiwa masamkele uhlahlo-mali oluhlisiweyo iANC eyiyifumanayo sinootitshala okanye abantwana ababambe ibillboard eziphambukweni iziqinisekiso zeemfundo ephakamileyo ndinazo imfundo yam iphelela apha kodwa sifumanise abaqesheki. Okwesibini Somlomo xa

ujonga iingxaki zeli Sebe njengoko uSihlalo ebekhe wachaphazela kuzo into yokuqala xa uya kwizikolo zethu ingakumbi kwezi zikolo zethu zabantu abahluphekileyo uya kufumanisa umntwana uphantse ahlale phezu komnye kodwa xa uya kubamelwane utitshala uyagileka apha eklasini unesithuba esikhulu sokuhamba ngoko xa ukwazi ukubuyisa imali engako kutheni ingakhe inikwe abanye abantwana, khe kujongwe lo nto. Okwesibini uSihlalo uyichaphazele into abantwana ubundlobongela ezikolweni bonyukile kakhulu futhi abantwana beza neziyobisi ezikolweni. USihlalo namhlanje uncoma ibill eyamkelweyo ekhuthaza ukuba abantwana beze notywala ezikolweni bakhuthazwa ukuba basele ityhontyi ezikolweni, kube kukho imali ekuthiwa ayizukwazi ukusetyenziswa Somlomo iyasikhathazo lo nto leyo kwaye ufumana iroll-over xa kunjalo lo nto ithetha ukuba kukho into engakhange yenziwe sixelelwe ukuba kukho imali engange R74m... engasetyenziswanga kulo nyaka-mali eza kudluliselwa kunyaka-mali ozayo sixelelwe ukuba yeyantoni na iR10m kuthiwa ayisetyenziswanga ibiyeyefenitshala yezikolo kucacile ke ukuba kukho isikolo ekungakhange kufikwe kuso kuthengwe ifenitsha kuso yingxaki ke leyo.

Nangona kongiwa imali kucacile kukhon indawo ezishiyiweyo, xa ujonge kumaziko abantwana abaselula kukho imali engasetyenziswanga uSihlalo ebethethile ngayo kakhulu sibona imali engazusetyenziwa inkqubo ye2 yeR143m esiyibonayo engakhange ikwazi ukusetyenziswa okanye iza kudluliselwa kunyaka olandelayo kwiSpecial Schools programme 4 R61m kunemali engazusetyenziswa sidlule sibone phaya kumaZiko abantwana abaselula kukho imali engazukwazi ukusetyenziswa engange-R47m sidlule

njalo uSihlalo uthi isizathu sokuba ingazukwazi ukusetyenziswa kukuba kukho fun-toolkit ebekumele ukuba ifunyenwe engakwazanga ukufunyanwa kulo nyaka yingxaki ke leyo kulapho iSpecial school education ngabona bantwana bekumele sibahoye kakhulu lo nto isinika ingxaki izinto abazisebenzisayo azikho uSihlalo uthethile nange R25m athi yeyeemeko ezingalindelekanga engafumanekayo yingxaki naleyo. Sigqithe apho uthethile ke nange relocational funds yee-norms and standards esiwe kwenye indawo yingxaki ke leyo kwaye yimali ebalulekileyo leyo kuba ijonga izinto izikolo ezingakwaziyo ukuzenzela zona ngokwazo xa siyakuyitshintsha yingxaki ke leyo besicing ukuba uba ibingurhulumente onengqondo avume kusetyenziswe ezo zimali.

Sihlalo xa sigqitha uSihlalo uyichaphazele kabini into yeR138m yokuqeshwa kootitshala xa ujonge yeyona ngxaki leyo kuthatha unyaka wonke kwaye asiyongxaki yeli phondo lethu lodwa le koko kuzo zonke iindawo ze imali ingakwazi ukusebenziseka ngolu hlobo kuqeshwe abantu. Abantu bethu abaphangeli ootitshala bahleli ezindlwini. Siyawakhalazela ke amasebe ethu kodwa asihoywa, ingxaki yethu leyo xa ujonge. Andiboni ngququ kweli candela lezokhuseleko kujongwa aba bantwana abahlabana ezikolweni baphatha kakubi abanye ezikolweni abahlasela ootitshala, kutheni singenakutshintsha ezi mali ziye kwezi ngxaki sinazo kodwa into esiyiqaphela bajonga kakhulu indima yokuba kubekho oomatshini ezi-ofisini. Akujongwa ukuba iimeko abafunda phantsi kwazo azifani ukuba kuthiwe abantwana mabafumane ubuncinane umyinge wmnqaku asi-8 nangaphezulu okuphumelela kanti iimeko zabo azifani kwiizikolo ezohlukeneyo. Ngoko ke

thina siyi-ANC asinakuthi sixhasa into kaR43m sibona ifenitsha ezikolweni ayikho, akukho mali iya kwindima yokhuseleko ezikolweni, nootitshala abahlaselwayo makhe sizame sijonge ezo zinto asizukwazi ukuxhasa imali eshotayo nenkqubo elolu hlobo. Xa ndiza kuvala mandibulele phaya kuSihlalo into entle iyanconywa kutshintshwe uMphathiswa nokuba kufakwa uPatricia De Lille, andizuyiphinda uMEC oza kungena singabulela xa bengkwazi ukutshintsha bake uMphathiswa oza kuba nomqolo. NeKomiti ndiyayibulela shame. Enkosi Somlomo.

[Translation of isiXhosa paragraphs follow.]

Mr R T OLIVIER: Speaker, thank you so much. Firstly, what concerns us most, Mr Deputy Speaker, is the fact that we, as this side, are given a reduced amount of budget. I think it was about R45 million from R22 billion – 193 2... So that means, Speaker, what we need to mention is that under the circumstances we are and they know of these in our schools. They give us a reduced budget and they expect us to accept that reduced budget. We, as the ANC, we say we have teachers or graduates who hold billboards at every intersection and they have their qualifications in higher education saying: I am a qualified teacher, yet, I am not employed. They are unemployed. Secondly, when you look at the problems this Department is facing, as the Chairperson has mentioned before, when you go to our schools, especially our poor schools you will find that the teacher pupil ratio is unbelievably high and there is no space at all compared to our counterparts. In the leafy areas, you will find a teacher having so much space in class that she roams

freely around the class.

The question is if the Department can reverse this allocation why can they not give it to other projects like the children in poor schools? They can look at that. Secondly, the Chair mentioned the issue of crime in schools as the rate of crime has risen so high and the children bring drugs to schools. Today the Chair commends the bill that has been approved which encourages children to bring alcohol and drugs into schools. They are encouraged to drink alcohol in school, yet there is money they claim cannot be used. That, Speaker, is a worry to us and as a result you will find roll-over funds and when that happens it means something is wrong and we were told that there is money amounting to R74 million which has not been used in this financial year and which will be rolled over to the next financial year and they even mentioned what it is for. They mentioned that an amount of R10 million which was not used to buy school furniture and because of that it is evident that there is a school which has not been furnished and that is our concern too.

Even though they can claim they are saving, this means that there are gaps in the system, something has not been done. When we look at Early Childhood Centres there is also unspent budget and the Chair has mentioned that on so many occasions and we find that there is still some money that will be returned under programme 2 which amounts to R143 million. Another which was not been spent or that will be rolled over to the following financial year is the Special Schools Programme 4, R61 million and another issue is that we

have found out that there are funds amounting to R47 million which will also be unspent in the Special Schools Programme and the Chair claims that the reason for this is because there was a fun-toolkit that was supposed to have been bought which was not bought in this financial year. That is a concern for us because the children in these schools need special attention the most and that is a concern. The equipment that they use they claim is unavailable and the Chair spoke about an amount of R25 million which he said is for unexpected issues and also it was not allocated. Going forward, the Chair spoke about the relocation funds reserved for norms and standards which was transferred to other programmes and that also is a concern and those funds are very crucial because as they are used for projects that the schools could not perform on their own and if they relocate it is going to be an issue. We thought that this government was sensible and would allow the schools to use those funds.

Speaker, moving right along, the Chair mentioned twice the issue of an amount of R138 million which was reserved for the recruitment of teachers and when we look at this it is the biggest of our problems because it takes about a year to locate funds for this. This is a national issue and these funds should be used specifically for this and employ people as many people are unemployed. Our people are unemployed, teachers, lazy at home with nothing to do. We are very concerned and we complain with our departments but we are not attended to. I do not see any changes or transformation in the section of safety and security in schools as school children stab each other, threaten teachers and bully each other. Why do you not roll-over these funds to cater

for these issues but what they care about is to buy machines for their offices. They do not look at the issues we are faced with in schools as we do not have the same circumstances in schools. All they expect is an 8 point pass rate for all, yet our circumstances are not the same. So, as the ANC, we do not support the R43 million. Our schools do not have furniture, we are not allocated any funds for safety in schools and teachers are attacked in schools. Let us look at these issues. In closing, let me give a word of appreciation to the Chair. By changing the MEC they can even employ Patricia De Lille in that position. We would appreciate it if we could have a sensible MEC. I also thank the Committee. I thank you, Speaker. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see Minister Schäfer to reply. That is in the absence of the other two smaller parties.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Starting with hon member Kivedo, thank you very much for your kind words. It has been a pleasure working with you as well and we do not always have to be on exactly the same page, that is your job to oversee our work and we appreciate and respect that role.

Thank you for your commendation regarding thinking outside the box and specifically the Bill which is now an Act. It has been signed by the Premier. I do believe the children will benefit from this Bill. We have also seen, as you say, we are working in rural communities and we are also focussing on retention and one of the biggest success stories of this programme actually is

the opportunity that has arisen in the Jakes Gerwel School in Bonnievale where we have a collaboration school as a result of this different model where it is literally changing an entire community.

As far as matric is †ook orraait, [also okay,] not for teachers, I am afraid. ECD practitioners, yes; not for teachers.

No-fee schools, that is a really important point. Since 2011 we have allocated around R23 million for compensation for fee exemption. Now this year we are allocating R55 million.

That is a huge *pro quo* initiative and one which we are very proud of for people who cannot afford school fees and it is opening up access to better schooling for people in disadvantaged communities.

You referred to building strong human fibre, yes, we are. We are also building strong ICT fibre. So we are really on fibre on both counts and in fact our e-Learning initiative has been noticed around the world as something very unique in a developing country.

School safety is an ongoing issue as we all know. We also know that it is not only the Education Department's issue. It is one that we all have to address. Teachers are under siege. It is a source of immense concern and what really concerns me is some of the horrific things that have been done in school that people can only learn out of school and we have to find ways of getting our

communities on board to teach their children to be children again; not to engage in the kinds of activities that they are doing at school.

Intervention facilities, I agree they could have an impact, it will take some time to roll out but we are certainly hopeful that it will give our learners who are having problems an opportunity to get some focused intervention and to assist them to remain in school and complete their schooling.

NSC, yes, of course, we always want to improve on those and we are working very hard to do so and hon member Olivier, I am sure if I should just read my whole speech over again, because it does not seem that you understood some of it, most of it, in fact.

Ms P MAKELENI: You are not talking to a spatial; you are talking to adjustments.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: That is exactly what I was talking to in my speech, ja.

Ms P MAKELENI: Yes. I told you how the R43 million is made up. The fact of the matter is the total amount of CoE that has been surrendered is coming back to the Department, as I said, so it is not as if we are losing out on that money. Most of it will be used for our Basket of Posts and overcrowded classrooms are an issue. I completely agree with you but the point - so why do we not do it? Because we do not have money - that is why.

