
THURSDAY, 30 NOVEMBER 2017

The House met at 10:00

The Speaker took the Chair and read the prayer.

The SPEAKER: You may be seated. Good morning hon members, guests in the gallery. Welcome to the sitting today. I think I need to state upfront that our Deputy Speaker is still not well, and he is not with us today so I will once again be relying on our Temporary Chairpersons to assist me with the sitting throughout the day. I have spoken with both the Chief Whips who are in agreement, so I just thought to let you know that I think it is a really bad bout of the flu which is difficult to shrug. I would also like to take the opportunity to welcome the administration. Welcome to the sitting today and then let us proceed.

I would just want to give some guidance about the scope of the debate that we are entering today. The debate is on the supplementary estimates. Yesterday was on the principle of the Bill, in other words it was essentially a wide-ranging political debate. Today the House starts with the debates on the separate individual votes contained in the Adjustment Estimates. We debate the appropriation and/or the shifting of funds in the individual votes. The scope of the debate will therefore be more limited and must relate to the

funds appropriated or shifted in the particular vote. In other words what is contained in the Schedule of the Bill and the Blue Book, I mean we all know the Blue Book, the adjusted estimates of the provincial expenditure from 2017 should be our guiding factor. I hope this guidance will assist the hon members in the debates today.

I now call on the Secretary to read the first Order of the Day.

The SECRETARY: Debate on Vote 1 – Premier – *Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill* [B 6 – 2017].

The SPEAKER: Thank you Secretary. I now recognise the hon, the Premier hon Zille.

†n AGBARE LID: Hoor-hoor!

[An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!]

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

The PREMIER: Thank you very much Madam Speaker. Hon members, this Adjustments Budget represents a budget reduction of R42,6 million when compared to the 2017/2018 Main Budget. This reduction has assisted the Western Cape Government to realign funding in favour of provincial drought and water scarcity risk mitigation efforts. Apart from immediate short-term interventions we are facilitating a long-term plan to respond to the challenges

posed by water scarcity and climate change in the long term. The Integrated Provincial Water Response Plan is what it is called. Provincial Treasury has provided R2 million to the Department of the Premier for this purpose.

[Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: The crisis is today. It is now. Do not tell us about the long-term plan. Today.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Stop your nonsense!

The SPEAKER: Hon member Dyantyi!

Ms M M WENGER: Listen! [Inaudible.] Listen! [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Premier, kindly take your seat please. Hon member Dyantyi you may - interjections are allowed. If you wish to make a statement or put a question... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I will make a statement later on.

The SPEAKER: ...or put a question to the Premier, then kindly wait your turn, but do not do what you just did now because that is inappropriate and it is not the good way to start the day.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I am interjecting!

The SPEAKER: So, and an interjection is allowed but your tone and your attitude leaves a lot to be desired. I thank you. [Interjections.] You may proceed, hon Premier.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Bring it on!

The SPEAKER: Bring it on! The Premier is on the floor. Please allow her to speak.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I am waiting. I am waiting.

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

The PREMIER: Thank you Madam Speaker. If I can just remind the hon member Dyantyi that my first paragraph spoke to what we are doing in the immediate short-term. [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You are just passing there, you are just passing.

The SPEAKER: Order, hon member Dyantyi.

The PREMIER: That is just from the Department of the Premier alone we have cut R42 million from our budget so that we could fund immediate drought relief.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: After you failed to plan. That is the point.

The PREMIER: ...for immediate drought relief. In the long term we also have to plan because this climate change is permanent and that is R2 million so if hon member Dyantyi will listen we have put R42 million from the Department ... (intervention)

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Wag 'n bietjie, wag 'n bietjie. Ek kom.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Wait a bit, wait a bit. I am coming.]

The PREMIER: ...as opposed to R2 million for a longer term plan, and let us talk about failure to plan a little bit if I may digress from my notes for a moment. In fact after the very first winter of low rainfall which was 2015 this province asked for a declaration of disaster. Madam Speaker, you cannot do anything for example like shifting funds around and reprioritising your budgets... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Excuses, excuses!

The PREMIER: ...without a disaster declaration. That was refused by the National Disaster Management Centre.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Because they knew you had no plans.

The PREMIER: It was refused and in fact in January 2016 we were allowed to

declare five municipal council areas, disaster management areas, and in those areas we were able to combat the risk of Day Zero in the immediate term because of the interventions you were allowed to take.

It was only nineteen months after our request for a declaration of disaster that National Government allowed us to declare Cape Town a disaster area and even then the National Department of Water and Sanitation was saying the risk was not serious and all we wanted to do was get extra money for infrastructure. [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Thank you for setting out, going back onto your speech now.

The PREMIER: So there is absolutely no blame shift.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Dyantyi, you run the risk of being sent out if you continue in that way. I am sorry. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Execute now, Madam Speaker, execute.

The SPEAKER: Hon Premier, please take your seat.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: May I address you? [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Before you address me I would like to talk to you about your

tone and the manner in which you are expressing yourself.

An HON MEMBER: Your tone. [Interjection.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: What tone? What is the tone? [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Dyantyi, we are hon members and your behaviour borders on being disrespectful so what is good for the goose must be good for the gander and I am asking you to manage yourself with composure. I am not going to allow this House to go into disarray so I am going to go Rule 41 and then I am going to Rule 44 and if you do not comply you will be sent. Any member who misbehaves in a manner that is dishonourable or brings this House into disrepute will be ordered to leave for the rest of the day.

An HON MEMBER: You must sit down.

The SPEAKER: So you may now speak to me ... (intervention)

Mr Q R DYANTYI: May I address you Madam Speaker?

The SPEAKER: You may address me but just remember you are addressing the Speaker, thank you.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I am addressing the Speaker, I am requesting to address

the Speaker.

The SPEAKER: You may.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Two issues, Madam Speaker. I will continue interjecting the speaker on the floor. It is my duty and I will do that and I want you to refer, you to me, on the Rule you are invoking which speaks about the tone, because I have no problem about my tone in the issues that I am raising.

The SPEAKER: Well it is expressed in the way you raise your point of order hon member Dyantyi, but I will be mindful of your tone. Thank you.
[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Honourable...

The SPEAKER: There is no time for grandstanding. Excuse me, hon member Magaxa, take your seat. I am busy speaking. Minister Meyer, your point?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Madam Speaker, during the beginning of this session you outlined the purpose and the objectives of the Adjustment Budget.

The SPEAKER: Absolutely.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: You have indicated that yesterday was the

time for a political debate. [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Well today is... [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: You have indicated now three times about the conduct of the hon member Dyantyi. [Interjection.] I would like to ask you to no more make any threats but to execute the rules of the power that you have. I ask that you - if the hon member is disrespectful you know what to do, please do so. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, Minister Meyer. Your point of order, I will allow the hon member Magaxa. Hon members I have my Rule Book right here with me so it is not a question of the Rules or telling me what to do. [Interjections.]

Hon member Magaxa, will you get your members to order before you speak please?

Mr K E MAGAXA: Madam Speaker, can I address you on the matter you just raised.

The SPEAKER: Yes you may.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Can you help us by referring to your own rules as to what do you mean by attitude because you are saying to hon member Dyantyi you

are worried about his tone and attitude and as far as we are concerned hon member Dyantyi is just executing his own obligation to be here. We are in opposition here. We are not here to treat the ruling party in this Legislature in kid gloves. [Interjections.] We are not - this is not our friend. This is our opponent. We are here to play our oppositional role. If you took hon member Dyantyi out of here you are taking all of us. You do not want there to be a debate on this budget.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Magaxa, your point is sustained, but let me just explain. I sent a certain Minister out because of his tone and attitude and you all cheered. [Interjections.]

HON MEMBERS: Oh no!

The SPEAKER: No, hold on, hold on. [Interjections.] You all cheered.

HON MEMBERS: No, no! [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: No-no, so I am trying to be consistent in the manner in which I manage this House.

An HON MEMBER: No, no!

The SPEAKER: So I am just asking you, display some respect and we really do not have to be arrogant and do grandstanding so your point is sustained.

I am going to ask you to express yourself in a manner that does not leave it up to - please, hon member Magaxa, your point has been sustained. I have heard you all but may we proceed with dignity and decorum, please. You may proceed, hon Premier.

Mr P UYS: Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Uys, on the floor.

Mr P UYS: Sorry, hon Premier. Madam Speaker, if I may address you please.

The SPEAKER: Yes.

Mr P UYS: Early on I did not want to interrupt you when you read out how these discussions must be conducted. Yesterday was the principle of the act, the principle. Today is the individual votes.

The SPEAKER: Correct.

Mr P UYS: Today we consider each vote and the adjusted budget, but we do not consider the R284 million that has been changed. We considered the Adjusted Budget meaning the final, the total budget. That is from the Blue Book, Madam Speaker, and that is going to cause major problems if you say we cannot discuss issues in the different votes, because that is what it is about. Adjustment is not only about the allocation of money. It is also the

non-allocation of money, how you spend that specific money, so that in itself, when honourable MEC Meyer raised the issue it is going to cause a problem because you will have to allow us to discuss the votes in detail in the ten minutes allocated to the ANC.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Uys, I afforded you - sorry Chief Whip - the point of order which was related to our behaviour in the House and you talked to a matter regarding the Blue Book, which I will reconfirm. I will just allow the Chief Whip Wiley who is on his feet, since it is now relating to a matter that the hon member Uys has raised.

Mr M G E WILEY: So it is just relating to a comment made by the Chief Whip on the other side. That is not my understanding. [Interjection.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: Chief Whip from the ANC.

Mr M G E WILEY: My understanding was that we can speak with relating to the various votes, that they can discuss it in broad format within the votes. The issue that you are entertaining at the moment is the attitude of the hon member Dyantyi... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Do not repeat that.

Mr M G E WILEY: ...which right from the outset was hostile and vicious and did not give the Premier any time and it was obviously designed for

disruption... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Oh please!

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

Mr M G E WILEY: ...and that is what we need to deal with.

The SPEAKER: Thank you Chief Whip, your point is sustained. Hon member Uys, this is what I said and I am going to read it again. I said the discussion is around what is contained in the schedule of the Bill and the Blue Book. The Blue Book is the Adjusted Estimates of the provincial expenditure from 2017 and I also said it should be our guiding factor. So I am saying that the Blue Book and the components of the Blue Book is what is of the essence today. Is there any disparity with what you tried to explain to me and what I indicated in my guidance?

