

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

PARLIAMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF THE WESTERN CAPE

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THURSDAY, 26 MAY 2022

1. The House met at 14:15.
2. The Speaker took the Chair and read the prayer.
3. [14:17] The Speaker made a general announcement regarding the sitting of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament in accordance with Rule 1A of the Standing Rules pertaining to Members in remote attendance by electronic means.
4. [14:20] The Chief Whip moved without notice: That, notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 20(1), precedence be given to the Questions to the Premier without Notice.
Agreed to.
5. [14:24] Questions to the Premier without Notice.
6. [14:50] Questions.
7. [15:15] Statements by Members.
8. [15:53] Response to statements by Members by Mr A W Bredell, Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:
9. [15:58] Motions with Notice (*in accordance with Standing Rule 151*).
The Speaker made an announcement in accordance with the new Standing Rule 151, all Notices of Motion by Members are required to be delivered to the Secretary for placing on the Order Paper. These motions, duly submitted, will be published on the Order Paper.
10. [15:59] Motions without Notice (*in accordance with Standing Rule 150*).
11. Mr G Brinkhuis moved without notice: That the House recognises Jason Oktober, a 21-year-old from Strand, who won a gold medal at the National Universities Championships in the 110 m hurdles sprint held at University of Western Cape earlier this month (May 2022); recognises that Jason, who is from the Strand, was awarded the 2022 SA University Champion in sprint hurdles; notes that, as the only child of his parents, Mr Thomas Oktober and Ms Alfarita, he has been practicing sprint hurdles since he was 8 years old; further notes that, as a young promising athlete who completed matric at the Paul Roos Gymnasium, he faced many challenges in accessing athletic facilities in Strand and his struggling parents made many sacrifices to provide professional coaching for him in Stellenbosch; acknowledges that he was also the Boland U17 Western Cape champion in athletics at the

SA Schools National Championships and also won second place in the SA National Junior Championships when he was 19 years old in the 110 m hurdles; notes that earlier this month (May 2022) he competed for the first time in the SA National Senior Championship and took fifth place in the final; recognises that he is a final-year student studying BA Humanities and intends to pursue further studies in Sports Science; further recognises his aims to become a professional athlete and to represent South Africa at the Olympic games; and extend good wishes to Jason for making his hometown, Paarl, and South Africa proud.

Agreed to.

12. Ms L J Botha moved without notice: That the House congratulates the newly appointed members of the provincial executive, Ms Mireille Wenger and Mr Reagen Allen, on their promotion to Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities and Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety respectively; and recognises their service to the public during their time as Members of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament and chairpersons of their respective committees; and wishes them well in their new roles.

Agreed to.

13. Mr F C Christians moved without notice: That the House notes that there are many organisations who work tirelessly, often without recognition for the work they do; notes therefore it comes as a pleasant surprise to learn of the Cape of Good Hope SPCA and the Animal Welfare Society Stellenbosch (AWSS) received the Best Animal Welfare NPO in South Africa and the Most Compassionate Animal Welfare Organisation in South Africa respectively (*Weekend Argus*, 26 April 2022, Keagan Mitchell); notes that the awards were received at the Pet Products and Service Awards 2022; notes that Senior Strategist of the Cape of Good Hope SPCA, Shane Everts, said the organisation was “surprised and humbled to receive such a prestigious award and international recognition”; notes that these organisations care for animals that cannot speak or fend for themselves; notes that, in the performance of their duties, the staff are at times subjected to difficult and challenging circumstances and conditions and inspectors are often intimidated and threatened when responding to calls where animals are at risk or in distress; notes that, despite this, they respond time after time to the needs of our four-legged friends; and commends and congratulates the SPCA and AWSS, its sponsors, staff and volunteers for the service they provide to the community.

Agreed to.

