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PROCEEDINGS OF THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT

The sign † indicates the original language and [] directly thereafter indicates a translation.

The House met at 14:15

The Deputy Speaker took the Chair and read the prayer.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Before I ask the Secretary to read the Order, let me give a ruling relating to Friday's debate. During debate on Friday 23 February the hon member Davids in her speech made certain references to the Jewish population group, directly or by innuendo, which could be interpreted as disparaging. She inter alia referred to some of them as "Jewish Mafia". The hon member Wiley and hon member Joseph on points of order objected to the remark on the grounds of it being insulting and anti-Semitic.

At the time I did not hear the specific reference but I did indicate that if indeed she had made such a remark it would be unparliamentary. I undertook to study Hansard and revert to the House. I have now had the opportunity to

refer to the unrevised Hansard and I have also checked the audio recording and it is clear the hon member had indeed made the remark. This is clearly in bad taste and not acceptable. Anti-Semitism is a form of racism and such references will always be unacceptable in debate.

In aggravation further the remark was not made as an interjection in the heat of debate but in a fully considered way in a prepared speech. I therefore rule that the remark is unparliamentary and order the hon member Davids to withdraw the remark and to apologise. Hon member Davids.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Mr Deputy Speaker I also read the Hansard. I did not make a remark against the Jewish people. I made the remark against certain Jewish people.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Davids, this is a considered ruling.

Ms S W DAVIDS: I withdraw if it is...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Do you withdraw and you apologise?

Ms S W DAVIDS: Yes, Mr Deputy Speaker, I will.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. The Secretary will read the Order of the Day.

ORDER OF THE DAY

The SECRETARY: Reply to the Debate on the Premier's State of the Province Address.

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The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see the Premier. [Interjections.]

†n AGBARE LID: Hoor-hoor.

[An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear.]]

Mr M G E WILEY: Hear-hear!

The PREMIER: Thank you. [Applause.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Just surprise us. We did not come here expecting anything from you. Give us a surprise.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Shout it out, please. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Give us a surprise.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Premier, you may continue.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Continue with your shouting, as usual.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Magaxa, today is the time for the Premier to respond to the debate we had last week. Now is the time for her to reply. Premier, you have the floor.

The PREMIER: Thank you very much indeed, Mr Deputy Speaker. I would like to begin by thanking the hon colleagues in the governing party very much for their considered and thoughtful contributions to the debate. In order of speaking it was the hon Minister Madikizela, the hon member Mitchell, the hon Minister Bredell, the hon member Mngqasela, the hon Minister Schäfer, the hon member Beverley Schäfer... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Thank them all. Their time is up... [Inaudible.]

The PREMIER: The hon Minister Mbombo, the hon Chief Whip Wiley and the hon Minister Winde. I want to thank this team for its quality and its integrity and considered contributions to this House.

An HON MEMBER: Which contributions?

An HON MEMBER: I would not know.

The PREMIER: Now Mr Deputy Speaker, may I come to the hon Opposition.

[Laughter.] [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: But you must thank us as well.

An HON MEMBER: You said nothing.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Thank us.

An HON MEMBER: Or maybe not!

An HON MEMBER: It is just courtesy.

The PREMIER: I really do owe the hon the Opposition a great deal of thanks for making it... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Do not be sarcastic now. Must you always be sarcastic?

The PREMIER: ...as easy to reply to this debate as it is to shoot fish in a barrel. [Laughter.] [Interjections.] The hon member Magaxa began... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: You are shooting fish now.

The PREMIER: ...by saying that he did not like my reply to his letter - his

letter basically half instructing and half requesting me to postpone SOPA. Now I have absolutely no power to convene this Parliament or to postpone or set the date of SOPA. That was the first point. The second point, Mr Deputy Speaker, is that he completely fictitiously claims that it is a requirement to do so under the Constitution and under the “Intergovernmental Cooperation Framework Act.”

Now that is entirely incorrect and there is no such reference either in the Constitution or the Act. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Sure.

The PREMIER: The fact is that the ANC sucks constitutional injunctions out of its thumb when it wants to and entirely ignores those that actually exist.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Like you ignore your... [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: They come here with fake legal arguments. Now the real violators of cooperative governance, Mr Deputy Speaker, are the ANC, because all of the legislatures and the National Parliament agreed last year on when the SONA is going to be held and when the various SOPAs are going to be held and then entirely unilaterally to deal with an internal problem...

Mr P UYS: Your party asked for that.

The PREMIER: ...in the ANC, an internal problem in the ANC...

Mr P UYS: The DA asked for that.

The PREMIER: ...they unilaterally postpone the State of the Nation Address.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Steenhuisen's request, postpone SONA.

Mr P UYS: Ja.

The PREMIER: ...and then simply assume that the rest of the provinces will agree to postpone *sine die*, which is without setting a date, indefinitely, until they are ready to deal with their softly-softly approach with their crook of a former President. [Interjections.] Yes.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: So the DA had nothing to do with the postponement. They had nothing to do with the postponement.

The PREMIER: And because they have an internal problem every province has to be disadvantaged. [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: Deal with the response. [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: Now it is quite extraordinary to read this letter that was sent. [Interjections.]

Ms P MAKELENI: ...calling their citizens in the City of Cape Town to deal with their own internal... [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: The hon leader of the Opposition says to me that if we were to carry on with SOPA at the determined date...

Ms P MAKELENI: Ooh, we want to listen, you calling for [Inaudible.]

The PREMIER: ...it would amount to an illegitimate gathering. [Interjection.]

So unless the ANC says we can hold this meeting, even though it has been prearranged he threatens me with a letter that says it will be an illegitimate gathering... [Interjection.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: Where is the threat there?

The PREMIER: ...and that the sitting will not be properly constituted.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Where is the threat there? Where is the threat there?

An HON MEMBER: I think you are making it a joke.

Ms P MAKELENI: Where is it threatened?

Mr K E MAGAXA: Where is the threat?

The PREMIER: The unbelievable thing is that this rhetoric of illegal gatherings comes straight out of apartheid's lexicon but it is used to apply to this House meeting on a pre-arranged date. [Interjections.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: You would know... [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: Now when in fact the new President was sworn in and when a date for SONA was set we were happy to postpone this SOPA but we did it legitimately and legally without threats and without illegitimate constitutional claims that do not actually exist in law and I would like to ask the hon the Opposition rather try and stick to the Constitution and the law, when it matters and not flout it at will and do not invent claims in the Constitution that do not exist. [Interjection.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: You even flouted the Provincial Constitution for [Inaudible.]

The PREMIER: Now if I can just say that the ANC always puts itself ahead of the country and the spirit of Jacob Zuma lives on in this Legislature. The spirit of Jacob Zuma lives on in this Legislature. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

The PREMIER: Almost every speech... [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: On that side, hon Premier.

The PREMIER: ...on that side - that is what I am saying. The spirit of Jacob Zuma lives on in this Legislature in the hon the Opposition, and I will show you how every single speech made by the hon Opposition violated the opening paragraphs of our Constitution.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

The PREMIER: Every single speech made on the opposite side of the House violated the preamble of our Constitution... [Interjections.]

Ms B A SCHÄFER: It would not surprise...

Mr Q R DYANTYI: The one we died for.

The PREMIER: ...which says: “We, the people of South Africa, recognise the injustices of our past...” and we all do that “...honour those who suffered for justice and freedom in our land...” and we all do that.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Which is us, which is us.

The PREMIER: You were not the only ones!

Mr K E MAGAXA: Which is us, which is us. [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: What did you do hon member Magaxa? [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: There is nothing you did.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The PREMIER: "...respect..." [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: [Inaudible.] ...you were progressive.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr K E MAGAXA: I do not share that with you.

The PREMIER: "...respect those who have worked..." [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: You are just a white rationalist like any other.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Magaxa, you have had your turn. Now it is the Premier to respond.

An HON MEMBER: Ja, but she is not listening.

The PREMIER: “We the people respect those who have worked...”

[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Mr Deputy Speaker...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Premier, just one second. You have been interrupted by a member there.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Mr Deputy Speaker, I am sure you heard that. The hon member said the Premier is a white rationalist.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Ja, she was a white rationalist... [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! [Laughter.] [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Would you like to repeat it.