Mr P UYS: Yes, Madam Speaker, what I hear you are saying is that if there is a R10 million shifted or a virement or something, that is the only issue to be discussed and that is wrong. We are looking at the adjusted budget, meaning a main budget that has been adjusted by today's process and tomorrow's process and therefore we would engage in the full budget, meaning the main budget and any changes to the main budget that will eventually lead to an adjusted budget and that is what we are going to discuss in full.
[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Uys, my understanding is that that is what was contained in my guidance, but I suppose it is a matter of interpretation. Let us proceed and see how the day goes. I would now like to call on the hon, the Premier. You may proceed.

The PREMIER: Thank you Madam Speaker. The first paragraph of my speech was about the money we have put into short-term disaster management. The second paragraph was long-term disaster planning. My third paragraph is about how we communicate the crisis to the people of the province. The Western Cape Government has embarked on an ongoing communications campaign in response to the water drought crisis in the Western Cape and R3 million has been allocated for that. [Interjection.]

The broadband roll-out to Government buildings has reached 1 875 sites. Many schools and libraries have now received high speed access to the internet for the very first time, making it possible to launch initiatives such as the Western Cape Education Department's e-Learning Game-Changer. The Western Cape Government is also providing broadband connectivity to the main sites of each district and local municipality in the Western Cape, and has installed 176 free public Wi-Fi hotspots to date. Ultimately free public Wi-Fi hotspots will be installed at most of the Government buildings referred to.

Then Madam Speaker, shifts totalling R92 million from the broadband budget were effected in the Adjustment Budget for a number of reasons. These

include the slower than anticipated roll-out of broadband. Broadband delays stemmed primarily from the slower than anticipated building planning approvals from local municipalities for the establishment of points of presence as well as electrical supply. Furthermore, crime incidents have affected the projected implementation in certain areas. These delays have necessitated a budgetary shift of R13 million to fund the wide area network connectivity which is currently still being acquired from the City of Cape Town as well as a further budgetary realignment of R32 million to fund the provincial drought and water crisis.

Secondly the shift of the public Wi-Fi projects from the Department of Economic Development and Tourism to the Department of the Premier has not been concluded in the 2017/18 financial year yet. The reason for this delay is the revision of the broadband model so as to ensure improved integration, sustainability over the remaining period of the contract. The Cabinet memorandum has now been finalised and has been routed to Cabinet for consideration and approval. The funds for this initiative, R15 million will therefore not be expended within the 2017/2018 financial year, and finally, R32 000 has been shifted for software licensing in order to address the currency depreciation risk.

Madam Speaker, the Cape Access Programme, which now reaches 71 sites across the rural Western Cape continues to provide computer and internet facilities to isolated communities. During the 2017/18 financial year two more e-Centres were established, one on the Goedgedacht Farm and the other

at Herbertsdale.

An internal shift of R5 million is directed to the Cape Access Programme to address the shortfall in the operational expenditure of these centres. The key focus on business process optimisation is to address the need to improve efficiency and effectiveness of service delivery to citizens in departments within the Western Cape Government.

R13,5 million of the 2017/18 BPO-funds were utilised for the following initiatives across the province:

- Firstly, service interface projects;
- Then the CFC Dashboard project;
- People management, branch business intelligence initiative;
- Business analyst systems and analyst funding;
- And as well as that R3,2 million was allocated for architecture software and R4,3 million for Phase 1 of province-wide data governance.

So you can see Madam Speaker, we are putting an enormous amount of money into getting systems functioning and to get digital government really going well, e-Government, so that everybody can benefit from it.

[Interjections.]

Province-wide data governance refers to the overall management of the availability, usability, integrity and security of data assets within the

Western Cape Government and we have realised in this term of office that without really good data you cannot run a competent delivering government where you can measure results but your data has to be good and reliable and clean and accurate in order to be usable otherwise you will draw the wrong conclusions from it and you will take the wrong policy steps as a result of it and therefore we are putting an enormous amount of effort and money into transversal data platforms and data repositories that are reliable in order to ensure that when we take decisions on the basis of data they are informed by accuracy and best practice.

Further to the above, this department has prioritised the refresh of its end-user equipment in order to minimise security risks associated with end of life devices. I hope, Madam Speaker, the Premier's device is also included in the end of life devices' cycle. An additional R1,5 million has been shifted from various programmes for this purpose. The largest shift into the department totalling R4,8 million resulted from the expansion of the enterprise content management contract to include additional deliverables for the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport including enterprise content management, enterprise licence agreement enablement as well as ECM development support, but I myself had to find out what that meant, Madam Speaker... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I was just about to ask whether you understand what you are reading.

The PREMIER: And I am now ready to answer questions on it because when I went through this in detail the first time I had to ask many questions about exactly what this meant.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Ja.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Yes.]

The PREMIER: Rollovers from 2016/17 totalled R2,1 million. R1,2 million will be transferred to the Groote Schuur Hospital Health Facilities Board as the Department through the Service Interface Programme is partnering with the Department of Health to improve patients' waiting experience when they access our health facilities. The funding will be applied towards the infotainment initiative that will be piloted at selected facilities.

R900 000 contributes to two deliverables within the Government Technical Advisory Centre, that is GTAC, which as we all know is located in the National Treasury, which is being contract-managed by the Delivery Support Unit and that is the finalisation of the KPI, the Key Performance Indicators Game-Changer definitions and the development of the system to support the data for the Game-Changers, and I would like to thank the National Treasury very much for its partnership with us in ensuring the best possible data, the best possible Key Performance Indicators, the alignment between the two and enabling us to draw on their expertise to achieve that in the Western Cape.

Through careful management of its Compensation Employees' Budget, the

department managed to surrender R11,2 million to the provincial revenue fund. The general reason for cost of employment savings in the Department of the Premier relates to the deliberate attempt to reduce the cost of employees with due regard to the severe anticipated shortfall of R28 million in the outer year that is year three of the MTEF.

In addition the finalisation of the organisation design and consultative processes for the structure changes for the permanentisation of broadband posts, priority unit in people management practices as well as the internship programmes and people training in empowerment also impacted on the spending on COE. I await the comments and questions, Madam Speaker. Thank you for the opportunity.

†n AGBARE LID: Hoor-hoor!

[An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!]

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

[Interjections.]

Mr D G MITCHELL: Thank you Madam Speaker. Thank you for the opportunity to take part in the debate for Vote 1 of the Department of the Premier and the Adjusted Estimates of Provincial Expenditure 2017. [Interjection.] When looking at the adjusted estimates it is clear that the Department of the Premier must lead the Western Cape Government to identify needs and priorities of our province and adjust budgets to be in line

with unforeseen natural and climatic circumstances in the interest of service delivery and the vitality of the Western Cape economy in the face of oppressing and severe drought.

The 2017/2018 period has been particularly trying for the Western Cape Government and our Government has remained proactive, vigilant and committed to sound governance and efficient service delivery in the face of dire circumstances. The Department of the Premier must be commended for this.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Oh please!

Mr D G MITCHELL: In this Adjustment Estimates we see a total of R42,6 million reduction in the 2017/2018 main budget. Madam Speaker, under normal circumstances one would be concerned about any reduction from the Main Budget. However, I would like to commend the Premier for ensuring that this Government reprioritised the urgency of water scarcity and drought in the clear absence of the National Government to intervene in what is the worst drought in a 100 years. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Oh yes, take it to Pretoria. There is water there.

[Interjections.]

Mr D G MITCHELL: A budget realignment of R32 million has been

reallocated to fund the provincial drought and water crisis from previously allocated budget for broadband initiatives. This clearly indicates that the Department of the Premier's budgetary priorities ...[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr D G MITCHELL: ...match the needs for the province and money has been made available to address the most pressing issues in our province - a severe hydrological drought. R3 million has been allocated for water and drought communication campaign, thus ensuring that the residents of the province are constantly informed of the situation. [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Mitchell, kindly take your seat please. Minister Winde and hon Olivier, if you need to have a discussion I think you should go out and have it out there, because you are disrupting the proceedings of the House. May I caution you please. You may proceed hon member Mitchell.

Mr D G MITCHELL: Thank you Madam Speaker. Further, more than R2 million is being set aside for the compilation of the integrated response plan to provide swift response to fire in the upcoming dry season in the face of severe water shortage. I personally welcome this allocation. As the constituency head for the Central Karoo and Beaufort West I have seen firsthand the impact of this drought or what this drought had on the residents of the Central Karoo. [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: And your party does nothing!

Mr D G MITCHELL: The drilling and equipping of... [Interjection.]

Ms M M WENGER: Your party does nothing.

Mr D G MITCHELL: The drilling and equipping of three additional boreholes in Beaufort West has ensured continued water supply in a municipality with zero surface water. This demonstrates that the Department of the Premier's commitment to the needs of rural communities... [Interjections.] during this drought. [Interjections.] Allow me Madam Speaker, to also take this opportunity to thank each and every stakeholder in Beaufort West which lent a helping hand in addressing this pressing natural disaster.

The aim of the Department of the Premier is to embed good governance and to enable integrated service delivery in the Western Cape through partnership innovation and people excellence. This administration has been consistent in receiving clean audits which ties in with good governance. We have been consistent in delivering critical services to the residents of this province, and with the roll-out of our broadband, which has reached 1 875 sites, once again ensuring that our citizens are connected to the digital global community via the worldwide web even as far as the remote rural town of Merweville. This has enabled us to launch the Education Department's e-Learning Game-Changer and established 176 free Wi-Fi hotspots across this province. Under the leadership of the Premier the DA-led Western Cape Government is once

again demonstrating its commitment to not only the efficient roll-out of services to our residents but to addressing unique climatic circumstances which directly affects our people.

Madam Speaker, in conclusion I would like to thank the DG... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You still have 18 minutes.

An HON MEMBER: Wait, wait!

The SPEAKER: Order please.

Mr D G MITCHELL: ...and every single member of the staff in the Department of the Premier and I wish you all a prosperous and a relaxing festive season with your loved ones, and then a special word of gratitude and thanks to my very able Committee coordinator, Ms Waseemah Kamish-Achmat and all Committee support staff for their assistance during this past year. Madam Speaker, I am proud to support Vote 1, the Department of the Premier. [Interjections.] [Applause.]

†n AGBARE LID: Mooi, mooi!

[An HON MEMBER: Good, good!]

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Sê vir hulle Daylin, sê vir hulle.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Tell them Daylin, tell them.]

The SPEAKER: I see the hon member Magaxa. [Interjections.] Order!

Mr K E MAGAXA: Thank you Madam Speaker. This adjustment vote shows the terrible state the Department of the Premier finds itself in.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Shame!

Mr K E MAGAXA: It is a leaderless department with an absent political leader or landlord... [Interjections.] ...one that is even excluded from her party ranks with diminished political traction and going nowhere. She made herself so unpopular that her party faces a serious dip at the next polls. [Interjections.] In fact the honourable Premier herself denies any complicity in most decisions that turned sour or controversial... [Interjection.] As usual it is blamed on somebody or someone else, either the Cabinet - as it is she is not part of it or leads it - or National Government. Everyone but her. This blanket denial is so characteristic of her time in office that even experts doubt her abilities.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Shame!

