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PROCEEDINGS OF THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT

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The House met at 14:15

The Speaker took the Chair and read the prayer.

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The SPEAKER: You may be seated. Good afternoon hon members. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our guests in the gallery. I do believe many of you have travelled from far to be here with us today. Thank you for joining us at this sitting of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament. I would just like to draw your attention to the rules of the gallery. You are not allowed to participate in the debate in any way and that is in any form of clapping, interjection or any other means of interrupting the proceedings, but do feel welcome to join us here today.

Order please members. I recognise the Chief Whip.

(Notice of motion)

Mr M G E WILEY: I give notice that I shall move:

That, notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 198, precedence be given to the subject for discussion please.

The SPEAKER: Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? There are no objections. Agreed to.

The next item on the Order Paper is the Subject for Discussion in the name of the hon M M Wenger as printed on the Order Paper. I see hon member Wenger.

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

(SUBJECT FOR DISCUSSION)

The impact of gang violence on service delivery in the Western Cape

Ms M M WENGER: Thank you Madam Speaker, I would like to start by acknowledging the Health Committees, Neighbourhood Watch and CPFs members present, the Griqua Christelike Vrouevereniging and members of the public in attendance.

†Mnr L H MAX: Gooi kole!

[Mr L H MAX: Throw coals!]

†'n AGBARE LID: Mooi!

[An HON MEMBER: Good!]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Watse kole?

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: What coals?]

Ms M M WENGER: Madam Speaker, safety is not something that just happens. It requires collective action... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Ms M M WENGER: ...and relentless attention. This is because the causes of violence and in particular gang violence are varied so to try and reduce gang-related harm both Government departments and civil society have their roles to play but what we cannot allow is for gang violence to stop service delivery and to impact on the lives of ordinary citizens who have the right to live, work, learn, relax and move about.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is so true.

Ms M M WENGER: The reality Madam Speaker, is that ordinary citizens in gang affected communities are often unable to exercise their basic freedoms

and rights because service delivery programmes have been halted by flying bullets. Here we are let down by one of our key players, the police...

[Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: The DA. Say that.

Ms M M WENGER: The police. Their fundamental job is to combat crime...

[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order please!

Ms M M WENGER: ...maintain public order and protect the inhabitants of our nation. Madam Speaker, the Constitution nuance on policing is often lost. SAPS is a national competency which means provincial and municipal governments have no direct way to influence how police stations are run.

[Interjection.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Nou gaan sy Pretoria toe.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Now she is going to Pretoria.]

The SPEAKER: Order please!

Ms M M WENGER: While there are many factors that influence crime levels the most fundamental factor remains conventional policing. [Interjections.]

†'n AGBARE LID: Jy is swak.

[An HON MEMBER: You are poor.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Sy is swak, ja, jy is reg.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: She is poor, yes, you are right.]

Ms M M WENGER: Now Madam Speaker, I know you might say that a lack of service delivery is what is causing gang violence in the first place. While this may be partly true it is not entirely true. Let us take Manenberg as a case in point. Manenberg is a community severely affected by violent crime and gang violence. According to statistics the area accounted for 123 murders in 2015 and one in two murders were gang related.

With an estimated 56 000 residents living under the constant threat of gang violence it is one of South Africa's most dangerous places. A resident in Manenberg is roughly three times more likely to be murdered here than elsewhere in South Africa.

If anything, these figures should have triggered a massive inflow of policing resources to stabilise an area in need of safety, but quite the opposite happened. The police station in Manenberg has 50 less officers than what it did six years ago, while the population grew 38% in the same period. In the last six years Manenberg has lost almost 13 detectives which is a quarter of the total. In Manenberg the detectives are dealing with an outrageous case load of 120 dockets per detective and this holds true for many gang affected

areas. The majority of the top ten gang stations have over 100 dockets per detective, which is unsustainable and it means that cases are not receiving the attention they desperately require.

Steenberg, where 83% of murders are gang-related, the detectives are dealing with 103 dockets each. In Belhar, where 78% of murders are gang murders, the detectives deal with 137 dockets each. Therefore Madam Speaker, the direct implication is that there are not enough officers to patrol the streets and not enough detectives to solve crimes. While officers working at Manenberg may be doing their best, they simply do not have enough manpower to make a significant and lasting impact on crime. As mentioned, crime rates are often related to socio-economic factors and while service delivery and unemployment are contributing factors it is difficult to understand the high murder rate in comparison to other similar areas in South Africa. The number of people living in informal housing and the annual household income in Manenberg is comparable to the national average. Service delivery however, is better than the national average. The same can be said generally about service delivery in the Western Cape which ranks higher than other provinces in most indicators like education and health, which you will hear more about in this debate. The Department of Community Safety for example spends in excess of R2 million each year on CPFs. Comparatively the Eastern Cape spends less than R200 000. The Western Cape spends ten times more on CPFs. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: That is nothing.

Ms M M WENGER: Madam Speaker, in Manenberg access to water, electricity and flush toilets are higher than the national average by 25%, 20% and 50% respectively. Although the socio-economic realities in Manenberg are far from perfect... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You know the Eastern Cape is attending to the social problems... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order please.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: They are tackling, unlike you.

Ms M M WENGER: These numbers show that they cannot in any way explain why crime is so much worse than in the rest of the country. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is where you must go.

The SPEAKER: Order please!

Ms M M WENGER: The only viable explanation is the lack of policing resources which has led to violent crime. [Interjections.] Unfortunately the latest police budget tabled in Parliament ... [Interjections.]

Mr L H MAX: Lack of political will... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please! Hon member Wenger kindly take your seat. Members there is too much noise. We have a speaker on the floor and the hon member is being drowned out. I am going to maintain order in terms of Rule 41. Interjections are allowed but no ongoing commentary and I do not want to be seen to be picking on anyone but [Interjection.]

Ms B A SCHÄFER: The usual suspects.

The SPEAKER: ...we will go there, so you may proceed hon member Wenger. We will get some cooperation. Thank you.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: As long as she is aware of this.

Ms M M WENGER: The latest budget for the police tabled in Parliament will see thousands of police posts cut... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Are you here to complain or find solutions? Are you here to find solutions or to complain? [Interjections.]

Ms M M WENGER: ...but if you listen to police management you would be forgiven for thinking that everything is okay.

An HON MEMBER: Listen to the speech!

Ms M M WENGER: Minister Mbalula said in his budget speech:

“Adequate human resource capacity will be established at local level with specific focus on visible policing and the detective environment.”

Mr C M DUGMORE: Because you [Inaudible.] That is your problem.

Ms M M WENGER: But is he putting his money where his mouth is?

The SPEAKER: Order please.

Ms M M WENGER: No, he is not. Over the next two years our police numbers will shrink from 194 000 nationally to 191 000 and all of the posts that are being done away with are levels one to ten and the bulk come exactly from the so called priority programmes, visible policing and detectives. What kind of skewed priority does the National Government have?

Mr L H MAX: Ja.

Ms M M WENGER: They are cutting detectives and visible policing but keep the same number of officers allocated to the VIP protection units to guard the Minister, instead of prioritising the resources to benefit the vulnerable. [Interjections.] The Police Minister may be safe but the average South African is not. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please hon member Wenger.

Ms M M WENGER: It is these chronic failures... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Wenger, kindly take your seat. Hon member Olivier, I am not singling you out but where I am sitting all I hear is your constant interjection. If I could ask you to please cooperate. You cannot do a running commentary, thank you. You may proceed hon member Wenger.

Ms M M WENGER: These chronic failures have led to low conviction rates for gang murders. For every three gang members behind bars nearly a hundred roam the streets free. Between 2011 and 2015 there were about 1890 reported gang-related murders in our province. [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You have said that before...

Ms M M WENGER: In the same time the criminal justice system convicted 61 cases successfully. That is 3%.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: It is an old record you are playing.

Ms M M WENGER: The same for attempted gang murders.

Mr L H MAX: It is a fact.

Ms M M WENGER: Only 113 cases were successfully prosecuted which is equivalent to a 3% conviction rate. That means more drugs, more guns, more

deaths, all as a consequence of the National Government's reluctance to give the necessary resources needed to make sure gang members are behind bars. It is clear that we need specialised approach to secure convictions and we need specialised units that can work on specific categories of crime where investigations are prosecution-led so can get convictions in Court.

Mr L H MAX: Yes.

Ms M M WENGER: The DA has been calling for the re-establishment of specialised police units since that disastrous decision by Jackie Selebi in the mid-2000s to shut them down. We now need a real and honest commitment to the people of the Western Cape that the National Minister will reintroduce these units.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: ...the people of the Western Cape. That is your problem.

Ms M M WENGER: This month alone, this month alone 16 people were murdered by gang-related shootings in Bishop Lavis. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Do not blame Pretoria. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Dyantyi.

Ms M M WENGER: In conclusion, Madam Speaker, this is not about the DA-run province versus the ANC National Government. It is about

prioritising the safety of our people. [Interjections.]

Mr L H MAX: Yes. [Interjections.]

Ms M M WENGER: Crime prevention needs a holistic response...
[Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Please conclude now.

Ms M M WENGER: ...and part of this response is proper policing. There can be no doubt that in Manenberg and in many places like in the Western Cape we need better policing, more officers and detectives and specialised units.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Hear-hear!

Mr L H MAX: Yes.

Ms M M WENGER: The Western Cape Government and the City of Cape Town are doing their part. It is part for SAPS to do theirs. [Applause.]

Mr L H MAX: Yes. Bring back the gang unit. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Swak man, swak! [Tussenwerpsels.]

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Poor, man, poor! [Interjections.]]

Mr L H MAX: That is facts. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon members, order please. [Interjections.] Before we proceed, hon member Magaxa, it is the turn of your member. If we could have some quiet please. I now see the hon, hon member Lekker. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Workshop yes, the DA. [Interjections.]

Mr R T OLIVIER: That is a great solution! [Interjections.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Vreet hulle, vreet hulle! [Tussenwerpsels.]

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Chew them, chew them! [Interjections.]]

The SPEAKER: Order please.

Ms P Z LEKKER: Enkosi Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Order please! Members, I am not going to allow this banter across. Take your seat please hon member Lekker. We simply cannot continue in this way where members engage each other whilst there is a speaker on the floor so I am asking you to please comply and cooperate and let us maintain the dignity and decorum of this House. You may proceed hon member Lekker. [Interjections.]

Mr R T OLIVIER: That is a point of order [Inaudible.]

Ms P Z LEKKER: Thank you, Madam Speaker. The month of August is Women's Month, recognising the bravery and courage of 20 000 women who on 9 August 1956 marched to the Union Buildings in Pretoria to demand an end to inhuman pass laws and were led amongst others, by Mama Lilian Ngoyi, Rahima Moosa, Helen Joseph and Sophie Williams.

It is regrettable that to this day after five decades women and children are still the prime victims of gang violence and continue to suffer abductions, human trafficking, rape and other violations of their human rights, dignity, and livelihood. It is so sad that all these human rights violation happen when the Premier of this province is absent and her leadership is failing the people. [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: She is not even listening.

Ms P Z LEKKER: And to protect the vulnerable of the citizens. The Premier's action does not reflect those of a caring leader nor is she interested in improving service delivery to the fragile members of the community. It is under her party leadership that the DA-led City of Cape Town admitted gangsters were employed by its subcontractors to provide security at the construction site in Manenberg.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Daar is hy.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: There you go.]

Ms P Z LEKKER: It is common knowledge that Manenberg is hard hit by gang wars and is a relatively poor community. The Hard Livings Gang and the Americans are always at loggerheads in intense gang territory fights and many lives of innocent people are lost in the process. [Interjection.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: Tell them.

Ms P Z LEKKER: This occurred at the backdrop of... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Sponsored by yourselves.

Ms P Z LEKKER: ...of G F Jooste Hospital inexplicable closure some three years ago. To date this hospital is not replaced nor rebuilt. The DA-led Government misled the community of Manenberg and surrounding communities who benefited from its services in the immediate vicinity of an area suffering from gangster-induced wounds. The public health facility is paramount to service that community.

Recently SAPS investigators were attacked by gangsters when they confiscated illegal poached abalone in a house in Valhalla Park. It was reported that some members of the community joined the attack on the police and barricaded public roads and threw stones at passing vehicles. This was a very sad day and the situation cannot be tolerated.

DA MEC Dan Plato and self-appointed Cape Town sheriff J P Smith must take the collective blame of renewed gangster demands... [Interjection.]

Mr R D MACKENZIE: He is doing a very good job.

Ms P Z LEKKER: ...for protection money at the site in Valhalla Park by bringing a housing project to halt. So chickens are coming home to roost indeed.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Ah, come on!

Ms P Z LEKKER: There is a causal relationship between illegal drug trade and gangsterism in our communities and our responsibility is to root out both drug laws and gangsters. Our thoughts and prayers go to the families of the victims. We send our sincere condolences to the family. The families are torn apart as a consequence of gang and gun violence. We hope that the missing 38-year old Tania Coster from Hanover Park will be found unharmed, unlike Aviwe Jam Jam of Khayelitsha who was found dead near Vygieskraal Stadium, Athlone on 29 July. Recently the 44-year old Shaheed Omar was shot dead in Lansdowne. He was the nephew of an anti-apartheid veteran and struggle leader Dullah Omar. May his soul rest in peace.

On 13 August the traumatic story of 30-year old Chrissandra Opperman shocked us all. She was a youth church leader caught in crossfire during the ongoing violence in Bishop Lavis. It is reported that the CPF Chairperson

Graham Lindhorst says:

“We have had a lot of fatalities since the beginning of August. It has been quite hard but police have been maintaining a very strong presence in the area.”

It was further reported that at least 15 people were killed over the last two weeks in Bishop Lavis alone. Albert Lombard, an 18-year old from Atlantis who lost his 37-year old brother, had this to say:

“Children are not safe. They get caught in crossfire when gangs fight. I am living in fear. We must never lose hope in our justice system.”

Recently a 78-year old Kraaifontein man was sentenced to 10 years imprisonment for a child rape he committed in the 70s.

†Ingalo yomthetho inde ke madoda ngoba naku ede wagwetywa.

[The arm of the law is long guys, because at last he has been sentenced.]

We must condemn community leaders who perpetually prey on young girls for sexual favours. In Franschhoek a pastor who was also a teacher is no longer respected in my eyes after he was convicted of statutory rape. We must encourage an integrated approach to the fight and the scourge of gang violence in our communities, including allowing victims and those affected to

share their experiences in a social dialogue so that community members can be part of the solution working with many stakeholders including Government agencies at all levels. I thank you. [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you. I now see the hon Minister, Minister Mbombo.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: I just also want to acknowledge the guests in the gallery... [Interjection.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: But when are you coming back to the ANC?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: The Gugulethu... [Laughter.]

The SPEAKER: Order please, hon member Dugmore. Take your seat please, Minister. Hon member Dugmore, should you wish to ask the Minister a question you need to direct it through the Chair please. Thank you. You may proceed, Minister.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: I just want to acknowledge the guests in the gallery †oomama baseGugulethu naseNyanga, ndiyababona bakhathswa ngutata. Enkosi kakhulu ngokuza. [the mothers from gugulethu and Nyanga, accompanied by a father. Thank you very much for coming.]

†I also want to acknowledge the members of the Neighbourhood Watch from Lotus River, all the males, thank you for coming and I also want to

acknowledge the Griqua Church Choir from Eden, thank you Bobama (?) for coming. Premier Helen Zille, Madam Speaker, the members of the Legislature, members of the media, I greet you.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You just have eight minutes, hey.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Thank you member Wenger for this opportunity to debate such an important topic and I also want to acknowledge hon member Lekker and also hon member Wenger for painting such a gloomy picture related on the state of safety in the Western Cape, but what I also want to stress is that for us with all these murders, we are talking about the unnatural deaths and this warrants forensic pathology services for the post mortems, so even before we even start talking about the safety for the living we also have a burden that impacts on the health services when we talk about the unnatural deaths. If we look in terms of some of the health service impacts, the EMS, in 2017/18 budget I highlighted 95% emergency services staff members that were attacked during the past financial year whilst they were on duty serving our communities and that is the 3 883 deaths from just January to September and also these are also areas, if you find that what is happening now, there are areas identified as red zones where our staff cannot enter without police escorts due to the gang violence. For example the areas like Nyanga, the areas even like Lotus River, so these areas, these are the areas of the poor people who are most vulnerable and these are the people that mostly need public services. As the chief public servant in health I always face staff members who are working daily in these areas, risking their

lives to serve the community that in turn threaten them of their lives. In June for example one of our staff members from the Gugulethu Community Health Centre was robbed and murdered as he headed home after leaving work. A wife lost her husband and the children lost their father.

Hanover Park Community Centre have closed its doors for 24 hours and only opens during the day because of the gang violence. Bishop Lavis Community Health Centre had to close down for an entire day due to the gang violence. Elsie's River Community Health Centre also had to close down for the entire night because of the gang violence. Kraaifontein Community Health Centre had a few incidents that led to a close-down. Wesfleur Hospital has had a lot of instances where gangster shooting happened a few metres from the hospital. Recently when I was there a gang member was shot and was rushed inside the hospital but while rival gangs, they have to wait, and wanted to finish him while the staff were busy trying to save his life, and if we talk about our community health workers, because we encourage the people to be seen at homes... [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: No, but what does the DA do? Those are serious issues you are raising. What are you doing?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: We have to render the services there.
[Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: It is the answer we want.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: They are being threatened every day and some of them are being caught in the crossfire and therefore, that is why for us we know that we need community involvement when it comes to all of these because the health services alone [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: What are you doing about [Inaudible.] You have closed down Bambanani... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order please hon member Dyantyi. You may proceed Minister. Now that is an ongoing interjection, unfortunately.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: So today that is why I want to acknowledge the Gugulethu/Nyanga Health Committee members who have been of great support to our facility and EMS staff members. Last year they risked their lives and marched in Gugulethu, one of the areas identified as red zones to defend our EMS staff members. We really depend on them to be their voices, eyes and the ears. The same applies to other areas for example in the Philippi in the Browns Farm where civil society like Sanco also participated.

I want also to acknowledge the Neighbourhood Watch Committee of Lotus River. I met their Chairperson, Mr White, a dedicated man who is very committed in serving the community of Lotus River. I was impressed by the united front shown by this community where for example they even have a WhatsApp group including the facility manager even though she doesn't live in the area, but to ensure that they get updates on what is happening around.

This enables her to brief her staff and security personnel when gang violence is taking place in the neighbourhood in areas close to the Lotus River. Of course it takes the whole of society because for health you are responsible to render health services, but the safety of our staff and also the health is everybody's business. The question is what are we doing.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is it. †Daar is hy. [There it is.] Thank you.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: For example for the Department of Health which is where safety is not their custodian... [Interjection.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Nou kan ek luister!

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Now I can listen!]

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: R230 million for 2017/18 that we have prioritised for the safety and that includes security personnel and equipment. Our project part of the PSG 3, which is Community Safety Improvement Partnership, where we want to build safer communities and also public facilities through sustainable partnership while also promoting safety programmes, aid the most vulnerable, the women and children. For example this project for the 2017 target we have capacitated 16 Neighbourhood Watches in certain areas because it is part of the pilot project in Drakenstein, Khayelitsha, Lagunya and Saldanha and also Manenberg.

We have established four Walking Buses, one per priority area. We have

Youth Safety Awareness Programmes, one per priority area. We have deployed safety kiosks, initially they were four but we have had...

[Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is your own thing. The DA does not care about those things. You are just doing it yourself.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: ...more than four, and then in addition to that the members mentioned about the conviction rate... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: But this Walking Bus is not working.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: It is.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: The members mentioned about the conviction rate. That is why Watching Briefs - they are part of this in order to track such, because in most instances some of these criminals get apprehended but sometimes they get away with these and, in addition to that, we have initiated Operation Khuseleka where we partner with the communities, community leaders, civil society and other groups.

What is it about, this Operation Khuseleka? We have introduced for example anti-hijacking training for all staff members, especially the EMS staff,

especially targeting the areas around the hotspots. We have also established greater collaboration with SAPS and the Community Police Forums where our senior members become part of the meetings that are happening in these cluster areas. Also we encourage our paramedics not to use their discretion, especially in the red zone areas. They need to be escorted by the SAPS. Also in addition to that our staff needs to report all of these so that they become part of the watching briefs.

In our EMS vehicles we have introduced hit and smash and grab safety film on windows of the ambulances, including patient compartments. In addition to that all our ambulances have got a tracker to see the location of our crews on a regular basis, and we are also working together with the City of Cape Town especially around the Alcohol Harms Reduction Game Changer which is led by the Department of Safety and also the Department of the Premier in partnership with the City of Cape Town where we are installing additional CCTV cameras in the areas like Khayelitsha, Site C and the Town 2...
[Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is better. Now you are talking. Now you are talking.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: ...in order to create safety pathways and the first phase that will be covered in Town 2 and Idada Avenue in Site C and these CCTV Cameras will be placed in time before the festive season and we are cooperating together with the City of Cape Town in terms of tracking that.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I hope that is not [Inaudible.] You watch this space.

The SPEAKER: Order please hon member Dyantyi.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: I would like to thank all our staff members who had dedicated their lives to serving others regardless of these difficult working conditions and to our community members who have dedicated their lives in protecting our facility and our staff. We want to thank them but also taking note that the money that you are putting for the security... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Minister, your time has expired.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: ...these are the money that is meant for the health services, so the more there is to be for security, it means that it robs the money that we have to render the health services for... [Inaudible.] [Time expired.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you Minister. [Applause.] I now see the hon Christians.

†Mnr R T OLIVIER: Asseblief!

[Mr R T OLIVIER: Oh, please!]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Olivier! Thank you.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Madam Speaker, just on Tuesday the Standing Committee on Education was briefed on the safety of the schools of Nyanga, and very, very interestingly one of the principals said that the youngsters that unsuccessfully applied for employment are coerced to do crime. So when the National Speaker allowed for the secret ballot the Rand was strengthened. When Jacob Zuma, when President Jacob Zuma survived the motion of no confidence... [Interjections.] ...the Rand took a dip.

The SPEAKER: Order please.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: The Western Cape is affected by bad national decisions. That is the fact. [Applause.] But Madam Speaker, I want to compliment the brave ANC MPs that voted against a corrupt President. [Interjections.] And it is a shame that some of the MPs are still defending a corrupt President. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: We are losing jobs because of junk status. [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Order please. [Interjections.]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: So Madam Speaker, the important thing is, I do not think that our members understand that we are losing jobs because of a corrupt President with a corrupt ANC.

Mr L H MAX: Yes!

The SPEAKER: Order please!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Madam Speaker, the violence is even now affecting our education, our indicators. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Kindly take your seat please hon Christians.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: You are so excited! [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: I see, sorry. Members, I am going to allow the hon member Olivier, I think it is to raise a point of order, but I do want to just... [Interjection.]

Mr R T OLIVIER: Madam Speaker, ja... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: The topic for the debate is that the House debates the impact of gang violence on service delivery in the Western Cape. [Interjections.]
Is that your point of order? [Interjections.]

Mr R T OLIVIER: Madam Speaker, my point... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order please, order!

Mr R T OLIVIER: Can we... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Members, Let us cooperate.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Order, order!

The SPEAKER: We have a speaker on the floor. [Interjections.]

Mr R T OLIVIER: No Madam Speaker, my point of order was precisely what you now addressed, the relevance.

The SPEAKER: Thank you hon member Olivier. I will - Chief Whip Wiley, kindly take your seat. The point about relevance is noted. I will monitor the member to ensure that he is relevant. He does not have much time. He only has two minutes allocated so I will allow the member, if the Chief Whip - do you wish to raise on a point of order? [Interjections.]

Mr M G E WILEY: The relevance is that the President heads a gangster empire. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: That, Chief Whip, is a debating point. [Interjections.] Order please members. Hon member Magaxa.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Madam Speaker... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order members. A point of order?

Mr R T OLIVIER: Gang violence.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Am I allowed to ask you a question in relation to this matter of the previous speaker, because when an order was raised first by hon member Dyantyi you just laughed at him.

The SPEAKER: I never laughed. Sorry, laughed at who hon member Magaxa?

Mr K E MAGAXA: Madam Speaker, you were entertained instead of, you were called, many people called you, order, and you were laughing Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: I am sorry if - it was not laughing.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Why did you laugh Madam Speaker?

The SPEAKER: No-no, I was not laughing at you or anyone.