Mr D JOSEPH: It is a racist remark.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.] Order! Premier, please continue.

An HON MEMBER: That is unparliamentary.

The PREMIER: You see the hon member Magaxa proves my point...

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Yes, exactly.

The PREMIER: ...that the spirit of Jacob Zuma is alive and well in that hon side of the House... [Interjections.] ...that divide and rule on the basis of race. [Interjections.]

Mr D JOSEPH: Racist party, racist.

The PREMIER: That is what Jacob Zuma devoted his Presidency to.

Mr K E MAGAXA: You and Jacob Zuma are friends of the Guptas.

The PREMIER: Divide and rule on the basis of race. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: That is what you are doing...

Mr K E MAGAXA: That is what you are doing. [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: In his State of the Nation speech last year... [Interjections.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: Why did you deal with Patricia [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! [Interjections.] Hon Chief Whip.
[Interjections.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: Double-standards! [Interjections.]

†'n AGBARE LID: Baas Wiley is op.

[An HON MEMBER: *Baas* Wiley is standing.]

Mr M G E WILEY: Sorry, but that is an unparliamentary remark, Mr Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I did not hear what they said.

Mr M G E WILEY: “Baas Wiley” is absolutely unacceptable.

†'n AGBARE LID: Ja, Baas Wiley.

[An HON MEMBER: Yes, *Baas* Wiley.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Who said that?

†'n AGBARE LID: Ai, Baas Wiley.

[An HON MEMBER: Ai, Baas Wiley.]

Mr M G E WILEY: Let us see if there is an ounce of integrity on that side.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I will check. [Interjections.] Order!

Mr K E MAGAXA: What is wrong with *Baas*? What is wrong to be a *Baas*?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order hon member Magaxa.

Mr K E MAGAXA: I did not say that, I did not... [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please turn down your remarks about that, it could be against the parliamentary practice and rules. Hon member Wiley.

Mr M G E WILEY: I am trying to put the spirit, that the Premier can continue her debate without constant interruption.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, I am at the point of also saying to members I will allow the Premier to continue but I appeal to the ANC benches not to go to a running commentary but to make selective interjections if you want to make interjections.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Premier.

The PREMIER: Thank you very much. Last year we heard President Zuma delivering the State of the Nation Address and it was a litany of the things that were wrong with South Africa and then he concluded that it was all the fault of white people in South Africa, and this year we heard a President who gave a totally different speech.

What did President Ramaphosa say? He said...

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You must praise him, the new chief in the country.

The PREMIER: “We should reaffirm our belief that South Africa belongs to all who live in it.” [Interjections.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: [Onhoorbaar.] Ons het klaar daai gehoor!

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: [Inaudible.] We have heard that already!]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Dyantyi, I have just asked you to tone down please.

The PREMIER: President Ramaphosa said: “We should reaffirm our belief that South Africa belongs to all who live in it...”

An HON MEMBER: Yes, yes.

The PREMIER: “...for though we are a diverse people, we are one nation.” There are 57 million of us, each with different histories, languages, cultures, experiences, views and interests, yet we are bound together by a common destiny. [Interjections.]

Mr R T OLIVIER: He did say something else.

The PREMIER: Mr Deputy Speaker, we came here into this Legislature and we heard a tone set by Jacob Zuma's SONA in 2017 and not by Cyril Ramaphosa's SONA of 2018. So we out of respect deferred our SOPA till after the SONA and we also thought that that is what the ANC wanted. The hon the Opposition clearly did not listen to a single word the hon Ramaphosa said in the National Parliament. They came here and they carried on beating the old racial nationalist divide and rule drum and it was disgraceful. [Interjections.] It is just an attempt to polarise people on the basis of race, which is all that the ANC has left, Mr Deputy Speaker, because they have not got a single policy. They have not got a single idea. They have not got a single track record that enables them to argue on the facts and the policies. [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: You resent the National Party, you were the DP. You were a DP.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! [Interjection.] Order hon member Magaxa.

The PREMIER: I would just like to remind the hon member Magaxa that the National Party joined the ANC. [Interjections.] That is what happened and the National Party is sitting opposite us in the form of the hon member Uys and the hon member Beerwinkel and a couple of other people. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: [Inaudible.] ...you abandoned them.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr K E MAGAXA: And you remain in the...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The PREMIER: Now you see the hon member Magaxa, the hon member Magaxa makes two points which I would like to respond to Mr Deputy Speaker.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Please do.

The PREMIER: The first response is... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: They must come this side here.

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

The PREMIER: ...that white people and other minorities who join the ANC can be classified as good. So the only good whites are those in the ANC.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

The PREMIER: That is simply an outrageous unconstitutional remark. The ANC is a racist party. [Interjections.] There is nothing progressive or committed to non-racialism or constitutionalism about the ANC. It is fundamentally divisive and undermining of the Constitution. [Interjections.] Then the hon member Magaxa says I have been left in the past.

Mr K E MAGAXA: I love how you pronounce my surname. [Laughter.]

The PREMIER: The hon member Magaxa says I have been left in the past.

An HON MEMBER: Ja, he is no longer Magaxa.

The PREMIER: Now let me tell you, there is one category of people in South Africa who have been left in the past and that is those who still adhere to the ideology of Marxism. They have been left very far back in the past. [Interjections.] Because of all the terrible legacies of colonialism, Mr Deputy Speaker, Marxism is one of the worst. [Interjections.]

He sits here and he claims to be on the moral high ground of an ideology that has killed more people than any ideology in history...

An HON MEMBER: Exactly!

The PREMIER: ...that any other ideology in history - a 100 million people have died in the name of Marxism, which he still stands up and supports in

this Legislature today. [Interjections.]

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Exactly!

The PREMIER: So he must not talk about being stuck in the past, Mr Deputy Speaker and he represents the very worst of colonialism's legacy...

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Hear-hear!

The PREMIER: ...and the Marxists that still try to shape Africa according to their divisive legacy. [Interjections.] [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

The PREMIER: But you know, Mr Deputy Speaker, this shameful hon Leader of the Opposition, comes here and tries to divide people on the basis of race as a result of two terrible tragedies that happened in this province. There were two fires. One was the fire in Imizamo Yethu and the other was the fire in Knysna, and what does he do? He disgracefully comes here and says that we showed preference for the victims of the Knysna fire because of the race of the people who suffered and died in that fire as compared to the people who suffered and died in the Imizamo Yethu fire. There was only one group of people who showed no interest in the victims of the Imizamo Yethu fire and that was the national government of the ANC. They all came down in a long row to Knysna but they did not bother about Imizamo Yethu.

[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Magaxa is that a question or a point of order?

Mr K E MAGAXA: I think I want to ask you to rule, is it parliamentary for the Premier to misrepresent the facts?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Magaxa...

Mr K E MAGAXA: Because I know that the Ministers were in Imizamo Yethu.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Magaxa that is... [Interjection.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: I was with the Minister to visit Imizamo Yethu...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. You have made your point. [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: I was in Imizamo Yethu carrying food and bags...
[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Hon member Magaxa, when the Chair speaks you must remain quiet. The response from the Chair is that that is not a point of order. You have made your political point already. Hon Premier,

please continue.

An HON MEMBER: In fact it is a “deliberately”.

An HON MEMBER: Ja, deliberate. [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: He outrageously... [Interjection.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: You committed a crime! [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: The only people who ignored the community of Imizamo Yethu was the national ANC government.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Sorry, hon Premier, the Chief Whip is on the floor.
Chief Whip.

Mr M G E WILEY: Sorry Mr Deputy Speaker, the hon Leader of the Opposition just said: “You committed a crime...” “She committed a crime.”

Mr K E MAGAXA: She who?

Mr M G E WILEY: That is what you said. No, that is what you said. “She committed a crime.” [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! [Interjection.]

Mr M G E WILEY: Now to the best of my knowledge that is indicating a person directly and telling them they committed a crime is unacceptable.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: It is, if the reference was to a member in the House certainly that would be unparliamentary. Did the member refer to another member in the House?