Mr K E MAGAXA: To start off with, this unrepresentative and over-bloated department again failed to budget properly by over-estimation...

[Interjection.] And guess what?

The SPEAKER: Order! You may continue.

The PREMIER: You must read the speech before you.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: We will report you to the mayor of the City.

Mr K E MAGAXA: It now tries to portray itself as some kind of a hero that is supposed to donate money back. In fact the Department of the Premier's budget allocation is reduced by a whopping R43 million. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: She is stepping into national
[Inaudible.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: The department as usual cooked bookkeeping apart (?)

- The pet project human management's allocation since the main appropriation is reduced by R24,6 million;
- The centre for e-Innovation goes down with R11,6 million;
[Interjection.]
- The elusive item, Provincial Strategic Management, has more than

R4 million less, and

- Corporate assurance is down by almost R3 million.

Clearly every year this department cannot spend its mass of allocated money and ends up in the same position: it must reduce and purportedly give back. Extra money is given for additional Cabinet meetings due to emergencies. The roving Cabinet quickly runs to Knysna when a few houses in a leafy area are razed by fire... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Shame!

Mr K E MAGAXA: ...and other excuses, like meeting farmers, need a lot of money more. [Interjections.] A lot of additional money is poured into the IT well:

- With R10 million for ICT services;
- Another R1 million for a dashboard that does not work well;
- More than R3 million for more software;
- R5 million more for e-Centres;
- R8,5 million for data governance;
- R13 million more as the broadband migration is too slow;
- A further R32 million for Microsoft licences as a result of exchange rate depreciation.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: But that is because of Zuma, you know that.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Not to speak of the R2 million to appoint a consultant to advise the Executive on the non-existent water plan and yet R3 million more that is burned on an additional communication campaign on water. All of these actions are a result of poor planning for the growing demand and the dry season in the province. [Interjections.] Yes, the whole province. It is in fact too little, too late.

We know that Prof Mike Muller of the University of Johannesburg as far back as 2007 presented a 20-point plan to the erstwhile Cape Town Mayor Helen Zille to ensure future water security and which was in total rejected by her and her political leadership circle. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Have you forgotten that it was signed off by National?

Mr K E MAGAXA: It is interesting to see how side-lined DA leaders like the Premier and Cape Town's silly Patricia De Lille, who are running around piggy-backing on other initiatives for publicity and claim these as successes.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Why did National sign it off?

Mr K E MAGAXA: The point in case is that De Lille's latest revelation that a park will now serve as a boardroom where people can talk about the water

shortage to find solutions. Shame! It is unacceptable. The Mayor and the Council cannot give up their responsibilities that easily when they had to do the job in the first place. That is what they are paid for, and by the way - it is also not an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting place where one sits on a park bench or on a nice patch of remaining grass, and call “my name is Helen and my lawn has died...” Ridiculous! [Laughter.] But let me get into the budget book here. [Interjections.]

Surprise, surprise! Despite the dire need due to the dryer year, the department surrenders almost... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Magaxa, kindly take your seat please. Sorry, Chief Whip. [Interjections.]

Mr M G E WILEY: Madam Speaker, I do not know whether the member is under the influence of something.

An HON MEMBER: What is your point? Please sit down. [Interjections.]

Ms P MAKELENI: What is your point of order? [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Chief Whip, we will continue. You may proceed, hon member Magaxa. This - I might just want to say... [Interjection.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: Madam Speaker, you are not going to rule on what he

said?

The SPEAKER: No, I have not ruled on it, other than to say this is Parliament, not Alcoholics Anonymous. So I trust that everyone's water is just that pure water. Thank you.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Ja, we have to buy water.

The SPEAKER: You may proceed hon member Magaxa. Hon Grant?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: The department surrenders almost... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Take your seat please, hon member Magaxa.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Madam Speaker, to answer the Chief Whip's question.

The SPEAKER: That is a point of order.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: The Leader of the Opposition is intoxicated by his own exuberance. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Sit down, sit down!

The SPEAKER: That is a statement, thank you Minister Grant. Exuberance is

a good word, thank you.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Thank you Madam Speaker. The department surrenders almost R59 million to that pie-in-the-sky provincial revenue slush fund. The ANC has on numerous occasions asked for more details, criteria and purpose of this mysterious slush fund but is still kept in the dark. [Interjections.] Perhaps one should just see it for what it is... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order! Sorry, there is too much noise. Hon member Magaxa. I am just calling the House to order.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Okay, a fund to bankroll during the next financial year, the DA's publicity and patronage buying drive ahead of the 2019 elections that they are going to lose. The kind of knee jerking and face buying is also seen in the cash grants given to mostly fund overseas ventures. Some of these look ultra-suspicious. We will soon see how all of a sudden the Premier and her MEC will start to run around in the province, out of the blue become more conscious of public participation and engage with communities in order to popularise the DA. We have seen this at by-elections and other events where they all swiftly find reasons to travel, to stay in fancy guest houses, cut ribbons, kiss babies and pet dogs for votes. Indeed the silly season is upon us. [Interjections.]

And no amount of DA spin, lies, smoke and mirrors will detract from the fact that the DA will abuse state resources to advance its party interests,

especially now that its support dwindles and is on a downward spiral.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: The ANC, the ANC.

Mr K E MAGAXA: The Desperate Alliance will become more and more desperate as election day 2019 comes closer. I thank you. [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you hon member Magaxa. In the absence of the hon Christians and the absence of hon member B Joseph of the EFF I now recognise... [Interjection.]

Hon member Olivier, you are not Mr Christians or Mr Joseph, are you?

Mr R T OLIVIER: No, Joseph - I am worried about Joseph. [Interjections.]
[Laughter.]

The SPEAKER: That is an observation and as a colleague you might want to take it up with him very cordially outside of the House. We now proceed to the next speaker, the hon, the Premier, Premier Zille. Thank you hon Premier.

The PREMIER: Thank you very much Madam Speaker. I would like to begin by thanking the hon member Mitchell... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: For commending you. That is the point.

The PREMIER: ... for chairing the Portfolio Committee so strongly and well, and for putting such an enormous effort into a very onerous responsibility for a new member and having risen to the occasion so strongly. Thank you very much indeed. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

Mr K E MAGAXA: Can you thank me too? [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: No.

The SPEAKER: Order!

The PREMIER: I am coming to you. Hon member Magaxa, you will not be left out. I promise you.

The SPEAKER: You have to pose your question through the Chair, hon member Magaxa. [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: In fact you will have more of my attention. [Laughter.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: You cannot forget me... [Interjection.]

The PREMIER: You will have more of my attention than hon member Mitchell, believe me... [Interjections.] But I do want to say another word to

hon member Mitchell because he deals with the most far-flung and poor constituency in our province... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: The one you neglected. [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: ... the one that was previously the constituency of Madam Speaker. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: You need a lot of attention.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Oh please!

The PREMIER: ...and I want to thank him very much for his dedication to the poorest of the poor in that community and by ensuring for example that our e-Learning strategies and our e-Access strategies in places as far afield as Merweville are working and his interest in that particular community. Thank you very much indeed.

Beaufort West is a case actually in point, Madam Speaker, because Beaufort West was perhaps the place in the greatest crisis of running out of water and reaching Day Zero and because we were able to declare Beaufort West a disaster when we requested that it be declared a disaster, that is early in 2016, we, with the help of others NGOs and very good partners, have enabled us to get to the point of not having a risk in Beaufort West and that is the point that I want to make. If we spot the problem in time, which is this

Government's responsibility, which we did when our dams were still 75% full, and when many climatologists told us that the low rainfall of 2015 would not be repeated. Nevertheless, we did not want to take any risks and we asked for a declaration of disaster because we saw a long hot dry summer coming and only in January the next year we were allowed to declare five local authorities disasters, one of which was Beaufort West, and I have been through each one of them and the amount of work done to pre-empt a real disaster and prevent day zero is truly commendable. The big challenge lies in Cape Town and that challenge is primarily due to the fact that we were only allowed to declare Cape Town a disaster 19 months after we requested to do so.

Now I come on to the hon member Magaxa. I do not have to advise him on his speeches but he really must try to read them before he comes into the House, Madam Speaker. First of all he accuses the leadership of the Department of the Premier, which includes the DG, myself, and the top management team of being terrible and useless. Well he clearly disagrees then with the Auditor-General who in analysing why the Province's audits have been so excellent and have been improving year on year, the one factor he identifies above all is the leadership given in this process and so I prefer to take the word of the Auditor-General compared to the hon the Leader of the Opposition when it comes to assessing the leadership of this province and that was just the start of the hon member Magaxa's speech, Madam Speaker, because the rest also came straight out of the ANC's playbook of myths and lies. The hon member Magaxa gets up every time and reads a new chapter

from that playbook and it is one fabrication after another. He accuses the Department of the Premier of being bloated. [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: It is bloated. Are you denying that?

The PREMIER: The only thing that is bloated is the fabrication from the hon member Magaxa and the other side of the House. [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Hear-hear! [Interjection.]

The PREMIER: They accuse us of giving back money because we are over budget ... (intervention)

Mr Q R DYANTYI: So centralised.

The PREMIER: That is not true, Madam Speaker. We give money back because we do not steal money and we try to save money at every opportunity and we deliberately try to build a buffer when we see the crisis occasioned by the extent of corruption and mismanagement and bad leadership in the ruling party nationally, what it is doing to our rand, what it is doing to our economy and the failure to draw a line with COE negotiations at national level which makes it impossible for us to balance our budgets without decimating the service delivery interface. So that is why we have to be ultra-disciplined. Fewer individuals have to work much, much harder to do several jobs simultaneously so that we can build this buffer that we need because of

totally incompetent bloated and incapacitated National Government.
[Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: The Premier's Department. [Inaudible.]

The PREMIER: The hon member Magaxa also goes on to insult the people of the Southern Cape from Sedgefield right through to Bitou by saying that the devastating fire in June only affected a few houses in leafy suburbs.

An HON MEMBER: That is disgusting. [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: There is no "only" there. Why did you stop?

The SPEAKER: Order please.

The PREMIER: The hon member Magaxa needs to go... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Ja, and see.

The PREMIER: ...and see for himself the efforts that are being put into that area and the incredible cooperation between every single stakeholder particularly to get the fire-ravished shack settlements up and running again.
[Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Thanks to National Government. Thank you. †Dankie, sê

so. [Thank you, say so.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Dyantyi!