If National Government did not waste hundreds of billions of rand in corruption and state capture we probably would have money for our teachers in schools.

An HON MEMBER: Are you blaming now the ANC?

Mr D JOSEPH: All the corruption of the ANC.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Spend the money you are given!

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Excuse me?

Ms P MAKELENI: The DA's corruption is [Inaudible.]

Mr B D JOSEPH: Corruption in the ANC.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Corruption in the ANC, not the DA.

Ms P MAKELENI: We have got eyes, we can see.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: It really makes me angry when I see members of the ANC actually defending corruption and state capture that has cost this country hundreds of billions of rand and they sit and lecture us about caring for the poor.

The PREMIER: Absolutely! Absolutely, sweep in front of your own door!

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: As far as rollovers are concerned, I have explained that. ECD is really beyond our control. We cannot control the number of people who go to be qualified to be ECD practitioners.

Norms and standards, hon member Olivier, you may not have been listening in the Standing Committee when we raised this issue, but the schools got all of their norms and standards. The reason why we can reallocate monies is because of good financial management and that we paid it earlier to assist schools earlier in the school year, because they were having cash flow problems, so it is only because of good financial management that we have been able to put that money in other projects that are much needed.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: What about this, I can see?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: I am not sure what you mean by “our schools”. I do not know what your schools are. I mean my schools are all the schools in the Western Cape and whether they are ex-Model C or not, and we are really doing everything unlike the ANC to bring everything down to the lowest common denominator. We are doing everything possible to try and raise the standard at every single school in the Western Cape.

The PREMIER: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: I think that really is all. Most of the money is already committed as I said and the CoE money is going to come back to the Department. We cannot help it if the National Department gives us R25 million only towards the end of the financial year, so obviously you cannot hold us accountable for not spending that money but I think overall our Department has done extremely well. As I said I am never happy with any under-expenditure, but given the fact that it is 0,7% of our total budget, and in order to avoid overspending it really is a very, very delicate balancing act by our officials who are always under pressure from me and the SG to make sure that we underspend as little as possible.

So thank you very much again to all my colleagues and to my Department. Thank you. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: That concludes the debate on this Vote.

[Debate concluded.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The House will again suspend business for a few minutes before we start with the Local Government Vote. The House is suspended.

[Business of the House was suspended at 14:44 and resumed at 14:48]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please be seated. The Secretary will read the fifth

Order.

The SECRETARY: Debate on Vote 14 – Local Government – *Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill* [B 6 – 2018].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see the Minister, Minister Bredell.

†n AGBARE LID: Hoor-hoor!

[An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!]

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Agb mnr Adjunkspeaker, dames en here, baie dankie vir die geleentheid.

Een jaar gelede toe ons hier vergader het was daar baie slegte nuus. Ons was in die middel van die ergste droogte in 400 jaar en ons damvlakke was slegs op 34% vol. Ons het maande daarna gesien hoe die damvlakke bly val tot 'n algehele laagtepunt van tot sowat 16% en toe kom die reënseisoen en genadiglik het ons 'n goeie reënseisoen gehad. Soos wat ons vandag hier staan is die gemiddelde damvlakke in die Wes-Kaap 61% vol.

Waar ons tans is, is byna dubbeld waar ons was verlede jaar, toe ons hier gestaan het; maar daar is ook areas in ons Wes-Kaap wat baie swaar trek. Die Karoo-dele in die Wes-Kaap is baie diep in die knyp. Beaufort-Wes is een area waaroor ons steeds baie bekommerd is en met die oog op die komende

vakansieseisoen waar duisende besoekers weer deur Beaufort-Wes sal reis, is ons hoop en versoek dat mense gehoor sal gee aan die waternood in die area.

Die landbousektor in groot dele van die provinsie verkeer ook steeds onder groot nood. As Provinsiale Regering sal ons hande vat en help waar ons kan. Daar is byvoorbeeld reeds baie miljoene beskikbaar gestel vir die uitbetaling vir voer aan die Wes-Kaapse boere.

Agb Adjunkspeaker, die Departement se rampbestuurspan monitor die situasie daaglik regoor die provinsie en gebeurlikheidsplanne is in plek, sou sake verander.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs of follow.]

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Hon Mr Deputy Speaker, ladies and gentlemen, thank you for the opportunity.

A year ago when we gathered here there was bad news. We were in the middle of the worst drought in 400 years and our dam levels were only 34% full. Months afterwards we saw how the dam levels continued dropping to a total low of about 16% and then the rain season came and mercifully we have had a good rain season. As we stand here today the average dam levels in the Western Cape are 61% full.

Where we are now, it is almost double where we had been last year, when we stood here; but there are also areas in our Western Cape that are suffering. The Karoo regions in the Western Cape are in big trouble. Beaufort West is one area about which we are very worried and with a view to the coming holiday season where thousands of visitors will again travel through Beaufort West, we hope that, and request, that people will heed the water scarcity in the area.

The agricultural sector in large parts of the province is also still under great pressure. As Provincial Government we will join hands and assist where we can. For example, many millions have already been made available for payment for fodder to the Western Cape farmers.

Hon Deputy Speaker, the Department's disaster management team monitors the situation daily right across the province and contingency plans are in place, should matters change.]

†Mr Deputy Speaker, this Department of Local Government has been at the forefront of tackling this drought disaster and was allocated some additional funding to assist in drought alleviation.

I want to congratulate the Department for the role it played over the past three years in helping to ensure that every resident of the Western Cape had water to drink. In years to come the miracle of what were achieved here in the Western Cape province will be remembered.

One example is how the City of Cape Town brought down water usage from about one billion litres of water per day to below 500 million litres in a matter of months. That is an incredible achievement.

An HON MEMBER: Well done!

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Mr Deputy Speaker, the Department's original budget was R252,7 million, this was increased with R27,04 million to R279,842 million in the 2018/19 Adjusted Estimates.

The reasons for these shifts are as follows: staff costs reduced by R6,3 million and R4,2 million was shifted back to the Provincial Revenue Fund due to staff turnover.

Transfers and subsidies increased mainly due to the additional funds allocated, an amount of R20 million. This went towards the impact of fires along the Garden Route and the City of Cape Town.

An additional R1,5 million has been allocated for drought relief specifically for the municipal infrastructure support in Beaufort West Municipality.

Goods and services increased due to the following:

- R7,177 million earmarked municipal support funds for municipal

support for citizen-centric and governance projects;

- R6,7 million earmarked rollover approved towards aerial fire-fighting;
- R839 000 shifted from CoE for the appointment of geohydrologists;
- R4,64 million and additional amount allocated for drought relief including the appointment of geohydrologists.

†Agb Adjunkspeaker, ons bly bekommerd oor die voortslepende droogte in dele van die provinsie sowel as die risiko vir brande in die provinsie oor die komende somermaande. Dit is noodsaaklik dat almal moet saamwerk om ons deur die komende paar maande te kry. Dit sluit in die kollegas van Nasionaal sowel as plaaslike regeringsvlak en die sake- sowel as die privaatsektor.

Ek wil net ook hier weer 'n beroep doen op die publiek om saam te werk en soveel moontlik water te bespaar al lyk sake meer rooskleurig as tevore.

Ek wil ook die publiek vra om brande te rapporteer so spoedig moontlik in die volgende paar maande by die noodnommer 112.

Agb Adjunkspeaker, so in die aanloop tot die komende feesseisoen en die gepaardgaande risiko's vir veldbrande en water-insidente wat toeneem, bedank ek ook graag die Departement en ons amptenare en al die nooddienerswerkers in absentia vir hul harde werk die afgelope paar jaar en hul toegewydheid in die komende periode. Ons het almal 'n taai jaar agter die rug en dit wil voorkom of die moeilike dele nog voorlê in die somer. Dit bly egter 'n plesier en 'n voorreg om saam met die span te kan werk.

Hiermee lê ek die gewysigde begrotingsvoorstelle voor aan die Huis.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs of follow.]

[Hon Deputy Speaker, we are still concerned about the continuing drought in parts of the province as well as the risk of fires in the province during the coming summer months. It is essential that all should cooperate to get us through the coming next few months. That includes the colleagues of national as well as local government level and the business as well as private sector.

I just want to request the public to cooperate and save as much water as possible even if matters are looking better than before.

I also want to ask the public to report fires as soon as possible during the next few months, at the emergency number 112.

Hon Deputy Speaker, so in the lead-up to the coming Festive Season and the accompanying risks of veld fires and increasing water incidents, I would like to thank the Department and our officials and all the emergency workers in absentia for their hard work over the past year and their commitment in the coming period. We all have a tough year behind us and it would seem that the difficult parts are still ahead in the summer. It remains a pleasure and a privilege, however, to be able to work with the team.

I herewith table the Adjusted Budget proposals to the House.

I thank you. [Applause.]

†n AGBARE LID: Hoor-hoor!

[An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mngasela.

Mr M MNQASELA: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker.

Hon Deputy Speaker, right from the outset I need to state that the Democratic Alliance supports this Adjustment Budget.

This is a department, where without doubt we can say as the Standing Committee - and obviously there might be some other views - in the spirit of good governance we were able to testify and their testimony, in fact, shows that it is serious about monitoring especially when working with municipalities. Even when there were some bad apples the Department came out right in the front and said we are going to support these municipalities. We can see the example of Oudtshoorn and what Oudtshoorn has become under this Government.

So it is a very important thing to do, to ensure that when municipalities are failing to adhere to the statutes and they are failing to recognise their

responsibilities as set out in the South African Constitution, that the Department is able to come in and address those kinds of challenges. I think one of the other areas that we can safely say has been happening is that both Schedule 4, Part B of the SA Constitution, read together with Chapter 7 with specific emphasis on Section 153 and Section 152(1)(b) and (d) of the SA Constitution, have been observed by this Department because the culture of governance is the spirit under which we need to observe in Local Government because that is where things happen.

Local Government is the coalface of service delivery and when it fails you can see that there is no government here. So there are certain towns when you drive in you can see that there is a problem, but we are happy to say where the DA is in government, as you drive, you can see - less potholes; and you can see the lights at night. The town is able to have nice lights.

You are able to see lovely parks. You are able to see infrastructure that is proper and you are able to see the better integration in the living space that people are able to live, work and play together. That is what we need to see, and this Standing Committee on Local Government, Mr Deputy Speaker, has witnessed that, because our job is to police and follow the money of Government.

Where there are issues we have been able to raise those issues. Where there are successes we clap hands and one of the areas which I think I should highlight here is the fact that a municipality in the last part of this province,

the furthest point, the Cederberg Municipality, it has been one of the badly run municipalities under the ANC Government, and obviously what we have done in the Standing Committee is to say which are those other municipalities? One of them, as I have mentioned earlier was Oudtshoorn; the other one of them is Kannaland, which is still problematic, and obviously the Central Karoo municipalities, with the exception of Laingsburg and obviously – what is the smaller one?

An HON MEMBER: Prince Albert.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I will remind you [Inaudible.].

Mr M MNQASELA: Prince Albert. Because Prince Albert hon member Dyantyi, [Interjections.] Prince Albert, hon member Dyantyi, we must accept that they have been improving. The only one in the Central Karoo.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I will remind him later.