Mr K E MAGAXA: I did not refer to... [Interjection.]

The PREMIER: He was referring directly to... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: He said he did not, so I take the member's word for the moment. [Interjections.] Hon Premier, you may continue. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.] Order!

The PREMIER: Compared to the crimes compared by Communism and its legacy we can live with that. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Exactly!

The PREMIER: The hon member tries to misrepresent the facts in this House by saying that we committed R75 million to the victims of the Knysna fire. That is not true, Mr Deputy Speaker.

Mr K E MAGAXA: How much? How much?

The PREMIER: The R75 million was for the victims of all the fires in this province, but let me go through...

Mr K E MAGAXA: Divide it.

The PREMIER: Let me go through the actual numbers of what was committed to Imizamo Yethu.

Ms P MAKELENI: Ja, we are listening.

The PREMIER: I hope you listen, because an unbelievably large and coordinated effort went into helping the community of Imizamo Yethu reconstruct and recover. That informal settlement had no layout, no formal structure and no access for emergency vehicles, so one of the first things that was done in the process of reconstruction was super-blocking and the budget for the super-blocking is R126 million...

An HON MEMBER: Patricia De Lille did... [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: And that involves additional roads, pedestrian pathways, formal electrification, water and sanitation... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The PREMIER: So to say that the DA ignored Imizamo Yethu is a complete disgrace.

Mr K E MAGAXA: And you punished Patricia for that.

An HON MEMBER: Hey, what?

The PREMIER: Secondly, the City established three temporary relocation areas and re-housed people. Most of the people in the Knysna fire, Mr Deputy Speaker, were not re-housed. They had to make provisions for themselves.
[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order, Premier.

The PREMIER: They were not re-housed. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Beerwinkel, please contain yourself.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: I will do so Mr Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Please address the... [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Premier, please continue.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: He is provoking me.

The PREMIER: So while DA spheres of government made provision for all of the victims to be re-housed in Imizamo Yethu the victims of the Knysna fire had to make provisions themselves to get re-housed. Now I was very interested to see the breakdown of one department alone and it was R33 million in the aftermath of the Imizamo Yethu fire and let me look at the full budget which is R106 million. I can go down into the breakdown but it is here, on this piece of paper, the Budget, and then what about private donations, here are eleven pages, eleven pages of enumerated private donations in small print to the victims of the Imizamo Yethu fire.

Mr K E MAGAXA: And what happened to the money?

The PREMIER: Every single cent of it went to the victims of the Imizamo Yethu fire, in one way or the other.

Mr K E MAGAXA: No... [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: And a huge amount of the donations that was sent to Knysna were also re-diverted to Imizamo Yethu - food, water, a range of things and for three months people in Imizamo Yethu were fed every day and that was not the case in Knysna. So when you enumerate point by point, rand for rand,

support measure by support measure, you will see that the people of Imizamo Yethu got every bit as much support, if not more, than the people of Knysna.

An HON MEMBER: Have you shown that... [Interjection.]

The PREMIER: So it is a complete and utter disgrace to come here and try and make political capital out of it. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Premier, just one second. [Interjections.]
Order, hon member Makeleni.

Ms P MAKELENI: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Mr Deputy Speaker, can I ask the Premier a question on the IY-issue?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Premier, are you prepared to take a question?

The PREMIER: Yes, I am.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Premier is prepared.

Ms P MAKELENI: Hon Premier, if I can invite you to a meeting in IY to explain this, can you do that?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Premier.

The PREMIER: I will happily go to a meeting anywhere, anywhere in the Western Cape, to explain anything to people. [Interjections.] [Applause.] It is completely disgraceful, Mr Deputy Speaker, that people come here with divisive unconstitutional manipulative attempts to polarise people on the basis of race for their own political purposes.

That belongs to the Jacob Zuma ANC and that is what we have to leave behind in this House.

Mr S G TYATYAM: There is no Jacob Zuma ANC.

The PREMIER: The DA is far in advance of the ANC because we passionately live the non-racialism that is the core principle of the Constitution.

Mr K E MAGAXA: You are chasing Patricia.

The PREMIER: The hon member Magaxa and his colleagues live in the past of racial divide and rule strategies and they live that every single day. [Interjections.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: In a city that is fighting for... [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

An HON MEMBER: You are trying to divide. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: Mr Deputy Speaker, it is amazing how any issue even where there is a disagreement about an issue of principle, it gets turned into a race issue by the hon Opposition. They have no other issue. It is pitiful and it is unconstitutional.

Mr Deputy Speaker, unsurprisingly the hon Leader of the Opposition also used water to divide people on the basis of race. He comes along and gives a completely fictitious calculation here...

Mr K E MAGAXA: This is colonialism.

The PREMIER: ...saying that the National Department of Water and Sanitation has said that the cost of a desalinator that could produce 180 million litres of water per day was R1,3 billion. Now I understand very clearly why that national department got the worst audit outcome in government. That department as well as the hon member Magaxa obviously belongs to the Jacob Zuma school of mathematics. [Laughter.]

Let us just try and do a little bit of a calculation here. The cost of serviced water is R5,20 per kilolitre, to clean and deliver. The cost of desalinated water is R18,00 give or take, per kilolitre.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: That is not true.

The PREMIER: It certainly is true on a short-term contract which is what they were talking about.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Are you trying to cover the R15 billion?

The PREMIER: Now let us look at 180 megalitres a day. [Interjections.] look at 180 megalitres per day.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: R40,00.

The PREMIER: Now one megalitre is a 1000 kilolitres. So we start with 180 000 kilolitres multiplied by 18 multiplied by 365 days multiplied by three years.

Mr K E MAGAXA: And that gives you R15 billion?

The PREMIER: It does not give you R15 billion but it certainly does not give you R1,3 billion.

Mr K E MAGAXA: R15 billion from national government.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The PREMIER: We were talking about 500 million litres of water today.

Mr K E MAGAXA: You were talking about 15 billion in your budget.

The PREMIER: We were talking about the cost of generating 500 million litres of water a day, which is what the City promised to produce, and that is the calculation we are working on. [Interjection.] If that is the way the Department of Water and Sanitation calculates its tenders, no wonder... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Hon member Magaxa, please.

The PREMIER: ...that the Giyani Water Scheme ballooned from R500 million to R5 billion. They obviously did the same kind of calculation as the hon member Magaxa came to give here. [Interjections.] And no wonder there is an unbelievable crisis now with the Lesotho Highlands Water Scheme, which will make Gauteng water-insecure till 2025.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Unbelievable.

The PREMIER: There have been massive overruns on that project too and not only that, just as there was with the Clanwilliam Dam the project was stalled so that it could go out to another tender so that Zupta aligned cronies could get those tenders, pushing up, pushing up the cost massively and making that

department have the worst... [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Your friends.

Mr K E MAGAXA: [Inaudible.] Your private President corruption network.

Ms S W DAVIDS: [Inaudible.] It is your friends.

Mr K E MAGAXA: You benefited substantially.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The PREMIER: I am coming to the hon member Davids.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Yes.

The PREMIER: She will have enough to chirp about when I come to her. Believe me she will have enough to chirp about when I come to her, Mr Deputy Speaker. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Hon member Davids and hon member Magaxa, order. If the hon member Magaxa and hon member Davids want to hear the end of the speech they must please behave themselves now. [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: Continue with your rubbish.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please continue hon Premier.

The PREMIER: Is it parliamentary for the hon Leader of the Opposition to say: "Continue with your rubbish."

Mr P UYS: You say it all the time.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Yes, you say that all the time. [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: You say it all the time. I got it from you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.] Order! Chief Whip.

Mr M G E WILEY: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker.

An HON MEMBER: Who is she?

Mr M G E WILEY: It is irrelevant whether the Premier says it all the time because if she says it she has to withdraw it, just the way they are going to withdraw that. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: No man, you cannot ask us to withdraw.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! We have ruled before on the use of the word rubbish. In that sense it is not unparliamentary.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Yes.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: When you refer to an individual of the House as being rubbish it is unparliamentary. [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: That is good news.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please continue, Hon Premier.