The PREMIER: And the bottom line is that that funding comes from a reprioritisation of our budgets... [Interjection.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: Have you ever gone to Site B fires?

The PREMIER: ...and to ensure that we will ensure that... [Interjection.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: She never!

The SPEAKER: Order please! Hon Premier, kindly take your seat.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Never, she was never there.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Magaxa, if you would like to pose a question you need to do it through the Chair please. You cannot pose a question, throw it open to the floor and then a debate ensues whilst the Premier is on her feet. So you might call that an interjection but an interjection and a question are two very different things as far as I understand it. So please manage yourself. You may proceed, hon Premier. [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: To answer the hon member Magaxa's interjected question,

Madam Speaker, I have been to Site B, very, very often indeed and I have been to Site C and I have been to BM Section and I have been across that entire strip very, very often. [Interjection.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: When there is no fire. You never visit the victims of the fire.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Magaxa, †asseblief tog man. [please, man.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: I know it is painful, the DA, but [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Premier, sit down, take your seat please. [Interjections.] Please take your seat. Hon member Magaxa, we are trying not to talk to he and she. We are hon members. So it is the hon Premier, the hon member Magaxa. If I could just caution you let us not go down that road. We need to display respect because respect begs respect. Thank you. You may proceed hon Premier.

The PREMIER: You know it is really shameful for a race dimension to be brought into a tragedy like this.

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

The PREMIER: 90% of the visits and interventions I do is for disadvantaged communities. [Interjections.] And every time I do that, I do not hear the hon

the Opposition raising other points, but the minute I may go to a place like Knysna and spend a lot of time in a place called Wit Lokasie, it is turned into a racial issue. This shows that the ANC has no other argument left. They have to turn everything into a race issue in order to try and manipulate people's emotions to say if we divide South Africa on the basis of race the ANC will always win, but let me... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Premier, I need to just address the Ministers and hon member Olivier, that is. I have said the Ministers and hon Olivier, you are fuelling the fire and they are responding. Hon Olivier and Ministers, will you kindly cooperate. The Premier is on the floor. You may proceed, hon Premier. [Interjection.] Hon member Olivier, you run the risk of being put out if you continue in that way. Thank you. [Interjection.]

The PREMIER: But the ANC Madam Speaker, is playing yesterday's game. They would be very well advised to go and look at the results of the Metsimaholo by-elections to see how their constituency... [Interjections.] ...is completely disintegrating... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Now you are trying actually, you failed the DA [Inaudible.] ...interesting.

The PREMIER: ...to see how their constituency is completely disintegrating. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order.

The PREMIER: And how playing the race card is never going to salvage them from that. [Interjections.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: Allow us also!

The PREMIER: Madam Speaker, the hon Leader of the Opposition speaks about the money that we have to spend on licensing and the budgeting that we have to make provision for, for the depreciation of the rand. It is no secret to anyone why the rand depreciated so dramatically and why it struggles to come out of the doldrums and the reason is that the hon the President of the Republic together with his keepers... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I was waiting for that.

The PREMIER: ...sought to capture the Treasury.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: But that is the truth. That is the truth.

The PREMIER: ...and caused capital flight and absolute collapse of confidence in our economy and the rand.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Yes.

The PREMIER: And that has a ripple effect throughout the entire economy and affects the poorest people the most and that is what is reflected throughout this budget. The hon the Leader of the Opposition also quotes Mike Muller as having advised Cape Town of what we need to do to ensure water security. I also want to ask the hon member Magaxa to come up to date because just recently Mike Muller wrote a very incisive piece in the *Mail and Guardian* in which he explained exactly why the wholesale corruption and state capture in the Department of Water Affairs with projects being diverted and contracts being diverted to friends and cronies to ensure that they get those contracts has wasted not hundreds of millions, but billions of rands. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

The PREMIER: And so for example in the Western Cape the Clanwilliam Dam's wall was supposed to have been raised three years ago. That has never happened and I intend to find out why and tell the world. Also if it was not for the fact that the Western Cape and Cape Town during the early 2000s pressed ahead very hard against the National Government's refusal to make any more money available for capital infrastructure like for example a dam, we would not have had the Berg River Dam. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Oh please!

The PREMIER: We would not have had the Berg River Dam and that is a

matter of public record. I was the Mayor and I know. [Interjections.] Madam Speaker, at that stage the Department of Water Affairs was totally against building dams and their whole focus was demand management. We said yes, water demand management is important but unless we augment supply we are going to be in a crisis and Mike Muller agreed with us, and so, if I can say, Madam Speaker, we agreed to pay back the full cost of the Berg River Dam as long as we could have 100% of the water, which goes against the traditional way of doing things, but nevertheless after a lot of arm-wrestling the National Government did what it was supposed to do and paid for the infrastructure that consumers paid back over many years through affordable water tariffs, not putting up the capital upfront and subsequently the clean Government, but misdirecting Government against major infrastructure under a previous Minister, has collapsed into wholesale state capture, corruption and abuse. That is why the ratepayers of Cape Town are seen to be a cash cow that the National Government, when they have stolen all the money, can come along and put pressure on and milk for the next round and we say no. The answer is to stop the corruption at National Government to use the money for what it is intended for and to carry the consequences if it does not and if voters do not recognise that now they deserve the government that they have got. Thank you. [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Premier. That concludes the debate on this vote. [Interjections.]

[Debate concluded.]

The SPEAKER: Order please. I will now ask the Secretary to read the second Order of the Day.

The SECRETARY: Debate on Vote 14 – Local Government – *Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill* [B 6 – 2017].

The SPEAKER: Thank you Secretary. I now see the hon the Minister of Local Government, Minister Bredell.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Madam Speaker, hon Premier, Cabinet colleagues, members of the Legislature, ladies and gentlemen, as we speak the Western Cape is still under severe pressure with regards to the unrelenting drought. The drought has been the result of three years of below average rainfall and we currently sit with dam levels in our province on average only 34% full. That means we have roughly 24% usable surface water left in the Western Cape. This is a serious concern to us especially with an eye on the coming December festive season when we expect an influx of tourists and other visitors to the province.

We currently have a number of areas very badly affected. These include the City of Cape Town, the towns of Beaufort West and surrounding areas and Eden and Matzikama districts. We are very worried about the impact of this drought on the agricultural sector bearing cognisance of the fact that the agriculture sector is a stalwart of our economy and is one of the greatest job

creators in the province.

Due to the impact of the drought the Western Cape Cabinet mandated Dr Ivan Meyer earlier this year to allocate R75 million in emergency funding to specific votes as an initial drawdown to deal with the implications of the disasters affecting the province. Further to this the Western Cape Government introduced initiatives to deal with the implications of the drought. All of these initiatives are aimed to deal with the drought, short term as well as long term. This Department of Local Government has been at the forefront of tackling this disaster and has been allocated some additional funding to assist us in the drought alleviation programme.

An amount of R55 million was allocated to the department in 2017/18 adjusted estimates. This funding will be used to continue to deal with the impact of the drought. Provision has also been made for the 2018/19 financial year, but kept in reserve, an amount of R39,931 million for water resource infrastructure in 2018/19.

We are indeed most grateful for these additional allocations. It will be spent in ensuring our communities have drinking water. In short, our budget bottomline has increased with R95 million from R264 million to R359 million. The R55 million already mentioned, will be going towards water augmentation programmes across the province.

These include boreholes and pipelines and other projects to ensure water

security across the worst affected areas. In addition, an amount of R9,2 million has been allocated towards aerial firefighting capabilities. We, at the Disaster Management Centre, are concerned about the potential fire risk for the coming period.

Last year we had plus-minus 17,000 fires. Many of these caused great damage and the ability to access aerial firefighting resources will be critical in the period ahead. There is also an amount of R25 million that has been allocated towards drought relief projects.

†Agbare Speaker, ons bly bekommerd oor die voortslepende droogte en dit is noodsaaklik dat almal moet saamwerk om ons deur die komende paar maande te kry. Dit sluit in die kollegas op nasionale sowel as plaaslike regeringsvlak en die sakesektor, sowel as die private sektor. Ek wil ook van die geleentheid gebruik maak om 'n klein regstelling te maak vir die rekord.

Die afgelope week het die Nasionale Minister aangevoer dat die Wes-Kaap eers enkele maande gelede die Nasionale Regering genader het om die provinsie tot rampgebied te verklaar. Die feit van die saak is dat ons reeds in Desember 2015, ons het al die bewyse, die versoek ingedien het wat toe afgekeur is ... [Tussenwerpsel.]

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[Madam Speaker, we remain concerned about the continuing drought and it is

necessary that all should cooperate to get us through the coming few months. It includes the colleagues at national as well as local government level and the business sector, as well as the private sector. I also want to use this opportunity to make a small correction for the record.

The past week the National Minister stated that the Western Cape only approached the National Government a few months ago to proclaim the province as disaster area. The fact of the matter is that we have already in December 2015, we have all the evidence, submitted the request which was then turned down ... [Interjection.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: [Onhoorbaar.] nou weer pla met daai [Onhoorbaar.]

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: [Inaudible.] now again bother with that [Inaudible.]]

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: ... deur Nasionale Regering.
[Tussenwerpsel.]

In Januarie 2016 was 5 plaaslike munisipale gebiede wel tot rampgebied verklaar, en die hele provinsie is uiteindelik tot ramp verklaar in Mei vanjaar. Ons het inderdaad hierdie ramp sien kom en het voorbrand gemaak tot die beste van ons vermoë. Ons was ook ingelig dat ons die afgelope jaar bogemiddelde reën sou ontvang wat nie die geval was nie. Nietemin die weer is onvoorspelbaar. Nou sit ons ... [Tussenwerpsel.]

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ... by National Government.

[Interjection.]

In January 2016 5 local municipalities were indeed proclaimed as disaster area, and the whole province as disaster in May this year. We have in fact seen this disaster coming and prepared to the best of our ability. We were also informed that we would be receiving above average rainfall, which was not the case. Nevertheless, the weather is unpredictable. Now we are sitting ... [Interjection.]]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Daai is waar, daai [Onhoorbaar.] is waar.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is true, that [Inaudible.] is true.]

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: ... as provinsie met 'n moeilike situasie wat ons moet bestuur en ons doen ons bes. Ek wil net ook hier weer 'n beroep doen op die publiek om saam te werk en om soveel moontlik water te bespaar as moontlik.

Agb Speaker, so in die aanloop tot die komende feesseisoen en die gepaardgaande risiko's vir veldbrande en waterinsidente wat toeneem, bedank ek graag die Departement en amptenare, asook al ons nooddienerswerkers in

hul afwesigheid vir hul harde werk die afgelope jaar en hul toegewytheid in die komende periode.