Mr K E MAGAXA: You were laughing, Madam Speaker, I was sitting here, even if we can check. We can ask the people to return and... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: So your point of order is acknowledged, thank you.
[Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: Madam Speaker, we are expecting here that we can respect the Speaker, when a point of order is raised a Speaker responds and not be detained, because when we also have that thing that you are very proactive in calling us. I think that kind of behaviour Madam Speaker, is very important, if you respect this floor.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Magaxa, I have noted your point, except to say that when the hon member Olivier rose on the point there was laughter across the House. I acknowledged his point or order in that I said I will monitor the member in terms of relevance and that he only has two minutes left, so I did not mean to disrespect you or anyone...

Mr K E MAGAXA: Hon member Olivier was the third person to call a point of order. He was the third person.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Yes.

The SPEAKER: No, well the Table staff guides me and they indicated that hon member Olivier was the member to raise on a point of order. Thank you hon member Magaxa. Hon member Beerwinkel.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Thank you Madam Speaker. I think the point that we are raising from this side is that when a point of order is raised we are supposed to say which number in the Rules we are referring to. We cannot allow Madam Speaker, that the Chief Whip of this House gets up and talk

such nonsense in support of a speaker. [Interjections.] No, you cannot allow that. [Interjections.]

Ms P MAKELENI: The Chief Whip of the DA.

The SPEAKER: Thank you hon member Beerwinkel. When the Chief Whip raised his point... [Interjections.] Order please members. [Interjections.] Order please.

When the Chief Whip raised his point of order I indicated that that was a debated point, so members, I need your cooperation. I need your cooperation. A point of order relates to procedural issues. Debating points are around questions of clarity and refuting or acceding to comments and statements that are made. I cannot attest to any statement that is being made. It is my duty to ensure order so hon member Magaxa if you feel that I offended you or the House I apologise, but there was an outcry across the gallery, across the Chamber, so may we now proceed. Hon member Christians... Sorry, hon member Joseph, is it a point of order?

Mr D JOSEPH: Ja, thank you Madam Speaker, I would like to know if it is parliamentary for the hon member Beerwinkel to say the Chief Whip is talking nonsense? Is that parliamentary? [Interjections.] Secondly the member herself... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please.

Mr D JOSEPH: Secondly, the member herself who said members must mention the number or on what point of order, she did not do it herself. That is the point I want to raise. [Interjections.]

Mr P UYS: I do not know what you are saying.

An HON MEMBER: Is that not a lot of nonsense.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: The Chief Whip does not know that nonsense had been [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: Okay. Order. Members, let us not reduce this august house to the level of a playground. Let us now start to deal with the serious issues of the business of the day. We have rules that guide us. We have had rulings on words like nonsense and rubbish and many of you would have had the list of rulings with you.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Yes.

The SPEAKER: Please when you raise a point of order let it be a point of order and not a deliberating point, and may I please request that you keep your fingers in your pocket because there is far too much finger-pointing going on today. Can we compose ourselves and get back to the business of the day. I now see the hon member Christians, you may proceed. [Interjections.]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Madam Speaker, gang violence is also affecting our education and our learners so it is clear that law enforcement agencies cannot do it alone. We need a concerted effort from communities to stand up because we still know in communities that parents are covering up for the gang children. They are not coming to the police and that is a big problem when police move into communities police are harassed, so my plea is that police cannot do it alone. Law enforcement agencies cannot do it alone. We need a concerted effort from the community to stand up and work together with law enforcement agencies. I thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you hon member Christians. [Applause.] [Interjections.] Order please members, can we compose ourselves. There is too much noise. Before we proceed I would like to see the next speaker, the hon Botha.

Ms L J BOTHA: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Today my assumption is that our policemen and women are fully aware of their duties in South Africa to South Africans. They know that, amongst others, they have to prevent, combat and investigate crime, protect all South Africans and their properties and they must create a safe and secure environment for all citizens. If this is so then I have to ask myself why has it been allowed that gangsterism and all its activities have become entrenched in and on our communities. The various gang activities have become so rife that it seems to me that we are immune to it. It is almost as if it does not affect me directly, then I am not too concerned about it.

Madam Speaker, it is ultimately the police's responsibility to protect us, but it is not solely theirs. We cannot for one moment as a society run away from the responsibility that we also have in protecting ourselves and our communities. Along with the police we have a multi-faceted role to play in combating crime and combating crime to not only live without fear but to also ensure that relevant services are delivered to those that need it most. As citizens we have a duty to report and combat crime. The onus is really more on us as residents because in most of the cases we know exactly who these perpetrators are and we do know because they are not alien species. We do not want to admit but some of them are mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews and neighbours. The fact that we are not reporting crime allows these gangsters and their activities to fester. We have to take a hard look at ourselves, make a complete mind shift and with urgency address crime, but Madam Speaker, how can SAPS expect me to report crime, trust and work with them if I am not constantly living in fear because the police is working with a criminal element. Just this past weekend I heard a listener calling in to a radio station stating that they are too scared to report crime at their local police station because the police is working with the criminals. Of course not all police officers are bad apples but the reality is they stand out like a sore thumb. Who suffers most? Well, the people, the residents who are like hostages in their own homes because they are too scared to leave, fearing that they might be hit by a bullet. SAPS, it is time that we see and hear the good cops a lot more. Make residents in your area feel safe and secure so that they can start trusting you wholeheartedly.

Madam Speaker, my optimism tells me the moment the trust is restored we will rid our communities of these unwelcome gangsters along with all their activities. I thank you. [Applause.]

†'n AGBARE LID: Hoor-hoor.

[An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you hon member Botha. I now see the hon member Olivier.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Gooi kole, vreet hulle. [Tussenwerpsels.]

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Throw coals, chew them. [Interjections.]]

The SPEAKER: Sorry, hon member Dyantyi, do not make me laugh, okay, I need to maintain my composure. You may proceed hon member Olivier.

An HON MEMBER: Ja, and do not laugh.

†UMnu R T OLIVIER: Somlomo, namalungu ale Ndlu, kunzima kweliya cala. Ngurhulumente ke lo ingathi liqela eliphikisayo.

[Mr R T OLIVIER: Madam Speaker, and members of this House, things are bad that side. That is government behaving like the opposition.]

Madam Speaker, let me congratulate at first hand the Ministry of South African Police Service, particularly the Minister Fikile Mbalula and his

Deputy Bongani Mkongi. He is showing real caring leadership by visiting some of the communities... [Interjections.] ...some of the communities [Inaudible.] into gang violence through the country and in the Western Cape. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: What solution have they got?

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr R T OLIVIER: These visits, community engagement and strategic interventions can only increase our collective efforts in the rooting out of gang violence in our country. Meanwhile the very same MEC of Education in this province is hell bound to introduce a bill that would turn schools into shebeens by selling on education premises liquor whilst learners are facing daily gang violence in the form of brutal assault, rape, shooting, which result in deaths. Selling of liquor at school premises is educationally unsound, immoral... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: hon member Olivier, hon member Olivier...

Mr R T OLIVIER: ...and cannot be justified.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Olivier, kindly take your seat. Minister are you raising on a point of order?

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Ja, hy vat 'n kans.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Yes, he's taking a chance.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Yes, would the hon member take a question?

An HON MEMBER: No!

The SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon member Olivier will you take a question?

[Interjections.] Hon member Olivier, will you take a question?

Mr R T OLIVIER: Madam Speaker, I have six minutes.

The SPEAKER: Okay, will you take a question? Yes or no?

Mr R T OLIVIER: I have six minutes. I have six minutes.

The SPEAKER: Okay. So does that... [Interjection.]

Mr R T OLIVIER: I have six minutes and eight pages.

The SPEAKER: Okay.

Mr R T OLIVIER: So I will not take that question, it is not important.

The SPEAKER: So he will not be taking a question, Minister. Thank you.

Mr R T OLIVIER: It is not an important question.

The SPEAKER: You may proceed.

Mr R T OLIVIER: It is not surprising to learn that this Bill has been withdrawn by the Department. At an appropriate opportunity I would like to know what is the amount spent on this nonsensical wasteful and fruitless expenditure.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: It is rubbish.

Mr R T OLIVIER: While the DA in this House and outside this House in the National is busy with regime change initiatives instead of dealing with gangs who are terrorising working class in our poor communities, when they open their eyes they might not even have people to lead when they get into government because gangs are taking territory in our own communities.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: What is the solution to that?

Mr R T OLIVIER: In essence gang violence is negatively affecting service delivery in almost all aspects of life, mostly in the impoverished communities. In the main it is crises for safety of learners, educators and

around school, human settlements, health emergency services, road infrastructure and related services are the most hard hit.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Are you getting to the solution?

Mr R T OLIVIER: This structural socio-economic political deficiencies namely inequality, poverty, unemployment and abject living conditions that the DA fails to address. These social ills are the root causes of gang violence. Gangs violate the rights of teachers, learners and workers. They often forcefully enter school premises and attack their rivals. The DA does not seem to have either political will or the ability to reduce or put an end to gang violence. The DA-led Government must be able to invest in the transformed economy that is capable of attracting the unemployed into the productive labour market system. The residents of Masiphumelele are justified when they are up in arms and unhappy about unacceptable communal toilets and raw sewerage running through the canals in the area. The death of a Khayelitsha young woman killed in a communal toilet is still alive in their memories.

In 2012 it was reported that youth of Masiphumelele was facing a massive crisis with drug and alcohol abuse. In September 2015 a 14-year old boy, Amani Pula was raped and murdered by criminals in the area. In May 2014 the *Daily Maverick* reported that gangsterism is rife in the Western Cape. In 2013 12% of the 2580 murders were gang-related. It was reported that it

represents 86% increase from 2012. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Solutions.

Mr R T OLIVIER: It went further to argue that social and environment factors that nurture gangsterism remain unaddressed. There was small hope for children and young adults gripped by gangs in the province. This is what the newspaper reported.

The school-going youngsters are not spared being victims. The school closure become eminent. Where was the DA-led Government when the parents of Bulumko High School learners in Khayelitsha took to the streets and closed school gates until safety of their children was safeguarded against gang attacks? In Kraaifontein at Scottsdene High a 16-year old boy... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: He got stabbed by...

Mr R T OLIVIER: ...was stabbed to death by a fellow schoolmate in what the teacher believes was a gang-related fight. Three years down the line the situation has worsened. In 2017 about 4000 learners, 100 teachers from four schools were prevented to enter their respective school by parents who were irritated by the worrying gangsterism attack on children in Lavender Hill. The affected schools, Lavender Hill High... [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: And the solution you are saying... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You tell us about the solution.

Mr R T OLIVIER: ...Hillwood Primary and Prince George, due to heightened gang violence... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please.

Mr R T OLIVIER: ...in our communities. In July 2017 a four-year old girl was shot when a man opened fire in Philippi East. The psychological trauma suffered by family members and neighbours is immeasurable. One hopes that the Department of Social Development did its part to ensure that family members receive adequate counselling. Clearly the Operation Ceasefire introduced by the City of Cape Town in 2013 is not yielding desired results in terms of rooting out gangsterism in our communities; in the event of operation never designed to root out gangsterism, but to monitor a number of gang attacks to reduce related revenge shootings and retaliation killings. Not all of these are made public as it does not work for all.

Madam Speaker, we visited the school in the Manenberg area as Standing Committee and to our shock we had to stop the meeting and we were directed to gangs that were busy fighting outside. The police had to intervene.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Olivier if you can finish up. Your time has expired.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Therefore Madam Speaker, we are calling on the DA to wake up or ship out. Thank you. [Time expired.] [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Mooi-mooi, mooi-mooi!

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Good-good, good-good!]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: And the ANC solution is?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: We will tell you. †Wag ʼn bietjie. Wag ʼn bietjie. [Wait a minute. Wait a minute.]

The SPEAKER: Order please. [Interjections.] Order, we would like to welcome hon Bernard Joseph. You may proceed.

Mr B D JOSEPH: Thank you Madam Speaker. Given the historical and political nature and gang violence and gangsterism in general in the Western Cape the debate in the House should not be on service delivery alone; however, rather on its negative impact on the broader investment and socio-economic development on disadvantaged communities, particularly in

black areas in general. The high rate of gang violence can have many adverse repercussions.

It has a negative impact on the investment climate and can deter or delay the development and growth in disadvantaged communities. It leads to higher cost of doing business because of the need to employ different forms of security and diverts investments away from business expansion and productivity improvement, and may lead to a less than optimal operating strategy. It leads to business losses arising from looting, arson, theft, extortion and fraud. Violence in some communities also causes schools to close periodically. Moreover home and community instability is not conducive to learning and educational activities. Gang violence and gangsterism is a given result of colonialism which the Premier says is a good thing, and apartheid. [Interjection.]

The PREMIER: What?

Mr B D JOSEPH: And it continues to deepen its root from the effect...

The SPEAKER: Order please hon member Joseph, kindly take your seat please. Hon Premier. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Uh-huh, Let us hear.

The PREMIER: No-one may wilfully and knowingly mislead this House and

anyone... [Interjections.] Anyone who does not know by now what I actually said instead of what they invent I said, is wilfully and knowingly misleading this House. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Good, good! [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you Premier, your comment is noted. I will get guidance and revert.

Mr K E MAGAXA: You are just howling.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Magaxa.

Mr K E MAGAXA: You are just howling.

The PREMIER: [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: You may proceed, member Joseph.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Disruptive. [Interjection.]

Mr B D JOSEPH: ...and colonial-centric administrative approach...

The SPEAKER: Hon member Joseph, sorry. Hon member Lekker is on her feet.

Ms P Z LEKKER: Thank you Madam Speaker, I would like to know if it is hon for the Premier to say a member of this House is lying and to quote her she said: “uyaxoka” [you are lying].

The SPEAKER: Thank you hon member Lekker. When the Premier raised her point of order I did say I would revert to Hansard, get guidance and I would come back to the House. I have not had my earphone on so I cannot attest for the Xhosa word that was said so I would get guidance and revert. Hon member Uys.

Mr P UYS: Madam Speaker, the Premier - that was at the end. The Premier said - you said you will make a ruling on what the Premier asked, so we would like you to ask the Premier then did she say that, as you normally do.

The SPEAKER: Okay, but I do not know what the word was that was said.

An HON MEMBER: Uyaxoka.

The SPEAKER: So but what does it mean?

An HON MEMBER: You are lying.

An HON MEMBER: I think she lied. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Lekker, I have taken the guidance, I have

listened to the Chief Whip. Hon Premier, I have to ask you is that the word that you used, did you indeed say so?

The PREMIER: Yes, I did, Madam Speaker.

An HON MEMBER: Do the honourable thing.

The SPEAKER: Hon Premier, I would have to ask you to withdraw, based on the fact that I have said that the comment that was made by the hon Joseph will be referred for guidance and I will then come back to the House.

The PREMIER: Madam Speaker, I respect your Chairmanship of the House.

An HON MEMBER: You see, it is always the case.

The PREMIER: However, what anybody says on this particular issue has been made clear countless of times. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please!

The PREMIER: And anybody... [Interjections.]

Mr P UYS: No Madam Speaker. No Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Order please.

The PREMIER: I am addressing Madam Speaker. I am addressing you Madam Speaker. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Uys, the Premier is on her feet, if you could take your seat. [Interjections.]

Mr P UYS: Ask the Premier to respect you, you made a ruling.

The SPEAKER: Yes.

Mr P UYS: And the Premier must withdraw and apologise. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Just go!

The SPEAKER: Kindly take your seat please. Hon Premier.

The PREMIER: May I address you, Madam Speaker?

The SPEAKER: Yes you may.

An HON MEMBER: That is wrong. You always... [Inaudible.]

The PREMIER: Anybody who so fundamentally misquotes what I said at this stage is doing so wilfully and wilful misrepresentation is lying... [Interjections.]

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Exactly!

The PREMIER: ... and I am not prepared to withdraw it. [Interjections.]

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Yes, yes, it is a lie.

An HON MEMBER: So you continue with... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: You must withdraw.

The SPEAKER: Hon Premier, we have had... [Interjections.] Take your seat please.

An HON MEMBER: You must sit down.

The SPEAKER: We have had a situation where I cannot get engaged in the nature or the content of the comments that are made and we had a situation last week where certain statements were made and then it became a debating point. It was a debating point and not a point of order. It is my duty to ensure that procedurally we do that which is right. I have said that I would follow up on the Hansard regarding the use of the word and the statement made by member Joseph. You have indicated that you have said that but you believe you are not going to withdraw it based on the content of the statement and I would not want the House to get into disarray. The two are inextricably linked, the statement made by the hon member Joseph and the Premier's

remark, so I am requesting the indulgence of this House to allow me to revert to Hansard, get guidance from the procedural staff... [Interjections.]

Mr P UYS: No, no. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: No, order members. We simply cannot, you simply cannot expect me as a Presiding... Take your seat please, hon Uys.

Mr P UYS: We will not accept that.

The SPEAKER: You cannot accept me as the Speaker to deliberate on the content of what is said. It is not for me... [Interjections.] No, I have asked, I have asked the Premier if she said something. She said indeed.

An HON MEMBER: She said yes.

The PREMIER: She did say so. Based on the comment that the hon member Joseph raised. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Some people can just... [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: Yes, Chief Whip Uys.

Mr P UYS: No member in this House is allowed to say “you lie.” The Premier said she said that and she said to you right upfront: “I am not going to

withdraw or apologise.” She is challenging your right directly. She packed her bags. You will have to rule that she must leave the House now.

An HON MEMBER: Right now.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Uys... [Interjection.]

Mr P UYS: No, no Madam Speaker, you must rule on that now.

An HON MEMBER: Yes!

Mr P UYS: Double standards.

The SPEAKER: You take your seat please. As you say, I need to be fair and I need to ask members, the Premier has indicated that, Premier, are you willing to withdraw that statement?

An HON MEMBER: No.

The PREMIER: I am willing to withdraw from the House if it will help you...
[Interjection.]

†Me P Z LEKKER: Asseblief! Doen asseblief!

[Ms P Z LEKKER: Please! Do it, please!]

The PREMIER: But I am not withdrawing that statement. People wilfully...

[Interjections.]

†Me P Z LEKKER: Jy kan maar loop nou. Jy kan maar loop.

[Ms P Z LEKKER: You can go now. You can go.]

The SPEAKER: Order please.

The PREMIER: Anybody who misquotes knowingly and wilfully, which can only be the case in these circumstances is telling an untruth to this House and I am not going to mince my words any more. We do not need to be part of a House where people... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

The PREMIER: ...wilfully mislead and tell lies. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you Premier. [Interjections.]

Mr P UYS: Hon Madam Speaker, we all know the Rules. If you do not want to withdraw it when the Speaker tells you to withdraw, there is only one thing to do, to leave the Chamber or you are in contempt.

An HON MEMBER: Yes!

Mr P UYS: So please exercise your ruling. [Interjections.]

Mr M G E WILEY: Well you should know, you abetted. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please. Hon member Uys, sorry, members can we...

An HON MEMBER: Haibo! [No ways!] I am disappointed. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: This is not your fight!

The SPEAKER: The Premier has indicated she is not willing to withdraw the statement and that... [Interjections.] Hold on, and that she is going to leave the House. I cannot instruct the Premier to stay here if she chooses to leave. [Interjections.] I have noted the concerns of hon member Uys, when he says if you are asked to withdraw and you do not withdraw then I would need to ask the member in terms of Rule 44 - may I go there. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes please.

An HON MEMBER: Certainly. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Sorry Premier, are you leaving? [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Ja, then you must go.

An HON MEMBER: Premier must go, Premier must go. Premier must go.

[Applause.]

[Hon Premier Zille leaves the House.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Davids.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Thank you Madam Speaker, with everything hon member Wenger said the same thing.

The SPEAKER: Sorry?

Ms S W DAVIDS: Hon member Wenger said the same thing of lying. She said the same thing like the Premier.

The SPEAKER: Okay, so you see members, now I cannot, I am focusing on the Chief Whip here. Hon member Davids, you have indicated that hon member Wenger said something about lying. I was focusing on this attention detail here. I cannot now go to hon member Wenger and ask in respect of what it is she was lying but allow me to go to Hansard and come back to this specific piece, please. Hon member Dugmore.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Thank you Madam Speaker. I would like to - could I address you?

The SPEAKER: Yes you may.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Madam Speaker, can I address you on your ruling?

The SPEAKER: Yes.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Madam Speaker, we are gathered here and listening to a debate. The point that I would like to make is that there are guests in the House.

The SPEAKER: Correct.

Mr C M DUGMORE: That your failure, and this is my submission...

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: You are casting aspersions...
[Interjections.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: Your failure to apply what has become standard practice in this Legislature, when someone says something unparliamentary they are asked to withdraw. The fact that there was an over-undue tolerance from the approach by the Premier has in fact brought the dignity of this House into question, because we did not have to have this drama and also delay the debate... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Do the substantive motion. [Interjections.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: ...and also delay the debate because of the arrogance of the hon Premier and all I want to appeal to you Madam Speaker, is to please... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, order please.

Mr C M DUGMORE: I am on a point of order and I do not know why hon member Wiley is jumping up. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Under which Rule?

Mr M G E WILEY: Under what Rule are you standing?

The SPEAKER: Sorry, hon member Dugmore... [Interjections.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: So all I would like to say, Madam Speaker, all I would like to appeal to you... [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: On which Rule?

Mr C M DUGMORE: ...is that from this side as members we get very worried when there appears to be bias. [Interjections.] We would like to request you to reconsider the fact that you applied a double standard as our Chief Whip has said, to hon Zille, and that has brought this House into disrepute.

An HON MEMBER: Rubbish!

Mr C M DUGMORE: I thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you hon member Dugmore. Chief Whip Wiley.

Mr M G E WILEY: May I address you please?

The SPEAKER: Yes, you may.

Mr M G E WILEY: Madam Speaker, the hon members on the other side are fully aware that if they are not content with the Speaker they can put a substantive motion for your removal. That is the way it is done. That is the Rule of this House. However, for the hon Chief Whip on the other side and the hon member Dugmore to sanctimoniously lecture this House with regard to the disruption after what they did at the SOPA is the worst case of hypocrisy ever in this House. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you Chief Whip. Sorry, hon member Beerwinkel.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: It is okay, Chief Whip, go ahead.

The SPEAKER: Okay, the Chief Whip then. Hon member Uys.

Mr P UYS: Hon Madam Speaker, Rule 44 is very clear. The Premier was

saying somebody was lying. It is clear that you are not allowed to say that. You must withdraw that or leave. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: But that is what she did.

Mr P UYS: But Madam Speaker, you tolerated the Premier to continue to motivate.

An HON MEMBER: Exactly!

Mr P UYS: There is no motivation allowed and you are not treating everybody in this House equally. I really would like you to do some introspection.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Uys thank you. Your point is noted. I try to be as fair as possible. Often, both sides, if the one side raises on a point of order and they go into a deliberating point, I normally try to be fair and allow the other side of the House too. In this instance everyone has got up, besides the Rule, and talked to the issue. I asked the Premier to withdraw. My next step is asking a member to withdraw, which is Rule 44. The Premier indicated that she was willing to leave. I did say I would go to Hansard, so please respect that fact and I will come back to the House on what the hon member Bernard Joseph has said in his deliberations, but I cannot as a Presiding Officer attest to whether a statement is true or untrue. I simply cannot do that. Hon member Beerwinkel.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Thank you. May I read Rule 44 to you.

The SPEAKER: Yes you may.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: I am going to read it.

“If the Presiding Officer is of the opinion that a member is deliberately contravening a provision of these Rules or that a member is in contempt of or is disregarding the authority of the Chair...” being you...
[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Correct.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: “...or that the member’s conduct is grossly disorderly he or she may order the member to withdraw immediately from the Chamber for the remainder of the day’s sitting.”

The SPEAKER: Correct.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: What we... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: She is gone. [Interjections.]

Mr M G E WILEY: That is what she did.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: May I finish? What we are not disputing here, or rather what we are disputing here, Madam Speaker, is the leniency that you allowed the Premier to motivate why she would not withdraw. We are never given that freedom. When you, Speaker, rule, that we have to withdraw, we have to get up regardless of the motivation from that side as to why we behave, we are just asked to withdraw and we graciously do so. We graciously do so and we sit down. I am shocked, Madam Speaker, and I am not undermining your authority. I will never do that. I am shocked that the Chief Whip of this House through all of this was silent because if it was one of us he would have been jumping up like a jack-in-the-box to put us to order. It just goes to show the unfairness of the Rules as they are applied in this House... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon members, your points have all been noted. I will certainly try and apply the Rules as fairly as possible. The Premier has left the House. We now need to continue and allow the hon member Joseph to finish what is left of his two minutes. I thank you. [Interjections.]

