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	Description	Point of Order raised	Speaker's Ruling	Date of Sitting
1	Power and privileges of Members	Considered ruling	A Member raised a point of order whether the hon Minister Meyer was not contravening the Rules by saying that another member, who is not a member of the House, but of the National Assembly was corrupt. Members enjoy freedom of speech in the House, limited only by the Rules and practices of the House. Discretion and restraint are appropriate when exercising this right in view of the public impact of references, by name, to individuals, or organisations. The onus is thus on individual members to exercise restraint, since ruling such references out of order, would infringe the constitutional right of freedom of speech. The second part of hon McKenzie's point of order is about the right of non-members who cannot defend themselves if certain allegations are made in this House against them. Section 25 of the Powers, Privileges and Immunities of Parliament and Provincial Legislatures Act, deals with this aspect where: Speaker ruled that the remarks by the hon Meyer to be in contravention of the Standing Rules.	08/03/11
2	Unparliamentary remark	Member raised a point of order on whether it is parliamentary to say to a Member "lid sal beter lyk met 'n kondoom oor sy kop"	Remark ruled unparliamentary, Member requested to withdraw the remark	08/03/11
3	Heckling	General remark by the Speaker	Members are not allowed to drown out the speaker on the floor. Heckling must be limited and it must not be louder than the person on the floor	08/03/11
4	Taking of photographs	Member raised a point of order of whether a Member is allowed to take a photograph of another Member	Member ordered to stop taking photographs.	15/03/11
5	Unparliamentary remark	Member raised a point of order whether it is parliamentary to ask waar kom jy van daan af?	Deputy Speaker ruled that it is a question and there is nothing wrong.	15/03/11
6	Unparliamentary remark	Member raised a point of order can call another Member "jy"	Deputy Speaker ruled that Members must call each other honourable Members	15/03/11
7	Unparliamentary remark	Member raised a point of order can call another Member a chihuahuas	Deputy Speaker ruled remark unparliamentary Member ordered to withdraw and apologise.	15/03/11
8	Running commentary	General ruling	Speaker requested no running commentary	22/03/11
9	Running commentary	General ruling	Speaker requested no running commentary	22/03/11
10	Unparliamentary remark	Member raised a point of order: "he is lying"	Deputy Speaker ruled remark unparliamentary Member ordered to withdraw and apologise.	22/03/11
11	Unparliamentary remark	Member raised a point of order whether a Member	Deputy Speaker ruled remark unparliamentary Member ordered to withdraw and	22/03/11

		is allowed to call another Member a fool	apologise.	
12	Running commentary	General ruling	Speaker requested no running commentary	23/03/11
13	Order in the House	General ruling	Dignity of the House must be maintained, Members must respect one another. Members must refrain from language that is offensive, in any way to Members of the House	23/03/11
14	Unparliamentary remark	Member raised a point of order whether a Member is allowed to call another Member stupid	Speaker ruled remark unparliamentary Member ordered to withdraw and apologise.	23/03/11
15	Gallery	Member raised a point of order whether people in the gallery are allowed to participated in the debate	Speaker ruled that gallery is not allowed to participate in any proceedings of the House. They are here to observe the proceedings and to witness what is happening but they are not allowed to participate in anything of the House	30/03/11
16	Running commentary	General ruling	Deputy Speaker requested no running commentary	30/03/11
17	Running commentary	Deputy Speaker requested a honourable Member several times that you stop this running commentary	Deputy Speaker order the Member to leave the House	30/03/11
18	Considered Rulling	Member raised a point of orde whether the remark is unparliamentary"the Premier is lying"	Deputy Speaker ruled remark unparliamentary Member ordered to withdraw and apologise.	23/06/11
19	Heckling	General remark	Heckling is allowed but must not drown out the speaker on the floor	23/06/11
20	Running commentary	General ruling	Speaker requested Members to refrain from running commentary	23/06/11
21	anticipation	Member enquired whether Member is allowed to refer to a matter that is on the Order Paper	Speaker ruled that the Member is making an apology and not referring to the merits of the issue therefor it is allowed	
22	Order in the House	General Remark	Members of the public are not allowed to participated in the debate	11/08/11
23	Order in the House	Member raised a point of order that the speaker on the floor can't be heard	Speaker ruled that in terms of rule 37 Members must not converse aloud	18/08/11
24	Address the chair	Member raised a point of order that the speaker on the floor must address the chair	Member ordered to address the chair when speaking	18/08/11
25	Anticipation	Member raised a point of order that the order on the Order Paper differs from the order discussed in the Programme Authority meeting.	Speaker ruled that for all intents and purposes, this is the document he received in his Office. For today I rule that we proceed in terms of that document. The matter is to be addressed in the Programme Authority meeting.	25/08/11
26	Running commentary	General ruling	Speaker requested no running commentary	25/08/11
27	Running commentary	General ruling	Speaker requested no running commentary	08/09/11
28	Considered Ruling	whether the remark that parties have stolen people's money is parliamentary or not	Deputy Speaker ruled that non members may make remarks about political parties and that it would be unparliamentary if they directed them against individual members.	22/09/11
29	Participation of the gallery in debates	General remark by Speaker	The public cannot take part in debates	22/09/11
30	Running commentary	General ruling	Speaker requested no running commentary	22/09/11
31	Unparliamentary remark	Whether referring to a member as an animal is unparliamentary	Speaker ruled that remark unparliamentary Member requested to withdraw and apologise	22/09/11
32	Considered Ruling	Whether the remark"You were trying to kill us",is unparliamentary	Remark ruled unparliamentary, Member requested to withdraw the remark	20/10/11
33	Considered Ruling	That a hon Minister had misled the House by stating that the annual reports of municipalities must be	Nowhere in Hansard can one deduce that the hon Minister had "deliberately" misled the House. It therefore, indicates that he had no intention to deliberately mislead the House.	27/10/11

		submitted to the department, whereas these reports are supposed to be submitted to the Legislature.		
34	Unparliamentary remark	Shut up	Member ordered to withdraw and apologise	27/10/11
35	Undermining the Chair	Member raised a point of order that a Member is undermining the chair by saying, "because you do not seem to know the Rules of the House."	Member ordered to withdraw and apologise	03/11/11
36	Unparliamentary remark	"crap"	Word ruled unparliamentary, Member ordered to withdraw and apologise	03/11/11
37	Rule of anticipation	Member raised a point of order a Bill has formally been submitted to this House on the matter the Member is raising in his statement	Deputy Speaker advised Member not to proceed with the statement	10/11/11
38	Rule of anticipation	Question to the Premier on an issue that is on the Order Paper	Deputy Speaker advised Member not to proceed with the question and the Premier not to respond.	24/11/11
39	Running commentary	Member raised a point of order on the continued running commentary	Temporary chairperson: running commentary is not allowed Members ordered to stop it.	24/11/11
40	Relevance	Member raised a point of Order that the speaker should talk about the subject	Temporary chairperson requested he speaker to talk about the subject on the floor	24/11/11
41	Behaviour of the public	General remark by the temporary chairperson	The public should not comment from the gallery	01/12/11