The PREMIER: So he said I must continue with my rubbish so he was referring to me. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! If the reference was directly levelled at a member of the House - that would be unparliamentary. [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: It was, Mr Deputy Speaker.

Mr P UYS: No.

The PREMIER: He said: "Well why do you not continue with your rubbish?"

Mr K E MAGAXA: There it is, that is why it is now... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Premier, that would be in order.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Yes.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Please continue.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: If he had said the Speaker or the Premier is rubbish, that is slightly different.

Mr S G TYATYAM: Keep quiet. Continue or you keep quiet.

An HON MEMBER: For sure. Go.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Please do.

The PREMIER: I accept your ruling Mr Deputy Speaker. It gives me more leeway too.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Continue. We are ready for you. Today we are ready for you. [Inaudible.] ...fronting in your caucus. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Magaxa. [Interjections.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Dit weet julle mos.

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

The PREMIER: There is only one statistic that you get from the National Department of Water and Sanitation that can be taken seriously, and that is zero. They have zero credibility, zero credibility at all. [Interjections.] The hon member Davids took the water issue forward in pursuing the ANC's divide and rule strategy, in the most anti-Semitic speech I have heard in this House. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The PREMIER: Another violation of the Constitution... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Do not say anything now, you just withdraw.

The PREMIER: And as you said Mr Deputy Speaker, in a formally written speech, both the hon member Magaxa and the hon member Davids' speech were formally written and prepared so they were considered divide and rule attempts in violation of the Constitution and in violation of the tone set by President Ramaphosa in the SONA, but this is what the hon member Davids said. "The DA fabricated the Day Zero water crisis in Cape Town to set the scene for desalination kickbacks for the Jewish Mafia."

Mr K E MAGAXA: Yes, she was correct. [Laughter.]

An HON MEMBER: No!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Hon member Magaxa, order. [Interjections.]
I have just ruled on that. Please withdraw that. Please stand up and withdraw that. [Interjections.]

Mr D JOSEPH: Ja, withdraw.

Mr M G E WILEY: Stand up.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please withdraw!

Mr K E MAGAXA: Can you - I cannot hear you?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I have ruled earlier on when the hon member Davids used the same expression that it is unparliamentary.

Mr K E MAGAXA: The kickback. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No the reference to the Jews.

Mr K E MAGAXA: No-no-no-no, I was referring to the amount of the kickback.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Magaxa, you used the exact same

words.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Okay, no then I withdraw that one.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you.

Mr K E MAGAXA: But I do not withdraw the R660 million.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: That is something different. Hon Premier you may continue. Hon Premier, before you go, hon Olivier, do you want to ask a question?

Mr R T OLIVIER: No Mr Deputy Speaker, can I just address you?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: On what?

Mr R T OLIVIER: Mr Deputy Speaker, given the fact that there was a ruling on the matter that the Premier now is raising, and hon member Davids has withdrawn, can the Premier continue to respond to those issues? I am just asking for my own clarity...

An HON MEMBER: Yes, sure...

The PREMIER: Yes, of course. [Interjections.]

Mr R T OLIVIER: ...if it is now withdrawn after your ruling.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: It is a very short answer. The Premier may, yes.

[Interjections.] Hon Premier, you may continue.

The PREMIER: I think the matter of these tenders needs to be cleared up.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Okay.

Ms P MAKELENI: Yes please.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Because a former member of this House...

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You must be worried about the... [Inaudible.] for the DA.

The PREMIER: A former member of this House, the hon member Lentit.

An HON MEMBER: No, he is not honourable.

The PREMIER: The formerly hon member Lentit.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: He is a lunatic.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Ai, do not say that.

The PREMIER: ...has made claims that have absolutely no basis in fact.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: ...about hon member Beverley Schäfer.

The PREMIER: None at all. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: She is coming to you.

The PREMIER: First of all, in the DA, politicians do not influence tenders in any way, number one. [Interjections.] Number two, if anybody wants to put in a tender whether they are from Saudi Arabia or Israel or Iran or Yemen or anywhere else, China, they are free to do so, and they will be adjudicated against the criteria of the tender and nothing else. They will not be adjudicated on the basis of their race or religion or anything else, unless it complies with the law of this country.

An HON MEMBER: Workshop, Premier.

The PREMIER: And that is how we adjudicate tenders. At this point Mr Deputy Speaker, three tenders have been awarded. People bid for those tenders and I can tell you that the allegations that Mr Lentit makes have absolutely no basis in fact whatsoever. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: We will test that, do not worry.

The PREMIER: You are welcome to test them wherever you like. The mayor has no power above the awarding of tenders and if the mayor tries to award a tender or to stop a tender, it is unlawful and it is illegal. You cannot try to stop a tender or grant a tender as the mayor or the premier and people must understand that. [Interjections.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: You should blow the whistle. [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: Why did you want to impose... [Inaudible.]

The PREMIER: There was no whistle-blowing. There were only three tenders that were considered and three tenders that were granted. [Interjections.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Wag 'n bietjie! Kom ons kom terug tot daar, wag 'n bietjie. [Tussenwerpsels.]

[Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Wait a minute! Let us come back to there, wait a minute. [Interjections.]]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The PREMIER: They were not awarded the tender. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The PREMIER: And now the hon member Davids is talking about a trip.

An HON MEMBER: As we do not matter here, who will picture.

The PREMIER: The ANC has regularly sent delegations to Israel to find out about their water saving and their water desalination projects. I have got a photograph of a whole ANC delegation in Israel finding out about water. [Interjections.] So if the hon member Dugmore claims that we are a group of hypocrites as he did a moment ago, here is no greater hypocrisy than the hon the ANC who accuses us of doing one thing totally without basis, in fact, but they do that thing all of the time and repeatedly. [Interjections.] And let me please say again, let me please say again Mr Deputy Speaker... [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: You said that to Lentit outside.

The PREMIER: I will say that to Lentit anywhere.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Okay. That is good.

The PREMIER: You see the irony about Lentit's statement, the great irony, Mr Deputy Speaker, about Lentit's statement... [Interjection.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: Why did he resign?

The PREMIER: ...was it revealed that there were alleged attempts to manipulate tenders... [Interjection.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: Why did he resign?

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Ask him. [Interjection.]

The PREMIER: ...and that is the problem. [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: I am asking the bosses, why did he resign?

The PREMIER: Read his statement?

Mr M G E WILEY: How did he get the money to build a house in Plattekloof?

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Ons weet nie van daai nie. [Tussenwerpsels.]

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: We do not know about that. [Interjections.]]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: ...shares in the DA caucus. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.] Order! Order, the Premier is entitled... [Interjections.] Order hon Skwat... Tyatyam. I almost called you names again.

An HON MEMBER: Skwatsha. [Laughter.] [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please come to order. The Premier may continue.

The PREMIER: And then the hon member Davids - referring to the Tafelberg school - cannot resist... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Premier, sorry.

The PREMIER: And then the hon member Davids cannot resist another dig saying “the sale of land in Seapoint in the Jewish area”, as if we have group areas. [Interjections.]

Mr P UYS: She did apologise.

The PREMIER: She did not apologise for that.

An HON MEMBER: She did.

The PREMIER: She apologised for the Jewish Mafia but she did not apologise for all about this land in the Jewish area as if we have ghettos, as if we have group areas in South Africa any more. [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: We do have group areas. We do have. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order hon member Davids, you have had your turn. [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: The legacy of colonialism persists in the ANC with their commitment to Marxism and racism. [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: Yes, there is colonialism in the... [Inaudible.]

The PREMIER: Now hon Mr Deputy Speaker, this government believes in freedom of religion and we believe that Muslims or Jews or Christians or Hindus...

An HON MEMBER: Or Buddhists. Go on. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes, but she is assisting her.

The PREMIER: You see Mr Deputy Speaker, how sorry she is about the racism that she propounded here in this House. She is doing it again.

†n AGBARE LID: Jou tyd kom!

[An HON MEMBER: Your time is coming!]

The PREMIER: Mr Deputy Speaker, we believe in the freedom of religion and we take it seriously and if people want to raise their children and educate their children within their religious paradigm we believe they should be free to do so if they are prepared to pay for it, and that is why we defend that because it is called defending the Constitution. [Interjections.]