Mr B D JOSEPH: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

An HON MEMBER: The other side is... [Inaudible.]

Mr B D JOSEPH: Discussing the impact of gang violence will look for excuses to the failure of the DA Government to effectively render services to black communities... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Mr B D JOSEPH: ... referring to Coloureds, Africans, Indians. The EFF would like to discuss the impact of Provincial Government programmes to reduce gangsterism and their effect to increase safety. The EFF would like to discuss the impact of the Chrysalis Academy. The EFF would like to know and debate what happened to the Safety Lab and all its safety ideas, which was funded by the Department of Community Safety. We need to know how many millions went to this Lab which provided jobs to foreigners and why we were never informed of its safety ideas developed, if any. The EFF would like to know what happened to Nyanga Yethu ...

The SPEAKER: Hon member Joseph, kindly finish...

Mr B D JOSEPH: ... youth crime prevention... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: ... your time has expired.

Mr B D JOSEPH: ... to the local people of Nyanga, and why was the initiative stopped by the Department of Community Safety, and the Cape Town... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Your time has expired...

Mr B D JOSEPH: ... City of Cape Town... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: ... hon member Joseph.

Mr B D JOSEPH: ... when it provided a sustainable and successful alternative to young people, and day and night. Why must community safety... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Your time has expired, hon member Joseph.

Mr B D JOSEPH: ... initiatives stop... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

Mr B D JOSEPH: ... when Americans... [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: [Inaudible.]... disagree with him. [Interjections.]

Mr B D JOSEPH: Thank you.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Nothing was stopped. You are wrong.

The SPEAKER: I see the next member. The hon Minister Schäfer.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Also I would

like to start by acknowledging the guests in the House. Madam Speaker, Section 12 of the Bill of the Rights in the Constitution provides that everyone has the right to freedom and security of the person, which includes the right to be free from all forms of violence from either public or private sources.

Section 205 of the Constitution sets out the responsibilities of the National Police Service. Subsection 1 provides that:

“SAPS must be structured to function in the national, provincial and where appropriate, local spheres of government.”

Subsection 3 sets out the objects of SAPS, which are:

- To prevent, combat and investigate crime.
- To maintain public order.
- To protect and secure the inhabitants of the Republic and their property.
- And to uphold and enforce the law.

I will ask this House and other organisations outside this House, to note that the primary responsibility, to prevent crime and to keep us safe, is with SAPS. Not the Premier, not the Education Department, but SAPS.

An HON MEMBER: Mmm.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: It is the National Department of Police

that has the mandate and the budget to execute this mandate, and our Constitution is so designed that each sphere of government is independent yet interdependent.

The consequences of that are that when one sphere does not work, it affects the others. We are well aware of the chronic under resourcing of SAPS that the Western Cape is facing. We have heard it in this debate. Both in terms of numbers, as well as members with the requisite experience, and the result of that is that criminals and gangs in particular, are literally running riot. Reports today to Hawks Major-General, Peter Arendse, said that we are losing the war on crime, supports this. [Interjection.] The effect of this flagrant dereliction of duty by the National Government has dire consequences for all of us, not least of which is the Education Department.

In gang infested areas our teachers and learners fear for their lives every day while travelling to and from school, and sometimes even while they are on school premises. Families live in fear, not knowing whether their teachers, family members or their children will get home safely each night. It affects the quality of education that can be provided. How are teachers supposed to teach effectively when they too suffer from the same fears? They do an amazing job under the circumstances and I pay tribute to all of them, but they are obviously being affected, and how on earth can anyone expect children to learn when they have to dodge bullets on their way to school? [Interjection.]

Parts of the Cape Flats are literally a warzone. I am reliably informed that

over a period of one week last week, just over 400 shots were fired in Manenberg and Hanover Park. Where are these guns coming from and why are they not being confiscated?

Mr D JOSEPH: Yes.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: This week innocent primary school children in Delft are being targeted by gangsters who wait for them outside school premises, with pangas and rocks, where we have not had any incidents inside the school premises by the way. This has reportedly happened every afternoon this week so far.

In January to June 2016, 64 incidents of gang related violence outside our schools throughout the province, were reported to our Safe Schools hotline. This year, for the same period, it has more than doubled with 139 incidents being reported, and where is the National Government? Where is the President? Where is the Police Minister? Which one, we do not know, and where is the latest National Police Commissioner? Quite honestly I do not even know who the National Police Commissioner is, they change so often, because the President is so busy trying to protect his cronies from criminal prosecution, that he does not care that every day people are being killed and live in fear. [Interjection.]

Evidence of this came across my desk just this week. In April this year, the principal of the Bishops School of Skills was brutally attacked and stabbed,

reportedly for taking disciplinary action against a learner who had shot another learner at school in a gang related incident. No arrests have been made to my knowledge.

The deputy principal of the school, aware that SAPS falls under the National Government, unlike the ANC, wrote to President Zuma a few months [Interjection.] pleading for assistance and intervention in providing safe and secure neighbourhoods and schools on the Cape Flats.

An HON MEMBER: What is the root cause?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: And what does the President do? He simply forwarded the letter to Basic Education Minister, Angie Motshekga, claiming it was within her jurisdiction. On what possible interpretation of the Constitution can one say that keeping schools and neighbourhoods safe from gangsters, falls within the jurisdiction of the Minister of Basic Education? What a failure of leadership.

The only conclusion one can possibly draw is that either the President and the National Government are completely clueless, or they do not give a damn, or both. As a consequence, we have to spend precious resources, both time and money, trying to keep our teachers and learners safe, because the National Government is not doing its job.

It is absurd to suggest, as some continue to do, including on the other side of

the House, that the safety of children to and from school is the responsibility of the Education Department. Some people seem to think that just because something affects people who go to school... [Interjection.]

Ms P Z LEKKER: On the school premises... [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: ... that it is our responsibility.

Ms P Z LEKKER: It is your responsibility.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Yes, it is. Not to and from school I said. Nevertheless, we are doing everything we can within our stretched budget and limited mandate, to work together with all relevant role players, to address the safety of our teachers and learners.

General Jula and his team are doing their best under very difficult circumstances. Recently our Chief Director Districts, Mr Alan Meyer, has been appointed as the Chairperson of the School Safety Priority Committee on the prov [Inaudible.] We are very pleased about this, and it will improve relationships and communication between stakeholders, and will hopefully lead to a more responsive plan of action.

Ms P Z LEKKER: Scottsdene.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: We also deploy additional security guards

and the City of Cape Town School Resource Offices. Thank goodness for Metro Police and Sheriff Smith, self-appointed or otherwise, who is an invaluable resource... [Interjection.]

Ms P Z LEKKER: Is that the case at Scottsdene Primary [Inaudible.]?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: ... and with whom we also have an excellent working relationship.

Ms P Z LEKKER: That is not the case and you know it.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: We are also working together in PSG 2 across the Departments of Education, Social Development, Arts and Culture and DOCS to try and address the complex social issues that give rise to young people getting involved in gangs.

Communities are also assisting by way of neighbourhood watches and walking buses to keep children safe, and we thank you very, very much. However, without more police presence, the situation cannot be brought under control. I am sick and tired of hearing of children being targeted, injured and even killed by gangsters. I am sick and tired of my teachers... [Interjection.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Find the root cause.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: ... not being safe at work, and we are not going to simply... [Interjection.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Find the root cause.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: ... accept this fact. It needs to be dealt with and by the correct authorities, and not excuses by people in power. [Interjection.]

While money is being looted from state coffers with impunity, we are having to make choices between more safety or more teachers. [Interjections.] I will repeat that so that people can hear. Whilst money is being looted from state coffers with impunity, we are having to make choices between more safety or more teachers. What kind of a choice is that? While our classes are becoming more and more overcrowded, we are getting less and less money in real terms, and our people are in danger.

The fact is more police presence results in more teaching and learning, resulting in more opportunities for young and educated leaders. The more schools are disrupted by gang violence, the fewer opportunities there are for our young people, and the more likely they are to get involved in gangs themselves.

Is it is time for National Government to take our safety and their constitutional mandate seriously, and we are looking into ways to make them

do so, because they clearly do not have the ability or will themselves.

Hon member Olivier, I would really like to invite you to come and have a cup of coffee with me, and I will explain the Bill to you, because you are very well aware that shebeens in schools are not what I am trying to achieve. It has been temporarily withdrawn for 45 days to discuss it with the Minister. That is all. [Interjections.] And yes, we are busy with regime change. The DA most definitely is busy with regime change, because that is the only way we are going to solve the crime problem in South Africa, by removing the ANC from the National Government. Thank you. [Interjections.]

[The Deputy Speaker takes the Chair]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. The hon member Dijana. [Interjections.] Order.

Ms T M DIJANA: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Gangs terrorise our communities and break down families across the province, with very minimal intervention from the uncommitted DA Provincial Government that rests solely on making noise and blame shifting. The DA wants to spend hours debating the impact gangs have on service delivery in the province, but let us examine the effect of gangs on services and possible solutions to the problems we face.

Although inadequate parenting, no education or unemployment contribute to

this, many other authors argue that gangs are merely a symptom of a profoundly disturbing youth problem that is getting worse. Young people in...

[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: But they do not know it.

Ms T M DIJANA: ... impoverished areas have no hope or a proper place to stay, and the lifestyle of money and drugs often fills the gap. It has been said earlier that our schools and universities are not safe from robberies and drugs which gangsters bring into our learning spaces. Ambulances and fire trucks cannot reach emergencies because of poor infrastructure and gang hotspots. Housing projects are stopped because of gangsters' disruption. People daily pay the ultimate price on the Cape Flats and Nyanga, which has the highest murder rate in the country.

The DA Government fails to keep gangsterism under control and it is now spreading like wildfire. While the DA rests since 2009, there was a working ANC strategy and policy to target high flyers and on combatting gangsterism, such as Bambanani, which was an integrated approach involving all stakeholders in fighting crime and gang violence and alleviating poverty in communities. [Interjection.]

Mr M G E WILEY: You have got to be joking.

Ms T M DIJANA: Why is it that Cape Town and its surrounding areas in the

province, have such high child murders and gang violence incidents, compared to other metros and other provinces? Is there a trend where the DA governs that they do not provide basic services to communities, and invest in projects that can uplift the municipalities and create jobs? The DA may blame the police and National Prosecuting Authority for the high gang violence, but it is the same police that successfully combat crime in other provinces, which do not have such a spike in gang violence and related activities.

Save for Nelson Mandela Bay, where the DA destabilises communities, the DA is continuing with the legacy of the apartheid government [Interjections.] by not addressing the national questions. It constantly evicts people from their homes for big business development, close schools to make our children walk far, and continue appointing white males in key positions where they are already over represented, six times more than the economic active population. [Interjection.]

The DA cannot show us what adequate resources they have deployed to this crisis, other than to moan about deploying the army. The army cannot come and correct societal imbalances that the DA is continuing to impose or perpetuate on our communities years after apartheid in this province.

†UNksz P Z LEKKER: Abayazi lonto.

[Ms P Z LEKKER: They do not know.]

Ms T M DIJANA: The DA must address community problems which lead people to turn to the life of crime and drugs, and institute secretarial support for the integrated gang strategy in its own government policies. The ANC in the province will continue to work with the South African Police Services in support of recommendations of, amongst others, the Khayelitsha Commission of Inquiry. We will continue to support the efforts of Acting Provincial Police Commissioner, Major-General Thembisile Patekile, and the dedicated men and women in blue, who are working to make this province safer.

The ANC is determined to ensure a higher standard of policing, the availability of proper resources and a stronger relationship between residents and SAPS. Communities are the eyes and ears of society, and must play a bigger role with SAPS, and they are failed dismally by the DA in this province. I thank you. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister Plato?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Mr Deputy Speaker, as the saying goes:

“A fish rots from the head.”

Yesterday in the Standing Committee... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: What are you talking about?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... the Policing Standing Committee, Mr Deputy Speaker, the police admitted, for the very first time, to a failure.

Mr D JOSEPH: Ja.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Let me say, we have warned about this many a time in this House. Today the police leadership admit, for the very first time - the front page of the *Argus* today - senior police officers and senior officials from the Hawks admit in Parliament that the police are failing in their safety service delivery mandate, especially, Mr Deputy Speaker, in the Western Cape.

They have said it openly, publicly. Despite President Zuma's announcing new gun and drug specialised units last year, which are desperately needed to confront the gangsters, drug lords and gunrunners alike, who are wreaking havoc in our communities, members of the police have admitted and I quote:

“No arrest, convictions or confiscations of illegal firearms were made by the units in the Western Cape.”

This is not only a safety service delivery failure, to get a grasp on gang violence in the Western Cape, which has a ripple effect on all other service delivery in the province, this is the National State admitting its failures

which are causing deaths in our communities on a daily basis.

If we get that head correct, effective, in place, the rest will fall in place. Nothing can happen on the ground [Interjections.] because of that head that is not working effectively ...

Ms P MAKELENI: Is that your strategy?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... and they admit it.

Ms P MAKELENI: Is that your strategy?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: We cannot arrest, we cannot take people to a court... [Interjection.]

Ms P MAKELENI: Who says you must arrest?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... only the police can do that [Interjections.] and the courts can do that. [Interjections.] Blood on the hands of those with the power [Interjections.]...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order.

Ms P Z LEKKER: They will never be arrested by you.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... to change police operational

deployment to bring an end to gang violence, the illegal guns and the drug kingpins, thinking they are in charge of our communities.

Ms P MAKELENI: Arrest yourself for failing this province.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: The Hawks yesterday in Parliament admitted, and I read from today's front-page, that:

“It was evident there were shortfalls in service delivery that required a rethink on policing strategies.”

Mr Deputy Speaker, I have said it more than once in this House, the current strategies are not working. It is not for me to correct their strategies in national. They must get the message, they must change their current strategies, because what they are doing on the ground is definitely not working.

Mr K E MAGAXA: What is your strategy?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Shortfalls – I will get to my strategy right now.

Mr K E MAGAXA: When?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Shortfalls and ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... strategic rethink is lip service to communities living in fear on a daily basis. It is an insult to the family, friends and loved ones of the ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: You are insulting us here.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... victims of gang cross-fire. Victims such as Octavia Johanessen who was only 16-years old, in grade 9, who was killed when she was caught in gang cross-fire Monday night in Hanover Park. [Interjections.]

The examples of how gangsterism, gang violence and organised crime are affecting service delivery in the province, are well known. We have heard about the problems our emergency medical support staff face in certain communities. We have seen the temporary closing of facilities that is supposed to service the needs of the people, due to fear. We have heard the plight of social workers not being able to do their jobs, assist in fixing the broken fabric of our society, because of the intimidation of gangsters, gang violence and the fear that is associated with it.

And now we know about the housing project in Valhalla Park and the impact gangsterism and gang violence has had on providing people with the services

they deserve. Metrorail admitted to the impact crime and gangsterism has on their systems, and ability to deliver services in their province. Metrorail are spending R1,8 billion to restore their services.

Mr Deputy Speaker, SAPS is the mandated authority to prevent, combat and investigate crime, to maintain public order, protect and secure the inhabitants of the Republic and their property, uphold and enforce the law, create a safe and secure environment for all people in South Africa as per the Constitution.

An HON MEMBER: Where?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: We extend our support to the police, communities and organisations who, in a whole of society approach, aim to help create safer environments where people live, work and move about.

Despite ongoing interventions from the entire Western Cape Government to address the problems of gangs, guns, drugs and interpersonal violence in support of the actions of the SAPS, I have recently raised my concerns with the National Minister of Police, about the ongoing gang violence in the Western Cape, and what I believe needs to be done about it. And, Mr Deputy Speaker, here is it. I said it before and I want to repeat myself today. I believe the current reservist policy and criteria to enrol is not effective.

This is evident from the statistics. In 2008, 22 159 reservists were called up

for duty with pay. By 2015/16 financial year, no reservists were called up. The number of active police reservists has drastically declined from 5 069 in 2008, to only 1 700 in 2015 with no police reservists recruited in the province between the 2013/14 and 2015/16 financial years. Reservists play an extremely important role in assisting the police, and serving as a force multiplier. The current police reservist recruitment policy is not working. It is a failure.

For the previous financial year only one reservist in the whole of the Western Cape was recruited. In my letter to the National Minister of Police, I asked him to do away, to abolish the current new recruitment policy, to revert back to the previous policy that was working, and to reinstate the previous thousands of well-trained police reservists that are currently sitting at home.

Between 2008 till today, a decline of 88% of reservists in the Western Cape. It means that a police force of close to 40 000 men and women, has become less than half of that today, looking at the current police force in the Western Cape Province of only 21 000 men and women. This is the root cause of the police visibility problems and manpower problems we currently experience in the Western Cape. The void left by the reservists, impact severely on police service delivery and in the fight against gangs and drugs. Today we do not even have a police officer to roam the streets with the neighbourhood watches.

We have to ask where is the new specialised units announced by President

Zuma in 2016? [Interjections.] The President announced the units during his reply speech of the State of the Nation debate on 18 February 2016. Then, not a word has been uttered or confirmed on its implementation or workings, until yesterday in Parliament, where it was confirmed, publicly confirmed that they have done nothing about it.

Ms M M WENGER: Nothing!

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: I have been calling for the reintroduction of specialised units since 2011... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Minister...

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... as I believe them... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, Minister, your time has almost expired. Just finish off.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... to be of crucial importance to tackle the... [interjection.]

Ms P MAKELENI: Bye.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... scourge of drugs, gangs and

guns in our communities. [Interjections.] Mr Deputy Speaker, thank you very much for listening to me. [Applause.]

[Debate concluded.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. That concludes the debate on this subject [Interjections.]. Order. I am competing with members on the floor when I am speaking from here. That concludes the debate on this subject. We now proceed to Interpellations.

The first interpellation, hon member Mnqasela to Minister Bredell. I see Minister Bredell.

Water canals

1. Mr M Mnqasela asked the Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:

What is the (a) impact on and (b) function of the water canals in the current water crisis in the City of Cape Town and the pressing need to save water for inhabitants?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker, and thank you to the member for the interpellation. It is not clear which water canals are being referred to. Nevertheless, a response is given on the

stormwater canals in the City and the canals feeding the City of Cape Town's water supply.

Stormwater canals in the City, because of development in the historical floodplain of many rivers, rivers have been engineered into hardened canals...
[Inaudible.]

Mr P UYS: He is not even here.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ... in order to convey water quickly during the rainfall events to prevent flooding. These canal systems are highly modified and therefore the natural system does not function properly. For example, most vegetation has been removed, which would help to protect the riverbanks from erosion. Many wetlands have been drained and in-fall, which would have helped to reduce the floods and filter sediment and nutrients, from the flow.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Die baas het hom gaan haal.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: The boss has gone to fetch him.]

†Mnr P UYS: Hy luister nie eers nie.

[Mr P UYS: He's not even listening.]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: There are no natural pools which provide... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ... a protected habitat for aquatic biota to develop. In addition, stormwater is highly polluted in industrial and domestic activities, and wastewater discharges which makes it largely unsustainable for use.

Nevertheless, the City is looking at opportunities for stormwater harvesting. These investigations will require extensive study in the feasibility of such use, because of the pollution and treatment requirements, and because stormwater harvesting could severely reduce the environmental flows to lower reaches of the river, which would negatively impact on the aquatic ecosystem, including the estuaries.

Because of the problems with canal systems, the approach worldwide is to develop more water sensitive designs to manage stormwater in urban areas. The City is looking into converting several canals back to the natural systems, where this is possible. For example, the Vygieskraal and Liesbeek Rivers.

The Voëlvlei canal system, there are numerous agricultural canals schemes

around the province, although most of these are agricultural systems, conveying water to farmlands. Those that have been in the media recently, are the canals feeding the Voëlvlei Dam, which provides water for the City of Cape Town. Voëlvlei Dam is an off stream dam and is therefore fed by water diverted from the *Vier-en-twintig-riviere* and the Klein Berg River catchment area, via the canal system.

In October 2014, a fire in the catchment of the Leeu River attributed to the *Vier-en-twintig-riviere*, led to the loss of vegetation and hence the loss of protected soil cover. Consequently the winter rains in 2015/16 resulted in large amounts of sand being deposited in the canal, and the diversion weir. This had the direct result that a substantial amount of water could not be diverted and was lost to the Voëlvlei Dam as overflow of the weir.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister Bredell, your time has expired for this slot.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Thank you. [Time expired.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mngasela?

†Mnr Q R DYA00NTYI: Nee, maar daai ou het mos nie gehoor nie. Wat sal hy nou sê?

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: No, but that guy did not hear. What will he have to say

now?]

†UMnu M MNQASELA: Ndiyabulela Sihlalo. Ukuba umamele kakuhle, kuyacaca uMphathiswa ukuba uyasebenza ngoba into ebendiyifuna kulo mbuzo wokucela inkcazo kukuqinisekisa into yokuba njengokuba sifuna ukonga amanzi, njengokuba sifuna ukuqinisekisa ukuba amanzi anele apha eKapa, ingaba indlela le kubonakala ngathi asiwakhathalelanga ngayo ngokwezikhalazo. Ngoba xa usehla ngeGood Hope, nalapha eCastle uyabona imijelo, amanzi ayahamba nje. Noba uyahamba koomaKloof Street, kukho imijelo. Iyadibana ke kwiindawo ezininzi apha eKapa. Kodwa akukho nto uyivayo ngale mijelo xa kuxoxwa kwizicwangciso zikarhulumente.

Ngoku loo nto yenze kubekho ingxaki, ngoba kaloku lo masipala walapha eKapa kulapho ingxaki inkulu khona. Enye ke into endifuna ukuyiqonda, ngoba uMphathiswa uthi kuza kufuneka kuqokelelwe amanzi ngokuwaphambukisa aye kwelinye icala. Iza kubiza malini, iza kuthatha ixesha elingakanani loo nkqubo yokutshintsha indlela ahamba ngayo la manzi? Eyona nto ingamandla ke yinto yokuba siyile Palamente sifuna ukuba siyibone ukuba urhulumente, ngakumbi iSixeko saseKapa siyithathela ingqalelo ngenene na le nto yokuba kufuneka kulungiswe lo mcimbi wokuba kunqongophele amanzi ngoba kaloku xa usiya ezilokishini ufika iitepu zihamba nje, ingathi amanzi kudala ephuma. Uthi xa ujikeleza, kuhlanjwa iimoto yonke indawo, kukwavula zibhuqe nje. Xa usiya kwezi ndawo zamatyotyombe, ufike ufumanise ukuba umntu akayazi into yokuba angaluthatha uxanduva, aye kuyinqanda itepu xa ivuza. Ngoko loo nto ithethe ukuba sinoxanduva lokuba zenzeke ezi zinto, ukunqanda indlela

ekuchithakala ngayo amanzi. Yiyo le nto kubalulekile ukuba sithethe ngale nto.

Ndiyabulela ke xa uMphathiswa ecinga ngayo ngale ndlela athetha ngayo. Kodwa ke kuza kufuneka ukuba siyixabise, kubekho namaxesha emisiweyo, ukuba iza kugqitywa nini loo nto. Ingabi ngathi sihambisa nje umlomo ukuthetha. Ndiyabulela Somlomo.

[Translation of isiXhosa paragraphs follow.]

[Mr M MNQASELA: Thank you Chair. If you listened well, it is clear that the MEC is really working because what I wanted with this interpellation was to make sure that as we want to save water, as we want to ensure that there is enough water here in Cape Town, it seems we do not care about it, as per the complaints. Because when you go down near Good Hope, and by the Castle, you see canals, with water just flowing. Even when you go down Kloof Street, there are canals. They come together in many places around Cape Town. But you hear nothing about these canals in debates on government plans.

Now that causes a problem, because the Cape Town Municipality is where the biggest problem is. Another thing I want to understand, because the MEC says there will be a need for water collection through diversion. How much is it going to cost, how long is the programme of changing the direction of water going to take? What is important is that, as this Parliament, we want to

see that the government, in particular the City of Cape Town, takes the fact that the issue of water scarcity must be attended to seriously, because when you go to townships you find taps running, as if the water has long been coming out. When you move around, cars are being washed everywhere, there is no order. When you go to these informal settlements, you find that the people do not know that they can take the responsibility and stop a leaking tap. That means then we have a responsibility to see to it that these things Thank you, Minister happen, to stop the way water is wasted. That is why it is important for us to talk about this.