Dit is veral ook die mense by Rampbestuur wat werklik 'n baie taai jaar agter die rug het. Daar was die brande, of die brandramp by Knysna byvoorbeeld, om een situasie te noem, en natuurlik ook dan nou die droogte. Dit bly 'n plesier en 'n voorreg om saam met hierdie span te werk. Hiermee lê ek dan die Gewysigde Begrotingsvoorstelle voor aan die Huis. Dankie.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ... as province with a difficult situation that we have to manage and we are doing our best. I also just want to appeal here to the public to cooperate and to save as much water as possible.

Madam Speaker, so in run-up to the coming festive season and the accompanying risks for veld fires and water incidents escalating, I would like to thank the Department and officials, as well as all our emergency workers in their absence for their hard work over the past year and their commitment in the forthcoming period.

It is especially also the people at Disaster Management that really have a very tough year behind them. There were the fires, or the fire disaster at Knysna, for example, to name one situation, and of course now also the

drought. It remains a pleasure and a privilege to work with this team. Herewith I submit the Adjusted Budget proposals to the House. Thank you.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, Minister Bredell. I now see the hon member Tertuis Simmers.

†Mnr T A SIMMERS: Baie dankie, agb Speaker.

[Mr T A SIMMERS: Thank you, Madam Speaker.] †Madam Speaker, the aim of the Western Cape Department of Local Government is to monitor, coordinate and support municipalities to be effective in fulfilling their developmental mandate, and to facilitate service delivery and disaster resilience through engagement with Government spheres and social partners.

It is on the back of this aim that the Democratic Alliance in the Western Cape welcomes the adjustments made to the Department's budget for the 2017/18 financial year. The adjustment of R96,507 million sees the budget increasing from R264,206 million, to R359,713 million.

Madam Speaker, the current drought and water shortage in the province is our biggest crisis as the effect of this crisis cuts across all sectors and institutions of society. This is why it is pleasing to note that the Department has placed a firm emphasis on combating the water crisis and are also ensuring that everything is in place for the fire season.

Just under R100 million has been allocated to address the water crisis, with

R9,266 million from the amount going to aerial firefighting, to ensure that the Province is ready to address any fires that might occur. This is indeed welcoming and in addition to this, R90,314 million will be used for water augmentation initiatives, drought relief and municipal infrastructure support. †Diense lewering moet voortgaan. [Service delivery has to continue.] Madam Speaker, this once again demonstrates the DA led Western Cape Government's commitment to not only continue addressing the water crisis, but to also ensure that the Province is ready to combat any fires should they occur.

It does, however, not stop there, Madam Speaker. As the Department has set R8,246 million aside to appoint 21 additional contract staff to over a two year period manage and assist with drought capacity, while a further R2,068 million will be utilised for coordination and communication within specific municipalities.

Not only is the Department continuing to improve its response to both the drought and potential fires, but it is also creating employment opportunities for residents in the province and in doing so, improving the lives of people.

Madam Speaker, in conclusion. It is important to note that the DA led Western Cape Government does not pay lip service to addressing issues, but it implements its plans effectively. I thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Simmers. I now see the hon member

Dyantyi.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Nou wys ons die *lip service* van die DA.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Now show us the *lip service* of the DA.]

The SPEAKER: It is your turn ...

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Die *lip service* van die DA.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: The *lip service* of the DA.]

The SPEAKER: ... to speak.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Nou wys ons dit nou.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Now show us it now.]

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

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Ons haal uit en wys.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: We take out and show.]

†Die SPEAKER: Voor jy uithaal en wys ... [Tussenwerpsel.]

[The SPEAKER: Before you take out an show ... [Interjection.]]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I am on the floor, can I continue with my speech?

The SPEAKER: You may, but I would like to just give you some guidance.
Would you kindly address the Chair, please?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I will address the Chair ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you. So ... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: ... but – †nou haal ons uit en ... [Tussenwerpsel.] [now
we take out and ... [Interjection.]]

The SPEAKER: Use your mic.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: ... wys die *lip service* van die DA.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: ... show the lip service of the DA.]

†Die SPEAKER: En gooi kole en alles.

[The SPEAKER: And throw coals and all.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: The first point I want to make, Madam Speaker, is that I am observing that this is the second occasion that since the DA Provincial Congress, Simmers has taken over from Mnqasela. From the annual report and how he is there. There is some factional thing happening, but let me not stay there.

The SPEAKER: Is it factual or factional?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Let me not stay there, let me continue. [Interjections.]
Listening to the Premier and the MEC Bredell, you only have to summarise what they were saying in this way ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Dyantyi, I do not want to do anything disrespectful, but you are sounding like the hon member Christians. You might want to turn off one mic, please, because you have got both going. [Laughter.] Thank you.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You can hear me on one mic?

The SPEAKER: I can hear you on one mic.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Okay. No, I was ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Loud and clear.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: ... I was trying to help you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Thank you, thank you [Laughter]. Here is the thing. I think this is the focus, after listening to the Premier and the MEC, you are only left to think this. That somebody is fiddling whilst Rome is burning.

Mr D JOSEPH: The National [Inaudible.].

Mr T A SIMMERS: That is the ANC.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Somebody is fiddling whilst the province is burning. As for the MEC, he is playing with his fingers, he is fiddling while the Central Karoo is on the verge of collapse. [Interjections.] That is all you can conclude on from listening to the two speakers, the Premier and her MEC.

Mr M G E WILEY: You have got your metaphors mixed [Inaudible.].
[Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: The medium-term budget priorities implementation ...
[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: ... has serious shortcomings regarding the PSG 4, which is to enable a resilient, sustainable quality and inclusive living environment, climate change responsibility, the drought and water supply crisis.

Under the Drought Management and Water Security heading in the Policy Statement on page 52, the Government talks about support for drought relief projects which include water augmentation projects, repair and improvement of boreholes and water supply systems, as well as assistance to agriculture.

This, in my book, sounds very good. It sounds very good. I cannot disagree with this. [Interjections.] This is really good. [Interjections.] Applaud, let us applaud you ...

[Hon member Max takes the Chair]

An HON MEMBER: Welcome the leader.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: ... for the statement. Hon Chair, hon member Max, the leader, let me continue. [Interjections.] But when you look at the money allocated to these projects:

- Transport and Public Works allocated from the main appropriation R20,7 million.
- Agriculture, R30 million.
- Local Government, R55 million.

Now for a government who has predicted Day Zero to be March 2018, when the province's dams will be empty, how can R105 million be an adequate response from an appropriation of R55 billion?

Mr D JOSEPH: Ask National.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: This is like having peanuts for breakfast.

Mr D JOSEPH: Ask National.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: This is the best run government of the Western Cape.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: The facts speak for themselves. Money is earmarked for 2018/2019 in the form of R75 million and R25 million by Education and R40 million by the Health Department respectively. This money ...
[Interjection.]

Mr R T OLIVIER: Now we know.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: ... as hon member Magaxa said, it is just too little too late.

Mr M G E WILEY: I know you guys [Inaudible.].

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Too little too late.

Mr R T OLIVIER: It is like a drop in the ocean.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Drop in the ocean, yes.

Mr M G E WILEY: So now you guys are big now [Inaudible.].

Mr Q R DYANTYI: What normal government will start spending money after Day Zero? Which is normal government does that?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: It is known as the ANC.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: A government that does not react [Interjections.] and act on a crisis happening, that, as the Premier was saying to us, there is long-term planning. †Hulle gee nie om nie wat vandag gebeur nie. Hulle gee nie om nie.[They do not care what happens today. They do not care.]

An HON MEMBER: That is how Zuma governs.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: It has nothing to do with them. †Hulle dink van wat gaan aan in die *long-term planning*. [They think of what is going on in the long-term planning.] You listen to your Premier saying that here in front of us, what kind of normal government does that? You are just not serious.

The TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON: Order. Hon member Dyantyi, can you please address the Chair and not the Premier ...

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I ... [Interjection.]

The TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON: ... and a point finger at the Premier?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I will address the Chair, thank you very much Chair, and forward to the spirit of †asijiki. [we are not retreating.] No surrender for you. [Laughter.]

This brings us to the conclusion that the DA is not serious or rational about allocating money to the water crisis we are currently experiencing. There is no urgency, Chair. They are operating as if it is normal when it is a crisis. The Premier is centralising critical portfolios that are contributing to poor results in other departments.

Hon Minister Bredell spoke about how we must watch in December, there is going to be an influx of tourism. This December you might not have an influx of tourists. Let me just help you there, because the water crisis is even affecting that. There are hotels where staff, as we speak, are being laid off because of the water crisis. So your influx in December – and we are going to tell you the figures and compare the last three years. So watch this space [Interjections.] when we come back here. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: We have two speakers.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: The Premier has stated that the Government response and public response are to blame for the current crisis. Listen to that. She acknowledges that since 2015 there has been below average rainfall, and tries to reason that three consecutive years of low rainfall is something unpredictable.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: It is a nice justification and excuse. We give you that. Our concern with this passing the buck lies in the fact that our dams, hon Chair, have decreased by 25% from 2015 year on year, and the City and the Province waited three years to act, and when they acted they were all over the place as they are even today.

Mr D JOSEPH: [Inaudible.] three years ago.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: This is the best run government in the country we are told. [Interjections.]

The TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON: Order, order. A point of order? Minister Winde?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Is the hon member prepared to take a question?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: No, thanks.

The TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON: Are you prepared to take a question, hon member Dyantyi?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I will take his question. I am just going to proceed for

now.

The TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON: Okay.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: So he can wait for me. I will proceed for now.

The TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON: Continue, hon member Dyantyi.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: The City of Cape Town only introduced a water resilience plan in August 2017, which provided for the additional supply of water into the system. Very good. The water augmentation scheme's immediate and first tranche consists of groundwater extraction, desalination land-based containers and a desalination barge, which together should add 200 mega litres per day when at full production. This is basically just enough to cover the current usage requirements, bearing in mind the target to avoid Day Zero is 500 megawatts.

An HON MEMBER: It is not megawatts.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: So are you three, you are 300 below ... [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Megawatt is electricity.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: ... litres a day, but the reduction from normal usage of

700 mega litres at best amounted to 600 mega litres. How realistic, Chair, are the supply targets of an extra 200 mega litres when the desalination plants the City is constructing in the V&A adds 2 mega litres, Granger Bay - 8 mega litres, Hout Bay - 4 mega litres, and Simons Town - 2 mega litres?

The mentioned plants only contribute 16 mega litres, which is very concerning, especially if that is planned to relieve and assist us for March 2018, Day Zero, because we are going to have a long summer as you mentioned. [Interjections.]