Mr P UYS: And they must pay for it.

An HON MEMBER: They must pay for it.

Mr P UYS: They pay for it.

Ms S W DAVIDS: They pay expensively.

The PREMIER: If people are allowed to have their...

Mr P UYS: It cannot be free, you must pay for it.

The PREMIER: I will explain to the hon member Uys. Freedom and paying for things, freedom does not always mean free.

Mr P UYS: Religion must be free without payment.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

The PREMIER: You know, truly, the hon member Uys is not the sharpest tool in the shed, Mr Deputy Speaker.

Mr P UYS: Now explain it to us then.

The PREMIER: I will explain to you.

Mr P UYS: Explain it.

The PREMIER: If you are in a public school you cannot only have one religion catered for in the public school. If you have an independent school and are prepared to pay for it, you can.

Mr P UYS: Pay for it.

The PREMIER: Does the hon member understand that now?

An HON MEMBER: No, it is so wrong, the wrong approach.

The PREMIER: In an open public school you cannot discriminate against anybody for their religion. You cannot anywhere actually but if you want a school to have a specific religious approach...

Mr P UYS: If you pay you can discriminate. That is what you are saying?

Mr K E MAGAXA: Ja, that is what you are telling us.

The PREMIER: What the hon member Uys is saying is that you should be able to discriminate in public schools.

Mr P UYS: No!

The PREMIER: I am saying, no-one can discriminate anywhere.

Mr P UYS: If they pay they can discriminate. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: What are you saying?

The PREMIER: I am not saying that.

Ms P MAKELENI: You are saying...

Mr K E MAGAXA: I think there is a point... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: I am saying that...

Mr P UYS: Rather move on, Hon Premier.

The PREMIER: ...if Muslims would like to have a school that teaches within the parameters of Islam, they can do it. If Jews want to do it, they can do it. If Hindus want to do it, they can do it, but in public schools all children of whatever religion should have access. That is what I am saying... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: They have access?

The PREMIER: ...and it should be clear to everyone. How hard is it for anybody to understand that? [Interjections.] There are a lot of people who believe that only one religion should be allowed in some public schools and I disagree with that. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Why is it not there? Where is the payment?

Ms P MAKELENI: So where does the payment come in? [Interjections.]

Mr D JOSEPH: Listen!

Mr P UYS: Rather move on... [Inaudible.]

The PREMIER: Now let us go back to the notion that the hon member Davids flouted here... [Interjection.]

Ms P MAKELENI: Are we still there?

The PREMIER: ...that the DA fabricated the water-crisis. [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: Day Zero.

The PREMIER: Let us talk about the word “fabricated”, shall we? Maybe the hon member Davids would like to tell the House why a charge of fraud has been laid against her and what was fabricated to get to that point? What was

fabricated to get to that point? [Interjections.]

Perhaps the hon member Davids would like to tell us for how long her travel claims were fabricated, Mr Deputy Speaker. For how long were her travel claims to this House fabricated. [Interjections.]

Mr P UYS: Hon Mr Deputy Speaker...

The PREMIER: Perhaps the hon member Davids...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon Premier, just one second.
[Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: You are [Inaudible.] in the House. Do not lie.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Hon Premier... [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Do not lie. You are built on lies.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Davids, please, your Chief Whip is on the floor. Just one second, hon Wiley.

Mr P UYS: The Premier is casting aspersions on hon member Davids that she is a criminal and she is doing wrong things all the time. [Interjections.] So it is an attack on her character as member of this House.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I saw the hon Chief Whip first.

Ms P MAKELENI: We are not done. [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: They are consulting. They are consulting... [Inaudible.]

Mr M G E WILEY: The Premier simply posed questions. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: No she is not posing questions. She is making aspersions. She is not posing questions. [Interjections.]

Mr M G E WILEY: She simply posed questions based on the comments that were made by the hon member.

Ms S W DAVIDS: That is unparliamentary. [Interjections.]

Mr M G E WILEY: But in any case, the hon member Davids on the other side has called the Premier a liar.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr M G E WILEY: That needs a withdrawal. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Hon Meyer, I want to close this chapter, but if you want to address me quickly.

An HON MEMBER: No, no.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You are done. Yes, hon Premier, we have a practice and rule that we cannot cast aspersions on people in the House...

Ms S W DAVIDS: Yes.

Mr K E MAGAXA: You know that you are not supposed to do that.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: ...unless by way of substantive motion, but if you in a cursory way referred to certain issues... [Interjections.]

Ms P MAKELENI: You must withdraw and apologise. [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: May I ask, may I address you on this point? [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! You may hon Premier.

The PREMIER: Mr Deputy Speaker, the hon member Davids accused us of fabricating.

Hon MEMBERS: Who is "us"?

Ms S W DAVIDS: "Us", the DA.

The PREMIER: The DA is fabricating Day Zero. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Oh, so that was your response.

The PREMIER: That was allowed, now I am asking about the fabrications and I am asking the question. The hon member Davids can get up and say: "I never fabricated my travel claims." She can do that with pleasure.

Ms P MAKELENI: You have been accusing the ANC for all sorts of things.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Premier. Hon member Uys, I am just listening to the Premier.

Mr P UYS: Sure.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Premier, are you done with that argument?

Ms P MAKELENI: She has done that every time.

The PREMIER: No-no, I am not done, but he stood up. [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: No-no he is finished, he is finished. [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: The hon member Uys stood up. I am not done at all. The hon member Davids accused us of committing fraud against the public of the

Western Cape by fabricating Day Zero so I am asking a couple of questions about where the real fabrications lie. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, hon member Uys.

Mr P UYS: I thought you gave an opportunity for the hon Premier to explain, but then she started to carry on with her speech. I think she must first apologise... [Interjection.]

Mr M G E WILEY: For what?

Mr P UYS: ...because the Deputy Speaker made a ruling... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! The request was not to apologise. The Chair simply indicated that... [Interjection.] Order! The Chair simply indicated that when you want to accuse a member of the House of certain things like this then it must be by way of substantive motion.

The PREMIER: Yes, no I am asking a question. I am allowed to pose questions in this House.

Ms S W DAVIDS: No, no. [Interjections.]

Mr P UYS: Mr Deputy Speaker...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Premier, unfortunately even asking a question could be regarded as casting that same aspersions.

Mr P UYS: Exactly.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Yes.

Ms M N GILLION: Exactly!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: That is in terms of our practice.

Mr P UYS: Yes.

The PREMIER: Well may I ask you then, Mr Deputy Speaker, what it is to accuse this government of fabricating Day Zero? Is that casting aspersions?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Premier, the main difference is that the one you refer to now as casting aspersions on a group of people or the party, not on an individual member. That is the difference. [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: Well that is fine then. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

The PREMIER: Alright, I will take care not to do it against an individual.

Perhaps the hon the ANC would like to tell us for how long travel claims were fabricated? [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: You must apologise.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: Hon Helen Zille must not take us for granted, and not take us for a ride in asking. She is a member of the Legislature just like any other person. She does not have the right to just continue. You are supposed to withdraw... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order members.

Mr K E MAGAXA: You are supposed to withdraw just as we do when we make a mistake.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! The Premier now changed the accusation to the party in general, the way I read it, which...

Mr K E MAGAXA: She must withdraw.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: ...which does not refer to a specific member in the House. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: She has not withdrawn.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Wiley.

Mr M G E WILEY: The Premier's response is perfectly acceptable.

Ms S W DAVIDS: No, she must withdraw. [Interjections.]

Mr M G E WILEY: At your suggestion she rephrased the question into a parlance which is perfectly acceptable for the House. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: No!

Mr D JOSEPH: Ja.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Premier, you may continue, as long as you keep it to the party and not to a specific individual.

The PREMIER: Thank you very much.

Mr P UYS: No!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Uys.

Mr P UYS: Mr Deputy Speaker, when there is a reference to travel claims, it

is reference to members in this House, otherwise this... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Mr P UYS: And then when there is reference to members in this House that is not allowed... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Your ANC members.