14. Mr R D Mackenzie moved without notice: That the House extends its condolences to the family and loved ones of Deborah Fraser, the legendary gospel singer, who passed away on Sunday 15 May; notes that Fraser had an unquenchable passion for music and devoted herself to a range of humanitarian activities; and notes that her loss will be greatly felt by all in the province and the nation.

Agreed to.

15. Mr P Marran moved without notice: That the House conveys sincerest condolences to the families of Marshall September and Philip Makaleni from De Doorns who both passed away last Saturday; and prays that the good Lord guides them through this difficult period.

Agreed to.

16. Mr A P van der Westhuizen moved without notice: That the House congratulates the residents of Cape Town and the City on achieving second place out of 450 cities worldwide in the City Nature Challenge competition; notes that Cape Town took second place in the Challenge for

recording the second-highest number of observations and species; and notes that with this achievement they showed their appreciation, recognition and love for our unique fauna and flora kingdom.

Agreed to.

17. Ms P Z Lekker moved without notice: That the House conveys deepest condolences to the family of veteran gospel musician, Dr Deborah Fraser, who passed away on Sunday after battling with a short illness; notes that Fraser began her music career in 1985 and that she has been a household name ever since; and notes that she composed some of her music for the ANC and for performances at its gatherings.

Agreed to.

18. Mr R D Mackenzie moved without notice: That the House congratulates the organisers of two successful running races held in the City of Cape Town recently, namely the ABSA Run Your City 10 km on 15 May and the Langa Run for Freedom race on 27 April; notes that these events not only benefit the province economically but also help to promote fitness and community wellbeing; and congratulates all of those who worked to make these events a success.

Agreed to.

19. Mr P Marran moved without notice: That the House extends heartfelt condolences to the family, friends, comrades and the greater community of former ANC councillor of ward 11 in Tulbagh, Witzenberg, Aunty Lizzy Jooste, who passed away the morning of 18 May 2022.⁴

Agreed to.

20. Mr M K Sayed moved without notice: That the House notes with profound sadness the passing away of former Johannesburg mayor Mpho Moerane, who succumbed to injuries he had sustained from a car crash last week; notes that Moerane passed away on Wednesday 18 May 2022 at the Milpark Hospital in Johannesburg; notes that he will be remembered for his dedication and service to the ANC and the City of Johannesburg; may his family and friends find comfort during this dark time.

Agreed to.

21. Mr M K Sayed moved without notice: That the House notes with profound sadness the passing away of Aunty Agnes Lukas, a longstanding and dedicated community worker who was loved by all residents of ward 31 in Bonteheuwel regardless of party affiliation; notes that Aunty Agnes passed away last week; and conveys deepest condolences to her family, friends and comrades.

Agreed to.

22. Mr M Kama moved without notice: That the House notes that the Western Cape Government, through its Case for Sports Report, acknowledged that sports have proven to be an effective antidote for crime when it stated that sport and recreation provide idle people with a healthy alternative to crime, violence and anti-social behaviour; notes further that, despite this acknowledgment by the provincial government, sport and recreation are given the smallest share of the budget, thereby disempowering the Department from achieving its mandate; and calls on the provincial government to provide the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sports with an adequate budget that allows it to play a meaningful role in addressing the scourge of drugs and gangsterism in poor working-class communities.

Agreed to.

23. Mr G Bosman moved without notice: That the House notes the outstanding work of renowned South African economist Mike Schüssler in analysing the South African economy in extremely volatile conditions; notes further that Mr Schüssler always aimed to make his analysis accessible to the average citizen, helping many people to understand complicated economic developments; and acknowledges that the passing away of Mr Schüssler represents a big loss to innovative economic analysis in South Africa.

Agreed to.

24. Mr M Kama moved without notice: That the House notes (with a great sense of pride) and celebrates the achievements of the Cape Town All Stars by finishing third in the log standings of South Africa's National First Division (NFD), thereby qualifying for the play-offs for a spot in the DStv Premiership next season; notes further that this means that the Western Cape stands a chance of having another team representing the province in the Premier Division, which is great news for the economy and the people on the Cape Flats, as the team played its home games at the Athlone Stadium; calls on the provincial government, the City of Cape Town and the people of the province in general to rally behind the team; and wishes them well ahead of their play-offs commencing on Sunday 29 May 2022 against the University of Pretoria.