Mr M MNQASELA: But Cederberg has received a clean audit in the second row under the DA Government. I think we must clap hands for this one.
[Applause.]

Yesterday [Interjections.] – because I said I am not going to play politics with this statement, because we are talking ... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Hey, you just did.

Mr M MNQASELA: ... about an adjustment. Yesterday ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: You just did.

Mr M MNQASELA: Yesterday the former Mayor, Jonas White, went to court because there have been issues of corruption that he was personally implicated with. The Court found him guilty and sentenced him to a fine of R50,000.

Ms P MAKELENI: Was that a DA-led municipality?

Mr M MNQASELA: Guess what happened, Mr Deputy Speaker? The ANC paid for his fine. The ANC. The ANC supports corruption. [Interjections.] The ANC is happy when people's money is being stolen, because they support thieves. [Interjections.] That is the ANC. That is the ANC. [Interjections.]

You have obviously – the former Mayor of Beaufort West who is now the Deputy, Truman Prince, the most notorious Mayor ... [Interjections.] he goes around beating women, beating children, beating everyone – guess what? The ANC goes to court to support him. [Interjections.]

Let me say this Adjustment Budget, Mr Deputy Speaker, is a significant

milestone in ensuring that the Department continues with its work of supporting the firefighting mechanisms, and we are very happy with that. Who can oppose that when we have seen so many people being affected. Eight members of one family dying in the Southern Cape, but the ANC is going to oppose this debate. It is going to oppose this budget vote. [Interjections.] Because they think people dying in fires is okay. When people die in fires in Khayelitsha the ANC thinks it is okay. When people are dying in fires in Philippi the ANC thinks it is okay, but the DA here on this side says no more death as a result of fire, because this Minister and his Department is hell-bent to ensure that they protect lives, because life this side is sacrosanct. We have got to protect lives. Especially for those who are most vulnerable. [Applause.]

But this Department, Mr Deputy Speaker, says to us that money has been placed aside to support initiatives that are aimed at investing in new technology. And we ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr M MNQASELA: ... support that, because when we visited, as the Standing Committee, the Disaster Centre in Tygerberg, we realised that it is one of great centres, but there was a centre that we visited in the Breede Vallei Municipality, and I think that was exciting the presentation that we received there.

So we have been making notes as a Standing Committee that let us make sure we use new technologies to fight fires; new technologies to prevent fires, and the Department says, “We have heard you and we are investing in new technologies; both capital and operational budget to make sure that our technologies talk to the Fourth Industrial Revolution.” And that is keeping with the times, because times are moving. You cannot be stuck on yesterday and use obsolete technology.

And obviously the water problems in Beaufort West is one of the issues that we have raised. When we visited Beaufort West it was very clear that they have serious problems with water and the Department says, “We are dealing with it,” because most water, almost 50% of water in Beaufort West, Mr Deputy Speaker, through you, hon member Makeleni ... [Interjections.]

Ms P MAKELENI: Yes.

Mr M MNQASELA: ... water gets lost between the main plant, which is the plant that uses recycled water [Interjections.]. Between the plant and the community, which is the end-user.

So when the water is lost between the plant and the end-user, something somewhere is not right, and the Department says, based on their investigation, Mr Deputy Speaker ... [Interjections.]

Ms P MAKELENI: They do not see [Inaudible.].

Mr M MNQASELA: ... there are serious problem with the ageing infrastructure.

Ms P MAKELENI: Mmm.

Mr M MNQASELA: But then the Department says, "Let work be done." And we are happy, because that is something that we are seeing in this budget being done. No, we are dealing with the Blue Book.

Mr P UYS: Where is the budget?

Mr M MNQASELA: Here.

Ms P MAKELENI: And that [Inaudible.] oversight.

Mr M MNQASELA: This is what we are dealing with. [Interjections.] Ja, this is what we are doing. I see you have no book there. Hon member Meyer was saying that you are not reading. Where are you reading from? [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Excuse me?

Mr M MNQASELA: We are dealing with the book here.

An HON MEMBER: Excuse me?

Mr M MNQASELA: And then the next point which I need to highlight as I am going to sit down, is this investment in the geohydrologist. I think ...

[Interjections.]

Ms P MAKELENI: I have got five books to show [Inaudible.].

Mr M MNQASELA: ... is one of the areas that we have appreciated, because we need people who are clever in these things, who understand it, so that they come and make sure that people are drinking clean water and that people are able to enjoy the quality services that we are providing.

So in essence, where we have the DA Government we want to make sure there is a franchise kind of a modality. When you walk into a DA Government [Interjections.] there is a look and feel.

Ms P MAKELENI: Ja.

Mr M MNQASELA: Our municipalities are being led properly and we were doing that very well, but this budget talks to all the key priorities of ensuring that we have corruption-free administration; we have got a safe and secure environment, but also politicians do not meddle in the affairs of Supply Chain Management ... [Interjections.], because that has been one of the areas throughout the country where we have seen a problem there. Politicians confuse their job with that of the administration.

†Ndizawuyiyeka ke le ndithi masiqhube sisazi ukuba oomasipala bayawenza umsebenzi wabo. Eyona nto engamandla yinto yokuba kufuneka xa urhulumente esebenza babone abantu ukuba kukho umahluko apha kwaye kusekuninzi ekumele ukuba kwenziwe kodwa ngoku nisesemngceni kwaye siyayibulela kakhulu lo nto siyi-DA sithi wuntshu maz'enethole kuba kaloku abantu bayabulelo nabantwana bayayizidina bangene kwi-DA kumnandi maan masiqhubeni nivote nakulo nyaka uzayo. Enkosi.

[Translation of isiXhosa paragraph follows.]

[I will leave this one and say let us continue with the good work as we know municipalities actually do what they are mandated to. The most pressing issue here is whenever government does something people should actually see the difference in their communities and there is still a lot to be done. But I can say you are on the right track and we really appreciate that as the DA. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts, we should commend when it is due. Even the children take their time and join the DA. It feels really good. Let us do this and please do cast your votes in the next year's elections. Thank you.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. The hon member Dyantyi.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Thank you very much, Mr Deputy Speaker.

Mr D G MITCHELL: Speak to the Speaker.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I want to take this opportunity now that the Premier is here [Interjections.]. She is not always here so I want to take this opportunity to make the point, hon Premier, through you, Mr Deputy Speaker, that this adjustment is characterised – I am talking about this Government whole adjustment, not just that Department's – by at least two things, your adjustment, and you will see as I go through, and the previous departments have indicated that.

The adjustment is for the privileged; this adjustment is an adjustment for less jobs.

Mr D JOSEPH: You are speaking about yourself.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Because if you talk about the COAs, there is money surrendered instead of filling vacancies.

Ms P MAKELENI: All the time.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: So there is a certain trend in this adjustment throughout the Department, and you will see, as I go through, why we think this is an adjustment for the privileged residents of this province.

This adjustment period has seen an increase of R27 million in the Adjustment Estimate from the Main Appropriation. This I mainly for the increase of the development and planning by R32 million, and a decrease

of R4,8 million for local governance. There has been no adequate explanation as to why development and planning programmes were prioritised over other programmes, and why the local governance programme was reduced by almost R5 million.

Local governance should be taken more seriously by this Western Cape Government. The local governance sphere is the most critical sphere [Interjections.] of government in the delivery of government infrastructure investment and services to communities. You just have to go to Philippi and see how dilapidated it is; no infrastructure; lots of problems which give rise to crime [Interjections.]. You just have to go there and understand this.

An HON MEMBER: Zero clean audits.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Municipal space – I am coming to that if you can listen. Municipal spaces, they share the most contested space by various government agencies. National and provincial departments.

The coherent and integrated state action in municipal space is critical to ensure that the delivery of social services, economic growth, stimulations of local economies and development, recognises a different social geographic municipal spaces that are on offer, e.g. Metropolitan and secondary cities, district roads and small rural towns.

Municipal government is key to [Inaudible.] democracy, social cohesion and building a non-racial and non-sexist society. Accountability, efficiency and effectiveness, responsiveness and participation must be enhanced.

Progress has been made in meeting basic needs, but there are challenges in finances, capacity and planning. No funds has been allocated to Khayelitsha and Hout Bay fires again this year.

Talk about the adjustment and where it prioritises; just like last year, because of its location and overcrowding, Imizamo Yethu is vulnerable to hazards like floods and fires. In a statement in March 2017 the Deputy Mayor of City of Cape Town, the real Mayor, Ian Neilson, said and I quote:

“It is believed [Interjections.] to be one of the worst informal settlements fires that we have experienced to date.”

Such a statement from a high-profile office-bearer would make one think that drastic action and support would have taken place. You would be wrong and you are wrong, because at the time it would appear that 4,500 structures were raised and approximately 15,000 residence where affected. Three victims lost their lives during the fires. NGOs assisted the community with meals, blankets, toiletries and mattresses.

In contrast to that the Knysna fires, which resulted in the damage of property owned by rich residents, the Provincial Government went so far as to have a Cabinet meeting in Knysna. Just look at the contrast.

Mr D G MITCHELL: There was a Cabinet meeting in Mitchells Plain as well.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Ja. It prompted an urgent announcement [Interjections.] that R75 million of the disaster funds of the province would be released for a suitable response to mitigate the damage incurred in Knysna. Not Hout Bay, not anywhere else.

Seven people died and at least a thousand homes in Knysna and Plettenberg Bay were damaged or destroyed. 985 fire fighters, using 78 fire hectors, six Oryx military helicopters, four Working on Fire helicopters, and two ... [Interjections.]

Mr M G E WILEY: Sorry, who flies the Oryx helicopters?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: ... fixed two fixed-wing bomber aircraft were deployed to deal with the fires in Knysna. [Interjections.] In Knysna. If you listen to that. I know it hurts.

An HON MEMBER: National Government.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: One cannot help but ask why a similar response was not deployed from the Imizamo Yethu fires of March this year, which [Interjections.] displaced 15,000 people.

The Provincial Government must really come forward and say why they had such a lacklustre response to the Imizamo Yethu fires, compared with how they responded where the majority of Coloured and Africans resides. [Interjections.]

Again in 2018, hon member Wiley, Khayelitsha and Hout Bay townships were under siege by raging fires; no similar responses ... [Interjections.]

Mr D JOSEPH: The fire brigade was there.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: ... which is deployed to the Garden Route as we have seen, where majority of Coloureds and Africans reside.

An HON MEMBER: Was it not last year?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: It is reckless of the DA Provincial Government to sit on R200 million disaster funds and sit by idle when our townships and Cape Flats have daily disasters, and they only act upon releasing disaster relief ... [Interjections.]

Mr M G E WILEY: Dropping two tons of water ... [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: ... when white affluent towns like Knysna have a disaster. This is totally unacceptable because it would mean that disaster must first hit Loevenstein and Welgemoed before the City will respond ...

[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: ... for a similar disaster which affects Bellville.

[Interjections.]

As if that is not enough we are always told that that this is the best run province.

An HON MEMBER: It is.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Good municipalities.

An HON MEMBER: By far. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: As of today hon member Wiley, as of today, just before lunch, we received an ATC which indicates to us that in the Western Cape six municipalities failed to submit the 2017 / 2018 financials. Six. [Interjections.] Six ...

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL

AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: All ANC run.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Six – I am going to help you, MEC. I am going to help.

Six ... [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL
AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ANC run.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: ... completely failed. Upon given another chance,
another chance [Interjections.] – it hurts.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr S G TYATYAM: They are under [Inaudible.]. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You just do not like it.