Come March 2018 we will be in a more severe crisis than we have today, because you have no plan from that side. All you are hearing are concepts being thrown at us from the Premier, all of her MECs. That is what we have.

The only target in the City's resilience plan which seems like an effort to add sufficient water into the system, is the marine based desalination plants at Cape Town harbour and Gordons Bay, which together will add 200 mega litres per day on completion date, and we are saying well done, your Excellency Patricia de Lille. Well done, Patricia, for that. I do not know if – why would you not clap for that? Well done, Patricia de Lille, well done. Well done, Patricia de Lille. [Laughter.] Look at the silence! Look at the silence that side. They cannot even applaud their own Mayor. Their own Mayor who comes with a very beautiful [Inaudible.].

The TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON: Order!

Mr Q R DYANTYI: They cannot do that.

The TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON: Order! Order, order.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is strange.

The TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON: Can you ... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: It is unheard of. It is just unheard of. [Interjections.] It is unheard of. [Interjections.]

The TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON: Order, order. I do not think we are busy with the concept here.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Yoh!

The TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON: Hon member Dyantyi ... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: In summary, hon Chair, my leader, one can only see how the former Mayor of Cape Town, the hon Premier Helen Zille, is having sleepless nights since she was responsible for the supply systems for clean water and delivery to households when she led the City, and added no additional water resources.

The PREMIER: Nonsense!

Mr Q R DYANTYI: She was there – no-no-no-no! I am just giving you facts [Interjections.]. Tell us which additional water resources you added. Just tell us. [Interjections.] Today she can sit back and claim she is only responsible for oversight as the Premier. But we know you were there, you did nothing hon Premier. You were there. [Interjection.]

You did not attend to water leakages, you ignored aquifer projects then and now and failed to maintain and utilise water canals.

Mr D JOSEPH: [Inaudible.] infrastructure.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: We started [Inaudible.].

Mr Q R DYANTYI: The ANC therefore, hon Chair, calls on the National Department to assist the province, the City of Cape Town ... [Interjection.]and the Central Karoo in the crisis that they are in, because on their own they are just not able to come out of that. I thank you, hon Chair, my leader. [Applause.]

The TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON: Order, order. In the absence of the ACDP, in the absence of the EFF ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Where are they?

The TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON: ... I see the hon Minister Bredell.

[Interjections.]

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Baie dankie, baie dankie agb Waarnemende Speaker. Aan die agb lid Tertuis Simmers, baie dankie ...

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Thank you, thank you Acting Speaker. To the hon member Tertuis Simmers, thank you...] Chairperson of the Standing Committee, for your oversight role and your support.

[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Where is the Chairperson?

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Is hy ooit hier voor [Onhoorbaar.]. [Tussenwerpsels.]

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Is he ever here before [Inaudible.]. [Interjections.]]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Thank you for your support and your oversight. We really appreciate it and also the way that you as a committee conduct your oversight over us. I think it is very important, it is a very, very important role in a democracy because you keep us sharp. It is not about party politicking, it is about what is the best for the people out there, and I want to thank you for that.

†Aan die agb lid Richard Dyantyi ... [Tussenwerpsel.] [To the hon member

Dyantyi ... [Interjection.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Uitstekend [On hoorbaar.]

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

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Ek wil tog vir jou versoek om aanhou te probeer –

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: I would like to request you to keep trying -] †keep trying to find the factions within the DA, because the results of yesterday speak for themselves, four votes to the ANC in Ward 102. [Interjections.] It is a [Inaudible.] – thank you. So keep trying to divide us.

That will be the result– the whole Ward, four votes in the Ward. †So probeer u *utmost best* want solank u oor die draad kyk sal ons die stemme inbring. [Tussenwerpsels.] Agb Waarnemende Speaker, u sien wat die agb lid Richard mis ... [Tussenwerpsel.] is die hoek van waar hy begin. Ons moet begin by waar ons in die Wes-Kaap begin het. Ons het oorgeneem van 'n patetiese, korrupte ANC Regering.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[So try your utmost best because as long as you look across the fence we will bring in votes. [Interjections.] Hon Acting Speaker, you see what the hon

Richard is missing ... [Interjection.] is the angle from where he begins. We have to begin where we in the Western Cape had begun. We have taken over from a pathetic, corrupt ANC government.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Asseblief, Anton.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Please, Anton.]

†n AGB LID: Ja, ja!

[An HON MEMBER: Yes, yes!]

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: So toe ons oorgeneem het was daar niks.

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: So when we took over there was nothing.]

Mr M G E WILEY: Brown envelope [Inaudible.].

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: So die ... [Tussenwerpsel.]

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: So the ... [Interjection.]]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Asseblief!

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Oh, please!]

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: ... en ons kan in die geskiedenis gaan. Hoe die media omgekoop is deur bruin koeverte sodat hulle kan probeer goed lyk en-en-en. Ons kan daarlangs gaan as ons wil.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ... and we can go into history. How the media had been bribed with brown envelopes so that they can look good and-and-and. We can go there if we like.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: ʼn Bruin koevert [Onhoorbaar.].

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: A brown envelope.]

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: So wat ons moes gedoen het is ons moes ʼn waterplan op die tafel kry, en dan wil ek vir u sê dat die Nasionale Regering het ʼn Waterwese Departement in die Wes-Kaap waar hulle soveel vertrou in het dat die Nasionale Minister in ʼn vol vergadering hom verwyder het en gesê het, “Moenie meer met die man werk nie. Na al die jare kom ons agter hy verstaan nie water nie. Ons vervang hom met iemand anders.” So daardeur het hulle erken hulle het niks gedoen nie.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: So what we had to do is we had to get a water plan on the table, and then I want to tell you that that the National Government has a Water Affairs Department in the Western Cape in which they have so much faith that the National Minister in a full meeting removed him and said, “Do not work with the man any longer. After all these years we realise he does not understand water. We replace him with someone else.” So through that they acknowledged that they have done nothing.]

†n AGB LID: [Fluit.]

[An HON MEMBER: [Whistle.]]

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Agb Speaker, ons het 2010 reeds begin met waterbesparings. Ons in die Wes-Kaap het leiding geneem ... [Onduidelik.]

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Madam Speaker, we have already started with water savings in 2010. We in the Western Cape took the lead ... [Inaudible.]]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Hulle [Onhoorbaar.] dit so.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: They [Inaudible.] it so.]

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: ... en 'n waterplan op die tafel gesit. Op daardie stadium het die persoon wat sy nou verwyder het, vir ons gesê, “It is not your mandate, it is a national mandate.”

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ... and put a water plan on the table. At that stage the person whom she now had removed, said to us, “It is not your mandate, it is a national mandate.”]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Daar kom die Voorsitter in, daar kom [Onhoorbaar.].

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: There the Chairman is coming in, there comes [Inaudible.]]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: I said to them ... [Interjections.] it has got nothing to do ... [Interjection.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Die voormalige Voorsitter is uit.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: The former Chairman is out.]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: My argument was that it has got – forget about the functions, at least we have got a plan in the Western Cape. National Department then in 2012 signed off on our water plan. So we have got a signed off water plan, signed by National Government.

†As daar een plek is wat brand, agb Waarnemende Speaker [Tussenwerpsels.] dan is dit die Nasionale Regering, en as daar een punt, plek is wat ongelooflik vinnig brand, is dit die Departement van Waterwese ... [Tussenwerpsel.]

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[If there is one place that is burning, hon Acting Speaker [Interjections.] then it is the National Government, and if there is one point, one place that is burning unbelievably quick, it is the Department of Water Affairs ... [Interjection.]]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Asseblief.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Oh, please.]

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: En ons kan maar gaan kyk, hulle het die slegste ouditverslag van alle staatsdepartemente.

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: And we can go and have a look, they have the poorest audit report of all State departments.]

†'n AGB LID: [Fluit.]

[An HON MEMBER: [Whistle.]]

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Dit spreek vanself, so ons gaan nie daar gaan nie.

Vergelyk dit met kom ons sê – die agb lid het die Sentraal Karoo aangeraak. Ek wil net gou vir hom twee syfers noem. Ons het oorgeneem ... [Tussenwerpsel.]

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: It speaks for itself so we are not going to go there.

Compare that with let us say – the hon member mentioned the Central Karoo. I just want to quickly mention two figures to him. We took over ... [Interjection.]]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Julle doen niks [Onhoorbaar.]

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: You are doing nothing [Inaudible.]]

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: ... Augustus verlede jaar ... [Tussenwerpsel.]

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ... August last year ... [Interjection.]]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Dit wat ek sê, julle doen niks nie.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is what I am saying, you are doing nothing.]

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Niks, ja, ons doen absoluut niks, absoluut niks. Kom ek gee gou jou wat beteken niks in die DA se oë, want ons herken ons moet nog baie doen.

Niks in die DA se oë beteken ons het Augustus ... [Tussenwerpsel.]

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Nothing, yes, we do absolutely nothing, absolutely nothing. Let me quickly give you what nothing means in the eyes of the DA, because we acknowledge we still have to do a lot.]

Nothing in the eyes of the DA means we had in August ... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Gift of the Givers ... [Interjection.]

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: ... 2016 ... [Tussenwerpsel.]

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ... 2016 ... [Interjection.]]

MR Q R DYANTYI: ... is doing something.

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: ... oorgeneem. Dus 'n jaar en twee maande gelede het ons oorgeneem in Oudtshoorn. Ons het in Oudtshoorn gekry 'n R56 miljoen skuld vir Eskom. Vandag, 'n jaar en een maand, twee maande later, is daai skuld nul [Tussenwerpsels.] onder DA beheer. Ons het in Kannaland 'n jaar en twee maande gelede, agb lid Dyantyi, skuld gekry van R12 miljoen. 'n Jaar en twee maande later is die skuld nul. Dit is wat die DA doen.

Ons moet nog 'n klomp werk doen om die ANC se gemors reg te maak.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ... taken over. Thus a year and two

months ago we took over in Oudtshoorn. We found in Oudtshoorn a debt of R56 million to Eskom. Today, a year and one month, two months later, that debt is nil [Interjections.] under DA control. In Kannaland a year and two months ago, hon member Dyantyi, we found debt of R12 million. A year and two months later the debt is nil. That is what the DA is doing.

We still have to do a lot of work to sort out the ANC's mess.]

†Die PREMIER: Ja!

[The PREMIER: Yes!]

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Die Valke is besig, die *Hawks* is daar binne en mense sal in die tronk eindig.

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: The Hawks are busy, the Hawks are in there and people will end up in jail.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Waar?

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Where?]

†n AGB LID: Ja.

[An HON MEMBER: Yes.]