I am thankful then if the MEC thinks about this the way he says. But we will have to evaluate it, set time lines, when that will be finished. It must not be that we are just paying lip service. Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Dijana?

Ms T M DIJANA: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. †Ngu Tsotsi ubuphoxiwe apha. [He is a thug, you were scolded here.] †The DA run Provincial Government is very indecisive in this crisis. It knows that the rainy season will, at the present rate, not yield enough water to assist the dam levels, which are under 30% and having less drinkable water available, they are only eager on the desalination plants and boreholes.

The fact that the Provincial Government is ignoring using alternative sources, is a sign of its poor planning and judgment.

There are 36 springs and four rivers that release millions of litres of sweet water from under the City and into the ocean. My question is why has the DA Government rejected research from the Universities of Cape Town and the Western Cape, regarding underground water canals as an alternative water source?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: [Inaudible.]. They are already using that water.

HON MEMBERS: Where?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Beverley Schäfer?

Ms P MAKELENI: Where?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: We are already on the third round... [Inaudible.].

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Thanks, Mr Deputy Speaker. You know the question really is about what is the impact on water canals in the Western Cape, and I can tell you right now it is R3,5 billion rand cost to the Western Cape. It is a 7,5 million cubic metre loss of water as a result of poor infrastructure spent by the National Government. [Interjections.]

So I find it very interesting that we could lay the blame here, but actually the

cause of the canals at the moment, sits fair and square at the failure of National Government. [Interjections.] At the failure of National Government to spend their money here in the Western Cape... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Oh my word.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: ... maintaining the infrastructure of water and infrastructure of water and canals in general in this province. We had a debate here just a few weeks ago... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: You never take responsibility.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: ... of which we said 4,3 billion lost to the Water and Sanitations National Department.

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Bankrupt!

Ms B A SCHÄFER: We have said and I have looked here right back for the last five years, at press statements that have come out of this province, on the impact of infrastructure, lack of it, on the Western Cape. The result of the Clanwilliam Dam, walls that have not been looked after and have not been upgraded.

In 2015, I am looking an article here, written by the Western Cape

Government, that says:

“184 metre section of the canal near Klawer had resulted in the Western Cape Government having to intervene a R1 million emergency fund.”

That was a result of the National Government not putting their money where their mouth is in this province. It almost looks as if it is a deliberate attempt by the National Government to make sure that the Western Cape fails, and that our water crisis remains at crisis level.

So I really want to emphasise, again, that the National Government’s mandate to implement and ensure that infrastructure is upheld in this province, fails dismally. [Applause.]

Mr P MAKELENI: You are going to continue to fail as long as... [Inaudible].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Dijana?

Ms T M DIJANA: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. The response from the hon member is merely shifting blame and the DA in action exposé. The DA Mayor has declared the disaster, but fails to make use of the framework to spend money on alternative water sources.

Research has shown that if treated stormwater is used for non-potable

purposes, such as irrigation and toilet flushing, it could reduce the total current residential potable water demand by more than 20%. This could be a significant water saving for the City.

Another question, why did the City, under the then Mayor, Helen Zille, reject a 20-point plan in 2007, to harness other water resources and savings to precisely prevent the present situation. [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: Why do you contest elections in the province...
[Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mnqasela? [Interjections.]

†UMnu M MNQASELA: Enkosi Sekela Somlomo. Bendicinga ukuba xa ndicela ukuba masibe nale ngxoxo imfutshane, iANC iza kuza nezisombululo. Uyabona, xa ukuloo meko, olunye uxanduva lwakho kukuba ubonise noko abavoti ukuba ngenye imini uya kuze uphathe. Xa uphelelwe lithemba ke wenza ngolu hlobo iANC yenza ngalo, ngoba baphelelwe lithemba lokuba baya kuze baphathe eNtshona Koloni. Inyaniso ke into yokuba soze niphathe eNtshona Koloni, kuya kude kube ngupewula ngoba abantu abanifuni apha eNtshona Koloni.

[Translation of isiXhosa paragraph follows.]

Mr M MNQASELA: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I thought if I asked that

we have this short debate, the ANC will come with solutions. You see, when you are in that situation, one of your responsibilities is at least to show the voters that one day you will govern. When you have lost hope, you do exactly as the ANC is doing, because they have lost hope that they will ever govern in the Western Cape. It is true then that you will never rule in the Western Cape, it will be centuries because people do not want you here in the western Cape.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

†UMnu M MNQASELA: Sithetha ngamanzi. Amanzi luxanduva lukarhulumente wesizwe, urhulumente wephondo unoxanduva lokuncedisa. Kodwa into esifuna ukuyiqwalasela apha ... [Uphazamiseko.] Ndiyabulela Mphathiswa.

[Translation of isiXhosa paragraph follows.]

Mr M MNQASELA: We are talking about water. Water is a responsibility of national government, the provincial government has a concurrent responsibility. But what we want to pay attention to here ... [Interjection.] Thank you MEC.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Is what?

Mr M MNQASELA: ... is the issue of the canals which the National

Government fails to assist... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Mr M MNQASELA: ... in addressing that problem in this province, but because the ANC in this province is sleeping when you should be in opposition, you fail to play that role. [Interjection.] It is very disappointing, very disappointing. [Interjections.] In a democracy, you want a constructive opposition because voters are expecting very clear solutions on the crisis that we are confronted with... [Interjection.]

Ms P MAKELENI: And you cannot bring them.

Mr M MNQASELA: ... and I am hopeful, I am under no illusion that this is a problem, but we have a very clear programme from this Government given by the Minister.

Now I am happy because he has given me a response and that is a response that says, “Yes, we are dealing with this problem. Yes, there is a challenge, but [Interjection.] we are putting our money where our mouth is.”

Ms L M MASEKO: Yes.

Mr M MNQASELA: But let us listen to the ANC [Interjection.], “Ai, the DA this. Ai, the DA...” – but you are not bringing solutions!

Ms L M MASEKO: Yes. [Interjections.]

Mr M MNQASELA: So that we can at least have hope [Interjections.] and a bit of, some kind of an interest... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr M MNQASELA: ... to display... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr M MNQASELA: ... your ability to participate constructively in this Parliament.

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

†UMnu M MNQASELA: Siyabulela, Mphathiswa. [Thank you, Minister]

†Thank you very much. Thank you for your leadership.

Ms B A SCHÄFER:: Well done.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Minister Bredell?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Mr Deputy Speaker, thank you to the participants. I do not have a lot of time. Just to say that 2,5 million litres of water per day gets used out of this canal system as a drinkable source. A lot of the water gets used to irrigate our parks and so forth, because it is not of drinkable standard, and the City is looking to get that to a drinkable standard, but we must also acknowledge that we cannot take all the water out of the system, because we also need to protect the ecosystem.

We, in this province, have appointed six hydrologists to manage groundwater management, because we must remember that boreholes and these things must also be fed, and if you take out all the water and you do not manage it, then the plants on top will die at the end of the day.

So it is a very sensitive and a difficult position we are in. The one thing that we could have done better and earlier maybe, was that we do have a plan in the Western Cape and we based our 2012 water plan on normal rainfall. We now say we must plan it as if we are not going to get any rain and we need to make that [Interjections.] sure, and now what is happening is that the City of Cape Town has got a very good plan.

I can assure the members in this House, that we will do everything possible to land this plan, to get the financial backing for this plan. Myself and the Mayor is also going to meet with the National Minister next week, because we believe that to get us through this very difficult period, that we are going

to need all three spheres of government to work together, to put their funding together and then we will, as a government, pull through.

It is also very important that we protect the agricultural sector. At the end of the day we can only save so much water, because then food security will be at risk and we will need to balance this out, but thank you for the interpellation. It is an ongoing and a very sensitive topic for all of us. Thank you. [Interjections.] [Applause.]

[Debate concluded.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Thank you. We proceed to the second interpellation in the name of hon member Tyatyam. [Interjections.] Order. [Interjection.] Order. This will be dealt with by hon member Nkondlo, with permission. I see the Minister Winde first.

Emerging small fishing companies and related communities

2. Mr S G Tyatyam asked the Minister of Agriculture, Economic Development and Tourism:

What is his Department doing to help emerging, small fishing companies and the related communities?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Thank you very much. Mr Deputy Speaker, South Africa's

fisheries, again as per a kind of the trend today, are a national competency and managed by the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, in accordance with the Marine Living Resources Act of 1998. The DAFF Small Scale Fishing Policy further mandates DAFF to manage the small fishing companies' ability to do business within harbours.

This contradicts the Constitution which gives municipalities this mandate, and varying mandates have been a cause for concern by the municipalities and the Western Cape Government, and has placed limitations on what municipalities and the Western Cape Government can do to support the harbours towards growth and job creation.

The Department of Economic Development and Tourism has assisted and supported the Department of the Premier to initiate an approach to revitalise the 12 fishing harbours in the Western Cape. Research was conducted and input was given to the National Department of Public Works. The City of Cape Town is further discussing how to best resolve this matter so that harbours can realise their full potential to create jobs in the Western Cape, and of course this is also part of the three day Operation Phakisa that has been happening this week.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon member Nkondlo?

Ms N D NKONDLO: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Hon Minister, your Department envisions a Western Cape economy that is characterised by

growth, employment and equitable opportunities, and build on the full potential of all.

What you have just presented is interesting and I am not sure whether we should, in any way, even continue the debate; whether what you are implying that your Department, with the mandate of economic development, does not have any role in supporting emerging small fishing enterprises, including fishing communities, which is exactly what we are asking, noting and understanding very well what the constitutional mandate of National Government and the various departments is? That is the question.

In this debate we seek to understand the extent this vision holds true and is lived for the small scale fishers and fishing in communities in general in this province. The chorus we are fed by the DA-led Government of a thriving economy in the Western Cape, must be exposed for just what it is, a chorus. So long as such growth cannot be explained, in human terms, equity terms, then wonders growth for who? This must be a central feature of any departure from the past, that led to the quagmire of the two economies South Africa inherited, those of the haves and the have nots, characterised in race, gender and class terms.

Therefore the question we then ask today, how and what can the Minister present to this House and the public, on the efforts made by his Department to direct the investment growth opportunities for fishing communities, and we should not deviate and present a decoy about what National Government

is supposed to be doing or not doing. That is the simple question that we are asking in as far as your mandate that is focussing on economic development.

What in real terms makes up the intentional and deliberate initiatives of the Department to support small scale fishers and those communities, to access formal markets that are traditionally geared towards commercial and more well-established businesses.

Small fishing companies and related communities have been fishing for generations in their families along coastal towns. The Institute for Poverty, Land and Agrarian Studies traces fishing activities of communities like Struisbaai, to the first nation Khoisan who used fishing traps whilst women harvested, guarded, cut and cooked. One asks today, in 2017, why the Department has not shown any appreciation of this local knowledge in informing its Enterprise Development Programme, let alone a targeted programme found for small fishing enterprises, especially in this month of August. We do not even see any opportunities for women that will link to net making and harvesting, or processing opportunities.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member, your time has expired now.

Ms N D NKONDLO: Instead, what one finds is a general, two day business skills training with the Department of Agriculture, running workshops on how to fish or how to sell the catch to the market. Clearly this assumes that

people who have been fishing for decades and trading informally ...
[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you.

Ms N D NKONDLO: ... on their own, do not know the business. [Time expired.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Your injury time has expired as well. Hon member Schäfer?

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Thanks, Mr Deputy Speaker. You know, it is a pity hon member Tyatyam is not here, because he is the very one that did not support this report on abalone poaching, because it relates to fishing and we wrote a lot about the recommendations of small scale fishing right in this report, and he is now playing games and now putting questions to the Minister on small scale fishing when he did not support this.

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: In the House, although he supported it very clearly, and it was recorded, hon member, in our Committee. But, I would like to just point out that this was done not so long ago, and the recommendations that were made to Minister Winde, he publicly came out here in the House and said that he would look at skills upliftment within the small scale fishing

communities, and that some of the problems that were sitting in the industry, was around policy, it was around our small boat harbours.

It was only just in July that the City of Cape Town has looked at putting a harbour by-law together, and part of our recommendations were that for the other small boat harbours, that those municipalities also looked at putting forward some kind of by-law, because clearly we have a problem, not just in an isolated industry such as small scale fishing. It really sits at a far larger issue, such as our harbours, such as our poaching. We know that there are no job opportunities around fishermen and women at this moment.

So I really do have to emphasise. We have to protect the Minister here, he has not even had a chance. He has just got this report. Fishing sits at a national mandate once again. We have called in this report to decentralise small scale fishing to the provinces. I say that again, we need to do that and that has to be taken up to a national level, but until such time, Minister Winde, with all due respect, cannot do much until this has been done. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Nkondlo?

Mr B D KIVEDO: Hear-hear.

Ms N D NKONDLO: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I am sure, hon Chair of the Standing Committee, it is not your intention to be insensitive to hon

member Tyatyam who is off sick this week, and be dramatic in your response of trying to protect Minister Winde.

I think what we are raising here is a function that is in the Department, that of supporting SMME's, and if one even goes to the Department and the programmes that they do, one of the things that they clearly spell out is their support to SMME's. Therefore what we are asking is what that support is in as far as those that are involved in the fishing business in the fishing communities. I am not sure whether, perhaps I must say this thing in Xhosa. I am not sure whether I maybe †mhlawumbi uza kundiva kakuhle ukwenzela into yokuba ... [maybe you will understand me better so that ...] once again when we debate here, because it therefore misses the essence of what we are debating.

And indeed, no one argues about the fact that there was a discussion in the report of the Committee. That is not what we are asking. What we are asking is, is there anything tangible that this Department has been doing to ensure the thriving fishing industry of Struisbaai, as an example? Does the 46 to 59% tourist spend of at least R500 to R1 000 per day to stay in Paternoster and Langebaan, realise an economic dividend for the previously disadvantaged in that area?

Why has Wesgro, hon Minister, under your own watch with all the good track record of bringing investment to the province, including increasing tourism, still not seen it as important, nor developed a focused township tourism

strategy, or a strategy that focuses on small towns including those fishing communities, to ensure that these gains benefit the vulnerable? Is this not what inclusive growth and equitable opportunities should be about? Is there any specialised training provided for members along the high-end capabilities for agro processing of fishing products? How are those faced with ...
[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Ms N NKONDLO: ... job losses trained for new markets or opportunities in aqua culture and related things? [Time expired.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member, your time has expired.
The hon member Schäfer.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Through the Deputy Speaker, I agree to some degree with my colleague across. We obviously have to look at economic opportunities and look at the Ocean's Economy. We have been talking about that, and let me not seem disingenuous about that, but the point is that we do need to have a collaborative effect, both at national and provincial level.

The very point that I am going to make now, and I am going to pose this question to this Minister; I would like to know if Minister Winde was invited to attend the Phakisa ministerial visit in the Overstrand this last week? Maybe that will just prove a point.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon member Nkondlo again.

Ms N D NKONDLO: The South African Government affirms a human rights based approach to small scale fisheries in tandem with the UN Food and Agriculture programme. As the ANC, we commend President Jacob Zuma for signing the amended Marine Living Resources Act into law, that will now give fishing rights to traditional fishing communities, and this includes the following Government programmes: namely Agri BE, Micro Finance Institution of South Africa, Ilima/Letsema and others, which interestingly, if you go the website of the Department by the Minister, many of these, when you click, you are referred to when you are looking for information.

When it comes to small fishing and related communities, the DA Government is only concerned about taking control of harbours and getting more money from the National Treasury. The DA Government has shown no willingness to bring about any transformation programmes to upskill workers, which will eventually enable them to become their own fishing company owners and participate in the economy.

The Premier said the DA has a plan for fishing communities, which was to empower and listen to the local communities where the harbours are located. The DA has been listening to the people since 2009 and has no action or implementation for these communities, and I would like to conclude, Mr Deputy Speaker, just to read a piece from one article by a researcher, that

says:

“The human rights instruments...”

Which is the human rights approach to fisheries:

“... highlights the responsibility of the State and all actors in the sector to promote the principle of non-discrimination and equity in the process of ensuring that the marine resources along our coastline are governed in a manner consistent with the Bill of Rights.”

All we are requesting is that the Department of Economic Development and Tourism should have a targeted programme that assists small scale fisheries and fishing communities. Thank you.

Mr D JOSEPH: National Department.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. The hon Minister Winde.

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Quite a lot to try and get through in this few minutes.

I think first of all the question about whether the ANC is serious about this

or not, and the question about whether I was invited to Operation Phakisa, a three day event taking place in this province. I heard about it three weeks ago and started asking questions three weeks ago. My invite arrived on Monday to start on Tuesday. I was on the speakers' list.

Mr D JOSEPH: Oh!

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: I only got invited on Monday. Now that is the norm, because yesterday I received an invite from the Minister of Tourism for an event in the Western Cape today. That is how it works with the ANC. They think that we all wait around for some Minister. This is obviously what happens in the other provinces.

Mr D JOSEPH: Ja.

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Where everyone sits and does nothing until the Minister arrives and then you can jump into a meeting quickly. [Interjections.] It is so ridiculous.

But what I did do proactively in this space, is I spent the day with Minister Zokwana. He came to visit me and we spent the day, earlier this month, at Elsenburg and one of the issues that we spoke around was fisheries and fishing, because I am sick and tired of trying to mop up and pick up the

pieces... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I can see that you are sick and tired.

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ... when the ANC keep on giving – we hear how we need to support the fishing communities but everyone in the fishing community does not get the quota. The guy gets a quota because he is an ANC lackey living in Pretoria, and we have to try and pick up the pieces here, because they mess up the quota system. It is totally messed up.

Let us have a look at what else they do. Remember when Tina Joemat-Pettersson had this job? So she decided to help – we speak about communities like Struisbaai and Gansbaai. Go to Struisbaai and have a look at the beautiful freezer system supplied there for the fishing community by Tina Joemat-Pettersson. [Interjection.] Eight years ago. It has not operated for one day, because it cannot get plugged in.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Ah!

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Because there is no electricity for this thing. It gets dumped in the middle of nowhere and that is where it stops, but also go and have a look at who got the quota for the whale watching.

HON MEMBERS: Ja.

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Tina's own family got the quota. The local guys did not get it. So they do not get any opportunity.

An HON MEMBER: [Whistle.]

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Then – let us go and have a look at this specific debate. So the debate comes on how we are going to put focused programmes in place for the fishing communities. I mentioned that we are looking at how the harbours can enable – and I understand not everyone can get a quota, but someone who understands the sea should be able to get an economic opportunity within a small harbour but they are kept captive for years and years and years.

I think we have been working on this thing for eight years now, trying to find an opportunity which gets held by the Department of Public Works. They, as we heard last time in the debate, they even give money... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ... to the Eastern Cape to try and fix problems in the Western Cape. They have not got a clue on how to fix the situation. [Time expired.]

[Debate concluded.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Minister Winde, your time has expired.

[Interjections.] Order. The third interpellation will have to fall away today.

We will have to submit it again.

HON MEMBERS: Why?

Mr M G E WILEY: Because you threw the Premier out of the House...

[Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Premier is not here. She left the House. We move on to Questions. Question number 1. Hon member Nkondlo to the Premier. That one will stand over. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You must just record that she did not answer her questions.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Question 2 will also stand over. We come to Question number 3. Hon member Mnqasela to Minister Bredell. Minister Bredell? Question 3 on the Question Paper.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

Smoke alarms for vulnerable communities

3. Mr M Mnqasela asked the Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:

Whether the Western Cape municipalities have made provision through their Integrated Development Plans (IDPs) and budgets for the smoke-alarm systems or similar devices in order to protect the lives of people in vulnerable communities who are exposed to frequent incidents of fire; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker, thank you to the member for the question.

The Provincial Government Fire and Rescue Services sponsored 2 000 smoke-alarms systems in high-risk areas, and a further 2 000 were sponsored by Santam. The Lions International Organisation also purchased and installed some devices. An intensive marketing and advocacy programme followed, and municipalities were requested to consider the installation of such devices in their area of responsibility. This is the second pilot programme in the Western Cape, following the ongoing success story in Breede Valley Municipality.

The Wallacedene TRA site is the only site in the City of Cape Town with installed smoke-alarms. The Provincial Disaster Management Centre has had meetings with the City of Cape Town and other municipalities in the Western

Cape, as well as with other interested parties who have shown interest regarding this project. This is, however, still voluntary and not a building regulation requirement. In the next round of IDP assessments, the outcomes of this request are still to be measured. I thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mngasela for a follow-up question.

†UMnu M MNQASELA: Enkosi Sekela Somlomo. Ndifuna ukumcela uMphathiswa ukuba abe ngathi uyayijija ingalo koomasipala, banganikwa thuba lakuba benze unothanda. Kaloku lo mcimbi uhamba nokuba kubhubha abantu. Kuba ngasa kutsha abantu. Kutsha abantu. Xa kutsha amatyotyombe kuba ngasa kubhubha abantu. Phezolo oku eMizamoyethu kutshe abantu.

[Translation of isiXhosa paragraph follows.]

Mr M MNQASELA: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I want to appeal to the MEC to twist the arm of the municipalities, and not give them a chance to do as they please. In fact this issue goes with the deaths of people. Day in and day out, people are burnt. People are burnt. When shacks burn every day, people die. Just last night in Imizamo Yethu people were burnt to death.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon member. This is not an interpellation. This is question time ... [Interjection.]

Mr M MNQASELA: I know.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You must get to your question.

Mr M MNQASELA: Yes, I know. I think the translators are not helping there.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: It is a long introduction, but get to the question now.

Mr M MNQASELA: Alright, Mr Deputy Speaker. My right to speak isiXhosa has been taken away now. [Interjections.] Because it is being violated. I think they are not helping you that side. [Interjections.]

Ms P MAKELENI: What is your question?

Mr M MNQASELA: Mr Deputy Speaker, the issue here is that the Minister is responding to the question...

Ms P MAKELENI: What is the question?

Mr M MNQASELA: We do not want municipalities to have that much leeway.

Mr P UYS: What is your question?

Ms P MAKELENI: What is your question?

Mr M MNQASELA: So my question is [Interjection.], to what extent is the

Minister and his Department willing to twist arms and ensure that municipalities, instead of having the leeway to decide, the Department is able to enforce that they take this initiative as part of the IDP and as part of their own budgeting processes, to save lives in informal settlements, to ensure that people are no longer victims as we see today, because shacks and lives are taken every day?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister Bredell?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. We have come a long way with this on informal settlements fires because it is problematic and it is very difficult to solve and we have worked out and we run this pilot in Breede Valley Municipality with huge success. And I can tell this House now that the Wallacedene TRA site, while they were busy installing this we managed to stop three fires and just the other day we received the news that they have managed to contain the fire to one dwelling. That would not have happened if they had not had a smoke alarm.

So the smoke alarms, the more we do research the more we realise how important this is and that this can save lives and we have interacted with all the municipalities and the IDP process; we asked them, we have requested them now to make it part of the budgeting cycle and then after we assessed it and if they do not adhere to it, obviously we will interact with the Standing Committee. I personally think that we need to go this route and even if we need to take a very hard stance to get the municipalities to

install this. This is a R150 investment in a house and you will save many lives for the next 10 years. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: There is another follow up. I will come to you now, hon member Mr Dyantyi. Hon member Mngasela first and then I will come to you.

Mr M MNQASELA: He must ask his own questions.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: [Inaudible] the question.

Mr M MNQASELA: Mr Deputy Speaker, the investment ... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Ask your question.

Mr M MNQASELA: ... into this exercise ... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: What is the question?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I am listening very carefully. Order!

Mr M MNQASELA: I am sure the Minister will agree with me that the investment into this exercise will save municipalities the money they spend in starter packs.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: What is the question?

Mr M MNQASELA: Now when the ANC has got this diarrhoea then ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mngqasela, ... [Interjections.] Order!

Mr M MNQASELA: The starter packs ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. The purpose of the supplementary questions is really to ask questions to the Minister, not to motivate.

Mr M MNQASELA: Yes.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Get to your question.

Mr P UYS: You are not the Minister. [Inaudible.] your own speech.

Mr M MNQASELA: The ANC must ask their own questions, Mr Deputy Speaker. [Interjections.] The question is: currently municipalities use starter packs subsequent to the fires. Now will the municipalities be eager, and that is for the Minister to look at, whether he will be able to encourage them instead of only investing in the starter packs, to look at putting these as part of the provision of a disaster relief initiative?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member.

Mr M MNQASELA: And that is the question, Mr Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, you have framed it very well for the Minister.