Mr D JOSEPH: ANC.

Mr S G TYATYAM: It is under you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr Q R DYANTYI: So out of those six ... [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Listen!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I want the hon member to continue and there is too much – he gets assistance from his own side as well.

Mr M G E WILEY: But he is talking drivel. [Interjections.]

Mr P UYS: Apologise, please.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Apologise, please. Rise and apologise. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please continue, hon member. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: So out of that six municipalities, four, upon given another chance, then at least corrected, and the four are the following ... [Interjections.]

Mr D JOSEPH: That is procedure.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: ... Swartland, where the MEC comes from, where he comes from [Interjections.]; Overstrand, Mossel Bay, Langeberg. Talk of ANC municipalities. [Interjections.] Out of that six.

An HON MEMBER: Yes!

Mr Q R DYANTYI: And the two that have remained - four were given a chance to correct - the two that remain [Interjections.] – listen, MEC. Is Laingsburg and Kannaland.

Mr D G MITCHELL: ANC Mayors!

Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is your best run province. [Interjections.] That is your best ... [Interjections.]

Mr D G MITCHELL: They have got ANC Mayors.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: ... run municipalities. You should have told this House [Interjections.] about that.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Because you are hiding it. [Interjections.] It hurts. †Dit is baie seer, ek weet dit. Dit is baie seer. [It hurts a lot, I know that. It hurts a lot.]

And that comes straight from the AG. That is not an ANC propaganda. That is the AG putting it to you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! The noise level is too loud in the House.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Okay.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mitchell. [Interjections.] Please continue, hon member Dyantyi. You can continue.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I am only hoping, MEC Bredell, that you would not follow the hopeful Premier and take the AG to court. Please do not do that. Stay the course, stay the course on this. [Interjections.]

My next point, Mr Deputy Speaker, and the MEC spoke about this. He now has praise now that we have received rain after they failed to exercise water management; the DA misled the citizens of this province with Day Zero and all of those things. Now we got rain – you know what they are doing today? Again the Mayor in charge, Ian Neilson, because they want to help † **die slapperige Dan Plato wat nou daar is**, [**the limp Dan Plato who is there now,**] to at least shine.

We are now told that water restrictions are reduced. You know why they are doing that? You know, to Level 3; you know why they are doing that? Let me tell you why you are doing it. Because you at least again want your privileged residents to swim in their pools during this Festive Season. [Interjections.] That is the point that you want. [Interjections.] There is no

– you talk to us about 61% [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr Q R DYANTYI: ... this is where the dam levels are. There is no possible reason why the restrictions are reduced to Level 3; except that, because we have said the drought, the lessons from the drought, have introduced a new lifestyle. A lifestyle of saving water.

An HON MEMBER: Ja!

Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is what communities have been doing. They saved the water. Now because you want ... [Interjections.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: To swim.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Exactly, you are then switching over. You are pathetic ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr Q R DYANTYI: ... as a DA Government.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: And your swimming pool?

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

An HON MEMBER: We do not have swimming pools.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. [Applause.]
[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Please come – order! [Interjections.]
Please – Minister Bredell, before you start I want the House to come to
order before you start.

Ms P MAKELENI: Sins of privilege.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You may proceed. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL
AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: I want to thank the Chair of
the Standing Committee and all the members for their oversight role. We
really appreciate it and your support, thank you very much. Thank you for
working with us, trying to find solutions for very complex ...

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Thank you for the ANC as well.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL
AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ... problems.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Richard Dyantyi. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Mr Deputy Speaker, I must say I am very disappointed in the hon member Dyantyi [Interjections.].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: There are certain things that are a bit under the belt.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: What?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: And especially **when** you try to push a wedge between our divided societies already.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: What is that?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: I really think it is bad, I think it is in bad taste ... [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is what you are doing!

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ... and let me explain to the hon member Richard ... [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Your Adjustment is for the white privileged. That is it.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ... who tries to convince this House that he knows what is going on in Nyanga and Khayelitsha but lives in Durbanville himself.

Ms P Z LEKKER: Do you? Do you? [Interjections.] Do you? [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: You know, Mr Deputy Speaker, during the fires in Knysna how people united, how people took one another by the hand and supported one another. It is an incredible story to be told.

I was there where the employers ... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: You cannot survive even one day with [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ... asked us, "Help us to

rebuild our workers' houses first.”

An HON MEMBER: Yet you leave every day [Inaudible.].

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: “We can live and stay with our families and friends,” and it is on that spirit that we need to build ... [Interjections.]

Ms P Z LEKKER: We can block sewerage around the streets, nè?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ... this country.

Ms P Z LEKKER: Hey, I am asking you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Lekker ... [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Just give him a chance.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: ... you have ... [Interjections.]

Ms P Z LEKKER: I am not going to.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Ms P Z LEKKER: Why should I?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: So [Interjections.] ...

An HON MEMBER: The day will come for us.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister Bredell, you may continue.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERN, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: So, Mr Deputy Speaker, it is a really disgrace because people are commenting on the situation where they do not have any clue what has happened on the ground. [Interjections.]

In Knysna, and we have explained this, Mr Deputy Speaker, in the Standing Committee - the Standing Committee can allude to it because the question was there about the R20 million and how we divided it. As a department obviously the City has got a Metro budget and the hon member Richard knows about this. They have got an over R40 billion budget, so they do have a lot of resources.

We have supported them with R5 million that obviously will help for the Hout Bays, the Camps Bays and the Imizamo Yethus.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Hopefully, hopefully.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Obviously ... [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Hopefully.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ... not hopefully, obviously.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: [Inaudible.] hopefully.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: There is no Metro that recovers as quickly after a disaster as the Metro in Cape Town in the Western Cape.

Ms P Z LEKKER: No.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Mr Deputy Speaker, we support our people, we help them to rebuild.

An HON MEMBER: Which ones?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: We do not want to score

cheap political points ... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Which ones? Which ones?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ... on that. And on that one I think it is a disgrace. [Interjections.] The money we spent in Garden Route is not only for Knysna, and we have explained it in the Standing Committee. It is for the Garden Route. It is for municipalities from Hessequa, Knysna, Plettenberg Bay; all of them; Mossel Bay, George, all of them.

So, Mr Deputy Speaker, the water situation – the hon member Richard Dyantyi does not want to acknowledge the fact that it is a national competency. It was a complete failure of National Government ... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes!

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ... who did not budget, who ran a water department into the ground and he cannot dispute that. [Interjections.] They have got a R7 billion overdraft. They are bankrupt [Interjections.] and I can guarantee you now, Mr Deputy Speaker, to get them out of the mess, the President will join Water Affairs with

Environmental Affairs as one department next year to get them out of the mess.

After a lot of negotiations, the Premier and I managed to get the Clanwilliam Dam back on the table. Managed to get the Brandvlei Dam project back on the table. And we can go on, but, Mr Deputy Speaker, what has saved us ... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Tell no lies.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ... what has saved us [Interjections.] ... really during this water crisis and the drought ... [Interjections.]

Ms N D NKONDLO: It is something that [Inaudible.].

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ... was cooperation with our community, and we have managed to get that cooperation because we have been honest with them, and now we are again honest to give back to them.

The poorest of the poor will gain most on this deduction in water tariffs; most, and we will take it out there that the ANC is against ... [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You have already punished them. We will see you in court in February.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ... reduction. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: We will see you in court in February.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Anytime ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ... because you ... [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You already punished them.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: The hon member Dyantyi refuse to acknowledge the good work that the City has done, and giving back to the citizens is the right thing to do, Mr Deputy Speaker.

†Ons kan nie oorverhaal op 'n kommoditeit soos water nie, en weereens

indien ons in die toekoms in 'n droogte kom sal die mense weer saam met ons werk want hulle weet hulle kan hierdie DA-regering vertrou; anders as die ANC wat alles steel. Dankie, mnr die Adjunkspeaker. [Applous.]

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[We cannot over-recover on a commodity such as water, and again, if in future we do experience a drought the people will cooperate with us again because they know they can trust this DA Government; as opposed to the ANC that steals everything. Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. [Applause.]]

[Debate concluded.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: That then concludes the debate on this Vote. The House will suspend a couple of minutes before we start with the next Order. The House is suspended.

[Business of the House was suspended at 15:22 and resumed at 15:25]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please be seated.

The Secretary will read the sixth Order.

The SECRETARY: Debate on Vote 12 – Economic Development and Tourism – *Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill* [B 6 – 2018].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see Minister Beverley Schäfer; on her maiden speech. [Applause.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Thank you. Mr Deputy Speaker, hon Premier, Cabinet colleagues, members of the Provincial Parliaments, Heads of Department, and all the staff of the Department of Economic Development and Tourism; good afternoon.

The Department of Economic Development and Tourism in the province is working to develop a vibrant and sustainable economy in which there exists employment and equitable opportunities for all.

The recent drought has demonstrated the need for resilience in our economy, and we must build an economy that can withstand the knocks of climate change and other stresses, such as load shedding.

We thank those businesses across the sectors who worked with us during the drought crisis, reducing their water consumption, investing in alternative water sources, and encouraging others to do the same.

Despite the drought having a real impact on many of our major industries such as tourism, construction, agri-processing and agriculture, I am pleased to report that the province has been able to maintain its position as having the lowest expanded unemployment rate in the country.

The PREMIER: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Data for the third quarter of 2018 shows that unemployment in the province declined from 20,7% to 20,4% quarter on quarter. More importantly, unemployment has declined by 1,5 percentage points year on year, from 21,9% at this time last year, to its current 20,4%. This is far lower than the national unemployment rate of 27,5%, which saw an increase of 0,3 percentage points since last quarter.

The Department's budgetary allocation has decreased by R4,520 million from R433,462 million to R428,942 million. Despite our allocation being smaller, we are committed to doing more with less.

The Department has surrendered R5,847 million for compensation of employees to the Provincial Revenue Fund, while a further R2,939 million will be shifted to the 2019 / 2020 financial year for the implementation of strategic projects.

Within the monitoring and evaluation unit, R1,1 million will be shifted to conduct an evaluation of one of our skills development projects, and this project, the Software Development at School programme, was introduced in 2014 / 2015 in partnership with Oracle, has shown excellent success thus far. Young people are trained at school in Java programming and have been found to be employable as junior programmers, improving their work readiness and

value to the industry. A study of the project will allow us to look at ways to improve and expand on it.

This programme ties into the Department's commitment towards increasing digital skills as it positions itself as a global tech hub.

Youth unemployment is at its crisis levels in South Africa and as we work towards growing the economy and creating jobs in the Western Cape, we must focus our attention on ensuring young people and SMMEs benefit from opportunities for support and skills development.

For this reason, R100,000 has been shifted to Vote 5: Education for the implementation of the Apprenticeship Game-Changer career awareness competition, which will be conducted via the e-Learning Game-Changer.

A further R550,000 will go to the Department of Education for the implementation of the Mathematics Educator Development programme, as we know that Math skills are vitally important as we embrace the careers of the Fourth Industrial Revolution.

Mr Deputy Speaker, SMMEs play a vital role in building our economy and can help us solve the unemployment problem, provided they are given the support needed to grow. Increased funding of R1,9 million will be utilised to support SMMEs with access to finance through the Western Cape SMME Loan Fund, administered by Casidra.

