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THURSDAY, 19 MARCH 2015

- 1. The House met at 14:15.
- 2. The Speaker took the Chair and read the prayer.
- 3. [14:19] The Speaker requested Members to rise and observe a moment of silence at the sudden passing away of the National Minister of Public Service and Administration, Mr Collins Chabane and his two bodyguards, namely Sergeant Lesiba Sekele and Sergeant Lawrence Lentsoane.
- 4. [14:20] The Chief Whip of the Majority Party moved: That, notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 18, the hours of sittings on Tuesday, 24 March 2015, Wednesday, 25 March 2015 and Thursday, 26 March 2015 shall be: 10:00 to adjournment.

Agreed to.

5. The Chief Whip of the Majority Party moved: That the following Members be appointed in terms of Standing Rule 24 to act as temporary Chairpersons:

Joseph, D Marais, A J D Kivedo, B D Gillion, M N Davids, S W

Agreed to.

6. The Chief Whip of the Majority Party moved: That in terms of section 6(1) of the *Remuneration of Public Office Bearers Act*, 1998, (Act 20 of 1998) the upper limits of the salary and allowances of the Premier as proclaimed by the President of the Republic of South Africa by Proclamation No 5, 2015, published in *Government Gazette* 38470 of 13 February 2015, be determined as the salary and allowances of the Premier of the Western Cape with effect from 1 April 2014.

Agreed to.

7. [14:22] Interpellations.

- 8. [15:13] Questions
- 9. [16:27] Questions to the Premier without notice.
- 10. [16:51] Statements by Members.
- 11. [17:21] Mr M G E Wiley moved without notice: That the House extend its deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Collins Chabane, MP, who died tragically, together with two of his protectors. Minister Chabane and I served in the senate together from 1994 to 1997 and again worked together when he was an MEC in Limpopo in 2002, he was always approachable, personable and lucid in his arguments and that South Africa has lost a rich talent.

Agreed to.

12. Ms P Makeleni moved without notice: That the House conveys its deepest condolences to the family and friends and supporters of artist Zayn Adams who died after suffering a heart attack and recognises Mr Adams as part of the Cape minstrels since he was eleven years old and entertained many in a career that spanned the past fifty years.

Agreed to.

- 13. Mr R B Lentit moved without notice: That the House
 - (a) congratulates the Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden for receiving the 2015 Garden of the Year Award, presented by the International Garden Tourism Network (IGTN), beating out competition from all around the world;
 - (b) notes that the 'Boomslang' was also voted the most beautiful object in South Africa; and
 - (c) that the botanical garden saw a record of one million visitors in 2014 a 27% increase from 2013.

Agreed to.

14. Mr R D MacKenzie moved without notice: That the House expresses our heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Russel Riffel and Denzil Boonzier, the two rugby players from the Franschhoek Rugby Club and supporter Abraham Lybrand, who tragically passed on due to a bus crash on 7 March 2015.

Agreed to.

15. Ms M M Wenger moved without notice: That the House extends its heartfelt condolences to former Member of Parliament and Bitou Councillor Stuart Farrow as well as his family for the tragic and untimely loss of his daughter Kerry Anne earlier this month.

Agreed to.

16. Mr S G Tyatyam moved without notice: That the House pass on its condolences to the family, friends and comrades of Yolanda Botha, Frans Koana and Nelson Dialle, recently departed struggle stalwarts who sacrificed their youth and families for our freedom.

Agreed to.

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17. Ms P Makeleni moved without notice: That the House notes with sadness the passing of André P Brink on February 2015 at the age of 79 years – a renowned South African writer that played a key role in the Afrikaans Literary movement, Die Sestigers, who used his talents to speak out against the apartheid government who had his novel "Kennis van die Aand" banned in 1973.

Agreed to.

18. Mr L H Max moved without notice: That the House expresses its heartfelt condolences to the families of the four deceased who died this morning in a head-on collission between a passenger bus and a truck on the N1 between Langsburg and Beaufort West and also wishes a quick recovery to the approximately 30 people who were injured in the accident.

Agreed to.

19. Mr M Mnqasela moved without notice: That the House congratulates Professor André van der Merwe, Head of the Division of Urology at Stellenbosch University, and the entire team of surgeons from the University's Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, who performed the first successful penis transplant in the world. This procedure was performed on 11 December 2014 at Tygerberg Hospital in Cape Town, after a 21 year old young man lost his penis during a traditional initiation ceremony three years ago.

Agreed to.

- 20. Mr C M Dugmore moved without notice: That this House
 - (a) notes with deep sadness the sudden passing of Mr Melvyn Caroline, Director for the WCED District East;
 - (b) further notes and appreciates the massive contribution he has made to improving the quality of education in the Western Cape, as teacher, school principal and District Director where, working with the team at the District and our schools, he oversaw the steady improvement in the quality of matric passes and built solid relationships of trust with the communities he served; and
 - (c) conveys its condolences to Mr Caroline's wife and family as well as his colleagues at the WCED.

Agreed to.

21. Mr B D Kivedo moved without notice: That the House congratulates Nosipho Poswa, a former Springbok rugby player from Khayelitsha, who despite failing grade 12, was determined to help other children, and obtained her teaching degree from UWC.

Agreed to.

22. Ms C F Beerwinkel moved without notice: That the House congratulates Mullersrus Primary School at Buffelajagsrivier for winning an award for achieving third place in the provincial competition for medium food gardens.