Mr P UYS: And it is very clear. How can she then refer to all 14 members? It is unacceptable. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order. [Interjections.] I am not going to allow a full debate on this specific topic. Hon member Schäfer.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Mr Deputy Speaker, and the same applies to the fact that hon member Dyantyi is screaming out allegations around myself.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Allegations about you, speak to Rodney Lentit.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: If you have something to say you need to have a consistency here, Mr Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Ms B A SCHÄFER: So can we ask these speakers to stop screaming out...

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Speak to Rodney Lentit. [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Ms B A SCHÄFER: ...all kinds of allegations about me.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Let me... [Interjections.] Order! Let me say finally that it is - when you want to accuse a specific member of the House of wrongdoing it must be by way of substantive motion.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: A cursory casual reference in the debate is fine but you cannot embroider on that and make a substantive speech about something which is that serious. So hon Premier, you may continue.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I will speak to Rodney Lentit.

The PREMIER: Dating back to the time of the Travelgate scandal in National Parliament to the present day in this Legislature, would the hon the ANC like to tell us for how long travel claims have been fabricated, on the subject of fabrication. [Interjection.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: En ons sal terugkom...

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: And we will come back...]

The PREMIER: Perhaps the hon the ANC would like to tell us how much money was involved in these fabrications. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: They must tell us.

The PREMIER: On second thoughts perhaps the hon member Dugmore is in the best position to, because the hon member Dugmore acted in defence of the hon member Davids.

Mr C M DUGMORE: That is right.

The PREMIER: Now we all know Mr Deputy Speaker that the hon member Dugmore is also a graduate of the Jacob Zuma School of Political Ethics. [Laughter.] He is a graduate of the Jacob Zuma School of Political Ethics. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Premier, you seriously do not have a reply to the nation in the Western Cape.

The PREMIER: In his own CV on the net the hon member Dugmore boasts that he was a special advisor in Jacob Zuma's Presidency, December 2009 to May 2014. Imagine anyone having that on their CV. [Interjections.]

Mr P UYS: Hon Mr Deputy Speaker...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Uys.

Mr P UYS: Hon Mr Deputy Speaker, I think the Premier...

Ms S W DAVIDS: She does not have a reply. She just says...

Mr P UYS: Sharon, please man!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Mr P UYS: I think there is a misquote from there. He was a special advisor in Trevor Manuel's office. That is the point.

An HON MEMBER: Is not, objection!

Mr P UYS: Not for Jacob Zuma. [Laughter.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: What objection? [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order! [Interjection.]

Mr P UYS: Tell the truth. Tell the truth.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon Premier, you may continue.
[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Trevor Manuel's.

The PREMIER: Mr Deputy Speaker, I am reading from Cameron Dugmore's own CV - the hon member Dugmore's own CV. He does not mention Trevor Manuel in this heading. "Previous positions: Special advisor Presidency of South Africa." [Interjections.] [Applause.]

Shame! Maybe he is going to deny it... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: He boasts in his CV that he spent five years in the Jacob Zuma Presidency as a special advisor and he is clearly proud of it, but we know, we know Mr Deputy Speaker... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! [Interjections.]

Ms P MAKELENI: Is that still in the SOPA?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Ms P MAKELENI: Are we still in the SOPA with that?

The PREMIER: We know what happened in the Zuma Presidency between 2009 and 2014.

Ms P MAKELENI: Is that in the SOPA now?

The PREMIER: State capture came to full bloom. It was strategised. It was devised in the Presidency and the hon member Dugmore never once spoke out against it, never once. [Interjections.]

We need to know how the hon member Dugmore has applied the State capture tricks in this Legislature... [Interjections.] ...and we need to interrogate his interactions with the prosecution in our internal hon Sharon Davids' disciplinary hearing. The questions I ask here, Mr Deputy Speaker, was the prosecution captured? Was he our own Shaun Abrahams? [Interjections.]

Mr P UYS: It was not prosecuted. [Laughter.]

The PREMIER: Number two, why were witnesses not called in that disciplinary hearing, number two? Why was the charge softened, number three? We need to know, Mr Deputy Speaker.

Mr P UYS: Mr Deputy Speaker...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order Chief Whip.

Mr P UYS: Hon Mr Deputy Speaker, that disciplinary session of the Conduct Committee was held confidentially...

Ms S W DAVIDS: Yes.

Mr P UYS: ...and for the Premier to quote here now is totally wrong.

An HON MEMBER: She is not quoting. She is asking.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Yes.

Mr P UYS: And somebody gave her information - that is also wrong and I would like you to caution the Premier, please. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: She is not quoting. [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! [Interjection.] Yes, the hearing might have been a closed hearing, but the report to the House became public knowledge. There were two reports on that Committee to the House. Hon Premier, you may continue.

Mr P UYS: He was not the prosecutor. [Interjections.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: No-no-no that was... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order Premier, there is another one. Hon Tyatyam?

Mr S G TYATYAM: The detailed information did not go through the ATC so what she Premier is quoting here is something that some of us who were not there, will not know.

Mr M G E WILEY: She is not quoting. She is asking a question.

Mr S G TYATYAM: We would not know. So you need to distinguish between what went into the ATC ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, I hear your point. I cannot comment on whether what the Premier is now saying exactly is in the report or not, but the Premier may continue. [Interjections.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: Sorry, Mr Deputy Speaker, I would like to address you please.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, you may.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Mr Deputy Speaker, I would like you to please make a ruling on some matters of fact that have been presented here. The first one being that I was a special advisor to the Minister in the Presidency for National Planning.

The PREMIER: This has got nothing to do with a point of order.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Secondly ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon member Dugmore. That ...
[Interjection.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: ... I would like you to check the record and ...
[Interjection.] secondly everyone in this House knows that I represented hon
member Davids as the ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon member Dugmore.

Mr C M DUGMORE: ... Rules allow me to represent another ...
[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: All those points are very valid debating points, but
they are not points of order.

The PREMIER: They are absolutely not points of order, and it is absolutely
valid for me to raise it in this context [Interjection.] because Jacob Zuma
was, let us be frank, a crook of a president.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

The PREMIER: You just have to read *The President's Keepers* [Interjections.] and in fact one of his keepers was the hon member Dugmore as a consultant in the Presidency [Interjections.] and he never once spoke up or said a word about state capture or anything else. [Interjections.] And it does not matter whether he was a consultant to this one or that one or this one as if they are good guys or bad guys, they were all as one in the Presidency and all served to promote Jacob Zuma. [Interjections.]

We have a Commission on State Capture, Mr Deputy Speaker, which if you read ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

An HON MEMBER: I think the ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] Gupta giving you money.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The PREMIER: I have been 100% open about the DA raising funds from Sahara Computers. We got about R250,000 from Sahara Computers. There

were no favours in return, no tit-for-tat, and no strings. [Interjections.] And what happened after that was the Guptas asked me to organise a blue light brigade for them from the airport here in Cape Town and I told them to get lost. And that was the last time I ever heard from them. [Interjections.]

So there was no capture, there were no favours, there was nothing in return. There is absolute nothing irregular about a political party asking a company for a donation, as long as there are no favours in return. As long as there are no strings that can be ... [Interjection.]

Ms P MAKELENI: It is not just [Inaudible.]

The PREMIER: ... pulled afterwards, and there are not. [Interjection.] At the time that everybody was fundraising from the Guptas ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The PREMIER: ... their nefarious activities were not known. We approached Sahara Computers and not the Guptas. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.] Order! Please come to order!

The PREMIER: There was nothing wrong with getting a donation as long as there were no strings attached.

Mr K E MAGAXA: From the Guptas!

Ms P MAKELENI: It is from the Guptas.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Magaxa, you have made your point, now the Premier is responding. [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: You know, Mr Deputy Speaker, these interjections ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: Mr Deputy Speaker, these interjections show why our country is in the state it is in under the ANC.

Mr S G TYATYAM: Because of you.

Mr K E MAGAXA: You chow Gupta money.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Magaxa ... [Interjection.]

The PREMIER: Mr Deputy Speaker ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: ... you are trying to interfere with the Premier's response, and if you are going to carry on that way I am going to ask you to

leave the Chamber. Please continue, Premier.