This fund assists businesses with short-term contract funding which allows them to deliver on contracts, purchase orders and service level agreements. This funding acts as a bridge, loaning small businesses the capital that they need in order to get the contracts that will help their businesses grow. Qualifying businesses receive the loan at a zero percent interest rate.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order, order. Just one second, Minister Schäfer. Please proceed.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: The Department has also received R500,000 from the Provincial Treasury for initiatives aimed at generating SMME revenue and driving municipal economic growth. The initiative will develop two township business parks for SMMEs in Mossel Bay. The Department will contribute a further R250,000 to ensure that formal and informal township SMMEs are stimulated to contribute to employment and poverty reduction. I thank you.
[Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The hon member Simmers.

Mnr T A SIMMERS: Mr Deputy Speaker, Minister Schäfer, it is now a known fact that South Africa has entered into a technical recession. The implications thereof are adverse for both our provincial and national economic and fiscal outlook.

The response of the Western Cape Government to the technical recession and increase in service demands is articulated in the provincial fiscal strategy.

Sufficient implementing of our fiscus strategy will inspire confidence in both the investor community and the citizens of the province, and thereby unlocking and driving growth opportunity and jobs as our Minister has alluded just before me.

Ms P MAKELENI: I like that new [Inaudible.].

Mr T A SIMMERS: Mr Deputy Speaker, the role that SMMEs will play in unlocking and driving growth opportunities and jobs in our province and country, cannot be understated, and to supplement what our Minister has just said: a further R500,000 will be shifted to Programme 2 as well, and will be utilised for the implementation of SMME initiatives in support of revenue generation and municipal economic growth, for the development initiatives in municipalities in support of municipal and community sustainability.

Mr Deputy Speaker, by assisting our SMMEs on their path to unlocking opportunities, it will not only drive growth ... [Interjections.]

Ms P MAKELENI: I am listening to you now.

Mnr T A SIMMERS: ... but also create much needed jobs to further lower our province's unemployment rate. The Provincial Government, through the

Department of Economic Development and Tourism shows that its continued commitment to ensuring a better life for all citizens across our province, and that the DA Government of today is the government of the future to ensure it continues. I thank you.

†Mr D JOSEPH: Hoor-hoor! [Applous.]

[Mr D JOSEPH: Hear-hear! [Applause.]]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member. Hon member Nkondlo.

Mr P UYS: Show them, show them how.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Now we can listen to [Inaudible.].

Mr P UYS: Now she will show you.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Just keep quiet and listen.

Ms N D NKONDLO: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You have said nothing, both of you.

Ms N D NKONDLO: Greetings to hon member Schäfer, MEC. You know, it is good to address you sitting on the other side now.

Anyway, Mr Deputy Speaker, I think in as far as the Adjustment Budget is concerned: first I think let us acknowledge, you are speaking today during the time of the 16 Days of Activism as part of the calendar in our country, and I think it is still a shame that we see and observe continued abuse of children and women in our society. I would like to take the opportunity to ask the DA to actually stand **with** the victim, a 13-year old that has been raped and impregnated by Mr **Fikile Nxewu**, who is a DA member and a City official in Sub-council 14.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Shame.

Ms N D NKONDLO: As we engage in this debate, one of the things that one observes in these conversations that are very important is grandeur and self-anointing stature, sometimes from both the Minister of Finance and also other members. [Interjections.] Which brings to this House the theatrics of flagging books from news rooms, the Zondo Commission and all the basic things, as a basis of vitriolic and long diatribe pretext as budget speech.

This House is reduced into a Mr Bean show where downright mediocrity is the centre of an important act of Government to discuss allocation of fiscal resources to effect the desired change in the interest of the public.

It is important to ensure that the task of this Parliament is not reduced to sweetheart talk shows, and as we do that we must acknowledge the Provincial Treasury presented here a significant allocation that this Department will be

leading, or also involved with other departments, in driving; such as the R456 million in economic development and job creation; the R31,6 billion over the next three years for growth and jobs; R86 billion to youth and improving learner outcomes and infrastructure investment of R29,5 billion.

Given all of these adjustments, surely we should consider at this current point the performance reporting of this Department as part of its delivery indicators for the future.

R4,5 million is adjusted through **virements**, shifts and other adjustments, bringing down the Main Appropriation from R433 million to R428 million, with only 35,9% actual spend on its budget by the reporting time, and 1% below Western Cape Government average performance of 78%.

This adjustment period also has seen a decrease of R8 million in the following programmes: Administration by 5,9; Trade and Sector Development 1,1; Business Regulation Governance 1,1; and Economic Planning.

The money surrendered from Compensation of Employees is noted. Whilst the excuse is becoming a trend of late filling of posts ... [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is it!

Ms N D NKONDLO: ... is it because this DA Government would argue it is looking for competent white cats as no transformation has produced ...

[Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Yes, fit for purpose ... [Interjections.]

Ms N D NKONDLO: ... competent black cats to fill the requirements of the palace of the master.

This situation further brings to the fore the situation of job creation in this province where at every moment this Government prides itself on being the main contributor of jobs in the country.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Hear, hear!

Ms N D NKONDLO: The question we ask: where and for whom did these jobs benefit? †Sifuna Ukwazi. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: No jobs.

Ms N D NKONDLO: We need a disaggregated data, geography, the gender and the age profile of these jobs.

Minister Meyer in his speech says, I quote from the Blue Book:

“Getting citizens into jobs is our number one objective.”

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Ms N D NKONDLO: Surely, in the name of evidence, **base** policy making, hon Premier, and analysis. We cannot just be fed and be satisfied with general statements, worse for citizen impact. This Government should have been the first to go beyond the comfort of aggregate data from Stats SA. This they had to do to give honour to their word of being the best province with opportunities as such opportunities, if not quantified, they remain just opportunities; a pie in the sky where no one, especially those desperately in need of such jobs, can touch and feel them.

Dylan Matthews, in writing against the concept of equal opportunity, decries that equal opportunity is nearly impossible to measure. Actually it is a morass of conceptual confusion. It takes our eyes off the prize. In this case the prize is a job. It perpetuates the logic that lets actual inequality fester.

So who is the name of this citizen this Government claims have secured a job for? Which area from the length and breadth of this province are they found? What is their race profile? What is their gender profile? What is their age profile? Given the focus of youth unemployment. Remember, youth being a defined feature ... [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Answer those questions.

Ms N D NKONDLO: ... and thus it is measurable.

The Municipal Economic Review Outlook 2018 tells us, Minister, and provides the data that shows, that unemployment in Cape Metro is sitting at 21,1% in 2017 and has been growing upwards since 2013 from 15,7%.

They further provide the geographic of this unemployment as highest being in Khayelitsha, Mitchells Plain at 31%, Cape Flats at 24,2% and Tygerberg at 18,3%.

In the same report we are told of Central Karoo District unemployment that is even higher than the province, at 24%, and has been increasing since 2013.

An HON MEMBER: And Willem is agreeing.

Ms N D NKONDLO: In the West Coast District where there is huge infrastructure development through capital projects in Saldanha, unemployment is sitting at 10,4% in Saldanha, from 8,6 in 2013; in Matzikama it is sitting currently at 11,8% from 10,3% in 2013.

Ms P Z LEKKER: So it is going up.

Ms N D NKONDLO: This confirms why people in Saldanha take to the streets show their frustration at an elite driven economic development and

growth that does not benefit the citizens of that local economy, but a few high-end wealthy and privileged.

Interestingly the Minister of Finance, even in his tail-end of this administration, confirms this Department has failed its own commitment regarding skilling the people of Saldanha to take up the opportunities, and indeed the opportunity remains, but the outcome of the locals to taste and touch the opportunity remains a mirage.

In his speech Minister of Finance in this House also said:

“Limitation in Saldanha Bay exists, namely the skills and services that are necessary for these sectors which are not readily available in the local region.”

†Kanti sphi? where is the delivery of the skills Game-Changer?
[Interjections.] I am sure it remains a ghost yet to be seen like Day Zero.

Mr Deputy Speaker, why at pains trying to find inspiration from this adjustment, not only in words but from feedback of changing circumstances of our citizens that placed their confidence in us through a vote as the Speaker prays, as we start in this House:

“God help us to make laws that are just and represent the interest of our people.”

We are here to find how we are expected to support this Vote when the cries of these citizens remain a figment of imagination of this Department. We remain at pains as the ANC in this Standing Committee, pleading with this Department to provide us a plan of responding and helping in a deliberate way a plan of boosting local economies in townships, small and rural towns; such remains an illusion, as this term ends at a point where this Department is still trying to figure out what informal or township economy and its conceptual definitions are. Talk about illusion of modernity. Anton [Inaudible.] cautioned us on his writings as a myriad and volumes of studies on this subject abound.

Actually a case study of other provinces, like in Gauteng, that have been claimed by members in this House of how the likes of Maponya Mall have reshaped the economy of Soweto. Such was a direct intervention of their township revitalisation in township economy strategy [Interjections.]. This cannot be prayed, it cannot be prayed about Minister. We await the conclusion of this academic exercise by this Department, as this administration exits, and surely, little or no deliberate programmes have been implemented in its term, to support businesses from these special communities, and integrate them in their trade promotion and investment plans.

Whilst we welcome the R1,9 million moved from Programme 2 to the SMME **Loan Fund** to be administered by Casidra, we raise the concern of who are these SMMEs given Casidra's mandate that is mainly within the

agricultural sector.

Most worrying is how one sector in both the APP of Casidra and one of Programme 2 Integrated Economic Development Services, no sector gets specified on dispensing these number of loans to these number of SMMEs. A serious planning limitation, as once again outcomes are linked to inputs and outputs that are measured with appropriate resources.

Also we hope this transaction will be done within a proper classification, given the impasse of principal agent issues still to be resolved through litigation by the Department of Agriculture.

The savings from 6,2 of R2 million under Tourism Growth and Development could have been better utilised to invest more on improving tourism environment, especially in small towns and the townships, given the upcoming Festive Season and the period after †Umkhovu, Day Zero.
[Interjections.]

If this Parliament was not toothless, given that it does not have any tool to amend money bills ... [Interjections.]

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

Ms N D NKONDLO: ... and is reduced to mere cheerleaders for the

Executive, we would ask that the Department is directed to find money to develop the capacity to disaggregate the data for better and more directed policy implementation. I thank you.

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

†^cn AGBARE LID: Hoor-hoor! [Applous.]

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

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: In the absence of the ACDP and the EFF, I see the Minister to reply.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I think just ... [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Ja, it is a difficult task to respond to that.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ... thank you to hon member Simmers, but to hon member Nkondlo I would just like to respond about her acknowledgement of 16 Days of Activism, and I really think, hon member Nkondlo, that we must recognise the importance of women having economic opportunities, because then they have choices, and so from an economic perspective I would like to see that more and more women have exposure to be enabled to play into the economic space, to have the choices in order to live the lives that they want.

So here is my commitment to that. [Interjections.]

But let us go back to the budget ... [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Stay there! Stay there!

An HON MEMBER: Where in the budget?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Let us go back to the Budget. I think though, hon member Nkondlo, you are being a little disingenuous about the general state of the South African economy ... [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Okay?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ... because it does have an impact on the Western Cape, and so while we are still doing okay we really have ... [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You keep quiet, you [Inaudible.] there.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ... a slow growth ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ... economic space ... Ja, but the point of the matter is that there is still huge unemployment which we must recognise, both in the province and in South Africa, and with such a low economic growth the rate at which we are creating jobs is slow, and we must also say that. [Interjections.]