Mr M MNQASELA: The ANC must ask their own questions. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister, you may proceed.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Obviously we will motivate the municipalities. The municipalities are very keen, it is just that we need to get to the new budget cycle. We have also got the proof that we will motivate them to go for the bit more expensive option. It is R150. You do get one that costs round about R80 but the R150 one has got a special battery that will last 10 years. So we will definitely motivate them to go for that and we have got the backing and it can also be a job creation kind of programme because we train people to put it in, in the area, and they will also help us to maintain it. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon member Dyantyi?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Thank you. Hon MEC, given the fact that the majority of informal settlements are in the City of Cape Town more than any other municipality in the province, almost a ratio of 10 to one in terms of numbers and given your own admission here that this system is very effective ... [Interjections.] – okay, do you follow that?

Now why have you, as a Department, not put them where there is a priority?

Not just a pilot but, as a Department, giving the city a particular number because there is only Wallacedene compared to Breede Valley. It is one-one and yet the problem is in Hout Bay, it is in Imizamo Yethu, it is in those areas. Why is the Department not giving them a target?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Mr Deputy Speaker, because we do not instruct the municipalities. We get them to work with us. First we had to run a pilot; if the pilot was not successful we would have had to go back to the drawing board. Now this pilot seems very successful, we are interacting with the City of Cape Town as well and we are in the middle of the budget cycle, so we will get there. It is not only the responsibility also of the municipality, we are also getting sponsors. Like I said, Santam was willing to come to the party. I think there are a lot of others that we can pull in. It does not have to be only to the cost of the municipality.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Can we move on to the fourth question? Hon member Olivier to Minister Schäfer. Minister Schäfer, the fourth question.

Scottsdene High School, counselling following stabbing incident

4. Mr R T Olivier asked the Minister of Education:

Whether her Department offered counselling to the learners and teachers at the Scottsdene High School, Kraaifontein, following a stabbing that resulted in the death of a learner; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. The answer to the question is yes, the WCED did provide counselling as required, following the incident on 13 June 2017. The school psychologist, Mr Llewellyn Michaels, was fortunately at the school on the day of the incident ... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: [Inaudible]

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: ... on the day of the incident for an unrelated matter, so he could assist immediately. Counselling was provided to both learners and teachers on the same day of the incident. Normally educators are referred to ICAS for counselling but on this occasion they were also attended to by the school psychologist. Special counselling was organised the following day for the two affected classes and on 14 June 2017 a memorial service for Nadelin Lucas was conducted at the school. The pastor conducting the service also provided group counselling during the service. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Olivier, a follow up?

Mr R T OLIVIER: MEC, you partly responded to what I wanted to ask. How many sessions were held and whether any follow ups – or was it only those two sessions for those two learners and educators or did the entire class receive some counselling? And was there any follow up counselling done, apart from those two occasions?

Mr K E MAGAXA: Do not ask her [Inaudible.] questions [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister, you may respond.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you. The only instances I am aware of are what I have already reported but I do know that the school psychologists and social workers are available in the event of need and on the request of the school. So if people are still needing more, I am sure that the school can ask for it and we will assist.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Kivedo? I will come back to you, hon ... [Interjection.]

Mr B D KIVEDO: Mr Deputy Speaker, Minister Schäfer ... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Do not ask sweetheart questions now.

Mr B D KIVEDO: Is it standard practice in the Department to deploy WCED school psychologists to all schools in need of trauma counselling?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: But you know [Inaudible].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, hon member Kivedo. Yes, we have teams of psychologists and social workers in all of our districts, who are on hand to go and give counselling where necessary and they do so very well.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon member Olivier and then the last one will be hon member Hinana. Hon member Olivier.

Mr R T OLIVIER: MEC, sometimes when you do counselling you find that not all learners come forward for counselling. Is there any assessment that is done because such incidents on school premises might affect not only the two or three, but it might affect a number of learners and teachers at that school. Was this counselling extended and was there any assessment done to ensure that everyone who might be affected by this incident was counselled?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, hon member Olivier. I do not get involved in every single assessment that happens at every single school. I have to trust the expertise of our people in the district and the psychologists. As I say, if people have not received and feel that they need it, they are welcome to ask for it and we will assist.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Hinana.

Mr N E HINANA: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Hon Minister, related to the death of the learner who was stabbed, was this death related to gang activity in school or was it just part of the initiations that the learners are doing all the time?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you very much, hon member Hinana. All indications are that it was gang-related, yes. It is alleged that the victim belonged to the VDK gang and the perpetrator to the Mobsters gang. There had been a feud between them the previous week.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: We move on to the fifth question, hon member Olivier again to Minister Schäfer, Question number 5. Hon Minister?

Scottsdene High School: security or safety volunteers

5. Mr R T Olivier asked the Minister of Education:

Whether her Department deployed security or safety volunteers at the Scottsdene High School, Kraaifontein; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. The answer is yes, there are two 24-hour security guards placed at the school and have been there since 2015. The school also receives excellent support from SAPS in Kraaifontein, who patrols regularly and assist with extra patrols during opening and at dismissal. SAPS is also as hands-on as possible in the community and we want to commend them and thank them for their support.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Olivier?

Mr R T OLIVIER: I am not sure, Mr Deputy Speaker, if anyone wants to ask questions that side. [Laughter.][Interjections.] During deployment of the security and safety volunteers, has there been any incident reported to yourselves after this deployment?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you. I did not say they were volunteers. I said there were two 24-hour security guards which we pay for. There has not been any incident reported to us since this particular incident, no. We have also ensured that we try, in all communities where we have gang problems, to involve the community and the school did recently host a breakfast for parents where parents acknowledged the problem and exhibited a really huge willingness to assist, to support the school as they regard it as an important community asset.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Olivier, a second one?

Mr R T OLIVIER: You did not say yes, when I asked. [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Kivedo, you are the next one after him.

Mr R T OLIVIER: No, Mr Deputy Speaker, the Minister just touched on it but we believe there are red zone areas and there are schools in those red zones as per the determination by Minister Plato's Department that they categorise gang communities or violent areas into red zones. I do not know, is the consideration that this kind of an approach can be rolled out to all those red zone schools in terms of your security personnel and deployment?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister to respond.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you. It is a new question but I will answer it. [Interjection.]

At the moment, as part of PSG2, which I chair, we are now the Provincial Inter-ministerial Committee on the National Anti-gang Strategy and as part of that we are working on criteria as to how we should identify schools as high risk. There is not entirely agreement on that yet and we are actually going to be having a meeting shortly to come to an agreement on that and then depending on that classification, it will depend on what services we can provide and we are working on a plan to try and ensure that we will be able to respond easily and quickly to gang issues when they flare up.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Kivedo?

Mr B D KIVEDO: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. It is heartening to know that the volunteerism and security are underway and operating smoothly. I just want to know whether we have any plans in the Department to establish a Walking Bus initiative at this specific school?

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Dit is 'n nuwe een ja, 'n splinternuwe een.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: It is a new one, yes, a totally new one.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you. That is a new question and I am not entirely sure but I can find out and get back to you, but we are establishing them a lot [Interjections.] at various schools and they are proving to be very welcome and very constructive, but I cannot answer on this particular school. I will let you know. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Hinana, the last opportunity on this question.

Mr N E HINANA: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Hon Minister, is this the standard practice, that of providing security 24 hours a day to all your schools or just only targeting those that have been volatile areas?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you for that question. We do not have the resources to be able to deploy security at every school, unfortunately, not even at some of the ones we would like to, but we do obviously ensure that the ones that are highest risk we try and assist wherever possible, such as this school. And if there interim incidences of violence we then do an *ad hoc* security placement.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: We move on to Question number 6. Hon member Lekker to Minister Plato. Minister Plato, Question 6.

Youth gangs: multidisciplinary task team

6. Ms P Z Lekker asked the Minister of Community Safety:

Whether his Department established a multidisciplinary task team on youth gangs in accordance with Recommendation 12 of the Khayelitsha Commission of Enquiry; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Mr Deputy Speaker, thank you to the member for her question. Yes, a multidisciplinary task team on youth gangs has been established and is in full operation. In August 2015 a task team was established to oversee the implementation of the recommendations of the Khayelitsha Commission of Inquiry. The team consisted of senior representatives of the provincial police and the Department of Community

Safety, Social Justice Coalition, the Khayelitsha Development Forum, the Congress of Democratic Taxi Associations, Khayelitsha Community Policing Forum and the religious sector, neighbourhood watches and other NGOs of the area.

As part of a process of identifying strategic objectives for the area, the South African Police Service and the Department of Community Safety participated in a crime indaba organised by the Khayelitsha Development Trust on 20 October 2016. The indaba brought together the representatives of various Government departments and civil society organisations and adopted a resolution which dealt with the themes brought forward into the Khayelitsha Priority meeting.

The Priority Committee met regularly and at a meeting of 3 November 2015 it was unanimously decided that the multisectoral task team on youth gangs should be incorporated into the Khayelitsha Priority Committee to prevent duplication of the same members and representatives to attend the meetings of another established task team.

The Priority Committee has representatives from all the entities I have raised and again other State Departments such as Cultural Affairs and Sport, Education and Social Development, the Department of Justice, the State Security Agency as well as the National Prosecuting Authority.

Furthermore, Mr Deputy Speaker, in May this year, 2017, the ProvJoints

Priority Committee on Anti-gangsterism was established and this multidisciplinary structure meets on a monthly basis to facilitate the implementation of the National Anti-gangsterism Strategy in the Western Cape. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Lekker, do you want to follow up?

†UNksz P Z LEKKER: Enkosi, Sekela Somlomo. Xa ndimamele ndibona into yokuba kufanelekile kubekho utshintsho olukhoyo. Ndinga ukuba le ndlela yayivulelwe kona ukuba ithi yakusebenza eKhayelitsha,iphume iye kufakwa kwezinye iingingqi, ezikwaphantsi kweNtshona Koloni. Nanjengoko kubonakala ukuba kukho izinto apho bathi bahlale khona phantsi baqulunqe. Baza kude bazihoye nini ncakasana ezi zinto nto sith zingumceli mngeni, la maqela emigewu ngoba kaloku xa sisoloko sihlala etafileni siqulunqa kubalulekile ukuba side sithi, siqulunqile, ngoku sikulungele ukuba siqalise senze umsebenzi, singene ngaphakathi siqale ukuthetha nala maqela emigewu. Ndifuna ukwazi ke ngoku ukuba oku kuqulunqa bahleli bequlunqa, ezi zinto baza kuzenza nini, ngoba kaloku kwiiveki ezigqithileyo... [Uphazamiseko.]

[Translation of isiXhosa paragraphs follow.]

[Ms P Z LEKKER: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. As I am listening I realize that there really should be change. I think this method was initiated so that if it worked in Khayelitsha, it could be rolled out to other areas, that are also within the Western Cape. It seems that there are issues where they sit

and deliberate. When will they attend to what we see to be challenges, these gangsters, because if we always sit around the table and deliberate, it is important for us to say at last, we have deliberated, now we are ready to start doing our work, go inside and start talking to these gangsters? Now I want to know, these deliberations they are always busy with, when are they going to do these things, because in the past weeks ...[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: What is the question?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon member.

Ms P Z LEKKER: You must listen, there was a question there. It is not my problem that ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order, hon member!

Ms P Z LEKKER: ... the interpreters cannot interpret properly.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Hon member Lekker, the Chair is addressing you. You are busy with a question, I am happy with that.

Ms P Z LEKKER: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: So just conclude your question.

Ms P Z LEKKER: Thank you. My second question to that would be ...
[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: isiXhosa.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order, hon member. You can only ask one question at a time.

†UNksz P Z LEKKER: Umbuzo wam wesibini ukongeza kulowa besele ndiwubuzile wokuqala, kukuba la maqela emigewu ayaqhubeka ...
[Uphazamiseko.]

[Translation of isiXhosa paragraph follows.]

[Ms P Z LEKKER: My second question, adding to the one I asked earlier, is whether these gangsters continue to ... [Interjection.]]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order hon member, order! I believe you are asking a second question.

Ms P Z LEKKER: Oh!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Wait your turn for that. Minister Plato to respond to the first one.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I just hope I got each and every point the hon member raised.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You must, you have no choice.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: The Priorities Committee sits regularly with all the stakeholders. Each and every stakeholder does fulfil a specific function and they must implement what is decided at the respective meetings, for instance, the Community Policing Forums with regard to safety matters, also the police with regard to visibility, with regard to the hot spot areas such as gangsterism at schools as well.

We have, with all these entities, various programmes and projects I have raised here in this House already, such as youth camps, such as our YSRP programme, our Youth Safety and Religious Programme, such as our Chrysalis Academy and we do give priority to these identified areas within Khayelitsha to decant, to take the youngsters of the area into these programmes and it is working successfully.

What we detect is that there is definitely a decline in youth gangs' fights in the broader Khayelitsha area as a result of the current interventions. We need to do more, I agree with that, but looking at the police statistics in the area there is a definite decline. We do not see the harsh amount of youth gang fights that we have seen up to two years ago in Khayelitsha and what I personally have experienced in the broader Khayelitsha area. We have even

seen an up to 80% decline even in vigilante killings in the broader Khayelitsha area as a result of targeted interventions in that area. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon member Lekker, your second question?

†UNksz P Z LEKKER: Enkosi Sekela Somlomo. Sekela Somlomo xa ndimamele kwimpendulo endiyifumana kuMphathiswa, inene ndiyavuma ukuba mhlawumbi uMphathiswa unethuba engasayi eKhayelitsha, unethuba engasawafundi amaphepha. Thina ke bantu bahlala elokishini, siza kumxelelela Somlomo ukuba kule veki iphelileyo ngaseMasiyile, aba bantwana, la maqela emigewu ebesilwa. Umbuzo wam uthi, ingaba eli qumrhu balibekileyo likulungele na ukuba liqinisekise zonke ezi zicwangciso bebevumelene ngazo ziyenzeka? Ngoba kaloku amaqela emigewu xa ebesilwa kule veki iphelileyo, abawenzanga umsebenzi wabo. Ngqiniseko yiphi esiyifumanayo yokuba ezi zinto bathi bayazenza ziyenzeka, bathetha nabantu abangqamene nale nto. Ngoba kaloku ingxaki apha akuthethwa nolutsha olusemngciphekweni, kuthethwa nabantu abasemacaleni abangenzi le nto. Enkosi.

[Translation of isiXhosa paragraphs follow.]

[Ms P Z LEKKER: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Mr Deputy Speaker, when I listen to the response I get from the MEC, I agree that really, he has not been to Khayelitsha in a while, he has not read newspapers in a long time.

We, the people who live in the township will tell him, Mr Deputy Speaker, that last week near Masiyile High School these kids, these gangsters were fighting. My question is, is the body that they formed fit enough to ensure that the arrangements they agreed upon do materialise? Because if the gangsters were fighting last week, they did not do their work. What assurance are we getting that the things they claim to be doing do happen, they speak to the people involved in this? Because the problem is that the youth at risk are not addressed. They address people who are on the sidelines, who are not doing this thing. Thank you.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Hon member, your question is done. Hon Minister Plato?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Mr Deputy Speaker, I think we must understand one thing; we cannot say as a result of targeted interventions nothing will happen. If gangsters want to fight – like we plan, they plan as well. They plan to be destructive, they plan to do harm, they plan to steal, that is their business and we need to be aware of that.

What we are saying, Government must do what Government needs to do and that is prevent them from doing what they are doing and we try our level best. We must remember, all the task team members on that task team and Priorities Committee are doing their work voluntarily. They are ordinary people from the broader Khayelitsha area. They do not receive any form of remuneration and let me say to you: they are at each and every meeting and

they are there and they fulfil their task with dedication and I want to applaud them.

And I want to invite any of the members sitting here, please come to the next Priorities Meeting. I can forward ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Please do.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... the date and time and so forth, but you will see even the Khayelitsha neighbourhood watches, we might not see them – let me say to you, Mr Deputy Speaker, also without remuneration they walk in their hundreds in Khayelitsha. Last week I received three letters and I am willing to forward the letters to the member for her to see. I heard the noise across the floor earlier about the Walking Buses not working and that sort of thing. The letters were from headmasters of the high schools complimenting my team for the implementation of the Walking Buses. According to them, the schools are much safer in that area since the introduction of the Walking Buses. So let me say, Mr Deputy Speaker, there is something good happening.

Let me further say, I am not saying what we are doing is enough but we continuously assess and reassess, implement and we reap the necessary successes. If there is one gangster violence incident happening it does not mean that the processes and projects we implement are a failure, definitely not. Those kinds of people will always take their chances. It is like gun

shootings, police patrol knowing in this street, they just wait for the police van to be around the corner then they begin to shoot – as if the police must guard each and every street constantly, each and every hour of the day. Things like that cannot happen.

So the sporadic issues will, from time to time, still creep in. Thank you very much.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon member Wenger.

Ms M M WENGER: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. In order to assist the Department of Community Safety to implement the recommendations of the Khayelitsha Commission of Inquiry, there was a memorandum of understanding that was drafted that requires the National Police Minister's signature in order to cement those working relationships. There have been years where the previous Minister was reluctant or, for some reason, would not sign the MOU. Has the new Police Minister Mbalula now finally signed the MOU with your Department?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister Plato?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: No comment. Just say not comment.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: I heard that about a new question but there is an answer to the question. [Interjection.] Mr Deputy

Speaker, no, the MOU is not signed as yet but I want to assure the member, despite the MOU not being signed, we move ahead, we implement. All the recommendations of the Khayelitsha Commission of Inquiry are implemented and we deal with the recommendations as we speak.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Can we move on to the next question, Question number 6 – sorry, 7, also Minister Plato and hon member Lekker. Minister Plato?

Social crime prevention programmes in hotspot areas

7. Ms P Z Lekker asked the Minister of Community Safety:

Whether there are any social crime-prevention programmes in hotspot areas like (a) Lower Crossroads, (b) Isiqalo and (c) the Marikana informal settlement at Philippi East; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker, for this question as well. Yes, the Department recruited youth from this area to undergo training at the Chrysalis Academy. The question, point (b), no, this particular area was not targeted by my Reaching Out team but it is not to say that no other State Department did not intervene. I believe Social Development is quite busy in that area.

Yes, the Department funded faith-based organisations to implement crime awareness interventions for youth at risk during the 2016/2017 financial year and some of the inter-faith groups did benefit as a result of that. And in addition to that, 35 youth from the area were trained at the Chrysalis Academy during the 2016/2017 financial year. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Lekker.

†UNksz P Z LEKKER: Malunga nombuzo ongunombolo B. Xa ungena kulaa ngingqi yamatyotyombe, isikhalazo esikhoyo sesolutsha olukhaba imizi yabantu, ngenjongo yokuba bathathe izinto abanazo. Abantu abathengisayo baphila ubomi bentshontsho. Ndicela ukubuza ke kuMphathiswa wezoKhuseleko loLuntu, ukuba ngaba le ndawo yamatyotyombe engunombolo B baza kuthi bayifake nini kuluhlu lweendawo ezithi zibe nesidingo sokuba abantu abatsha abakhoyo baboniswe ukuba yeyiphi indlela eyenye abanokuthi baphile ngayo ubomi babo?

[Translation of isiXhosa paragraph follows.]

[Ms P Z LEKKER: Regarding question number b, when you enter that informal settlement, the complaint they have is that the youth kick down people's doors, with the intention to rob them of their belongings. People who sell are living in constant fear. I want to ask the MEC for Safety and Security when that informal settlement numbered "b" will be entered in the list of areas that have a need to have their youth directed to an alternative

way of living their lives?]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister Plato to reply?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Mr Deputy Speaker, the member is correct, we can do something. It is just a case of, with all the areas in the Western Cape, it is a small component in the Department of Community Safety and we try to intervene in most of the hotspots and also the disadvantaged areas as far as possible. I hear the plea from the hon member and I want to give her the assurance in this House, I will definitely pay the necessary attention to that community. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: We move on to the next question, Question number 8, hon member Gillion to Minister Schäfer. I see Minister Schäfer.
[Interjections.]

Xhosa-medium primary and secondary schools: Theewaterskloof

8. Ms M N Gillion asked the Minister of Education:

- (1) How many Xhosa-medium primary and secondary schools are there in the Theewaterskloof area;

- (2) whether she and her Department have plans to build more Xhosa-medium schools; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: There are no Xhosa-medium only schools in the area of Theewaterskloof Municipality. There are, however, three public schools where the medium of instruction is Xhosa. We are aware that the demographics of the area are changing; however, historically the area has been predominantly Afrikaans.

The second part of the question is that the Overberg education district has plans to build a new primary school in the Villiersdorp area. We are, however, still trying to find land. The language of the teaching and learning will be determined by the school governing body in terms of the provisions of the South African Schools Act and this will obviously depend on the profile of the learners who attend the school. Thank you.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Is that it? [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Olivier to follow up.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Yes, yes, please.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: The MEC for culture must ... [Inaudible].

Mr R T OLIVIER: MEC, I think since 2011, TWK is the biggest community in the Overberg and you are saying there are only three. There are three and you do not find land. You are planning to find it, but you are still looking for land. Is that my understanding, that you are in the process of building a new school but you cannot find land? Can you confirm that?

[Madam Speaker takes the Chair.]

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: What I said was that we are intending to build a school in the Villiersdorp area but we still are looking for land on which to build the school.

Mr R T OLIVIER: MEC, can you just indicate in the UAMP, what is that priority, during which financial year are you planning to build in that area if you are saying you are in the process?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: No, I cannot because until we get the land we do not allocate budget to it and we have to first get the land before we can put it on a firm planning process.

Mr R T OLIVIER: So MEC, you can confirm that this is still in the planning process, it is not in the UAMP? That UAMP document, in my understanding, is your priorities in terms of infrastructure, new schools, upgrading – so if it is not there, it therefore means that there will never be an extra school built in TWK. It is still somewhere in the back of the heads of yourself and the

Department.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: No, that is not true. If it is not in the UAMP and we have identified it as a priority, as soon as we get the land we will put it in the UAMP, which will move other schools maybe down into different positions. So if it is a priority – and it is a priority according to our estimation – once we get the land we will then be able to fit it into the UAMP and allocate budget accordingly.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Olivier, sorry, I think that is the last follow up.

Mr R T OLIVIER: The last one. Yes, thank you. MEC, will you agree with us that the issue of Xhosa-medium schools, not only in the Overberg but particularly in the TWK, is a high priority? Can you confirm that and as to whether you will really deal with this issue as a priority?

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Ag, sy gee nie om nie ... [Onhoorbaar.]

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Oh, no, she does not care ... [Inaudible.]]

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Obviously all languages are important to us and if people ... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Xhosa ... [Inaudible] Xhosa.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Xhosa is a language, the last time I

checked. So obviously it is important to us and, as I say, if the majority of people ... [Interjection.]

If the majority of people at a school are Xhosa-speaking and want Xhosa as a language at a school then that will be the language of the school and I support that completely.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. In the absence of hon member Gillion and Minister Fritz, I think Question 9 stands over. We now go to Question 10. I see the hon the Minister.

Mr P UYS: Madam Speaker?

The SPEAKER: Sorry, yes, Chief Whip?

Mr P UYS: I think it is irrelevant whether hon member Gillion is here or not, but can you please explain or tell the House where hon Minister Fritz is, because there is no apology that has been tendered for him?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: And the Chief Whip is not even here.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Uys, I have heard your concern. I must admit it is the first time I have been asked a question like that. I think when for instance the hon Joseph is not here for his piece we would normally just proceed to the next member. No, no, so I am just saying I am not aware but I

see the Deputy Chief Whip on the floor. Hon member Joseph?

Mr D JOSEPH: Ja, I think first of all – thank you, Madam Speaker. I did not attend the programme authority on Tuesday where the whole week's planning takes place of what happens today, unfortunately not, but obviously there was a plan there. But for the record, Minister Fritz – due to the incident that happened over the weekend – he is not well and he is actually at home for counselling procedures. Thank you. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you. I trust that that suffices.

MR P UYS: [Inaudible] Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Sorry?

Mr P UYS: Can that question then stand over?

The SPEAKER: I am asking, in the absence of both parties, can the question stand over?

Mr P UYS: Madam Speaker, I just want to address you on the first part. Once there is a question that has been submitted to the House it becomes the property of the House.

The SPEAKER: Correct.

Mr P UYS: It is not the property of hon member Gillion, so in her absence it must still be answered.

The SPEAKER: Correct.