The PREMIER: Mr Deputy Speaker, for a party that was systematically captured by the Guptas, that allowed the Guptas, for example, to get a R5 billion kick-back ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes!

The PREMIER: ... on a tender for locomotives that was R50 billion and that did not even fit the tracks, is what I mean by “capture”. The Guptas bankrolled Jacob Zuma and a couple of other people, and in return for that favour, got billions upon billions upon billions of rands of contracts and kick-backs from the government. That is capture. We got R250,000 as a donation, no strings attached, no favours, no kick-backs. [Interjection.] The two things cannot be compared.

Ms P MAKELENI: [Inaudible.] the DA, that is the point. It will not change.

An HON MEMBER: The DA received a donation from the Guptas.

Mr C M DUGMORE: The DA councillors are fighting [Inaudible.] ... [Interjection.]

The PREMIER: The big problem is that the ANC from top to bottom does not understand constitutionalism and the rule of law. They have no idea what it

means. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The PREMIER: Mr Deputy Speaker, I want to make a contention that there was a travesty right here in this Legislature.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

[The Speaker takes the Chair.]

The PREMIER: And that there are some questions that need to be answered, probably masterminded by people trained in the Jacob Zuma school of political ethics.

Was the prosecution in this case captured? Why were the key witnesses not called? Why was the charge softened? We need to know this, Madam Speaker.

Mr C M DUGMORE: That is your own prosecutors.

The PREMIER: What have ... [Interjections.]

Ms P MAKELENI: Mmm? Mmm?

The SPEAKER: Order, please. [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: What happened in this Legislature would not pass the constitutional test of rationality or legality, and should actually be reviewed in a court of law.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Well then go and review it.

The PREMIER: In the meantime we are waiting to see what progress is made with the police investigation of the fraud case, and believe me if that case has been withdrawn as the hon member Davids has interjected, I will make sure that there is justice in this matter, because we cannot cover up injustice and abuse of process in this Legislature just because we happen to be in government here.

An HON MEMBER: Thank you A J for [Inaudible.].

The PREMIER: This hon member Davids has the nerve to come here and talk about a polony gatsby, as she did before, and a birthday cake, when she will not answer questions about travel claims, the amounts of money involved and what she has been doing for months ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

The PREMIER: ... in this Legislature. Now let me get to the hon member

Dugmore. [Interjections.] The hon member Dugmore is quite right. Crime and violence has worsened.

Ms P MAKELENI: I wonder who is next.

The PREMIER: Guns and drugs have worsened.

Mr B D JOSEPH: Did you read that book?

The PREMIER: I certainly did read that book, Madam Speaker.

Mr B D JOSEPH: Harmless reading.

The SPEAKER: Order please.

The PREMIER: And the book explains to us why. The Principal's Agent Network ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please!

The PREMIER: ... and Arthur Fraser, and the network around the gangs, and the siphoning of guns from the police.

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

The PREMIER: And the protection of the drug racket.

An HON MEMBER: Yup.

The SPEAKER: And the involvement of President Jacob Zuma, while this hon member Dugmore was an advisor to the President, [Interjections.] this hon member, that same President was meeting the worst gangsters at his official residence.

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

The PREMIER: And the gangsters said to each other do not worry about the President, he is one of us. [Interjections.] And then you wonder, Madam Speaker, why violence and drugs and gangs and guns are getting worse. [Interjections.] In fact I can add a few more things for the hon member Dugmore that were getting worse. Everything the national government is responsible for in this province ... [Interjection.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Asseblief.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Oh, please.]

The PREMIER: ... from bulk water to rail transport, to gangs and drugs, is getting worse because they had the gangster in chief in the Presidency being advised by the hon member Dugmore.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Bly stil!

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Be quiet!]

The SPEAKER: Order, please hon member Dyantyi. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you. Your interjections are becoming a running commentary. Thank you.

The PREMIER: The hon member Dugmore ... [Interjections.] The hon member ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Tyatyam ...

The PREMIER: ... comes here and says the reason that crime and drugs and gangs and guns were getting worse was because the Bambanani school guards were taken away.

Now we have got professional crooks in government, Madam Speaker, but he wants amateur school guards to deal with the professional crooks in government that are funding the gangs. [Interjections.]

Mr M G E WILEY: [Inaudible.] to arm teachers.

The PREMIER: But let us go back to 2007, while the ANC was in government and now you see the calls – this is an article dated 7 June 2007 – calls from members of the ANC to disband the Bambanani. Here it is. 2007, calls from the ANC to disband the Bambanani.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Hypocrites!

The PREMIER: So even his pathetic aim here to come and say that we have got more crime in the Western Cape because there are not Bambanani here, falls apart on even the most minor Google search which will tell you that the ANC was working hard to scrap the Bambanani as far back as 2007 with ANC support.

An HON MEMBER: No, you scrapped them.

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

The PREMIER: Now what we have is the Bambanani versus the NPA and the parallel system of crooks in the ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order please!

The PREMIER: ... intelligence and security system.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Yôh! Worrying.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Dyantyi, maintain yourself.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Nee, dit is baie, baie ... [Tussenwerpsel.]

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: No, it is very, very ... [Interjection.]]

The SPEAKER: Ja, but then you had the option of leaving if you do not want listen to it. But whilst you are here you remain quiet and you manage yourself. Thank you. [Interjections.] You may proceed, Premier.

The PREMIER: Then the hon member Dugmore comes here and misleads this House again by saying our matric pass rate has dropped. He does not even listen, he ... [Interjection.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: [Inaudible.] province. That is what I said.

The PREMIER: Okay, he has just repeated here, that we are second to other provinces. On what criteria? He does not even listen to his own Minister, Minister Angie Motshekga, who says that the real pass rate is the one on the comprehensive basket of criteria, which includes the retention rates, which includes the quality of passes, which includes Maths and Science participation, and on the comprehensive basket of criteria the Western Cape is way out on top. It is very easy, Madam Speaker ... [Interjection.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: Not number one?

The PREMIER: We are number one.

An HON MEMBER: Yôh, yôh, yôh.

The PREMIER: We absolutely are number one. Because we are not prepared to push a quarter of our students, half our students, out of the system so that those who write matric can pass between 30 and 40%. We do not consider that a success. We consider it a success to keep as many kids as we can in school ... [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Hear-hear!

The PREMIER: ... and to support them to do as well as they can and to get exemptions to go to universities.

Mr K E MAGAXA: You do not support the poor.

The PREMIER: And it is quite amazing that in our Quintile 1 schools - and the hon member Magaxa was obviously not listening when I spoke ...

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: He did not hear.

The PREMIER: ... they have almost a quarter of matric exemptions to go to university. Higher than any other sector.

Mr C M DUGMORE: The East [Inaudible.] got below 80% percent and you said ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order please, hon member Dugmore. If you wish to pose a question please do it through the Chair. [Interjection.] Order, hon members. Minister Schäfer. Hon member Dugmore, outside of the House please. You may proceed, Premier.

The PREMIER: So we take all of those criteria into account: How many kids stay at school, how many get exemptions, how many participate in Maths and Science, and those are critical statistics to take into account, and on that comprehensive basket the Western Cape is way out in front. But that, of course, the hon member Dugmore prefers to ignore because he belongs to the Jacob Zuma School of mathematical calculation. [Interjections.]

Housing delivery has also increased exponentially.

Mr K E MAGAXA: [Inaudible.] this thing of Jacob Zuma.

The SPEAKER: Order.

Mr K E MAGAXA: You are naïve.

The PREMIER: You see, Madam Speaker, even though the ANC governs eight provinces, the hon member Dugmore could not come here and name one

single province that is an example of good governance to follow. Not one.

Mr C M DUGMORE: [Inaudible] better than yours.

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The PREMIER: And he could not even give me an example from the time that the ANC was in government here.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: It was here.

The PREMIER: He could not give me a single example from the time when the ANC was in government here.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Asseblief.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Oh, please.]

The PREMIER: Take the Children's Commissioner ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order please, hon member Dyantyi!

The PREMIER: Take the Children's Commissioner. We are well advanced in this process.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Asseblief man.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Oh, please man.]