But let us take it to the Saldanha Bay IDZ. We have just signed, I think it is the seventh contract at the moment. This phase, although we are training our people and they have gone and got their training and they are still sitting at home, we are still in the beginning stages of the IDZ, and I would really like you to be able to imagine in five years' time how the IDZ is going to look, and the town of Saldanha, because ... [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Do not worry, we will be there.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ... in 10 years' time ... [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: We will be there.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ... the town of Saldanha will no longer be a town.

An HON MEMBER: You will be [Inaudible.].

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: It will be a city and the benefits of the IDZ on the city and the people living there will be massive.

So we are in the beginning stages of that development of that city, and I really would think that this will be major legacy intervention by National, Provincial and Local Government, where we will see the fruits of Saldanha Bay IDZ on the people on the West Coast. And that is just a matter of time.

And then I think let us really talk about the township economy, because yes, Stats SA does not differentiate according to demographics *per se* and trying to find out what the actual employment numbers are in townships, but I think firstly we must understand that jobs are spatially fluid.

So in – most people do not work where they live and they commute from where they reside to where they are employed. That is a general trend, but we obviously we would love to see far more economic activity happening in townships.

So at the moment there are general residential areas, as you can see people move out for the whole day and come back in the evening, but I think important is to understand that of the 24,000 jobs in Quarter 2 of 2017, Quarter 2 of 2018, created in the informal sector in the Western Cape, a significant portion of those jobs were created amongst individuals that reside in townships, because if you look at the kinds of jobs – there were 77,000

jobs that were created - the sectors that had the most absorption were in the unskilled and semi-skilled workers space.

So sectors such as agriculture, mining, construction, trade and private households. So we are assuming that in those sectors where we find people that are, perhaps do not have skills, those are being absorbed into those sectors.

So they hold 93% of the 77,000 jobs that were created, particularly that would have impact on people that were commuting from townships into areas of business, because they directly spoke to informal sector, unskilled and semi-skilled.

Yes, I absolutely agree. We have a project or a focus area going forward in terms of looking more at townships' economy; trying to stimulate the economy, but once again, as my predecessor always used to say, you cannot go as we have seen the failure of the Agri-Parks. We cannot go in and create ... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: They are closed.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ... a clinical economy in a space. We know at the very far ends of our province it is very difficult to create economy there. We have to take the jobs; the jobs are where the businesses are happening, and very often they

can happen in areas far away from people, where people are living.

The economy has to be stimulated by us, but then it needs to be grown by the private sector.

So we must remember that even though we push jobs into the regional spaces of the province, it does not mean to say that we will create vibrant economies in those places, unless we help to stimulate the economy [Interjections.].

Ms N D NKONDLO: In rural areas there is a rural economy. People do not have to move anywhere. Actually people move from the city ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Anyway, so noted. But I hear your hon member Nkondlo, I note it, but I hear you. I really ... Ja. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You may continue.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Mr Deputy Speaker, I would just really like to thank the Head of Department for DEDAT, Mr Solly Fourie and his entire team sitting over there and all those that are not here this afternoon, the work they have put in,

to ensure that this Department is still able to deliver on its mandate to grow the economy and to create jobs in the Western Cape.

To the Chair, hon member Simmers and the members of the Standing Committee, I really would like to thank you for your oversight, and to my office and everything that they do for me, a big thank you. [Applause.]

[Debate concluded.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. That concludes the debate on this Vote. We will suspend business for a few minutes and then restart with the last Order of the Day. The House is suspended.

[Business of the House was suspended at 15:50 and resumed at 15:54]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please take your seats.

The Secretary will read the seventh Order.

The SECRETARY: Debate on Vote 2 – Provincial Parliament – *Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill* [B 6 – 2018].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see the Speaker, Speaker Fernandez.

The SPEAKER: Mr Deputy Speaker, hon Premier, Cabinet Ministers, hon

members, thank you for the opportunity to present the Western Cape Provincial Parliament Adjustments Estimate for the 2018/2019 financial year.

The Western Cape Provincial Parliament's Adjustment Budget remains at R143,874 million as no additional funding was requested.

The rollover from the 2017/2018 Budget will be appropriated over the MTEF period. However, there are shifts between programmes and within programmes. An amount of R633,000 has been shifted from Programme 1 to Programme 3 to cover performance bonuses of staff that have been budgeted for under Programme 1, and after the award thereof shifted to Programme 3; as well as the increased interpretation and translation costs and travel costs.

There were also shifts within programmes to cover *inter alia* spending on projects such as the completion of the functional enhancement and enterprise resource planning.

Funds were allocated to cover IT related expenditure. In its effort to modernise its IT infrastructure, funds have been allocated for the recabling of network. This work is nearing completion.

Additionally funds have also been allocated for the acquisition of network switches, server, laptop refresh, as well as software license costs. During the remainder of the year the Western Cape Provincial Parliament will also replace its ageing Wi-Fi infrastructure. Provision has been made for the

replacement of furniture in the members' lounge and in the community sections.

Lastly, provision has also been made to cover additional Auditor-General costs, the costs relating to the actuarial valuation and the valuation of assets for the annual financial statements.

Mr Deputy Speaker, as I conclude, I wish to thank the members and the Secretary and his team for all their support during this year. I thank you.

[Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The hon member Wiley.

Mr M G E WILEY: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. As you have heard from the Speaker, this is the only Department that is not getting any benefit out of this budget, however there are some internal shifts, one of which is the ERP, which is the Enterprise Resource Planning – ratings of staff and there is a need for some changes. It has created some confusion and tension, which is unfortunately being exploited by the ANC and ANC cadres within this administration, which is problematic because at the end of the day they have to deliver a service for the members to be able to function as the third pillar or the *Tres Politico*.

So, we have to have stability, but the collapse of the ANC is shown most greatly at NCOP level and that is important that we take that into account

because as part of the ERP with regard to staffing and where we desperately need a better management, is in our NCOP liaison and legal support with regard to the dysfunctionality that we see in the NCOP. And nothing is greater amplified than with the Community Property Association Bill, which had its final mandate heard yesterday in the NCOP, while we were still meant to be negotiating our final mandate today in this Legislature, because they are chopping and changing programmes and their absolute inability to answer correspondence, which is sent to the NCOP. [Interjections.]

There is some money that has been set aside for IT support and this remains a bit of a worry in that we still have continual lapses in spam prevention. Many of us in this room here are still receiving spam of a fairly hostile nature and yet, for some or other reason, it is not able to be blocked and we do need to look at that urgently because some type of spam can do a lot of damage to the whole system.

This morning for instance we experienced that some of the microphones in the auditorium are not working, and yet we have expended a tremendous amount of money on the upgrading of the auditorium in recent times and it is not all that frequently used.

I am sorry to say that if any of our members from the fifth floor were late for this sitting today, it is because the bells on the fifth floor, summoning us to Parliament, do not work and it is those sort of small management things that we do need to have a look at. We had a good meeting with Public Works

with regard to the dysfunctionality of the fire systems in this building and I am sure that my colleague on the other side, who likes to talk about that, will expand on that a little bit later on in this debate. [Interjections.]

Some of this money is going to go towards travel costs of members and also staff, I presume. This is as a direct result of the collapse of the Rand, which unfortunately is completely out of our hands. It is in the direct hands of the National Government as they have managed to collapse virtually every single thing that they have touched and now we are having to pay a lot more money in order to be able to get the benefit of overseas travel, in order to learn.

But it does beg the question, Mr Deputy Speaker, and that is the relevance of some of the trips that we do overseas. For instance, I must seriously question: we are a member of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association and yet, when we go to the Commonwealth Parliamentary Associations, we take a skeleton team, because we adhere to the presidential insistence to cut our budgets and things of that nature, but we find ourselves completely outnumbered and flooded by the other ANC Legislatures from around the country.

Now, for people that have rejected the Commonwealth and imperialism and colonialism in its entirety, what on earth are they doing there?!

Mr D JOSEPH: Yes!

An HON MEMBER: They are Communist.

An HON MEMBER: Schizophrenics.

Mr M G E WILEY: And their *per diem* is twice, if not three times what our *per diem* is per day when they go there. [Interjections.] How on earth they explain it to the Auditor-General, Lord alone knows. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: They have a shopping list!

Mr M G E WILEY: We are spending some money in this part appropriation on printing. When we asked, what the printing is for, the Speaker told us, it is because we are participating in the Legacy Project on the other side. In other words, after five years now, the ANC have decided they want to have a massive national jamboree of all the Legislatures and we have to depict in photographs and pictograms and all that sort of stuff, in glossy brochures, what we have done for five years.

Now that is our single contribution. It is not a lot of money, but the fact of the matter is while we sit here, Mr Deputy Speaker, the Legacy Project has been done for the last two days in the Speaker's forum on the other side there. The cost expenditure to get the nine Legislatures to come down to Cape Town, while we are sitting while we are sitting here, doing our parliamentary work, must be astronomical.

Not only that, but for the whole week there is an orgy of legislative sports events. When I went to go and do my tax at the SARS unit the other day – last week - ten days ago, all the people, the parliamentary staff were talking about in the lift is, what they are going to be doing in the parliamentary sports week! What about passing legislation?! We have got more legislation sitting at a train load ... [Interjections.] that they are wanting to pass, and they cannot pass it! [Interjections.]

All the meetings, the NCOP are being postponed because they cannot get quorums. We cannot get a through-put of legislation because of the waste of money. So I must seriously question, Madam Speaker, next time they want to have something like this, we must seriously consider spending any money. We do maybe just a small brochure for ourselves, but not for their consumption. It is wasted money. [Interjections.]

Then there has being some money spent on members' facilities, the upgrades with regard to certain rooms. And, I just want to touch on this, because I did raise it in our POC meeting when we did the vote to part appropriation and that is very important. There is some lack of clarity with regards to what the Rules Committee is meant to be doing and what the POC is meant to be doing. The Parliamentary Oversight Committee. Because, some things have been decided on our behalf as members and it has not been clarified, either in the Rules Committee or the Parliamentary Oversight Committee.

In previous Parliaments there was a committee called the Aesthetics

Committee and my predecessor sat in the Aesthetics Committee together with the Chief Whip from the other side and a couple of other members and anything that related to members' benefits or members' improvements had to be discussed with the members. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: And it worked!

Mr M G E WILEY: It cannot be discussed anywhere else other than with the members. So, I would ask, Madam Speaker, that that does get looked at in the future. One of which is in this budget – there is some expenditure of money with regard to equipment for the Sixth Parliament. That is the next Parliament starting probably the middle of May.

Well, I think it is really important that, as part of the feedback, a survey is done of the current members to find out what is the most suitable equipment to equip those people the next time round, because I can tell you now that some people still have, and the point was made jokingly, that some people still have pieces of equipment sitting in their desks that have not even been opened. [Interjections.] The boxes have not been opened, because with the improvements in IT Technology, all of a sudden now, we can get messaging on our cell phones. We do not need to have laptops and things of that nature. We can get it. So buying these “nice to have’s” needs some review and these things are very expensive. [Interjections.]

Then I just wanted to touch on the other aspect with regard to members

because, before we spend money on members, we do need to have a strong look at ourselves. The revision of the Rules of the House are being completed and hopefully by the time we are finished the session, the House will have approved some amendments to the Rules but we are going to have to brush up on the accountability of the members.