Mr P UYS: The reason why we skipped hon member Joseph, was because it was a debate and he was supposed to speak in the debate. That is the only reason, not because of a question.

The SPEAKER: Okay, but Minister Fritz is not here either, which is why on my page it is marked as “stand over.” Shall we proceed? We now move to Question number 10. I see the hon the Minister, Minister Grant.

Closure of public road outside Gouritsmond

10. Mr C M Dugmore asked the Minister of Transport and Public Works:

Whether the closure of a public road 13 km outside Gouritsmond (Hessequa Municipality, DR 1522) happened as result of recent calls for it to be proclaimed as a public road; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Thank you, Madam Speaker, and thank you to the member for the question and the question is

whether the closure of a public road 13 kilometres outside Gouritsmond, which is part of District Road 1522, happened as result of recent calls for it to be proclaimed as a public road? If not, why not? If so, what are the details?

Madam Speaker, the answer is: the portion of Divisional Road 1522 over properties 455/15, 455/4, 455/7, 461/4 and 461/13 was de-proclaimed and closed as a provincial proclaimed road during the 1980s. The road has therefore been a private road for approximately the last 30 years. Since then there have been many requests to have the portion re-proclaimed as a provincial road, but all of these requests have been refused by former Ministers due to the objections which were received against these proposals and at ... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Are you talking about Robin Carlisle?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Him and many others before him, 30 years.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: [Inaudible]

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: There is at present no such new request under consideration.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Robin Carlisle.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: I am sure Marius was one of them.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Dugmore?

Mr C M DUGMORE: If I could ask a follow up question?

The SPEAKER: Sorry, if we could just ask hon member Dyantyi to co-operate and then you may proceed. Thank you.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Is the MEC aware that the agricultural sector and community organisations have been actively lobbying and appealing in the public domain and elsewhere for this road, which provides vital access to the coast and fishing opportunities to the public, to be opened?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Are you asking if he is aware?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Madam Speaker, I am aware of – I am not sure if it is the same road, it is that one near the Garden Game Lodge. That is the property, that is the road.

Yes, Madam Speaker, I am aware of those requests but nothing formal has come through to the ministry in that regard. Thank you.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Just a follow up; should such a formal request come

from the fishing associations locally, the agricultural sector, the tourism sector, the Sakekamer from Albertinia and Gourits, how long would the MEC's office take to consider such a proposal and to decide whether to approve the application to reopen that section as a public road?
[Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Madam Speaker, with respect, that is an entirely new question ... [Interjection.] with lots of detail. But I am certainly aware that these things do not happen overnight because obviously there have to be notices put out and EIAs in some cases, etcetera, and they generally take some time – certainly more than a year, in my experience.

Q R DYANTYI: I told you.

The SPEAKER: I see the hon member Hinana. Hon member Dugmore, there is a follow up from hon member Hinana.

†UMnu N E HINANA: Sekela Somlomo, ndiyabulela. Ndicela nifake imikhala ezindlebeni. Mphathiswa ndicela ukubuza ukuba zeziphi izinto ezenza ukuba laa ndlela ivalwe, ngexa ibinokuba luncedo kuluntu?

[Translation of isiXhosa paragraph follows.]

Mr N E HINANA: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Please use your listening

devices. MEC I would like to ask what factors caused that road to be closed while it could be helpful to the community?

The SPEAKER: Order please, hon members. Minister?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Madam Speaker, let me just reiterate that this road – [Interjections] – was de-proclaimed and closed as a provincial proclaimed public road during the 1980s and I have also previously said that there have been a number of requests refused by former Ministers. So obviously in that vicinity there is strong public opinion, to turning that private road again into a public road because it violates the rights of the people adjacent to that particular road. So we cannot respond unless we get a formal request and then my Department will have to go into the whole process again .

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister.

Mr C M DUGMORE: We will toyi-toyi.

The SPEAKER: So that is Question 10 then. I think we now move to ... [Interjection.] Order! We now move to Question 11. I see the hon Minister, Minister Grant.

Metrorail service

11. Mr C M Dugmore asked the Minister of Transport and Public Works:

Whether a strategy to ensure that Metrorail provides a safe, affordable, reliable and efficient transport service to its users has been brought to his attention; if so, what are the relevant details?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Madam Speaker, the answer to the question is: no. [Interjections.]

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

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

Mr C M DUGMORE: In response to the answer by the MEC, would he then not regard the presentation which was made by Metrorail to the Standing Committee at which he was present, that at that meeting a strategy was not provided?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Madam Speaker ... [Interjection.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: You must not laugh.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: I answered no, because I wonder whether the hon member is on a fishing expedition or not,

because any member of this House – [Interjection] – who begins a question with “whether” is obviously on a fishing expedition. [Interjection.]

So therefore now the first follow up question gives me some direction and guidance. And yes, I was there till one o'clock; I do not know what happened in terms of the users, which is part of your question, after I had left. But, Madam Speaker, I am aware that prior to coming to the end of its term in office the PRASA Board was meant to approve a turnaround strategy for the Passenger Rail Service but, to the best of my knowledge, this was not done.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. I see the hon member Dugmore and then hon member Hinana.

Mr C M DUGMORE: I think, Madam Speaker, with respect, this is a very simple question and in response to the MEC's reply, there was a formal presentation made by Metrorail at the Standing Committee where the MEC was present, where 50-odd slides were presented, including a slide which referred to strategies. So is the MEC telling this House that he does not regard that presentation as good enough to be described as a strategy?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Madam Speaker, with respect, if one looks at what needs to be fixed with PRASA and the whole rail network, one is looking at about four decades of under-investment in capex and opex. What became clear in the presentation in the Standing Committee is that in October 2015 PRASA had 88 functional train sets which

were in use. There have been a number of occasions where the former National Minister of Transport called for the PRASA Board to review a strategy from Metrorail and the date told to me by former Minister Peters was by October 2016.

On a number of occasions I have been to see Minister Peters and asked her and she promised that she would call me to a meeting with the PRASA Board for the PRASA Board to explain their turnaround strategy. But, Madam Speaker, I have never been afforded an opportunity. I am well aware that with the change of management, when the former CEO of PRASA basically was fired by former Minister Peters and taken back into the DOT, that the whole question around the turnaround strategy has not yet been approved, other than the districts, the three major metropolitan areas where there is public transport with Metro – that is Gauteng, KZN and the City of Cape Town greater area – that there is no plan other than the regional executives had to submit to their management what the priorities are, and the priorities which were presented to the Standing Committee were part of that.

I just want to remind the House that I presume I do not have to explain the constitutional position of Public Transport to the hon member. Public Transport is in fact a concurrent power. However, the fact that the ownership of PRASA vests with the National Government – [Interjection] – and is hidden away in a State owned enterprise under the control of a board which was dismissed by the previous Minister of Transport and reinstated by the High Court, makes access for a province and for municipalities rather

difficult, but we do our best to co-operate and to support the safety of our members of the public.

But if one considers, Madam Speaker, that three weeks ago in this House – and I have got the minutes here – the hon member Dugmore moved without notice that the House welcomes and commends the intervention by PRASA to deploy armed guards on Metrorail trains in order to reduce attacks on and robberies of staff and commuters. [Interjections.]

And let me tell you, I did send the hon member Dugmore, I think, a picture of the train which arrived in Goodwood Station last week Thursday at three minutes past five.

Mr D JOSEPH: You cannot remember it?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: And I can tell you, I do not know how an armed guard can fit on that train. Now that is the train, because a particular commuter had to wait to get onto a train by three minutes past eight last Thursday night. I said: please SMS me when you have finally got onto a train, because he has no other means of transport between his home in the Strand and where he works in Goodwood.

So, Madam Speaker, I hope this demonstrates to the House the kind of frustration we have in trying to support Metrorail and the users and the commuters in this province. And let me just say that the number of train sets, it gets worse because not only have we reduced from 88 down to 61 train

sets, but the set lengths on the south-east corridor to Khayelitsha ... [Interjection.] and Mitchells Plain are reduced from a norm of 12 to 14 coaches down to seven - in other words, less than half the capacity.

Metrorail had 720 000 daily commuters in 1997 and there were plans then by the National Government to increase the number of commuters to a million. Well, when I got into office there were 640 000 and they have now reduced to round about the 600 000 level. With all the congestion on our roads, if we had decent train sets and a properly maintained system and signals, we could have up to 1.4 million commuters, taking a lot of people off the road and frustration, which would help the economy of Cape Town and the Western Cape.

So if the hon member Dugmore is frustrated about this situation, he has no idea how bloody frustrated I am. [Laughter.][Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: I see the hon member Hinana. [Interjections.] Excuse me, hon member Dugmore, is it a follow up question?

Mr C M DUGMORE: Yes, it is a follow up and I just wanted to ask for your ruling ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: The only reason I ask ... [Interjection.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: I just wanted to ask for your ruling, Madam Speaker,

on this matter of follow ups because I was indicating that I had another question and I know that hon member Hinana ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Had that ... [Interjection.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: has an opportunity in the DA caucus to ask the MEC any question he wants, but now this is our opportunity as oversight ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Dugmore, the question is – sorry, if I can help you – the question is introduced, you had your follow up and hon member Hinana had indicated at the end of your last question that he would like to pose a question. So in terms of being procedurally fair, I have to acknowledge that he needs to speak. Hon member Hinana, you may proceed. [Interjections.]

Mr N E HINANA: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Hon Minister, I just want to check with you, now that PRASA is under administration and Metrorail is under the jurisdiction of PRASA, what are the limitations of your Department in terms of the outcries of safety, affordability and reliability of PRASA, because the commuters are complaining every day. What are the limitations of your Department in that case?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Madam Speaker, to answer, it is a difficult question the hon member is asking because our

support is to play a co-ordinating function between national and provincial and ultimately passenger rail should be assigned to the city, it should be running under one transport authority under a single ticket system. That is how all the real cities in the world work and if Cape Town wants to be a top global city, we simply have to solve the rail commuter problem.

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: But we need the co-operation of the National Government. Now I have been speaking to the new Minister, Minister Joe Maswanganyi since 31 March when I phoned him, when I got his number, to say: please can I meet with you? And he did meet with me and he has met with me twice, once at the airport for 10 minutes when I saw him on his way out of Cape Town ... [Interjection.] and another time I met him was in the NCOP when I was answering questions and he promised me he would give me an opportunity to meet ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: ... with him, PRASA and Transnet, to find a solution to this crisis that the Western Cape and Cape Town in particular has around rail.

Madam Speaker, I do not want to show you the number of SMSes I have on my phone to the hon National Minister. In fact, he promised me that we

would meet before our scheduled Minmec, which is next Thursday in the Eastern Cape – and I am still waiting. I sent him an e-mail at 10 o'clock on Monday morning begging him to please let me know when we are meeting.

So I ask you with tears in my eyes, I do not know what more I can do for the commuters who dice with death every day on our railway system and most of them are poor commuters from Mitchells Plain and Khayelitsha who are disadvantaged. And this is from the Opposition in this House who continuously crow about their demand to help the poor. I have never heard such hypocrisy in my life and frankly, I am sick and tired of it.
[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

The SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon member Dugmore?

Mr C M DUGMORE: Thank you. Madam Speaker, if you look at the question and as a result, in response, the rather tired, emotional and frustrated response from the MEC this question says ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Whether a strategy that ... [Interjection.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: He must answer the question.

Mr C M DUGMORE: ... that Metrorail – now Metrorail exists; in the Standing Committee there was a proposal and plans by Metrorail. This question is simply asking whether the MEC believes that those strategies will provide safe, affordable service – that is the question that he still has not answered. Could he please answer it? [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you. [Interjections.] Order, please!

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Madam Speaker, now that ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please!

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: You see, Madam Speaker, the mist is starting to clear.

An HON MEMBER: No! [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: That is why, when you asked the question beginning with “whether” – okay? That is why I stood up and I said no and I sat down but let me answer the hon member Dugmore now.

The SPEAKER: Order, please.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Let me answer the hon member Dugmore now.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Answer!

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: The only way to solve this crisis ... [Interjections.] Definitely not Metrorail on its own because it requires the support of PRASA.

Mr D JOSEPH: Listen now.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: And it then requires the support of the PRASA Board and then it requires the support of the National Department of Transport ... [Interjection.] working in conjunction with the Provincial Government and the City of Cape Town and everyone to find a holistic solution. That is the answer to your question hon member Dugmore.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister. We now move to Question 12, I see the honourable the Minister, Minister Winde.

Viking Inshore fishing: business rescue

4. Ms N D Nkondlo asked the Minister of Agriculture, Economic Development and Tourism:

Whether his Department or Wesgro has any plans to propose Viking Inshore Fishing for business rescue to save jobs; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Thank you very much. Madam Speaker, this question sort of also follows on from the interpellation that the hon member was forced to take over from one of her colleagues. I think first of all, in light of everything that has been said in the House today, it is quite interesting that the questions coming up in this House, every single time, seem to deal with the competency of some national department or the failure with the competency of some national department. But, anyway, let me attempt to answer this question.

The first thing is whether the Department or Wesgro has any plans to propose Viking Inshore for business rescue to save jobs. Well, thus far, we have not managed to find any communication from the business itself asking for any such help but I presume the hon member knows that when a business does want to go into business rescue that there is a process to follow and of course it is a national process to the national department. However, apart from fishing, Viking has a significant portfolio of aquaculture operations, where the Western Cape Government is involved, together with National Government, through the aquaculture value chain Round Table. The Western Cape Government has provided support to a number of aquaculture projects under the Comprehensive Agriculture Support Programme, CASP,

specifically those SMMEs that the hon member spoke about in the interpellation and now we obviously have a bit more time to get into the meat and nuts and bolts of this specific issue which was also involved around the interpellation.

Some of the projects supported are in the Saldanha area and include oysters, mussels and trout farming and of course also the processing operations which is the value add that links to these businesses where we help. The [Inaudible.] activities of subsidiaries of Viking are labour intensive. These operations fall under the agri processing food supply chain and are therefore aligned to our project Khulisa's economic strategy which is seeking to provide 100 000 jobs in the agri processing sector. Wesgro is also partnering with the National Department of Public Works and that is the involvement that we have had around the small fishing harbours although, of course, they tried to exclude the politicians in this process. Viking Inshore Fishing can access a range of business support services offered by DEDAT and Wesgro. Of course this also links to the interpellation and some of the questions that the hon member was asking and where we do give this kind of assistance - there is Red Tape Reduction assistance, assisting where businesses want to get started. We will help them there. Matching international companies with FDI and local business, market research, policy advocacy, EIA applications through the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning and any finance and then national incentives where applicable. And, of course, there is this new agri processing national incentive and we will do what we can to align these businesses to that.

There is investment readiness analysis. Wesgro can undertake stakeholder mapping exercises in order to determine the financial status. There is investment readiness workshops that are held. Business operational analysis, guidance regarding funding support, mentorship, exposure to investors and financiers, matchmaking with foreign investors, on-going intervention planning, enterprise development support via DEDAT. There is the Skills Programme and, of course, if we think about some of these fishing programmes, specifically in some of these smaller harbours, they were some of the first to take up work and skills programmes and have rolled out all the way along the Overberg and Overstrand region a number of projects there.

But perhaps also, while I am on the floor answering this question and talking about how I am involved with these interventions, it brings up the question - we have just heard it now with PRASA and interventions - how can we fix these issues? I mean we did not even get to the issue around the interpellation around water and sanitation and specifically I spoke about my interventions with Minister Zokwana on 8 August where I spent the morning with him. He and I had a long session, just the two of us, and one of the issues that I spoke about was: how do we get this fishing thing sorted out and again, how does the province get more involved because fishing quotas, the responsibility sits at a national level and of course this economy of this coastline is where a province should be directly involved. I must say that the Minister is not too keen on relinquishing too much power there but really I do believe that provinces should be playing a much stronger role when it comes to specifically the marine and coastal regions within the economy and

these businesses that are involved in the economy.

But it is interesting how the dancing goes backwards and forwards and there was a lot of comment earlier when we were talking about water and sanitation and I was really hoping that that interpellation from the hon member Dyantyi was going to be on the table because it is very interesting how, when you challenge these things, [Interjections.] the departments are very quick and this press statement that came from Water and Sanitation which spoke about the direct responsibility and it says, “despite the fact that the Department is not directly responsible for the work required at the Leeu Dam and that the Department of Agriculture should take the lead in removing the sediment deposited in this and that it actually is the responsibility of provincial departments”.

I grabbed it with both arms and said, “Thank you very much!” Just as in Fishing I would like to bring this back to the province. And I grabbed it with both arms and said to them, “Thank you very much, I will take this responsibility”. Of course, what it means is I will also take the funds because remember, this water is paid for and I will take those funds and those fees.

Well, suddenly, now you start seeing a backpaddling because of course, funds must follow the function, but we know that that is not going to happen because those funds are being used by the Department to pay their salaries because we know that Department is bankrupt. And before anybody raises

the issue to say, “What has this got to do with fishing?” It has got to do with how the whole system works and where the ANC at the moment at a national level, whether it is policing, whether it is fishing, whether it is water, all of these things, we just notice, whether it is PRASA – every question we are dealing with today, there is a failure in delivery and management sitting at a national level.

Every single one of these things, it is a total failure! [Interjections.] That is why we cannot even get 1% growth in our economy. Our jobs: unemployment levels are some of the highest in the world and now we get questions which a National Department is supposed to be dealing with, as to whether we are going to get involved in rescue of this business.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Nkondlo. [Interjections.] Order, please.

Ms N D NKONDLO: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Without doing any fishing expedition, as per Minister Grant, maybe we need an English grammar class, all of those who start questions with “whether”. I will be the first one to volunteer for your class. Anyway, once again it seems the dancing continues, Minister, because I was trying to understand at what point you were answering what I had raised in my question.

So it seems once again, the dancing continues, even from this side. Having said that, with what I heard when you started, I think the first two sentences, they attempt to try and answer the question that currently the business rescue

process as you had said, would then require Viking to have applied. This is what the process is at this point and it is a national process. That is what you are saying.

All I would like to understand further, firstly, does Wesgro have any business intelligence capability wherein sometimes, if that particular company does not come to Wesgro, then there is an alternative that maybe members of the public or unions, and I am raising this in light of the fact that here already about 179 jobs, based on the court ruling were about to be lost.

So, all I am asking is that, outside of the process that you have explained, does Wesgro have any alternative, using their own business intelligence to pick up such issues in public and be able to engage such companies to assist in business rescue and actually save jobs?

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: So, in actual fact the answer is not whether Wesgro would do that, because Wesgro would not do that. The Department would do that. The Department of Economic Development and Tourism would do that. And of course we went through this whole process right in the beginning when I first got this job as MEC, because that was the stage when the whole country went into a recession and we had a number of companies that were really in deep trouble.

And of course, we need to create jobs. Jobs is what we need, but we do not sit there and spend our time trawling those companies that are losing jobs and focusing on that area, because if we did then we would not be able to create jobs. Because at the moment, if we think about the 8 000-odd jobs that we are losing in the mining sector, because our Mining Minister decides that he needs to put in rules and regulations that are actually going to be counter to investment. [Interjections.]

Imagine if I had to spend my time trying to save those jobs ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order.

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ... from a policy point of view, which is actually destroying jobs. Or this, as we have been talking about this useless ANC Government whose policies and actions and management are taking this country into a space where you have got 0% growth.

What I do is, I focus on the arena that we can actually create jobs. So, if you have a look at the statistics, we have just had a quarter-on-quarter and year-on-year report.

Mr K E MAGAXA: When are you going to answer the question?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND

TOURISM: I did answer the question.

The SPEAKER: Order, please hon members.

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ...report on jobs. The question is around jobs and saving jobs in this economy. I am answering the question, Madam Speaker [Interjections.] that jobs in this economy are actually why I get up in the morning [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order.

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: And in actual fact, in this province, where we have got a country who cannot even get 1% GDP growth rate, not 1. We had in the year-on-year report, which came out last month, 6% growth in jobs in this province and in rural areas, 9.2% growth in jobs, where in every other province we had a loss in jobs.

She should be asking that question of the ANC in those provinces and whether they intervene at any space when jobs are at risk, but in this province, this is where we create the jobs. This is where we find the growth. This is where the opportunity is created. That member needs to go and trawl a little bit around some of her own provinces and go and find out what is going on there.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. Is there a follow-up? [Interjections.] Order please. Hon member Olivier.

Ms N D NKONDLO: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

Ms N D NKONDLO: I am sure if the ANC was a “boyfriend”, he would have been in trouble. Sometimes hon members on the other side behave like a jilted girlfriend, and then I ...[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Yoh!

Ms N D NKONDLO: ... and then I wish you love the ANC. It really astonishes me. I am sure Minister, as you are correctly saying, that every day in the morning you wake up and your focus is to save jobs ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please hon members.

Ms N D NKONDLO: ...and I am sure, even those 179 jobs that could be lost in Viking are also important. Therefore one is interested to know the extent to which the Wesgro business rescue capability that is already there, is open to sort of being flexible and pro-active once an issue is in the public domain. I am sure, Minister, you know once again ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Nkondlo, could you please get to the question.

Ms N D NKONDLO: Sorry, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

Ms N D NKONDLO: So it is very clear, Minister, as you had said that there is nothing that could be done, I am asking whether your Department, as you had indicated, does not have that interest or appetite to actually utilise the same approach of looking at what needs to happen, where job losses are actually looming, like in the agricultural and other sectors because obviously due to market fluctuations jobs will inadvertently be lost. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: So, as I said in the beginning and I will read it to you once more ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order please.

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: First of all, it is not Wesgro, for the third time. It is the Department, not Wesgro, for the fourth time. It is the Department and I will read my answer again. Some of the projects supported are in Saldanha area

and include oysters, mussels and trout farming and processing operations. The downstream activities of subsidiaries of Viking – Viking – are labour intensive ... [Interjections.] These operations fall under agri-processing food supply chain and are therefore aligned to Project Khulisa, but again, let me talk about jobs, because that is the point that you are raising. The 179 jobs that are under pressure. The year-on-year result, which I just told you, was 6% growth, there were 133 000 new jobs in this province year-on-year.

This province is the only province in South Africa with a broad based unemployment rate less than 30%. The only province in the whole of the country, and I mean – the question is jobs – and I am talking directly to answer the question in jobs and the ANC one day might learn a lesson in asking a question and then if they do not like the answer they should not have asked the question in the first place. So it is about jobs. 133 000 families putting food on their table more than there were a year ago in this very province. It is moving forward and not backwards and again I will say, this province. Who runs every other province where the unemployment rate is higher than 30%? Who runs those provinces? The ANC, failing at every turn.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. Chief Whip.

Mr M G E WILEY: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I wonder if the Minister could, in the light of the fact of the inability of the other side of the House, to understand what is going on, does the Minister predict job losses in the other side of the House shortly? [Laughter.][Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please.

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: That might be one of the areas that it would be quite nice to intervene on where you see job losses, but I promise you I am not going to support or bolster that industry. That is called a political industry and specifically a business called the ANC, and we have been dealing with the results of that company. If it was a listed company, I promise you the shares would be worth zero.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. We now move to Question 13.

Environmental impact assessments: exemptions

5. Ms T M Dijana asked the Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:

Which projects have been exempted from submitting environmental impact assessments in the province under the declaration of a disaster state due to the drought?

The SPEAKER: Order please.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Madam Speaker, with the permission of

the member I would like to hand the answer in. It is a very lengthy answer. I do not want to start and read and waste everybody's time. Just to say that no project has been exempted. I think that is important.

Secondly, that Section 30 of NEMA contains enabling provisions. In other words in a drought or when there is water shortages, we can follow an alternative process. So, it is an easier and quicker process to rectify what is wrong and because of inter-governmental relations we work with other state organs and departments, but I think it is very important to understand that we do not exempt anybody. We still need to protect the environment, but with the permission of the member I would rather like to hand in the answer.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, Minister. Can I just check with the member? Hon member Dijana, is that a suitable response?

Ms T M DIJANA: That is fine.

The SPEAKER: The member has agreed.

[Response as tabled by the Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning.]

13. In terms of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended ('NEMA') activities have been identified ("listed activities") for which an environmental impact assessment ('EIA')

process must be undertaken and an environmental authorisation obtained from the competent authority prior to construction commencing. Depending on the activities to be undertaken, an EIA may be required for certain drought / water supply alleviation projects.