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN

ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Agb Speaker [Tussenwerpsels.], in hierdie provinsie gaan ons R4,8 biljoen nodig hê om waterplanne, watersekuriteit langtermyn te verseker vir die plattelands area. In die stad is dit seker R7 biljoen plus, en dis 'n bewegende teiken.

Ons argument van die Wes-Kaap is ... [Tussenwerpsel.]

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Madam Speaker [Interjections.], in this province we will need R4,8 trillion to ensure water plans, water security long term for the rural area. In the city it is probably R7 trillion plus, and it is a moving target.

Our argument of the Western Cape is ... [Interjection.]]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Dis al wat julle doen.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is all you are doing.]

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: ... dat die kieser ... [Tussenwerpsel.]

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ... that the voter ... [Interjection.]]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Dis al wat julle doen elke dag.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is all you do every day.]

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: ... kan nie betaal vir hierdie mislukte Nasionale Water Departement nie. [Tussenwerpsels.] En ek wil die agb lid Richard vra, wat verwys na die ... [Tussenwerpsel.]

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ... can not pay for this failed National Water Department. [Interjections.] And I want to ask the hon member Richard who refers to the ... [Interjection.]]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Agb lid Dyantyi, asseblief. Agb lid Dyantyi.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Hon member Dyantyi, please. Hon member Dyantyi.]

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Ag, die agb lid Dyantyi, alles bly maar net dieselfde. Hy weet in elk geval nie waarvan hy praat nie ongeag watter agbare hy is.

Agb Speaker, hy verwys na die agb lid De Lille om hier 'n politieke wig in te bring. Wat die agb lid Dyantyi nie verstaan nie is dat in die DA mag ons van

mekaar verskil.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Oh, the hon member Dyantyi, all remains the same. He does in any case not know what he is talking about irrespective of what honourable he is.]

Madam Speaker, he refers to the hon member De Lille to bring a political wedge in here. What the hon member Dyantyi does not understand is that in the DA we are allowed to differ from each other.]

†n AGB LID: Ja.

[An HON MEMBER: Yes.]

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Want ons gaan opstaan vir die kieser, vir die belastingbetaler se reg daar buite om nie te betaal vir 'n mislukte regering se foute nie. [Tussenwerpsels.]

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Because we are going to stand up for the

voter, for the taxpayer's right out there not to pay for a failed government's mistakes. [Interjections.]]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Asseblief tog.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Oh, please.]

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Daardie regeringsfeer sal tafel toe kom ...

[Tussenwerpsel.]

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: That sphere of government will come to the table ... [Interjection.]]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: In jou drome.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: In your dreams.]

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: ... ons sal hulle dagvaar, ons sal hulle Grondwethof toe vat, maar hulle gaan betaal vir hulle funksie, hulle gaan nie wegkruip nie.

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ... we will sue them, we will take them to the Supreme Court, but they will pay for their function, they are not going to hide.]

†In die tussentyd sal ons die geld leen en ons sal alles in ons vermoë doen om nie by Dag Zero uit te kom nie, maar Nasionaal gaan betaal, agb Speaker. Ongeag wie ons voor die howe moet bring.

Agb Speaker, agb lid Richard het gepraat van 2014. 2014 ... [Tussenwerpsel.]

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[In the meantime we will borrow the money and we will do everything in our power not to arrive at Day Zero, but National is going to pay, Madam Speaker. Irrespective of whom we have to bring in front of the courts,

Madam Speaker, hon member Richard spoke of 2014. 2014 ... [Interjection.]]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: *Hon member Dyantyi*, asseblief.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Hon member Dyantyi, please.]

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Agb lid Dyantyi ... [Tussenwerpsel.]

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Hon member Dyantyi ... [Interjection.]]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Daarsy!

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: There you go!]

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Hy weet nog altyd minder as die agb lid Richard, maar [Gelag.] die damme het in 2014 oorgeloop. In 2015 kon weervoorspelling nie vir ons sê ... [Tussenwerpsel.]

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: He still knows less than the hon member Richard, but [Laughter.] the dams were overflowing in 2014. In 2015 the weather forecast could not tell us ... [Interjection.]]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: That's the [Inaudible.].

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: ... hulle opinie was dit gaan 'n nat jaar wees. Dit het alles te doen, want in daardie jare het ons gesukkel om oor mislukte Eskom [Tussenwerpsels.] te kom wat onder ANC beheer is, wat vir ons in *blackouts* gedompel het.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ... their opinion was that it was going to be a wet year. It has all to do, because in those years we struggled to get over

the failed Eskom [Interjections.] that was under ANC control, that dumped us into blackouts.]

†n AGB LID: Ja!

[An HON MEMBER: Yes!]

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: So ons moes daar aandag gegee het ... [Tussenwerpsel.]

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: So we should have paid attention to that ... [Interjection.]]

An HON MEMBER: True.

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: ... ons het heeltyd geweet water kom. Ons is nou by water ... [Tussenwerpsel.]

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ... we have known all along water is coming. We are now with water [Interjection.]]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Julle het geweet.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: You have known.]

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: ... en ons is heeltyd besig ...

[Tussenwerpsel.]

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ... and we are busy all the time

...[Interjection.]]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Okay.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Okay.]

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: ... om op te maak vir 'n mislukte

Nasionale Regering.

So, agb waarnemende Speaker, ons het 'n plan, ons het 'n risiko register ...

[Tussenwerpsel.]

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ... to make up for a failed National

Government.

So, hon Acting Speaker, we have a plan, we have a risk register ...

[Interjection.]]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: [Onhoorbaar.] met daai plan nie.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: [Inaudible.] with that plan.]

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: ... ons toeriste is welkom [Tussenwerpsels.] en ons toeriste gaan toeneem [Tussenwerpsels.] en die agb lid Dyantyi verstaan nie dat die Kaap se toerisme se toename word uitgebalanseer met skoolvakansies en fabrieke wat toemaak. Ons groot fokus gaan wees op ons kusdorpe wat baie toeneem in baie bevolking ... [Tussenwerpsel.] en ons het 'n plan en ons werk op 'n daaglikse en weeklikse vlak met ons regerings.

So, agb Speaker, die mense kan baie dankbaar wees wat die DA in beheer gestem het, want as dit enige ander provinsie was sou hulle water opgeraak het.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ... our tourists are welcome [Interjections.] and our tourists are going to increase [Interjections.] and the hon member Dyantyi does not understand that the Cape's tourism that increases is balanced out by school holidays and factories closing. Our great focus will be on our coastal towns that are growing in population ... [Interjection.] and we have a plan and we work on a daily and weekly basis

with our governments.

So, Madam Speaker, the people can be grateful that voted the DA into power, because if it had been any other province they would have run out of water.]

†n AGB LID: Ja!

[An HON MEMBER: Yes!]

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Baie dankie, dis eer en n voorreg om deel te wees van die Wes-Kaap DA Regering. [Applous.]

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Thank you, it is an honour and a privilege to be part of the Western Cape DA Government. [Applause.]]

[Debate concluded.]

The TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON: Order, order. This concludes the debate on this vote. The Secretary will read the third Order of the Day. [Interjections.]

The SECRETARY: Third Order, Vote 9 – Environmental Affairs and Development Planning - *Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill* [B 6 – 2017].

The TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON: I recognise the hon Minister Bredell.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Dieselfde ou [Onhoorbaar.] asseblief man.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: The same old [Inaudible.] please man.]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Thanks you, hon Acting Speaker, hon Premier, Cabinet colleagues, members of the Legislature, ladies and gentlemen, good day.

This year the national budgetary issues have continued to have a negative effect on the Department and CapeNature. We have had to perform even better and strive to do even more with even less, and it seems this trend is only set to continue along the same path moving forward.

The original budget allocated to the Department and CapeNature of R591,5 million initially increased with R3 million due to the emergency funding received earlier in the year. However, during the 2017 Adjusted Estimates process, the Department's budget decreased with R38,85 million from R594,5 million to R555,7 million.

This includes a reduction in the budget allocated to CapeNature of R16 million. This reduction was effected on the capital expenditure of CapeNature specifically on the Kogelberg Nature Reserve and was due to delayed implementation of the development of the reserve.

The budget for CapeNature moved therefore from an amount of R290,05 million to R274,05 million. The R16 million has been deferred to the 2018/19 financial year.

In addition there was a decrease in the budget allocated to the RSEP/VPUU programme. The decrease was due to a number of aspects, mainly outside the control of the Department and that includes:

- Appeals against tenders.
- Unsuitable tenderers.
- A lack of synchronisation between financial years.

You are aware of the unrelenting drought that is devastating our province. The Provincial Government's steps towards tackling this crisis has meant that all the departments had to dig deep and find the money to allocate towards disaster and drought relief. This Department has also made those considerations, and accordingly some of the changes to the budget were made with the water crisis in mind. We simply had to reprioritize some projects and I believe we did the best we could under the circumstances.

†Agb Waarnemende Speaker, ek is baie trots op die werk wat die Departement en CapeNature doen, en ek wil weer 'n oomblik neem om die Departement en CapeNature se mense te bedank vir hul harde werk en goeie gesindheid die afgelope jaar. Dit bly 'n voorreg om met sulke kollegas geassosieer te word en hul spanne verdien ook melding.

Die werk om ons omgewing te beskerm terwyl ons belangrike aspekte moet in ag neem, soos die voortgesette ontwikkeling ter wille van ekonomiese groei en die verbetering van ons gemeenskappe, raak beslis al moeiliker. Ons sien omstrede kwessies wat al meer opkom rondom beplanning en ontwikkelingsaspekte in die provinsie wat moeilike besluite benodig en in die toekoms steeds verdere besluite sal nodig hê. Die enigste manier om vorentoe te kan gaan met die mate van sukses is deur te steun op ervare werkersklas kollegas.

Agb Speaker, met daardie kommentaar lê ek die jongste begrotingsaanpassings vir die Departement Omgewingsake en Ontwikkelingsbeplanning aan u voor. Ek dank u.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[Hon Acting Speaker, I am very proud of the work the Department and CapeNature are doing, and I just want to take a minute to thank the Department and CapeNature's people for their hard work and fine attitude over the past year. It remains a privilege to be associated with such colleagues and their teams also deserve to be commended.

The work to protect our environment while we have to consider important aspects such as the continuous development on behalf of economic growth and the improvement of our communities are getting definitely more difficult. We see controversial issues emerging more and more around planning and

planning aspects in the province requiring difficult decisions and in future will still require further decisions. The only way to go forward with the measure of success is to lean on experienced worker class colleagues.

Madam Speaker, with that commentary I submit the latest Budget Adjustments for the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning. I thank you.]

†n AGB LID: Hoor, hoor!

[An HON MEMBER: Hear, hear!]

The TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON: Order. I see hon member Simmers.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Die nuwe Voorsitter.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: The new Chairman.]