The fact that the ACDP has got so much to say in this House these days and the EFF, that has nothing to say in the House these days, are completely absent, is absolutely unacceptable! [Interjections.] These people are getting paid the same amount of money as everybody else, which is a hell of a lot of taxpayers' money and they have got to be held accountable!

An HON MEMBER: Tell †“hulle”. [them.]

Mr M G E WILEY: And I am saying this now in public because I know this is going out there because I want the ACDP supporters and the EFF supporters to know that their members seldom, if ever, come to the House and when they do come to the House, they talk a lot of nonsense!

An HON MEMBER: No work, no pay.

Mr M G E WILEY: Yes, no work, no pay. [Interjections.] And then finally, I want to raise something, Mr Deputy Speaker, that came to our attention the other day ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order.

Mr M G E WILEY: ...when we did the annual reports. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr M G E WILEY: When we did the annual reports. [Interjections.] And that is that there is a creditors' list of members in this House. It is quite a significant debt that is owed to Parliament.

An HON MEMBER: Yoh!

Mr M G E WILEY: It transpires that up until about three years ago, if there was fruitless and wasteful expenditure, for instance, you said you were going on a study tour and you did not pitch. Like so many of them, like hon member Dugmore ... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Hu-uh!

Mr M G E WILEY: ...is absent here. He is often absent! He puts himself down on a study tour and he goes but then he does not go to the sessions. Now that is fruitless and wasteful expenditure. [Interjections.] Or they book a plane trip and they do not go. It is fruitless and wasteful expenditure. Or they lose their computer and there are some members in this House that have lost multiple computers! [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Yoh!

Mr M G E WILEY: Now, in the past ... [Interjections.] Parliament could claim that money back by taking it off a person's pay. You could take it off their pay. Now you cannot do that anymore. And now Parliament has been trying to softly-softly negotiate with these people for them to pay. Now some of these debts are outstanding for three years and they run to tens of thousands of rands. [Interjections.] And 99% of that debt is sitting on the other side of the House there! [Interjections.]

People that have got so much to say about this Parliament and the ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr M G E WILEY: ...accountability to the taxpayer. Well, we have requested ... [Interjection.] The POC has requested ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order. Just one second. Hon Lekker, are you standing to get the attention of the Chair? Order. Is that a point of order or a question?

Ms P Z LEKKER: It is, Mr Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: It is what?

Ms P Z LEKKER: It is a point of order. [Interjections.] Mr Deputy Speaker, ay-ay-ay! [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Please proceed. I want to hear the point of order.

Ms P Z LEKKER: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I sense a level of frustration from member Wiley, but I would like to ask whether it is ... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: What? On the next floor? [Interjections.]

Ms P Z LEKKER: If you open your ears you will hear what I am talking about.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order.

Ms P Z LEKKER: Hold your horses!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Ms P Z LEKKER: Hold your horses.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Lekker, I want you to put the point of order that I can hear.

Ms P Z LEKKER: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I would like to get an understanding and a ruling from you, whether it is parliamentary for member Wiley to refer to members on this side as “these people”.

An HON MEMBER: We are not “these people”. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. [Interjections.] Order. That really is not a serious point of order. They are hon members, Mr Wiley, hon members if you refer to the other side.

An HON MEMBER: These people are hon members!

Mr M G E WILEY: I would like to thank the hon member for the psychological counselling towards my frustration levels and ...
[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr M G E WILEY: I presume that her service was *pro bono* today. I want to just conclude, Mr Deputy Speaker, and that is that the POC has asked for a list of those creditors.

An HON MEMBER: Good!

Mr M G E WILEY: And when we get it, and if those people have not

responded to repeated requests to pay Parliament its due share for its fruitless and wasteful expenditure, it will be sent to the Conduct Committee. [Interjections.] Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member. [Interjections.] Order. The hon member Uys.

An HON MEMBER: You owe the state money for tax.

An HON MEMBER: Chief Whip for President!

†‘n AGBARE LID: Ag nee!

[An HON MEMBER: Oh, no!]

Mr P UYS: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. In the 2018/19 Adjustment Budget we see again a substantial underspending. R5,56 million will be unspent on the non-filling of fully funded vacant positions with an impact on the legislative performance and the functions and well-being of the staff.

In the Adjustments you made provision for an additional amount of R186 000 for printing and publications and hon Wiley also referred to that. As said, it will be used for compiling a Provincial Legislature legacy document. We even asked you, who will do it? You said, it will be done in-house, and it is not incorrect what hon Wiley has said. This was not the information you tendered in your budget documentation. How will this money be utilised?

Who will compile and sign off on this document of the Western Cape? Will it be one-sided, Madam Speaker, or balanced, reflecting how open debate, accountability, oversight and public participation was closed down, the Executive protected at all costs and the biased and preferential treatment of the DA?

There is no active public participation process in the Legislature and please do not try and portray this as the advertising of public hearings in newspapers as public participation. We know at some of the hearings there were zero people from the public.

Madam Speaker, you conceded the weakness of public participation and related functions of the Legislature and announced in this budget vote in March, that the Legislature will undertake a baseline study, focusing on public participation and the collection of data on public involvement, public awareness, understanding of parliamentary processes and opportunities to access and participate in these processes.

As from 1 April this year, the legislative sector's support funding of R400 000 for this urgent – and we all agreed to that – and critical work, was budgeted for. Up to today, 10 months later, Mr Deputy Speaker, Madam Speaker, no progress, no study, no terms of reference. A significant announcement you made in March, Madam Speaker, but no action, no leadership, no implementation. The only action we can see is that in the Adjustment Budgets now, that R531 000 – half a million, is taken away from

public education and outreach in this adjusted budget.

But furthermore, Mr Deputy Speaker, we all received an invite from the Speaker to attend a 365 Days of No Violence against Women and Children. We see that is in Athlone, in her constituency, but she is using public education and outreach money for that and that is very strange that the Speaker is using money that must be utilised in a different, more effective way.

In 2017, Madam Speaker, you announced that you will embark on the functional enhancement process and you referred to that, which will conclude in March 2018. You missed that target, and the main aim was to exercise and improve the effectiveness of the processes within this entire operation.

You have appointed a company PriceWaterhouseCoopers, to the amount of R1,5 million. Now, in this Adjusted Budget, Mr Deputy Speaker, the Speaker is asking for an additional amount of R302 000 for this functional enhancement that was not budgeted properly for.

The final report of the PWC observed a lack of trust in the organisation and it is good to read that, that the performance goals within public education and outreach are not quality driven. Performance evidence is not applied, and staff do not feel motivated and valued.

The terms of reference of PWC did not make mention of the challenges as

mentioned in the Fakira Report that I again referred to in March of this year and you are very well aware of that, where you said you will make R34 million available or try and find it.

In the final report PWC proposes that the current Committee staff – and this is their proposal, that you paid R1,5 million for – must be reduced from 20 to 6. Plenary staff reduced from 3 to 1. Public Education and Outreach staff, from 6 to 2. And the Finance staff from 7 to 3. How absurd. These are the staff that must be increased and definitely not reduced.

Madam Speaker, there was one fault really lining this. You clearly did not explain the nature of the work of the Western Cape Legislature to PWC when they engaged in this. Then, out of the blue, Mr Deputy Speaker, the Speaker, on 12 November this year, did a 180 degree turn and decided on her own organisational structure, not aligned to the R1,5 million PWC report. So, where? By who? And in consultation with whom was this structure developed, leaving the R1,5 million PWC report as wasteful and fruitless expenditure.

Madam Speaker, you have decided on your own and in this structure on four new director positions, without any explanation or motivation. The operational staff must be increased, not a new layer of managers that must be added.

Madam Speaker, how will your organogram support and enhance the

effectiveness, efficiency, oversight, law-making and public participation? Now, a few months before the end of your term, you are imposing the appointing of a Secretary to the Legislature and that is before the election, you want to do that, and four new positions of directors with no implementation plan in place, that is underpinned by transparent recruitment and selection process or a remuneration structure that is within the financial packaging – you know, you must stay within that financial package.

I believe the haste to implement this is cause to believe that it is a desperate attempt to buy patronage and appoint nepotistic candidates into senior positions, all before the upcoming election. [Interjections.] Let me also refer, Mr Deputy Speaker, to one or two other issues before I move on to another issue.

The mics in the auditorium was never working. Why was it realised? It was realised only for one reason today, because the DA caucus met in the auditorium today. That is the only reason! [Interjections.] That is the only reason! Maybe that is the only good reason as well, why they were here. At least you could identify that it is not working.

Then hon Wiley was also blaming the NCOP for this legislation, the CPA legislation and the problems around that, but the hon Wiley knows very clearly, it was reported to us that the e-mails from NCOP got stuck in the computer on this side. You know that. [Interjections.] And not stuck once, stuck twice! You even questioned the officials and say but how can an e-

mail get stuck? How can an e-mail get stuck? We want an investigation.
[Interjections.] That you did not mention.

So, I think, the first thing that must happen is, first look at what is happening in this Provincial Legislature before you just start going out to the NCOP and blaming the NCOP. That communication was sent. That communication was received here. That communication was not opened. It was not responded to. That was the reason why we have the dilemma with this happening here.

Mr Deputy Speaker, let me go to another point that hon Wiley touched on and I think I must refer to that, the professional traveller, our Speaker, here. You are again proposing more money for travel, Madam Speaker.

We all agree that she is a professional traveller. I mean, you can just count, she travels more than the Premier, more than any of the other MEC's. We can even add them up and the Speaker will be more than all of those. In the Main Budget R8,38 million was put aside for travelling, Mr Deputy Speaker.

Now, in the Adjustment Budget, Madam Speaker, you are proposing an additional amount of R943 000. A million rand, be allocated for travelling. I am sure that this is one of the aspects of your stay here that you will deeply, deeply miss and maybe you can tell us if there are any others. Unfortunately, the House will only discuss this annual report when you are not in this position anymore.

An HON MEMBER: Yoh!

Mr P UYS: Mr Deputy Speaker, let me also thank the staff, extend my gratitude and say thank you for your friendliness. Thank you for your hard work. I think they really sacrificed a lot this year and thank you for that. Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Again, in the absence of the two smaller parties, I see the Speaker for a reply.

The SPEAKER: Mr Deputy Speaker, I wish to thank the hon members for participating in the debate of the Adjustment Estimate of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament.

Mr Deputy Speaker, it is completely disingenuous of the hon Uys to pretend that he does not understand the background to all of the issues that he has raised. Just last week on 23 November, the POC was briefed on all of these matters. So if this is not grandstanding or cheap politicking ... [Interjection.]

Mr P UYS: That is not ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: ... I do not know. Let me give an example in point. In the POC the hon Uys asked for a list of members who owe Parliament money and I need to talk to this, because the Chief Whip has also raised that. I can confirm that there has been consultation with all parties and hon members. I

would like to thank the members who had responded, paid the debt and provided significant reasons to allow condonation. Sadly, some hon members up until today, have not displayed the courtesy of even responding to correspondence.

†Mnr D JOSEPH: Aitsa!

[Mr D JOSEPH: I say!]

The SPEAKER: This is blatant disrespect for the very institution which these hon members are part of.

An HON MEMBER: Yoh!

The SPEAKER: Recently the institution has had to add a mechanism of determining debt owing by default and will have to consider reporting the matter to the State Attorney, if in need. Regarding the subject of money owed to Parliament, many in the ANC know about the cover-ups and the blatant abuse of taxpayers' money.