Agreed to.

25. Ms N Makamba-Botya moved without notice: That the House condemns the Western Cape Department of Health and the University of Cape Town for failing to suspend a professor who is alleged to have sexually violated a student at the University; notes that the Professor in question is a joint employee of the University and the Department and he is based in the medical department of the University and Groote Schuur Hospital; notes that, during these dangerous times when women are subjected to all forms of abuse and rape, it is shocking that the institution and the Department failed to suspend the professor in question pending the investigating; notes that, in so doing, they have subjected the victim to double punishment of being harassed and being forced to face the perpetrator daily; and asks that those who are entrusted with public power do what is right.

Agreed to.

26. Mr M Kama moved without notice: That the House notes with concern the ongoing murders and spate of violent crimes in the Western Cape, which included yet another mass murder in Khayelitsha; notes that a shooting incident left five people injured in Duinefontein Road, Manenberg, and the murder of 12 people in Manenberg and Hanover Park happened in just 24 hours; conveys sincerest condolences to the Titus family who lost three family members in the shooting; wishes a speedy recovery to all the wounded in the Manenberg shooting; and calls for an integrated approach to creating community safety in the province, including the need to addressing the causative factors of crime and increasing the number of deployed LEAP officers to gang-infested communities.

Agreed to.

27. Ms R Windvogel moved without notice: That the House notes with deep concern the disparities in the treatment of victims and perpetrators of alleged sexual misconduct in the provincial government; notes further that a UCT professor, also an employee of the Western Cape Government's Department of Health, who is facing rape allegations made by a postgraduate student in Medicine, remains in his job while the victim has been suspended by the Department; notes further that the case of the UCT professor has followed the similar pattern to the case of Farrell Payne who remains in his job despite facing serious charges of

sexual misconduct made by a junior colleague, while the victim is at home; notes further that the case is similar to the case of a teacher at the Thandokhulu High School in Mowbray who remains in his job despite facing charges of sexually assaulting a learner at the school; condemns the institutionalisation of the GBV culture in the provincial government; and calls for the immediate suspension of the professor.

Agreed to.

28. Mr P Marran moved without notice: That the House notes that Africa Day was celebrated on 25 May 2022 under the theme that focuses on the importance of addressing malnutrition and food insecurity across the continent of Africa; notes further that Africa Day was founded on 25 May 1963 by the Organisation of African Unity to celebrate and acknowledge the successes of the organisation in the fight against colonialism and apartheid; also notes that the month of May is recognised as a month to promote and uplift African unity and to recommit Africa to a common destiny; notes that, in line with this year theme, especially given the rapid increase in the cost of living globally, recommits this House and the provincial government to put all efforts in place to cushion the poor from all walks of life from the devastating effects of the rising cost of living and poverty; and calls on the House to join efforts to curb the spread of Operation Dudula in the Western Cape and to enhance the spirit of African unity.

Agreed to.

29. [16:30] Consideration of Report of the Budget Committee on the Division of Revenue Bill [B 6–2022] (NCOP), dated 6 May 2022. (See Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, No 48, dated 6 May 2022, p 201) (Ratification of final mandate.)

Declarations on the Report made on behalf of the ANC, EFF, ACDP, FF Plus, Al Jama-ah and DA.

Question put: That the Report of the Budget Committee on the Division of Revenue Bill, be adopted.

Question agreed to.

The Report accordingly adopted (ANC and Al Jama-ah dissenting).

The mandate conferring authority on the Western Cape Provincial Parliament's delegation in the NCOP not to support the Bill was ratified.

30. The House adjourned at 16:50.

ROMEO ADAMS
Secretary to Provincial Parliament