However, Section 30A of NEMA contains enabling provisions for dealing with emergency situations such as droughts / water supply emergencies. NEMA Section 30A allows a competent authority, on its own initiative or at the request of a person, to direct a person to follow an alternative process in order to carry out a listed activity without obtaining prior environmental authorisation.

Section 30A of NEMA is therefore seen as an important enabling regulatory mechanism that facilitates and expedites the potential responses to the current drought / water supply emergency interventions in a particular municipal area.

The Western Cape Disaster Management Centre has compiled a provincial drought risk register in response to the drought declarations which prioritises municipalities based on the risks associated with their remaining water supply. Based on the priorities as per the drought risk register and the drought declarations, the following NEMA Section 30A Directives have been issued (as at 10 August 2017) by my Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEA&DP):

Name of Municipality	Date of Issue of S30A Directive
City of Cape Town	30 May 2017
Saldanha Bay Municipality	13 June 2017
Matzikama Municipality	13 June 2017
Hessequa Municipality	19 June 2017
Oudtshoorn Municipality	19 June 2017
Knysna Municipality	26 June 2017
Witzenberg Municipality	7 August 2017
Stellenbosch Municipality	7 August 2017
Breede Valley Municipality	7 August 2017
Drakenstein Municipality	7 August 2017
Cape Agulhas Municipality	8 August 2017
Theewaterskloof Municipality	8 August 2017
Swartland Municipality	7 August 2017
Cederberg Municipality	7 August 2017
Bergrivier Municipality	7 August 2017
Langeberg Municipality	3 July 2017
Overstrand Municipality	10 August 2017
Swellendam Municipality	10 August 2017

The Section 30A Directives are not issued per drought / water supply intervention project but for a range of NEMA listed activities that are applicable to the emergency intervention projects to be implemented by each municipality. Prior to issuing of the Section 30A directive,

municipalities are required to provide a motivation and information to the DEA&DP in terms of the broad scope and nature of the proposed drought / water supply intervention projects which are then considered in the drafting and issuing of the NEMA Section 30A directive/s.

Sound environmental management principles including the sustainability principles contained in Section 2 of NEMA are considered in the drafting and issuing of the NEMA Section 30A directive/s. As part of the NEMA Section 30A directive, Municipalities are also required to compile and submit an Environmental Management Programme ('EMP') to DEA&DP to ensure that any potential environmental impacts associated with such drought / water supply activities / interventions are mitigated. Municipalities will also be required to report back to the DEA&DP on a continuous basis in terms of auditing as well as a current status and detail of the proposed drought / water supply emergency interventions.

In the spirit of co-operative governance, DEA&DP will be working closely with other relevant State Departments and organs of State to manage and monitor the implementation of the NEMA Section 30A directives.

The DEA&DP will continue to issue NEMA Section 30A directives to other municipalities in the Western Cape based on the priorities as identified on the provincial drought risk register.

The SPEAKER: Is there a follow-up, hon member Dyantyi?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Yes, there is a follow-up. †Opvolgvrage. [Follow up question.] Accepting the response of the MEC about the fact that there are no projects exempted, still within that, what I would therefore want to know, MEC, are there any projects as a result of this drought that have been leapfrogged or pushed ahead in the queue because of the drought?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Madam Speaker, that is difficult because I do not have all the projects. There are thousands of projects out there now. Obviously we will need to attend to the drought as soon as possible, to prevent running out of water and so forth.

So, leapfrog, not in the sense that we disregard any process or think that certain projects are more important than others, but when there is a disaster, currently we are actually dealing with trying to rectify 7 disasters in the disaster management space. So, to put the municipality in a position to rectify what has been lost as soon as possible, to fast-track that process, they get a list and the Department works closely with them so that they cannot think even that this is now exempt from EIA. We need to protect the environment, but we also need to work with them to rectify and therefore it is actually yes and no.

We push the projects as fast as possible, but also remember this drought is a moving target. If you work towards day zero from a disaster management perspective, not to get there, day zero is a moving target.

You will get to a place like Knysna that will tell you, they have got water in the dam for 20 days, but if you shift the pipes upstream you will get water for 50 or 60 days. So they are moving targets. If you have a week, then next week it rains - it is a moving target, but this process assists the municipalities in fast tracking their supply chain system. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister. I think our time has expired. We have got to the end of Questions for Oral Reply. However, before – sorry Chief Whip – before we move on to Statements, I have received a notice from the Chief Whip to indicate that Minister Fritz did indeed tender an apology and he spoke with member Gillion, who had agreed that the question stand over. So somehow there seems to be a communication problem. But the Chief Whip has indicated that there has been that discussion, hon member Uys. Just for ... [Interjections.] No-no, just I think for clarity ... [Interjection.]

Mr M G E WILEY: The problem is your chronic absenteeism.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: That's right.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Dyantyi?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: May I address you, Madam Speaker?

The SPEAKER: Yes, you may.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Firstly, that Chief Whip was absent when he had to respond to that issue as a Chief Whip.

Mr C F BEERWINKEL: Yes, chronic absenteeism.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: And secondly, at least he needed to take this House into confidence about that. Not tell you, via. We needed to know that, but you were not here. Gone AWOL.

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Is that when you were out as well?

Mr M G E WILEY: The Chair was informed beforehand, unfortunately the Chair also swopped.

The SPEAKER: Can we ... [Interjection.]

Ms P Z LEKKER: Who asked you to speak?

The SPEAKER: May we then proceed? We have clarity. Member Gillion agreed to the standover. Minister Fritz had apologized. So that now becomes

history. Let us move on to Statements. I recognize the DA.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Thank you, Madam Speaker. As part of Women's Month we must recognise the immense opportunity for female economic emancipation in the tourism industry. Tourism is one of South Africa's fastest growing economic sectors, having even surpassed mining as a principle source of revenue.

We must empower women to enter into the tourism sector, an area of our economy with relatively low barriers to entry providing a vibrant and exciting field for female employment. The tourism sector also allows women to use skills which they already possess to start small business such as B&B's, hostels and guided tours.

But we must push for greater female representation in the upper echelons of this industry. According to Stats SA, 70% of the workforce in the tourism sector is made up of women, but only 20% hold general management roles and only 5-8% board positions. In an economic sector primed for female employment, we must push for greater gender equality and representation in tourism management where women can be included in the decision making process.

Women are just as capable as men to hold these positions ...[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order. please.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: ... and must empower themselves to meet the demand for female direction in the industry. Giving a job to a woman in South Africa often means giving a livelihood to a family. If we can empower women to capitalise on the opportunity in the tourism industry, we can begin to reverse the economic inequality prevalent in our country today. I encourage women to consider a career in tourism. I thank you.

An HON MEMBER: Oh my word!

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member. Hon members as members of the Women's Commonwealth, let us start protecting and defending the rights of women. I now see the ANC, thank you.

Ms P Z LEKKER: Thank you, Madam Speaker. What was the Minister of Social Development, Albert Fritz thinking when he challenged hardened criminals by saying he is not afraid of bullets, after an attack and attempted robbery on him and his entourage last week? [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order.

Ms P Z LEKKER: This DA MEC now experienced the real underworld crime that poor and ordinary people experience daily. He survived because he had no less than two trained SAPS protectors – a luxury which no township

resident is afforded.

I do not wish such an experience on any person and the law must take its course to deal with criminals. In the meantime, gang and criminal activities affects more poor people.

Three innocent bystanders were shot in Netreg when police raided an abalone poacher's den. The wild ensuing shootout must be properly investigated. It is reported that more people are killed and hurt in increased incidents of violence in and around schools where learners and teachers fall prey or victim to hardened criminals.

We also see the rise of vigilante activities as Pagad's G-Force again conducted drug searches. This together with some neighbourhood watches that got increased powers from the DA, adds to the perception that the DA fails the people on security. The law must indeed take its course and all criminals must be brought to book.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. I see the DA.

Mr L H MAX: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Today I stand before this House as a proud Western Cape resident who has a deep love and admiration for our sports heroes. The last few weeks have once again proven how effective sports can be in uniting us as a nation.

Mr C M DUGMORE: We are missing you in [Inaudible.]

Mr L H MAX: It is for this reason that I take my hat off to the undoubted world champion, Wayde van Niekerk, who once again showed why he is the king of the 400m. As much as he defended his title, at the recent World Championship in London, what impressed me the most is the fact that he acquired a silver medal in the 200m, after running races over 5 consecutive days.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Amper. Amper goud daar.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Almost. Almost gold there.]

Mr L H MAX: Our two local stars from Paarl, Luvo Manyonga and Rushwahl Samaai held the Western Cape's name high, when they jumped to gold and bronze respectively in the mens long jump at the same World Championship in London.

Madam Speaker, during the month where we celebrate and shine the spotlight on the achievements of our women, I have to shower Caster Semenya with praise. Semenya once again made every South African proud, when she not only defended her 800m world title, but also took bronze in the 1500m event.

These athletes are the best in the world. They are all South Africans and they are all people of colour and this undoubtedly confirms that the barriers of the past have been removed.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Hy is goed, daardie man.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: He is good, that man.]

Mr L H MAX It is true what former President Nelson Mandela once said, and I quote:

“Sport has the power to change the world. It has the power to inspire. It has the power to unite people in a way little else does. It speaks to the youth in a language they understand. Sport can create hope, where once there was only despair.”

I thank you. [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Max. In the absence of the EFF, I see the DA again.

Mr T A SIMMERS: Thank you, Madam Speaker. †Ek wonder waarheentoe was hy? [I wonder where he has gone to?] Okay. Madam Speaker, women play an integral part in the preservation of our environment. Without women, societies all over would struggle to develop the sense of responsibility needed to ensure a healthy balance between humans and the environment around us.

On the brink of one of the worst droughts to hit the Western Cape in over 100 years, we increasingly need a comprehensive and sustained policy for hazard

awareness and disaster reduction that should be looked at from a gender perspective.

There is an increasing need to eliminate gender discrepancies in all sectors of the global economy. Experts have highlighted that by improving the capacity of women all-round, it serves to build more disaster-resilient communities. Women have recorded successes in solving environmental problems all over the world. India is a good case to study.

In addition, we all know that public participation is synonymous for women forming a core part of this stakeholder dialogue platform, as this provides the means through which environmental rights are exercised.

Lastly, Madam Speaker, it is possible to conclude that public participation that includes the involvement of women has the potential to improve accountability for the effective management of resources and the development of appropriate means to protect and preserve the environment of communities.

What remains in need though is an extensive exploration of a hybrid of effective tools to unlock and fully realise this potential. And noting that we have 14 female members in this House, I think their input will be highly appreciated. I thank you.

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

Ms S W DAVIDS: Thank you, Madam Speaker. The DA does not care for poor and ordinary people.

This is evident in the cruel evictions in the coldest time of the year during harsh conditions.

Just last week, farmworkers were evicted from a farm during the night. An 86-year old woman, Maria, and a 68-year old man, John, was evicted from the Salem Farm in Drakenstein. In the cold, without any assistance from the Drakenstein Municipality.

Besides the continued action against vulnerable farmworkers that are kicked off agricultural land and left to the elements next to the road, there is also a rise in evictions in towns all over the province.

The most prominent is the recent kicking out of poor people in areas like Steenberg and Joe Slovo, where people are dislodged and left destitute without proper alternatives, because when you evict a person, legally, there must be a response from the local municipality to say if they have alternative shelter for the people. There is a no alternative shelter for these people of Steenberg or Joe Slovo.

This merciless treatment of our people hits the elderly, women and children the hardest. During National Women's Month, our mothers and daughters are left to fend and fight for themselves.

The DA fails these people big time. If it was any of the DA's traditional supporters or constituencies, it would have been shouting to the high heavens. But it is contented that poor people are mistreated and their human rights violated, because for a farmworker, before he is evicted the farm owner takes off his roof and kicks out the doors and the windows and the DA is saying nothing.

Shame on the DA for not taking care of such people. Shame on the DA for only representing the interests of those in the suburbs and big houses on farms. [Time expired.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Davids, your time has expired. Thank you. I see the DA.

Ms L M MASEKO: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. We are at the point where sustainable solutions are needed for the current housing crisis. A 2015 media report indicated that the Western Cape had a housing backlog of 351 000. This has since grown to 575 000.

Given the number of people that constantly move to the Western Cape, in search of better opportunities, it is completely understandable why people come here. This, however is adding to the service delivery load that we already have in the province and this is why we have to find sustainable housing solutions.

Madam Speaker, these solutions are possible. The moment President Zuma and Ministers Nomvula Mokonyane, Bathabile Dlamini, Mosebenzi Zwane, Malusi Gigaba and Faith Muthambi stop wasting, misappropriating, mismanaging and looting our money, the solutions would be found.

In September 2016 an online media publication called *Business Tech*, presented us with a breakdown of how the National ANC Government is wasting our hard earned money. We had to spend R300 million on a jet for President Jacob Zuma, the Gupta-owned Tegeta received R839 million from Eskom and SAA was given R5 billion guarantee to ensure its fiscal viability.

Madam Speaker, just taking these three reports, it amounts to over R6 billion. If we therefore create housing opportunities at an average cost of R141 000, it means this country could have delivered over 43 million housing opportunities.

Almost every citizen in this country would have a house now.

This amount which is a colossal amount of money, and able to completely eradicate homelessness among our people, is but a tip of the iceberg. If this were the DA, we would not be making these statements. South Africa desperately need the DA. I thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. I now see the ACDP.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Madam Speaker, the ACDP makes an appeal to the Provincial Minister of Health, Nomafrench Mbombo, and her Department to address the media reports of incompetence or negligence by medical practitioners.

On 16 May 2017 at Red Cross Hospital a 1-year old toddler, after been bitten by a dog in December, was prescribed and given Meningitis pills and later died. There was another incident on 7 July 2017 where a 35-year old woman went to Groote Schuur Hospital to have her stitches cleaned. They were removed and when she went home she felt a warm sensation in the lower parts of her body and her intestines were hanging out.

Madam Speaker, the last incident was a man in Mitchells Plain that had a stroke and then after some time he was not cleaned and lay for six hours in his pee nappy. When he tried to get up to change it himself, he fell to the ground.

Madam Speaker, I believe as you look at it, these incidents should be investigated. It is either negligence or incompetence. I thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. I see the ANC.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: The DA taxes poorer workers out of their houses. This is most evident in the latest exorbitant account hikes in DA-run municipalities.

Residents are shocked and angry with DA price hikes on their municipal bills. Middle class people must bite the bullet for the DA's greed. As affordability is eroded, the DA kills the goose that lays the egg.

We are reminded what the DA's real Cape Town Mayor Ian Nielson said when people complained the Metro becomes too expensive. What did he say? "If they do not want to pay the high accounts, they must move away."

How shockingly callous of the uncaring DA that only represents the interests of the wealthy in the leafy suburbs. It was demonstrated when the national energy regulator pinned the electricity hikes and Cape Town sneakily applied behind the backs of the residents to increase the prices above the national limit.

It is not the first time that Cape Town has double-crossed its residents. Now people are bleeding with increased bills including water as well as municipal taxes and tariffs.

But it is clear the DA milks the residents to pay for the DA-led council's sale of municipal bonds and repayment of other debt. I thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. I recognize and see the DA.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Producing a quality education to our nation's children is the only way to ensure their success and

prosperity after we are gone. In the words of former president Nelson Mandela: “Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world”, but educating an individual is a process which requires the best resources, skilled teachers, and an environment which facilitates learning. Creating this environment is key to giving back to the millions of South African learners who are striving to get an education, which everyone can contribute to.

We know that a child cannot learn on an empty stomach. At the same time, a child cannot learn out in the cold, or in a classroom without desks, a black board, or a book in which to write. An enabling learning environment is also one in which a student does not want for resources and feels safe and secure.

We cannot allow our children to go to school fearing that they will be a victim of gang-related violence, gender violence, or bullying. An enabling learning environment can only be created when a learner feels at ease in the classroom, and can be him or herself at school.

It is up to us to create schools that are safe and free of violence, complete with all the amenities for successful learning to take place. If providing our people with an opportunity to get an education is at the forefront of our mandate in South Africa, we must ensure that we create the best and most enabling environment possible for this to take place.

This is particularly true with the recent opening of the Portland High School,

and thanks to the Ministry of Education for that. We need to provide them with more equipment and tools and educational infrastructure to succeed in the classroom, and we need to make sure that that will really make a key difference in their lives. And just to note, Madam Speaker, the hon Dugmore has talked about our committees but we just notice the ANC fired a woman with extreme integrity, the hon Dr Makhosi Khoza and perhaps should be worried and speak to them about keeping people with integrity, and not about what we are doing in our party. Thank you. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: That is the end of Members' Statements. We now move to Notices of Motion. Are there any motions where notice is given? Now can I, before we begin members, let us try and be orderly. We will do three hands at a time. I will acknowledge 3 members and we will do it in rounds and I will have the Table staff assist me. I see the hon member Gillion, hon member Dyantyi and hon – not Gillion, sorry. Gopie. I keep saying that. My apologies. Hon member Gopie, hon member Dyantyi and hon member Dennis Joseph. First round.

MOTIONS WITH NOTICE

Ms D GOPIE: Madam Speaker, I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates Provincial Government's failed strategies to address non-communicable disease deaths that contribute to 68% of demises amongst women in the Western Cape, particularly diabetes

which is the number one killer. I so move.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Notice taken. The hon member Dyantyi.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Madam Speaker, I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the exorbitant increases in tariffs and rates in DA-run Western Cape municipalities.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Notice taken. The hon member Joseph.

Mr D JOSEPH: Thank you, Madam Speaker, I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the achievements of the strategic goals of the Western Cape Government.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Notice taken. The next round. I see hon member Hinana, hon member Makeleni and hon member Olivier.

Mr N E HINANA: Thank you, Madam Speaker, I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the effect of Metrorail disruptions and cancellations on service delivery in the Western Cape. I so move.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Notice taken. Hon member Makeleni.

Ms P MAKELENI: Thank you, Madam Speaker, I give notice that I shall move:

That the House deliberates on the disturbing surge of child killings in the Western Cape under DA rule.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Notice taken. The third person. Hon member Olivier.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Madam Speaker, I give notice that I shall move:

That the House deliberates on the school transportation system in the DA-run Western Cape leaving thousands of pupils forced to walk long distances to school.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Notice taken. The next round. I see the hon member Nkondlo, hon member Davids, hon member Dijana.

Ms N D NKONDLO: Thank you, Madam Speaker, I give notice that I shall move:

That the House debates the failure of the DA to deal with looming job losses in agriculture in this province.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Notice taken. Hon member Davids.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Thank you, Madam Speaker, I give notice that I shall move:

That the House examines the continued and exacerbated evictions under the DA in the province.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Notice taken. Hon member Magaxa. Sorry. You may go hon

member Dijana.

Ms T M DIJANA: Thank you. Madam Speaker, I give notice that I shall move:

That the House discusses the unacceptably high number of illegal guns in circulation in the Western Cape and failed strategies by this DA-led Provincial Government to address it. I so move.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Notice taken. The next round. We are busy with notices of motion. I see the hon member Makeleni.

Ms P MAKELENI: Motion without notice? [Inaudible.] Oh.

The SPEAKER: We now move to motions. Are there any motions where notice is given? So, if there are not anymore, we now move to Motions without Notice. I see the hon member Mitchell, hon member Makeleni, Chief Whip Wiley. That is the first three. Work with me please, members. Hon member Mitchell.

MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Mr D G MITCHELL: Madam Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House condemns the various brutal acts of violence against South Africa's women by Deputy Minister of Higher Education and Training, Deputy Minister Manana, and calls for swift justice against this horrific crime. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

The SPEAKER: Are there any objections to the motion being moved?

An HON MEMBER: Yes, of course.

HON MEMBERS: Whoa!

The SPEAKER: Order, please hon members. There is an objection. The motion will be printed on the Order Paper. The next person was the hon member Makeleni.

Ms P MAKELENI: Madam Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House congratulates seasoned Gugulethu nurse and activist, Nompumelelo Mandangana, on her re-election as the Chairperson of the lobby group TAC in the Western Cape to serve another 3-year term.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

[The Deputy Speaker takes the Chair.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Any objection to the motion being moved without notice? No objection to the motion itself? Agreed to. Hon member Wiley?

Mr M G E WILEY: Thank you. Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House extends its condolences to the wife, family and friends of Stivovo Jacobs who passed away earlier this week, following a tragic accident while playing rugby for Masiphumelele Rugby Club. Mr Jacobs was an active and well-loved member of his club and community and our sympathy goes to the President, the Executive and all the members of Masiphumelele Rugby Club in their time of bereavement.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No objection to the motion being moved without notice? No objection to the motion itself? The motion is agreed to. Hon member Dyantyi.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes this year marks the 24th anniversary of the birth of the United Democratic Front on 20 August 1983 by thousands of activists and community leaders from across the country, who gathered at the Rocklands Civic Centre in Mitchells Plain; notes further the group represented civics, youth, students, women, unions, religious, professional and a range of other organisations, all united by a common opposition to apartheid and advance the ANC objectives while it was banned; salutes the millions of South Africans who united behind the UDF and laid the foundation for a democratic South Africa.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Any objection to the motion being moved without notice? No objection to the motion itself? Agreed to. Hon member Maseko.

Ms L M MASEKO: Thank you. Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes and congratulates Vicmol Construction, an emerging 100% female owned construction company, for being awarded the best female contractor in the Western Cape at this year's Govan Mbeki Awards. This was held at the Lord Charles Hotel in Strand last Friday, aims to encourage and reinforce a culture of excellence within the housing sector in the delivery of human settlements; Vicmol Construction received the award because they successfully unblocked and completed housing projects in Wallacedene, Kraaifontein and

Bardale in Mfuleni. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No objection to the motion being moved without notice? No objection to the motion itself? The motion is agreed to. Hon member Olivier.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes the 6 Western Cape learners who represented South Africa at the 58th International Mathematics Olympiad in Brazil, all returned with awards; further congratulates Fairbairn College 10th grader Taariq Mowzer and Durbanville Curro learner Adri Wessels, who both won bronze medals, while Rondebosch High 11th grader, Timothy Schlesinger, Eden College 10th grader Aaron Naidu, Curro Durbanville 11th grader Ralph McDougall and Jan van Riebeeck High 10th grader Emil van der Walt received honourable recommendations. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No objection to the motion being moved without notice? No objection to the motion itself? The motion is agreed to. Hon member Mnqasela.

Mr M MNQASELA: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House expresses its sincere condolences to the family and loved ones of the 52-year old Ms Ferra Thompson who was found dead in the bedroom of her double storey home in Pringle Bay on Monday morning 14 August. The alleged murderer, a 20-year old man who escaped with her car, is said to be known to the victim; further notes that this Parliament condemns this and all senseless murders and violence towards women. May her soul rest in peace.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No objection to the motion being moved without notice? No objection to the motion itself? The motion is agreed to. Hon member Gopie.

Ms D GOPIE: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House congratulates South African athletes for their performance at the London 2017 IAAF World Championships, including Wayde van Niekerk who won silver in the 200m and gold in the 400m; Caster Semenya who won a bronze in the 1500m and a gold in the 800m as well as the Western Cape duo Luvo Manyonga, and Ruswahl Samaai who won gold and bronze medals respectively in the long jump. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Any objection to the motion being moved without notice? No objection to the motion itself? The motion is agreed to. Hon member Schäfer.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Thank you. Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House congratulates Dineo Lebetsa from Tolbos Farm, Caledon who was nominated as Best Female Worker at the recent Entrepreneur Awards; Dineo leads 16 women and men in different farm activities namely sorting, thinning, harvesting and training of young trees. In addition, she oversees the transfer of workers from Caledon to the farm. I hereby move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No objection to the motion being moved without notice? No objection to the motion itself? The motion is agreed to. Hon member Beerwinkel first.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Thank you. Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House conveys its sincere condolences to the family of Shaheed

Omar, the nephew of the late ANC stalwart Dullah Omar, who was murdered on Thursday last week; condemns the brutal shooting during an attempted hijack; and calls on this DA Government to accept its responsibility for social issues and job creation as the core reason for crime and gangsterism resulting in such senseless killings.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Any objection? There is an objection. That motion will be printed on the Order Paper. I see the hon member Max.

Mr L H MAX: Thank you. Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes and congratulates our star athlete and World Champion Luvo Manyonga for conquering the mens long jump and winning the gold medal at this year's IAAF World Championships.