An HON MEMBER: Yoh!

The SPEAKER: But instead of doing the honourable thing and calling out abuse, maladministration and fraud within this province, the ANC would rather protect their jackets than confront the real issues, which in my view lacks integrity and is completely unethical. We all swore an oath, which

amongst others requires us as hon members to report abuse, especially if, and I quote “it is only the tip of the iceberg”.

An HON MEMBER: Yoh!

The SPEAKER: Mr Deputy Speaker, the functional enhancement – the service provider has completed the study in respect of the functional enhancement project and after an extensive consultation process, WCPP has approved a new organisational structure, together with the additional posts. In this regard I can report that we have commenced with the recruitment process, as the hon Uys indeed said.

However, I do want to talk to the fact that the hon Uys appeals R1,5 million as being fruitless and wasteful. If I were to implement that report to the full extent and had to reduce staff, what would he say then? So, he knows, that we agreed with PWC that we would not accept that report as a full and final report, but as a recommendation. So, hon member Uys, please do not mislead this House.

The job adverts have been posted and I do want to, as much as the hon Uys, who is a seasoned politician, knows all the Rules, refer him to the Western Cape law on the Powers and Privileges of the Provincial Legislature Act. Chapter 3(a), 16(b). And I quote:

“The appointment of staff and fixing remuneration:

1. The Speaker shall appoint a Secretary and such other offices as may be necessary ... [Interjection.]

Mr P UYS: Months before the election.

The SPEAKER:

“...for the discharge of the work of the Provincial Legislature.”

In the interest of good governance and transparency in this regard, we entered into a process of consultation. However, I must caution that whilst oversight is encouraged, it cannot be allowed to interfere with the day to day administration.

Now, the hon member Uys in March asked me, “Speaker, when are you coming with this functional enhancement?” So, now the functional enhancement has arrived and now the hon Uys is asking me to fold my arms, sit back for the next six months and wait for an election.

It would be remiss of me in my duties, Mr Deputy Speaker, and we will continue with this programme with or without his support. However, for all the members in this House, I must state for the record that there has been consultation. So, whatever has been projected and portrayed here, is not the entire truth.

In respect of Enterprise Resource Planning, the system is functional and yes, Chief Whip Wiley, there are challenges and teething problems which we are currently dealing with. I can also report that we have experienced problems with the service provider and that we have had to terminate their services. This matter is now being pursued by our legal unit in collaboration with the State Attorney. So it does seem as if we have a lot of work with the State Attorney.

Then, Mr Deputy Speaker, I need to talk to the fact that WCPP ...
[Interjection.]

Ms P MAKELENI: Why are you so quiet?

The SPEAKER: ... despite all the challenges – because I am an asthmatic, that is why. Maybe you could be a bit more tolerant. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

The SPEAKER: So, despite all the gloom and doom of the Fakira Report, hon Uys, this institution has had 12 years of clean audits. So, the 2015 report of Ms Fakira is history. It is dealt with. And by the way, Ms Fakira might be applying for another position, let me tell you, because she has contacted me personally. So, we are not so bad after all, if people actually want to come back.

Mr P UYS: We will see what next year brings.

The SPEAKER: Despite the mess, this institution is the best in this country, let me tell you that! [Interjections.]

Mr P UYS: That is what you say!

The SPEAKER: I attend a Speaker's Forum and let me tell you ... [Interjection.]

Mr P UYS: Subjective!

The SPEAKER: ...what happens in other provinces leaves a lot to be desired. [Interjections.]

Mr P UYS: Subjective!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

The SPEAKER: And as for your Legacy Summit ... [Interjections.] we were called to a very urgent Speakers' Forum meeting on Tuesday afternoon, at short notice [Interjections.] Let me tell you, the Deputy and I were there at quarter to four. At twenty to five the meeting started with ... [Interjection.]

Mr P UYS: And your e-mail got stuck!

The SPEAKER: ...with half your Speakers from other provinces in the House. In fact, yesterday I was in the Good Hope Chamber ... [Interjection.] for the Legacy Summit and guess what? Half the room was full and again – or, half the room was empty, depending on what your point of view is ... [Interjections.] So, it has been a jamboree and if you want to talk about wasting money you need to go across the way to see how they waste money there. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

The SPEAKER: Then, Mr Deputy Speaker ... [Interjections.] as you may know we attend a Speakers' Forum in the spirit of cooperation and the Speakers' Forum tabled two Bills and I need to deal with this, because the hon Uys raised it. And in a spirit of cooperation we comply with the program as set by National. So, sadly, despite funding being made available, they still have not worked out a framework and the Legacy Summit might be part of our province, but it will go into the National Legacy Report Coffee Book, which they intend printing. I made that very clear at the last time I spoke, hon Uys. So, please do not twist my words.

Mr P UYS: You said [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: Well, let me tell you about this Legislative Sector Bill. The Deputy and I have cautioned them that constitutionally they are on fragile ground. Well, guess what ... [Interjection.]

Mr P UYS: [Inaudible.] there on the table.

The SPEAKER: ... the urgent meeting I attended – no, you talked about the Legislative Sector Bill, hon Uys, so let me deal with it.

Mr P UYS: Not the Bill.

Ms P Z LEKKER: Can you address the Speaker, please? Thank you.
[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Mr Deputy Speaker, the Western Cape Provincial Parliament raised its objection regarding ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order.

The SPEAKER: You know, the hon members ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Madam Speaker, just one second.

The SPEAKER: Yes, you might need to break through ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Lekker, and your friends next to you, I must see who else is making noise there, but there is too much noise coming from that corner there. Allow the Speaker the opportunity to proceed.

An HON MEMBER: It is not me.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Madam Speaker, you may continue.

The SPEAKER: Mr Deputy Speaker, you know the Western Cape Provincial Parliament has raised its objection regarding the constitutionality of the proposed South African Legislative Sector Bill as it would have impacted on the autonomy of our Legislature.

Mr P UYS: That is National.

The SPEAKER: And then I attended the special Speakers' Forum on Tuesday only to be told that they have now dumped that legislation. So, I am happy to report that they will no longer proceed with the Bill in this term.
[Interjection.]

Mr P UYS: We said there is no Bill.

The SPEAKER: So all we have done is deliberated for five years and nothing of that five years has come to fruition. So, hon Uys must sweep in front of his own door.

Mr P UYS: We said there is no Bill.

The SPEAKER: There is no money at National. You need to see the catering

there. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Mr Deputy Speaker, I am concerned as the Speaker at the level of disrespect displayed in this House as a presiding officer and having visited, as I am the eternal traveller or whatever the hon Uys has said ... [Interjection.]

Mr P UYS: Professional traveller.

The SPEAKER: Professional traveller. But he forgets to tell this august House that all the other ANC colleagues are there. The Speaker, the Deputy Speaker, the Secretary and 15 handbag carriers in tow. [Interjections.] And let me tell you, whilst they are there ... [Interjections.]

Mr P UYS: They can carry your bags!

The SPEAKER: ... they disappear to go shopping. I carry my own bag, thank you very much!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

The SPEAKER: I do not need ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

The SPEAKER: We do not need a delegation to go with us to carry our bags and to go shopping, sadly. [Interjections.]

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

The SPEAKER: So, hon member Uys, if you talk about arrogance and bullying, we just need to look across the floor. The ANC have short memories. [Interjections.] What happened recently to both hon Botha and when they are in committees is blatant bullying.

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

The SPEAKER: To add, you constantly try and bully and intimidate me and I need to tell you that, as the Speaker, I will rightfully fulfil the mandate that I have been tasked to do. [Interjections.] And I would ask you ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

The SPEAKER: I would ask you to apply your mind to managing your fifth floor of which you are the Chief Whip, but you are certainly not getting through to some of your members. [Interjections.]

Mr P UYS: We are still on the fourth floor!

The SPEAKER: So, instead ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The SPEAKER: ...instead of putting yourself ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. [Interjections.] Madam Speaker, have you reached the end of your speech? Are you still busy?

The SPEAKER: Yes, I am.

Mr P UYS: We are still on the fourth floor!

The SPEAKER: I just want to say to hon Uys that I do not take kindly to being bullied and despite his best efforts, I am not going to succumb to his bullying. [Interjections.]

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

The SPEAKER: So, Mr Deputy Speaker ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please allow the Speaker just to conclude.
[Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: [Inaudible.] Extremely biased in this House.

The SPEAKER: Hon Magaxa, on our little trip to Australia you saw bias. So.

Mr K E MAGAXA: I saw the objectivity there.

The SPEAKER: So let us – you got homesick too and you saw the Queen. [Interjections.] Mr Deputy Speaker, I trust that on our return in 2019, God willing, we will aspire as hon members to lead ethically and with integrity and act as role models to the electorate in an effort to remove the stigma that all politicians are thugs, thieves and dishonest.

In closing, Mr Deputy Speaker, I wish to thank the members for the thorough oversight and hon Uys, if you do not return, I wish to thank you in advance for the robust interrogation, because you have certainly taught me ... [Interjections.] you have certainly taught me how to respond and how to predict ... [Interjection.]

Mr P UYS: [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: Yes, no-no, but you have taught me well. Thank you for your robust engagement. I also wish to thank the Deputy Speaker for his unwavering support at all levels. I want to thank the Secretary and the entire team of WCPP for enabling members to perform ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Order.

The SPEAKER: ...to perform their constitutional functions to the full. Finally, Mr Deputy Speaker, I wish to thank my office staff ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Madam Speaker, just one second. Hon member Makeleni and whoever you are speaking to on the other side, please contain yourselves. The Speaker is on the floor and I want the Speaker to finish in a decent spirit in the House.

The SPEAKER: Hon Makeleni just reminds me of something a young 10-year old told me. He said, the behaviour of some of the members are appalling. They should all be put in the naughty corner and maybe Mr Deputy Speaker, we can take our cue from the young learners. 10 years old and they can see ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

The SPEAKER: There is just one last point and that is the matter of Athlone. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Order.

The SPEAKER: For the purposes of this debate, Athlone is the centre of the Cape Flats and communities will be coming from Delft, Elsies River, Ocean

View and it is not because it is in my constituency. [Interjection.]

Mr P UYS: It is your constituency!

The SPEAKER: It is because we have a community centre that can accommodate – and hon Uys, please respond and be there on the tenth. I would love you to be there.

Mr P UYS: But it is your constituency!

An HON MEMBER: So what?

The SPEAKER: So what? So what? Would you want it in your constituency?
[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

The SPEAKER: Mr Deputy Speaker, finally ... I am not ... [Interjections.]

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

The SPEAKER: I am not going to be caught up in mudslinging. I think it is important that we manage ourselves with dignity and decorum. So, in closing, I want to thank the staff of my office for their dedication and commitment and support and they are indeed the wind beneath my wings. I thank you.

[Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. [Interjections.] Order. [Interjections.] Order hon Magaxa. Order. Can I just say from the Chair's side, I will definitely not come back next year or after the elections. So I have the power and the liberty to say, whoever will be the new hierarchy in the various parties and new term, must have a relook at the system of parliamentary oversight.

You cannot on the one hand expect the Speaker to be neutral all the time ... [Interjections.] and then subject the Speaker, whoever the person is on the floor of the House, to party political fighting like we are seeing nowadays. I want to leave you with that thought. On that basis, the House is adjourned for the day.

The House adjourned at 16:36.