Agreed to.

- 23. Ms M M Wenger moved without notice: That the House
 - (a) notes national Library Week, which commenced on Saturday, 14 March and ends on 21 March 2015;
 - (b) acknowledges the role libraries play in realising the right to freedom of access to information and in building and community development by opening the doors of learning; and
 - (c) commends the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport on their outstanding efforts to improve library services for the people of the Western Cape.

Agreed to.

24. Mr M Mnqasela moved without notice: That the House commends the firefighters and volunteers for their tireless and selfless efforts in fighting aggressive and dangerous wild fires in our Cape Flora. That the House conveys its sincerest gratitude and appreciation for the heroic and outstanding performance during this period.

Agreed to.

25. Mr M G E Wiley moved without notice: That the House extend its deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Hendrik Bees Marais who died tragically while water bombing fires at Cape point. Former Col Marais epitomised a professional and exemplary aviator having flown for the air force, the SA Police and later for years as an air ambulance and rescue pilot before becoming a pilot contracted to Working on Fire Program.

Agreed to.

26. Mr P Uys moved without notice: That the House congratulates Professor Tyrone Pretorius who succeeded Professor Brian O'Connell as rector of the University of the Western Cape at the beginning of this academic year.

Agreed to.

27. Ms B A Schäfer moved without notice: That the House congratulates the tech hub, Bandwidth Barn on its successful launch in Khayelitsha yesterday. This IT incubator is aimed at assisting young entrepreneurs with tech and business support in and around Khayelitsha.

Agreed to.

28. Ms C F Beerwinkel moved without notice: That the House congratulates the Mickey Mouse Crèche in Swellendam after it has been nominated as the best centre for early childhood development in the Western Cape.

Agreed to.

29. Mr B D Kivedo moved without notice: That the House commends the determination of Eric van der Byl from Hanover Park who walked 34 km every day because he could not afford to pay for transport, to obtain his teaching degree.

Agreed to.

30. Ms C F Beerwinkel moved without notice: That the House congratulates two star performer baristas of Swellendam with their achievements, namely Rihanho de Wee who was nominated as the best in Western Cape at an event held recently, and Hilian Soldaat who achieved third place.

Agreed to.

31. Mr B D Kivedo moved without notice: That the House extends its heartfelt condolences to the family of Teagen Martin, a grade one learner at Victoria Park Primary School, Worcester who was tragically killed in a vehicle accident last week.

Agreed to.

32. Mr R D MacKenzie moved without notice: That the House congratulates all the recipients of the 2015 Western Cape Cultural Affairs Awards held on 9 February 2015 at the Baxter Theatre as the crème de la crème of the province's arts and culture fraternity was honoured.

Agreed to.

33. Ms M Wenger moved without notice: That the House notes that 13 March 2015 commemorated International Sign Language Day, which celebrates the achievements of the Deaf community.

Agreed to.

34. Mr B D Kivedo moved without notice: That the House extends its deepest sympathy to the loved ones of Cecil Herandien, a former MEC of the Western Cape, who passed away last week.

Agreed to.

35. Mr R D MacKenzie moved without notice: That the House congratulates all the recipients of the 2015 Provincial Sport Awards held on 13 March 2015 to honour the Western Cap's finest athletes, coaches and administrators and wishes them the best of luck and continued success at the National Sports Awards in November.

Agreed to.

36. Mr R D MacKenzie moved without notice: That this House congratulates Carla Johnson, from Steenberg High School, who achieved second place in long jump at the African Junior Athletics Championships in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia earlier this month.

Agreed to.

37. Mr D Joseph moved without notice: That the House congratulates Mr Dennis Karelse, principal of Albertinia (High School, who received third prize from the National Department of Basic Education at the national awards for leadership.

Agreed to.

38. Ms C F Beerwinkel moved without notice: That the House congratulates two learners of Bontebok Primary School in Swellendam, namely Danica Conradie and Austin Windvogel, who received bronze medals at the Boland athletics meeting.

Agreed to.

39. Mr R D MacKenzie moved without notice: That the House congratulates J P Duminy for claiming South Africa's first ever Cricket World Cup hat trick against Sri Lanka during the 2015 Cricket World Cup.

Agreed to.

40. Mr B D Kivedo moved without notice: That the House extends its heartfelt condolences to family and friends of the young fireman, Nazeem Davies from Worcester, who after extinguishing a fire in Tulbach, overturned his fire engine in the Dassieklip Pass in Gouda and died on impact.

Agreed to.

41. [17:48] FIRST ORDER

Consideration of principle of the *Western Cape Additional Adjustments Appropriation Bill* (2014/15 Financial Year) [B 1 – 2015] (Minister of Finance).

Debate concluded.

Principle of Bill approved.

42. [18:04] SECOND ORDER

Consideration of principle of *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* [B 2 – 2015] (Minister of Finance).

Debate concluded.

Principle of Bill approved (ANC dissenting).

- 43. [20:08] The Speaker made a ruling in response to points of order raised during the debate on the State of the Province Address on 24 February 2015.
- 44. [20:10] The Speaker gave a ruling concerning the remark made by the hon T M Dijana during the debate on the State of the Province Address on 24 February 2015 and directed her to apologise.

Whereupon the Member apologised.

45. The House adjourned at 20:15.

H FAKIRA Secretary to Provincial Parliament

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