The 26-year old former Mbekweni resident won the event which was recently held in London, with a jump of 8.48m. This amazing feat comes on the back of his silver medal at last year's Rio Olympic Games. Luvo is a true inspiration and a living example on how you can turn your life around by actively pursuing your dreams. May his success long continue. Thank you.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. That motion sounded very similar to the other one, but we will have a look at it and if it is materially different, it will be printed. Any objection to the motion being moved without notice? No objection to the motion itself. Agreed to. Hon member Dyantyi?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes another DA deployed cadre was discovered double dipping when Stellenbosch Municipal Manager, Geraldine Mettler, was found to have taken salaries simultaneously from Cape Town and Stellenbosch; further notes this resembles the double dipping by the hon Premier Helen Zille's former advisor, remember Ryan Coetzee who took salaries from the Western Cape Province and Cape Town at the same time and who was also found by the Public Protector to have been improperly deployed in this administration on the Premier's watch.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Any objection to that motion? There is an objection. It will be printed on the Order Paper. Hon member Davids.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes that the residents of Masiphumelele are still forced to live in squalor, including channels filled with sewerage running

between homes, despite the DA-led Western Cape Government instructing Cape Town to clean the channels; condemns the DA in Cape Town's uncaring attitude and calls on the Province to force the City to improve the living conditions of people in poor areas.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Are there any objections? There is an objection to that motion It will be printed on the Order Paper. Hon member Maseko.

Ms M MASEKO: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House congratulate the Stellenbosch Municipality for being awarded as a co-winner in the category of Best Upgrading of an Informal Settlement, for their Watergang Informal Settlement, at this year's Govan Mbeki Awards; further notes and congratulates Stellenbosch Municipality again for also being awarded as the Best Integrated Residential Development Programme for their Jamestown project. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Any objection to the motion being moved without notice? No objection to the motion itself? The motion is agreed to. Hon member Kivedo. Is there an objection?

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: There is an objection. It will be printed. You may proceed hon member Kivedo. You may proceed.

Mr B D KIVEDO: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House congratulates the South African team that participated in the 58th International Mathematics Olympiad in Brazil from 12-23 July. All 6 members of the team attend schools in the Western Cape. South Africa topped the 12 other African countries taking part. This was the first time since 2010 that every member of the South African team has come back from the IMO with an award, either a medal or an honourable mention. I so move. Thank you.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, that also sounds similar to the one moved by the hon member Olivier but we will have a look at it and if it differs we will print it. I see the hon member Makeleni first.

Ms P MAKELENI: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes with concern that so far at least 25 children in the province were killed at the hands of people known to them and/or their

families; notes further that as a result of this carnage, parents, NGO's specializing in child protection and communities called for the establishment of a commission of inquiry into child murders in the Western Cape; rejects and condemns the honourable Premier Zille's attempts to stall this process by advocating for an in-depth expert study into 6 child murder cases; calls on stakeholders to reject her proposal out of hand; and demands an immediate establishment of a commission of inquiry.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Any objections? There is an objection. It will be printed on the Order Paper. I see hon member Kivedo.

Mr B D KIVEDO: Thank you. Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House expresses its deepest condolences to our colleague Mr Royston Hindley, Deputy Secretary to Parliament and his loved ones on the passing of his mother on 15 August 2017. May her dear soul rest in peace. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No objection to the motion being moved without notice? No objection to the motion itself? The motion is agreed to. I will

first see hon member Magaxa and then I will come back to the hon member Mackenzie.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Thank you. Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House calls on the hon Premier Zille to share some of the key lessons learned about the legacy of colonialism and suppression of people from her latest study tour to Ghana.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Are there any objections? There are objections. It will be printed on the Order Paper. Hon member Mackenzie.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House commends the Western Cape Minister of Education for contributing R3 million towards the new school hall in Portland High in Mitchells Plain and further call on the Minister to continue creating an enabling environment for learning in the province. Thank you.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Any objection – is there an objection? It will be printed on the Order Paper. Hon member Lekker.

Ms P Z LEKKER: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House commends the visit by Police Deputy Minister, Bongani Mkongi, to the gang infested Avian Park in Worcester this week, where he engaged with communities on their concerns; welcomes the commitment to increase police visibility in the area as well as to deploy more resources and notes that this is how the ANC Government creates a safer and secure Western Cape, unlike the DA that is always nagging and using people's pains for political gains.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Any objections? I see the objections there. It will be printed on the Order Paper. Hon member Schäfer.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House congratulates Dawn Ehrenreich from Dig for Victory, Mitchells Plain, for Best Subsistence Producer at the Entrepreneur Awards. Dig for Victory is an organic vegetable and herb garden and established as a result of water-wise pilot project by the City of Cape Town. The project was developed into a vegetable garden which later expanded to a local park. I here so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No objection to the motion being moved without notice? No objection to the motion itself? The motion is agreed to. Hon member Beerwinkel.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Thank you. Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House congratulates Aviwe Ganyathi of Swellendam who has been selected as a member of the national team to represent South Africa at the Homeless World Cup Soccer in Oslo, Norway, 2017.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

†AGB LEDE: Mooi!

[HON MEMBERS: Good!]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No objection to the motion being moved without notice? No objection to the motion itself? The motion is agreed to. Hon member Maseko first.

Ms L M MASEKO: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House congratulates the City of Cape Town for being awarded as the winner in the category Social Housing Programme, for their Belhar Gardens Project, at this Year's Govan Mbeki Awards; further

congratulates the City for being awarded as a co-winner in the category, Enhanced People's Housing Process, for their Ocean View project. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No objection to the motion being moved without notice? Is there an objection? There is an objection. It will be printed on the Order Paper. Hon member Olivier first.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House commends the visit by South Africa's two most recognizable public media personalities, Trevor Noah and Charlize Theron to the Oaklands High School in Landsdowne to entertain the learners as part of an outreach program.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No objection to the motion being moved without notice? No objection to the motion itself? The motion is agreed to. Hon member Max.

Mr L H MAX: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes and wishes all the best to 10-year old Giovano Solomons who is heading off to the Goju Ryu Karate World Championships in Romania. This grade 5, Surrey Primary School, learner who will represent South Africa during next month's championships, recently walked away with a gold medal at Gladiator Karate Competition which was held in Bellville. May this young karate kid excel and achieve great success. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

Mr L H MAX: *Sommer* kick the ANC.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No objection to the motion being moved without notice? No objection to the motion itself? The motion is agreed to. Hon member Makeleni first.

Ms P MAKELENI: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes UCT researchers have found that there is a need for a children's commissioner in the Western Cape Province even though hon Premier Zille broke her solemn promise to appoint one.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Any objection to the motion being moved? There is

an objection. It will be printed on the Order Paper. Hon member Maseko. Hon member Maseko, when you are done you can stand up. You can proceed.

Ms L M MASEKO: Thank you very much. Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House congratulates the Knysna Municipality for being awarded as a co-winner in the category Enhanced People's Housing Process for their Vision 2000 Project, at this year's Govan Mbeki Awards which were held at the Lord Charles Hotel in Strand last Friday. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Any objections to – there are objections, it will be printed on the Order Paper. Hon member Dyantyi.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes that the people of Knysna and Plettenberg Bay may not know what really caused the fires that destroyed their homes in June this year, as the findings of two forensic investigations into the matter are contradicting each other and calls for the immediate release of the findings of the AfriForum investigation which differs from the Provincial Government's finding that the fires were started by humans.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Any objection to the motion being – there is an objection. It will be printed on the Order Paper. Order! Hon member Mackenzie.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Thank you. Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House commends Mr John Matthews, the CEO of NGO Garden Cities for his organisation's contribution of R3.5 million to the Portland High School and further encourages more corporates to consider investing in meaningful infrastructure in our poorer communities. Thank you.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Any objection to the motion being moved without notice? No objection to the motion itself? The motion is agreed to. I first see the hon member Gopie and then I will come back to the hon member Schäfer.

Ms D GOPIE: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes Lilian Mkosi, (57), from Khayelitsha working as a domestic in Monte Vista sustained serious injuries to the head, legs and

hand after she was mauled by two of her employer's pitbull terrier dogs; wishes her a speedy recovery and welcomes the investigation into the incident by the office of the Minister of Labour, Mildred Oliphant. I thank you.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No objection to the motion being moved without notice? No objection to the motion itself? The motion is agreed to. Hon member Schäfer.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House congratulates Carmen Stevens, from Carmen Stevens Wines, Somerset, for being nominated as a Top Entrepreneur in exporting at the recent Female Entrepreneurship Awards; Carmen Stevens has been the first black person to study and qualify as a winemaker in South Africa in 1995. Her purpose is to produce, blend and bottle premium quality red and white table wines exclusively for the export market. I here so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No objection to the motion being moved without notice? No objection to the motion itself? The motion is agreed to. Hon

member Lekker first and then I will come back to hon member Joseph.

Ms P Z LEKKER: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes despite the hon Premier Zille's political interference to prevent two of the Western Cape's most dedicated crime fighters, Major Jeremy Vearey and Peter Jacobs, from being promoted [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

†Me P Z LEKKER: Julle maak geraas. [Tussenwerpsel.]

[Ms P Z LEKKER: You are making a noise. [Interjection.]]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order. Please allow the member the opportunity to read further.

Ms P Z LEKKER:

The two have been reinstated by the Labour Court to their initial positions; and supports the calls by Popcru and others in the police fraternity for the two to be immediately reinstated in their rightful posts.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Any objections [Interjection.] Order. Any objections to the – there is an objection. It will be printed on the Order Paper. Hon member Joseph.

Mr D JOSEPH: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House commemorates the life of Dr Pierre Rabie, a citizen of the Western Cape and member of the Democratic Alliance who served as a member of the National Assembly between 2004 and 2014. Dr Rabie passed away on Sunday 13 August 2017 and we send our condolences to his family and loved ones. I so move. Thank you.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No objection to the motion being moved without notice? No objection to the motion itself? The motion is agreed to. I see the hon member Beerwinkel and then the hon member Mackenzie.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes today marks a new beginning in regional and international banking for South Africa with the opening by President Jacob Zuma in Sandton of the Africa Regional Centre of the New Development Bank; also notes this institution will support the BRICS Formation and underline the commitment by the BRICS Countries.

Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa to the development of the African continent and emerging markets.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No objection to the motion being moved without notice? No objection to the motion itself? The motion is agreed to. The hon member Mackenzie.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House commends Metrorail for the upcoming upgrades to Mitchells Plain and Lentegour train stations and we certainly will see that they do it properly. Thank you.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Any objection to the motion being moved without notice? No objection to the motion itself? The motion is agreed to. Hon member Maseko first.

Ms L M MASEKO: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House congratulates the Oudtshoorn Municipality for being awarded as a co-winner in the category Best Upgrading of an Informal

Settlement, for their Rose Valley Informal Settlement at this year's Govan Mbeki Awards, I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Any objection to the motion being moved without notice? No objection to the motion itself? The motion is agreed to. Hon member Olivier first.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House calls for speedy investigation by the Provincial Education Department into allegations that the teacher at the De Kuilen High School in Kuils River is suspected of luring two matric learners, Nayoca Plato and Robin van Leeve into a cult after they disappeared in March and were found in Roodepoort and investigate further claims that this is the second incident after the first incident was dismissed by the Western Cape Education Department.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: There is an objection I see. It will be printed on the Order Paper. Hon member Kivedo.

†Mnr B D KIVEDO: Baie dankie. Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, ek stel sonder

kennisgewing voor:

Dat die Huis sy diepe medelye uitspreek teenoor die naasbestaandes van die bekende oud-koerantman, skrywer, kommentator en filantroop, mnr Eric Wiese, wie verlede week wreed in sy huis in Higgovale Kaapstad, vermoor is. Mag sy siel in vrede rus. Baie dankie.

[Voorstel soos deur lid voorgestel.]

Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Geen beswaar teen die voorstel sonder kennisgewing? Geen beswaar teen die voorstel self nie? Goedgekeur. Agb lid Olivier.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[Mr B D KIVEDO: Thank you. Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House conveys its deepest condolences to the family of the well-known former newspaper boss, author, commentator and philanthropist, Mr Eric Wiese, who was brutally murdered last week in his home in Higgovale, Cape Town. May his soul rest in peace. Thank you.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No objection to the motion without notice? No objection to the motion itself? Agreed to. Hon member Olivier.]

Mr R T OLIVIER: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes that teachers in gang infested areas are resigning; and calls on the DA-led provincial authorities to do more to ensure the safety of learners and teachers at schools. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No objection to the motion being moved without notice? No objection – there is an objection. It will be printed on the Order Paper. Hon member Maseko.

Ms L M MASEKO: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House congratulates George Municipality for being awarded as a winner in the category Best Rural Housing Programme for their Haarlem Farmworker Housing Project at this year's Govan Mbeki Awards, I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No objection to the motion being moved without

notice? No objection to the motion itself? The motion is agreed to. Hon member Olivier first and then I will see Hon member Schäfer.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes the Bill to make shebeens of schools in the Western Cape has been withdrawn due to public ridicule and pressure; further notes this follows the refusal by the hon Premier Helen Zille to institute a commission of inquiry into child murders and the withdrawal of the Bill that sought to circumvent her promise to activate the appointment of a Children's Commissioner in the province. I so move.
No objection.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I have an indication there is an objection to that. I will be printed on the Order Paper. Hon member Schäfer.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Thank you. Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House congratulates Berene Damons of Tesselaarsdal Wines. In addition to receiving the award for the Top Entrepreneur in Processing, she also received the Ministerial Award for Youth in the Entrepreneur Awards. She started her business in 2014 and secures grapes from different sources to make wine at Hamilton Russell

Vineyards' Cellar. I hereby move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No objection to the motion being moved without notice? No objection to the motion itself? The motion is agreed to. Hon Chief Whip.

Mr M G E WILEY: Thank you. Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House extends its heartiest congratulations to Ms Jean Topliss of Fish Hoek Surf Life Saving Club who was voted the best instructor nationally by the South Africa Life Saving Federation. This award follows the highly successful lifeguard award programme Ms Topliss conducted for youngsters from Masiphumelele, Vrygrond and Muizenberg and now makes them fully employable as lifeguards on beaches and at swimming pools.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No objection to the motion being moved without notice? No objection to the motion itself? The motion is agreed to. Hon member Kivedo.

†Mnr B D KIVEDO: Baie dankie, mnr die Adjunkspeaker, ek stel sonder

kennisgewing voor:

Dat die Huis sy innigste medelye uitspreek teenoor die familie van die bekende jeug- en kerkleier van Bishop Lavis, Me Chrissandra Opperman. Sy het op Saterdagmiddag 12 Augustus 2017 op weg huis toe na 'n kerkjeugbyeenkoms in bendekruisvuur in Netreg beswyk. Mag haar siel in vrede rus.

[Voorstel soos deur lid voorgestel.]

Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Geen beswaar teen die voorstel sonder kennisgewing? Geen beswaar teen die voorstel self nie?

Goedgekeur.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[Mr B D KIVEDO: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House conveys its sincerest condolences to the family of the well-known youth and church leader from Bishop Lavis, Ms Chrissandra Opperman. She died on Saturday evening, 12 August 2017, in gang crossfire in Netreg on her way home after a church youth gathering. May her soul rest in peace.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No objection to the motion without notice? No objection to the motion itself? Agreed to.] †Are there any further? Hon member Mackenzie.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes the recent increase in gang-related violence and shootings in Mitchells Plain and calls on the National Ministry of Police to bring back the specialised gang units.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

An HON MEMBER: Objection.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: There is an objection. It will be printed on the Order Paper. Are there any more? Hon member Mngqasela.

Mr M MNQASELA: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House expresses its sincere condolences to the family and loved ones of Mr Siyabulela Marhatshana and Ms Vuyolwethu Nqoza who died in a shack fire in Masakhane in Gansbaai on Monday, 7 August 2017. May their dear souls rest in peace.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No objection to the motion being moved without notice? No objection to the motion itself? Agreed to. Hon member Mackenzie.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House strongly condemns the ANC for firing Dr Makhosi Khoza as Chairperson of Parliament's Public Service and Administration Committee; furthermore that this House commends Dr Khoza for the continued integrity she is showing; she is a shining example of truth and light - the ANC should have more people with her integrity. Thank you.
[Interjections.]

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. There is an objection recorded there. It will be printed on the Order Paper. Are there any further? Hon member Makeleni. [Interjections.] Order.

Ms P MAKELENI: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes the ANC's support of NGO's working on children's rights forced hon Premier Helen Zille to change her approach from outright rejecting the calls for a commission of inquiry into child killings; notes her delay tactics of first wanting an in-depth study before

she appoints a commission; calls on the NGO's to demand the commission to be set up immediately as well as to institute the promised Children's Commissioner; and commends all who work to create a safe space for our children.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

Hon MEMBER: Objection.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: There is an objection. It will be printed on the Order Paper. Are there any further? Hon member Dugmore you indicated? There is nothing, nothing from your side? This is the last opportunity now. It is not prematurely. It is actually very timeous.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Sorry. It is written. I would just like to apologise to the Deputy Speaker and the House, but I am not feeling very well and my level of consciousness is not what it should be but I will do my best to read this. I move without notice:

That the House congratulates Denise Marais from Helderberg, who at the age of 24 has won the first prize in the South African Karaoke Competition and is now being invited to the World Karaoke Competition Finals due to take place in Helsinki later this year; further moves without notice that this House calls on both the Department of Arts and Culture in the Western Cape, private donors and companies and

individuals to support Denise in her efforts to raise the funds required to attend the World Finals in Helsinki. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Any objection to that motion being moved without notice? No objection. Agreed to. Was that the very final one? We then conclude Motions without Notice with that one. The Secretary will read the Order of the Day.

The SECRETARY: Introduction and first reading, Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation (Emergency Funds) Bill.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see the Minister of Finance.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker and hon members in the House. The Medium Term Budget Policy Statement introduced in this House earlier this year incorporated a provincial fiscal risk statement which identified water security and the spill-over effects of the drought experienced by the province as a major risk to the economy, employment and environment. This risk, Mr Deputy Speaker, has now materialised.

The Western Cape was affected by at least three major disasters, natural, environmental and biological in the recent past. This appropriation is aimed at responding to these disasters in the following manner.

Further to the impact of the current drought, a massive winter storm struck Cape Town and surrounding areas over the period 6-8 June 2017. Secondly, during the same period a huge fire raged in the Eden District specifically and in Knysna and Plettenberg Bay area between Thursday 8 June and Sunday 11 June 2017. Thirdly, in addition this appropriation also responds to the partial destruction of the Swartland Hospital and related equipment caused by a fire on 18 March 2017. Fourthly, a large section of Imizamo Yethu, Hout Bay, Cape Town, was also faced by devastating fires.

Mr Deputy Speaker, these disasters impacted the communities and key public infrastructure in the affected areas. With regard to the severe weather conditions experienced in Cape Town and surrounding areas over the period 6-8 June 2017, informal houses were flooded and schools, roads and other infrastructure was damaged.

The storm impacted severely on people's livelihoods in certain areas with reports of loss of life and over 113 schools and 30 health facilities affected. Approximately 827 informal settlement structures were damaged.

The Knysna/Plettenberg Bay areas in the Eden District experienced out of control fires from 7 June 2017, damaging as an initial estimate 6 school buildings, 2 health facilities, private properties and the environment. It was also necessary to evacuate the Knysna Hospital.

Almost 10 000 people were displaced as fires swept through approximately

20 suburbs of Knysna which necessitated the provision of emergency housing requirements. The Provincial Government responded by providing emergency assistance to the affected areas, particularly in respect of roads and other social infrastructure, transport and evacuation costs in the region.

A further disaster where emergency assistance was provided is for the Swartland Hospital in Malmesbury, which caught fire and burnt down on Saturday 18 March 2017. And I am particularly thankful that my Cabinet colleagues, the Minister of Health, Minister Nomafrench Mbombo, as well as Minister Donald Grant, the Minister of Transport and Public Works, and the Minister of Local Government also paid a visit to the Swartland Hospital, immediately when it burnt down.

On 11 and 12 March 2017 a large section of Imizamo Yethu, Hout Bay, Cape Town, was devastated by fires that killed 3 people, destroyed 3 500 homes and displaced 15 000 people. Mr Deputy Speaker, as Provincial Minister of Finance in terms of section 25 of the Public Finance Management Act, I am empowered to authorise the use of funds in emergency situations to defray expenditure of an exceptional nature, which is currently not provided for and which cannot without serious prejudice to the public interest in the province, be postponed to a future appropriation by the Provincial Cabinet.

The tabling of this adjustment appropriation, which is an Emergency Funds Bill in this Provincial Parliament is necessitated in terms of Section 25 of the Public Finance Management Act, which stipulates that such emergency funds

must be included in either the Provincial Adjustment Budget and in this case it is too late. The normal adjustment budgets take place in November, that is why we are coming to this House now to table this Appropriation Bill in this Parliament and it must happen within 120 days of the Provincial Minister of Finance authorising the expenditure, whichever is sooner and this is obviously the sooner situation.

The allocation taken up in this Bill includes for Vote 4, Community Safety. Minister Dan Plato received R240 000 for security requirements at care facilities; the Minister of Education for Vote 5 will receive R50 million for damage to school infrastructure as a result of the adverse weather conditions and fires and in total R19,460 million is allocated to Vote 6, the Minister of Health, of which R1,2 million is made available for damage to infrastructure as a result of the storm and the fire and R50 million to support the Department of Health to deal with the costs associated with the Swartland Hospital, particularly the prefabricated units, replacement of linen and technology. A further R3,2 million is allocated for health technology, also at the Swartland Hospital.

Mr Deputy Speaker, R1 million is allocated to the Department of Social Development for emergency humanitarian support including repairs and associated equipment and for trauma counselling and therapeutic intervention for those affected by the disaster.

Human Settlements receive R7,5 million to deal with the displacement of

people due to the adverse weather conditions and fires, also in the City of Cape Town and in the Eden District. The funds will be utilised to supplement the funding of the Human Settlement Development Grant for Knysna, R5 million and Cape Town, R2,5 million to pay for those items that are not covered by the subsidy quantum.

R3 million is allocated to Vote 9, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning and will be transferred to Cape Nature for the fire damage to infrastructure.

Mr Deputy Speaker, Transport and Public Works, Road Infrastructure will receive R5,8 million to deal with road infrastructure repairs relating to the June 2017 fire and disaster in the Eden District.

Vote 11, Agriculture will receive R8 million of which R5 million is allocated to mitigate the impact of natural and biological disasters on the agricultural sector at large. An additional allocation is R3 million. It will be allocated to clear a weir - as my colleague, the Minister of Local Government spoke about earlier here in this House - in the Leeu River from sand blown into it, to ensure the free-flow of water into the canal flowing into the Voëlvlei Dam to potentially secure another 7-8 million cubic metres of water to be transferred into the Voëlvlei Dam which will secure an additional 16 days of water supply, particularly to the City of Cape Town.

Now why is this significant, Mr Deputy Speaker? It is because the Voëlvlei

Dam is the second biggest supplier of water for the City of Cape Town. R15 million is allocated to Vote 14, Local Government, for Disaster Management Coordination, drought assistance and key related infrastructure requirements at municipalities that fall within the Provincial Government's mandate.

R15 million is split into R9 million that will be spent on drought relief, financial assistance to municipalities, to augment water supply and bulk infrastructure capacity in drought stricken municipalities and the balance of R6 million will be spent on aerial fire-fighting support and a drought awareness campaign.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to all the communities in the Western Cape and also members of this House, both sides of this House, of the Western Cape who volunteered and sacrificed time and money in response to this disaster. This Government, under the leadership of Premier Helen Zille, immediately called an emergency Cabinet meeting in Knysna to respond to the whole disaster across the Western Cape.

I would like to express my thanks and appreciation also on behalf of this Government to all the businesses, the banks and other financial institutions, and municipalities and the National Government and disaster management agencies for excellent support during this most difficult time.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I now table the Western Cape Adjustment Appropriation Emergency Funds Bill 2017; the Adjusted Estimates of Provincial Expenditure Emergency Funds 2017 and the Provincial Extraordinary Gazette containing allocations to municipalities for deliberation in the House. I thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. [Applause.]

†AGB LEDE: Hoor-hoor!

[HON MEMBERS: Hear-hear!]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Secretary will read the Bill the first time.

The SECRETARY: Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation (Emergency Funds) Bill.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: In accordance with Rule 1871 the introductory speech, the Bill and papers laid upon the table will be referred to the relevant committees for consideration and report. Before I adjourn, I would like to remind members that the Budget Committee meeting will commence in the Chamber immediately after the adjournment of the sitting. That concludes the business of the day. The House is adjourned.

The House adjourned at 18:32.