The PREMIER: We have written a Bill now, we have compiled a Bill, we have been out on public comment on the Bill, and we are currently doing an in-depth review of the comments received on the Bill, and here is the timetable for the rest of this year on the Children's Commissioner.

Mr C M DUGMORE: [Inaudible.] be appointed.

The PREMIER: So the hon member Dugmore is welcome ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] 2020.

The PREMIER: ... to go to the Constitutional Court, I can tell you the hon Judges there will throw it out because we are well into the process of doing it, and the hon Judges will also ask the hon member Dugmore what the ANC did when they were in government. They did not lift a finger and we are nearly all the way through the process, Madam Speaker. That is what ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

The PREMIER: ... hypocrisy is all about. That is what hypocrisy is all about. [Interjections.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: And the Environmental Commissioner?

The SPEAKER: Hon member Dugmore, questions through the Chair please.

Mr D JOSEPH: The ANC did nothing.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Completely in defiance.

The PREMIER: Now we look at employment equity.

Mr C M DUGMORE: You forget the Environmental Commissioner.

The PREMIER: The hon member Dugmore outrageously says that we are flouting employment equity requirements. I have got lots and lots of statistics here, but let us look at the whole of the Western Cape government.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Address senior management.

The PREMIER: I will show you progression, I will show you senior management. The Western Cape government's current status in the whole of government, designated groups who are all weighed appropriately in the Employment Equity legislation, designated groups in the whole of government, 94,9%.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Senior management?

The PREMIER: Senior management service only, designated groups, 80,3%.

Mr C M DUGMORE: [Inaudible.] interrogate it.

The PREMIER: You can interrogate it, here are the statistics. [Interjections.]
He just sucks ideas out of his thumb, he is from the Jacob Zuma school of integrity as well.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Read the Employment Equity [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND
TOURISM: Interrogate before you make a [Inaudible.].

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Exactly.

The PREMIER: Promotions. Promotions by salary band. The promotions in the latest statistics I have got, is 2016 to 2017 ... [Interjection.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: [Inaudible.] African and Coloured ... [Interjection.]

The PREMIER: ... promotion in designated groups, 85,7%.

Mr K E MAGAXA: [Inaudible.] that are Coloured and Africans.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Ja.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Magaxa ... [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: And Sotho and Tswana and Malay and, what kind of absolute divide and rule nonsense is that?

Mr K E MAGAXA: Answer that. You are responding [Inaudible.].

The PREMIER: And SMS promotions 83,3%. So ... [Interjection.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: How many chief of staff that are Coloured?

The SPEAKER: Order please hon member Magaxa.

The PREMIER: So, this hon Opposition ... [Interjection.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: Pose your questions through the Chair.

The PREMIER: This hon Opposition, Madam Speaker, are only interested in race. And they use race ... [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: Equality.

The PREMIER: ... as a cover for cadre deployment to drive corruption. That

is what it is.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Can she open her ears?

The SPEAKER: Hon member Magaxa ...

Mr K E MAGAXA: Ja, she is talking ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: ... that is unparliamentary. [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: She must open her ears. You are referring directly to the Premier.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Sorry?

The SPEAKER: Were you referring to the Premier?

Mr K E MAGAXA: No, I wasn't referring [Inaudible.].

The SPEAKER: So who is "she" then, hon member Magaxa?

Mr K E MAGAXA: I am referring to the DA. The DA must open their ears.
[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: The DA is now a “she”? [Interjections.] Okay. You may proceed, Premier.

The PREMIER: You see, in his recent budget speech when the hon Gigaba had to break his head about state-owned enterprises, he said there were three things they could do with state-owned enterprises. Firstly they could privatise them, secondly they could give more state money to them, which they cannot afford to do, and thirdly they could sell off non-core assets such as land to fund them. And that honourable side of the House was dead quiet, they have said nothing about it because they know that all the large pieces of land: Culemborg, Ysterplaat, Youngsfield, Wingfield, are all the places that we can really start transforming the legacy of apartheid spatial planning. But they will not release that land for anything. [Interjections.]

But what do they do? They point to a small piece of land in Sea Point which is not viable for cross-subsidisation in the housing model ... [Interjection]

Mr K E MAGAXA: Rondebosch Common?

The PREMIER: Is not viable and that actually reveals their real agenda, which was revealed so clearly here in the hon member Davids’ speech. [Interjection.] That was their motive. [Interjection.] So from beginning to end from beginning to end, Madam Speaker ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Tyatyam, that is three interjections. Number

four you go. Thank you.

An HON MEMBER: Consistently.

The PREMIER: He is consistently interjecting, yes, and disrupting.

The PREMIER: So not satisfied with the divide and rule strategies between black and white and coloured ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Minister Madikizela ...

The PREMIER: ... and African, and not satisfied between trying to target minorities such as Jews, the ANC comes here and through the hon member Dugmore starts with traditional leaders and the Khoi-San and completely disingenuously claims that we on this side of the House have not created a House of Traditional Leaders. Now that is just bizarre or dishonest.

An HON MEMBER: Very bizarre.

The PREMIER: Because a national commission from the national government on the recognition of traditional leaders considered all the applications for recognition from the Western Cape, and found that none qualified for recognition as traditional leaders. This was the ANC's own government.

So how does the hon member Dugmore justify calls to create a House of

Traditional Leaders in the Western Cape when his government has recognised nobody?

Mr C M DUGMORE: Where is your ... [Interjection.]

The PREMIER: What would that House do?

Mr C M DUGMORE: Where is your proposal to national government?

The PREMIER: The bottom line, through you, Madam Speaker, is that determining whether there are traditional leaders rests in the national government, and they have determined there are none. So what does it leave me to propose, Madam Speaker?

Then the hon member Dugmore goes on to the Khoi-San in general. Now the responsibility lies with the ANC government again to draft legislation for the recognition of Khoi and San traditional leaders. The current Bill is doing the rounds and was drafted in 2015. The fact that draft legislation has in fact been doing the rounds since 2011 and that the national government has not yet finalised it, speaks volumes.

So that is where the problem with the Khoi and the San lies, not with the Western Cape. But he trivialises the national commission and he trivialises the seven years that legislation has been running around doing nothing and then claims that this government rejects the Khoi and the San simply because

I could not attend one function of the Castle.

Mr C M DUGMORE: When did we make this [Inaudible.].

The PREMIER: This is completely hypocritical and dishonest, and in fact the hon Minister Marais does a lot on a regular basis to ensure the recognition of the Khoi and the San and every other culture, to the extent the provincial governments have the power to do so.

So every single issue, Madam Speaker, on whites, blacks and coloureds, on Jews and Muslims, on the Khoi and the San, on minorities and majorities, this debate on behalf of the ANC was nothing but a divide and rule extension of Jacob Zuma's ill-starred and disastrous term as President of South Africa.

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

The PREMIER: We have never bought into that paradigm, but we suggest to the hon the Opposition that it is time to make a shift and to remember what President Ramaphosa said:

“We should reaffirm our belief that South Africa belongs to all who live in it. For though we are a diverse people, we are one nation.”

There are 57 million of us, each with different histories, some of which of us

were refugees, absolutely. Some of us were refugees like me. Each of us with different histories, languages, cultures, experiences, views and interests ...

[Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: [Inaudible.] You are one, we are many.

The PREMIER: ... yet we are bound together by a common destiny, and again the hon member Davids does not understand that. She says I may be a refugee but she is not. So by virtue of that statement she is excluding anyone, whose forebears may have been refugees, from being South African. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Premier ... [Interjection.]

The PREMIER: This is exactly the divide and rule strategy I am talking about ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: There is a member on the floor.

The PREMIER: ... and it is time to get beyond it and ... [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Madam Speaker ... [Interjection.]

The PREMIER: ... and stand up for our Constitution. Thank you, Madam Speaker. [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Davids.

Ms S W DAVIDS: I do not - just leave her. She is [Inaudible.].

The SPEAKER: Okay. Premier, have you concluded? Thank you, hon Premier, that concludes the debate on the Premier's State of the Province Address. That concludes the business for the day. The House is adjourned. I thank you.

The House adjourned at 15:35.