

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

PARLIAMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF THE WESTERN CAPE

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THURSDAY, 9 JUNE 2022

1. The House met at 14:15.
2. The Deputy Speaker took the Chair and read the prayer.
3. [14:16] The Deputy 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. [14:30] Ms P Z Lekker, having disregarded the authority of the Chair, was ordered to leave the Chamber for the remainder of the day's sitting.
5. [14:40] Questions.
6. [15:30] Questions to the Premier without notice.
7. [15:51] Statements by Members.
8. [16:08] Response to statements by Members by Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Education.
9. [16:10] 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. [16:11] Motions without Notice (*in accordance with Standing Rule 150*).
11. Ms L M Maseko moved without notice: That the House commends the Western Cape Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport on the handover of a borehole and BMX track to the Drakenstein Municipality; notes that this handover helps to strengthen the people of Drakenstein's right to access clean water; and further notes that the BMX track creates opportunities for the youth to develop their talents.

Agreed to.

12. Ms L M Maseko moved without notice: That the House congratulates winemaker Kiara Scott on her achievements in the wine industry; notes that she became the youngest head female winemaker in South Africa at the age of just 26; and further notes that she serves as an example for young women everywhere on what can be achieved through hard work.

Agreed to.

13. Mr D America moved without notice: That the House commends the City of Cape Town for setting aside R6,4 billion for capital projects over the next three years, with a special focus on road maintenance and new infrastructure for public transportation; and further recognises the jobs that will be created as a result of these projects.

Agreed to

14. Mr A P van der Westhuizen moved without notice: That the House applauds both the City of Cape Town and the national government's Department of Water and Sanitation for starting a combined campaign on 27 May 2022 to raise public awareness about the impact of water-infrastructure theft and vandalism on community services.

Agreed to.

15. Mr K Brinkhuis moved without notice: That the House notes that National Child Protection Week started on 29 May and ends on 5 June 2022 and is commemorated in South Africa every year to raise awareness of the rights of children; further notes that these rights of children are entrenched in the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa and in the Children's Act, 2005 (Act 38 of 2005), which states that every child has the right to basic nutrition, shelter, healthcare and social services, and the right to be protected from maltreatment, neglect, abuse or degradation; acknowledges that between 1 April and 31 December 2021 more than 4 800 children were the victims of abuse or violence in the Western Cape; further acknowledges that children and women daily live in constant fear of violent crime, sexual abuse and kidnappings; concurs that children who are not properly cared for rely on the government to look out for their wellbeing and to protect them from harm; further concurs with calls from the public to provide more protection services for children; recognises the need to support and equip the Children's Commissioner fully so she can carry out her mandate; further recognises the delay in sentencing thousands of sexual offenders of children, which is causing more harm to their well-being; understands there is an urgent need for socio-economic intervention and programmes to bring about employment, alleviate poverty and eradicate gangsterism and drugs; and notes that the province should provide efficient security at schools in high risk areas without any delay.

Agreed to.

16. Ms P Z Lekker moved without notice: That the House notes with deep concern and profound sadness the senseless killing of Abongile Mafalala, an Uber driver, who was stoned, beaten and set alight by a mob that wrongly believed he had abducted a child in Parkwood; condemns the barbaric act by the community; and conveys sincerest condolences to his family and loved ones.

Agreed to.

17. Mr M K Sayed moved without notice: That the House notes with profound sadness the untimely passing of Mohamed Shukoor Mowzer, founder of Nakhlistan in Rylands, an organisation that feeds thousands of people each year on the eve of Eid-ul-Fitr, as well as provides other welfare services, such as funeral logistics; remembers him for his spirit of giving, loving and caring for the people; and conveys deepest sympathies to his family and loved ones.

Agreed to.

18. Ms N D Nkondlo moved without notice: That the House notes and congratulates the South African Women Lawyers Association's Western Cape branch on a successful annual general meeting and the election of its new executive committee that is led by a veteran and renowned attorney Seehaam Samaai; further notes that SAWLA was formed in 2006 to advance the national transformation agenda by focusing on women in the legal profession; further notes that in April 2007 a group of committed women lawyers from the Western Cape came together and decided to establish a women lawyers association that culminated into the launch of SAWLA Western Cape on 5 July 2007; and congratulates Seehaam Samaai, her vice-chairperson, Advocate Chandré Brown, secretaries, Yasmin Mohamed and Ayanda Stimela, and treasurer, Ayanda Mdanjelwa.

Agreed to.

19. Mr C M Dugmore moved without notice: That the House notes with profound sadness the untimely passing of the AmaMpondo King, Zanozuko Tyelovuyo Sigcau, who succumbed after a short illness on Tuesday; and extends condolences to the nation of the amaMpondo, the royal family, including his mother Queen Zuziwe Victoria (Nobandla), siblings and children; and commiserates with the entire nation of the amaMpondo, especially those who are in the Western Cape.

Agreed to.

20. Ms R Windvogel moved without notice: That the House lauds the firefighters at Vredendal for the swift response to the fire that erupted at the Vredendal Hospital; and commends them for the selfless dedication and hard work to extinguish the fire and save the hospital building from being completely destroyed by the fire.

Agreed to.

21. Mr K Brinkhuis moved without notice: That the House notes the ongoing mass shootings in Khayelitsha; further notes that these mass shootings are linked to the extortion of foreign nationals who have businesses in the townships; further notes the illicit drug trade is also another motive for the mass murders in Khayelitsha; recognises the concerns raised by residents that the police is not willing to enter these high-risk areas as they fear for their safety; further recognises that the Western Cape Organised Crime Unit is not equipped for and lack the efficiency to stop the illicit drug trade and to protect business people, including legal foreign traders from becoming victims of extortion.

Agreed to.

22. Mr M Xego moved without notice: That the House notes that the crime involving mass shootings in the Western Cape townships has become nothing short of a norm and everyday culture; notes that this follows the shooting and killing of four men in Khayelitsha Site B on Tuesday 7 June 2022 at the Madiba Supermarket; notes that this latest shooting comes four days after the release of the national crime statistics that showed record increases in the murder rate and gang-related crimes in the Western Cape; and notes that this is very unfortunate because, since January this year, it has been clear that mass shootings are a

concern in townships as criminals rule with impunity without any police or law enforcement personnel on site.

Agreed to.

23. Mr M Xego moved without notice: That the House welcomes the re-opening of the Koena Art Institute this coming Sunday on 12 June 2022 in Observatory; notes that the institute is a women-led non-profit company that dedicates its work to the preservation of the Khoi and the San heritage; notes that this year's opening will begin with an exhibition showcasing and celebrating the Khoi and the San heritage through art; and notes that, as Africans, we should pride ourselves on the work of the institute as it reminds us of who we are, where we come from and not forgetting where we going.

Agreed to.

24. Mr F C Christians moved without notice: That the House expresses alarm at the news of a fire that gutted a classroom at the Blessings Educare Centre in Delft; notes that the fire occurred just after 03:00 on the morning of Tuesday 7 June 2022 (*Daily Voice* – Junior Bester – 8 June 2022); notes that the ECD centre, which caters for 25 Grade R learners in this classroom, lost everything in the blaze; notes that Mandla Kayishe, who has been working at the crèche since 2015, was first on the scene; commends the community who responded and vainly tried to extinguish the blaze; extends its gratitude to the City Fire and Rescue Service for extinguishing the fire; notes that, according to Jermaine Carelse, spokesperson for City Fire and Rescue Service, the fire was extinguished by 06:07; notes that the building was substantially damaged but no injuries were reported and no lives were lost in the blaze; and notes that the crèche has about 60 learners in total and is appealing to sponsors for assistance in rebuilding the classroom.

Agreed to.

25. Mr A P van der Westhuizen moved without notice: That the House welcomes the recently launched CapeNature conservation club for kids, called the CapeNature Cubs Club, whose goal is to teach children more about environmental issues and how they can make positive contributions to keeping our planet safe; applauds the staff and learners of the Conservation Club of Woodlands Primary School in Heideveld on being the first school to join this initiative; and further commend the leadership of CapeNature, CEO Dr Razeena Omar and his team, on the phenomenal work they are doing in bringing children closer to nature.

Agreed to.

26. Ms L J Botha moved without notice: That the House notes the two recent reports on Western Cape municipalities respectively from the Auditor-General and Ratings Afrika; notes that 22 municipalities in the Western Cape received unqualified audits from the Auditor-General, and a further five received qualified audits with findings; notes that Ratings Afrika's most recent Municipal Financial Sustainability Index (MFSI) found that the Western Cape's municipalities are generally financially stable, with the province being home to some of the highest-ranked municipalities in South Africa; and notes that these findings highlight that the municipalities in the Western Cape are leading the way and setting an example for clean, efficient and effective local governance in South Africa.

Agreed to.

27. The House adjourned at 16:20.