†Mnr T A SIMMERS: Nee, lid, jy moet wakker skrik, ek is glad nie die Voorsitter van daai komitee nie.

[Mr T A SIMMERS: No, hon member, you must wake up, I not the Chairman of that committee at all.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Die jassie pas.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: The coat fits.]

Mr T A SIMMERS: Chairperson, one of the major responsibilities of the

Western Cape Provincial Parliament is to ensure that the necessary and adequate provincial legislation, mostly funded by a supportive budget, is in place to deal with issues surrounding our natural and built environment.

Given the testing fiscal environment within which the Department has had to prepare its 2017/18 budget, the Democratic Alliance in the Western Cape welcomes the shifting and realignment within the budget from R594,570 million to R555,720 million, as the Department has made an effort not to decrease funding of programmes in our indigent and rural areas, where interventions are needed the most.

The budgetary shifting or realignment of funds within the 2017/18 financial cycle includes the realignment of the 2017/18 COE, which has seen R17, 830 million surrendered to the Provincial Revenue Fund. A decrease witnessed on the Regional Socio Economic Programme and Violence Prevention through Urban Upgrading Programme, RSEP and VPUU, are due to a revised cash flow request, the lack of synchronisation between financial years, and issues surrounding the tender processes.

And lastly, the water crisis beginning to be experienced across the province has also required the Department to rethink certain projects and in doing so, I would like to commend the Department for reallocating a portion of its own budget to an amount of R300,000 to assist in addressing the water crisis.

Chairperson, the RSEP and VPUU programmes will not be subverted as they

have remained pivotal to ensuring that many of the Department's projects are guided by a whole of society approach that provides a practical application to building safe and sustainable neighbourhoods, reducing social, cultural, economical and institutional exclusion of former townships, and improving the quality of life of our residents across the province.

In light of the tough economic conditions currently being experienced, the governing party in the Western Cape would like to commend the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning for still being able to go about their mandated responsibilities effectively and efficiently. †Welgedaan Minister en u span. [Well done Minister and your team.]

Chairperson, I am in full support of this budget and I would like to thank Minister Bredell and his Department for their continued hard work, professionalism and commitment to fulfilling their mandate as set out in the Constitutional of South Africa. I thank you. [Applause.]

The TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON: Order. I see hon member Dijana.

Ms T M DIJANA: Thank you, Chairperson. After careful consideration of what is presented before us, I can safely conclude that the province is not only suffering from the drought scourge, but it is also facing a serious challenge of lack of leadership.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Daai is waar.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is true.]

Ms T M DIJANA: The DA factional battles ... [Interjection.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Daai is baie waar.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is very true.]

Ms T M DIJANA: ... are now affecting its governance.

[The Speaker takes the Chair.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Very true.

Ms T M DIJANA: With these Adjustments you can easily see that the intention is to set some municipalities up for failure. We read every day complaints from within DA sectors about how Mayor De Lille in the City is using the water crisis to sabotage the DA.

One can only guess what hon MEC Bredell just presented is a come-back strategy to obviate Mayor De Lille and other fermenting agents of unrest within the DA. In this regard we wish to urge the DA to refrain from using service delivery in their factional agenda. [Interjections.]

The aim of the Department is to promote a resilient, sustainable quality and inclusive living environment in support of human wellbeing. These goals

should receive priority in the current drought, which has resulted in the ongoing water crisis.

However, to our surprise the Department of Environmental Affairs received one of the biggest budget cuts from the Main Appropriation, R38 million is a significant cut from R594 million. For a province with regions that are some of the driest places on the planet, we would like to know what the Department is doing to combat climate change and related matters. How will the Department meet the professional and technical support required by municipalities in respect of spatial planning and land use management, development facilitation and urban growth management with budget cuts of almost R40 million?

The Department that is supposed to be our environmental champion and resource guardian, has done little to protect our water resources. They have sat by idle for years as the population of the Metro and the province has doubled over the years, and they ignored the water demand management by failing to increase the supply of new water sources. The blame shifting of lack of water sources they put firmly on National Government. Let us examine how they have executed their oversight role.

The local authorities are responsible for the distribution and supply of water to households. The Province deliberately only mentions the DA Government as a collective in the City and the Province is responsible for distribution, and that bulk water projects are the responsibility of National Government.

[Interjection.] What they conveniently omit is that the supply of water extends to finding new water sources, maintaining existing water sources and then ultimately distributing these supplies.

Now, hon MEC Bredell, by idly sitting still and watching the population increase over the years, could you reasonably not determine that the water consumption would increase too? By sitting still and watching and local authorities, that the DA control, not increasing their water supplies, you have not performed your duty as oversight. Your omission to act and assist the local authorities is pure negligence, which leads us to an approaching Day Zero in March 2018.

Your Department has only allocated R3 million as a response to the water crisis, yet you are expected to be the champion that aims to promote a resilient, sustainable quality and inclusive living environment in support of human wellbeing. This is the lowest allocation to the drought, water crisis and fire allocations in the 14 votes. This is not leadership, hon MEC Bredell.

To add more misery to your woes, you have constantly failed to initiate a process for the appointment of an Environmental Commissioner, which is mandatory, yet the Department has decided to ignore the Provincial Constitution and consider it a discretionary appointment.

The Province desperately needs an Environmental Commissioner to do the oversight work over the lack of water supply the local authorities of the DA

Government is responsible for.

When it comes to allocating funds to projects the Department of Environmental Affairs is nowhere to be found. Citizens of the Western Cape must look elsewhere. Thankfully NGOs like Gift of the Givers came to the rescue of the town of Beaufort West by pouring millions into a crisis intervention plan ...

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Ms T M DIJANA: ... to prevent the taps running dry in the drought stricken town of Beaufort West. The organisation has invested R6 million towards finding more sources of underground water and drilling boreholes in the district Western Cape Town.

Gift of the Givers was very aware that Beaufort West was a critical stage in terms of water availability, as dam levels were dropping. The Department also knew in early September that mid-November Beaufort West would have no water, yet they did not respond.

Luckily for Beaufort West, Gift of the Givers had already embarked on a crisis intervention plan, and had brought in a specialist hydrologist, Dr Gideon Groenewald, to study the possibility of assessing drill boreholes and investigate the possibility of pumping water into the dam. They have attained a yield of 220,000 litres per day. The procedure of drilling in

various areas continues as they target the delivery of 1 million litres of water per day. The minimum cost thus far is R6 million. They expect this to rise substantially. In the meantime their trucks are delivering bottled water to Beaufort West.

There is no leadership in this Department. They should ... [Interjection.]

Mr M G E WILEY: Who funds the Gift of the Givers?

Ms T M DIJANA: ... reprioritise their budget allocations to meet the needs of the province and act immediately to save the other towns identified in September, that will not have water going into the Festive Season.

Mr M G E WILEY: Who funds the Gift of the Givers?

Ms T M DIJANA: In conclusion, with this kind of financial planning we will have Day Zero for a thousand more years to come. We will not support budget adjustments that do not speak to the plight of the people. This is one Department that was supposed to get more funding so as to respond to the water crisis and other environmental challenges the province is faced with. I thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Dijana.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Mooi, mooi, mooi!

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

The SPEAKER: In the absence of the hon member Christians and Joseph, I now see the hon Minister Bredell.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Madam Speaker, thank you. Thank you for the opportunity ... [Interjection.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Wat sal jy nou sê?

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: What will you say now?]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Madam Speaker, to the hon Chair of the Standing Committee, thank you very much ... [Interjection.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Ai, dis 10 voor [Onhoorbaar.]

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Oh, it is 10 to [Inaudible.]]

†Die MINISTER VAN OMGEWINGSAKE, ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING EN PLAASLIKE REGERING: ... baie dankie, Tertuis, dankie vir jou oorsigrol en dankie vir jou en jou hele komitee ... [Tussenwerpsel.]

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ... thank you, Tertuis, thank you for your oversight role and thank you to you and your whole Committee ...

[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Dyantyi.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Welcome, Madam Speaker.

†Die MINISTER VAN OMGEWINGSAKE,
ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING EN PLAASLIKE REGERING: Ek wil ...

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS
AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: I wish to ...]

The SPEAKER: Thank you. Thank you so much.

†Die MINISTER VAN OMGEWINGSAKE,
ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING EN PLAASLIKE REGERING: ... agb
Speaker, vir die agb lid Simmers en sy hele komitee wat wel die vergaderings
bywoon bedank, want hulle het ten minste 'n passie soos die agb lid
Beerwinkel, al is sy nie die eerste [Tussenwerpsel.] spreekbuis op die
komitee nie. Ek sukkel –

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ... Madam Speaker, thank the hon member Simmers and his whole Committee who are indeed attending the meetings because they have at least a passion like the hon member Ms Beerwinkel, even if she is not the first [Interjection.] voice on the Committee. I struggle –] †it is difficult for me to answer the hon member Dijana as it was very difficult to answer the hon member Richard Dyantyi, because I do not know if the two of them were canvassing that day but neither of them attended the Standing Committee. [Interjections.] So I do not know when you – and you see, it is a joke.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Show some love.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: This is serious – this is such a serious matter, but it is a joke for them.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: When we discussed the Adjustment Budget, when they can make their inputs when we are one-on-one, we can debate the issues, they are absent. Then they want to come here and they want to talk a lot of rubbish, and then we must accept that. It is actually a disgrace.

Hon Chairperson ... [Interjection.]

Mr M G E WILEY: It is the taxpayers' money.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ... we as a province ... [Interjection.] employed six geo-hydrologists, one for each district, to manage groundwater because water is a very difficult and complex system, especially over the long-term, because what will save us is a combination of various technologies and various sources. It is not just going to be desalination, it is not just going to be aquifers. It is storm water, it is recycling of water, and we need to get the specialists on board and we are busy with that plan.

We also, when we talk to water, need to look at the quality of our water in our ecosystem. Our rivers, and that is why we have got the Berg River Water Scheme. We are going to shift that to the Breede River, but the quality of water going into our rivers and our estuaries is for us very important and therefore we as a Department foresee that in 20 years from now, that municipalities will not be allowed to discharge their sewerage water into rivers and-and, because we cannot have a situation in this country anymore where we only use water once, and we have got that plan.

I am glad that the hon member Dijana mentioned that the roles within water – because she admits that bulk water is the responsibility of National Government [Interjections.] and we are busy building that paper trail because

we will fight the fight on behalf of the taxpayers ... [Interjection.]

HON MEMBERS: Hear-hear!

An HON MEMBER: Hear, hear!

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS
AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ... and if it means we take it to the
Constitutional Court, we will need to do that.

Ms B SCHÄFER: Hear-hear.

†n AGB LID: Hoor-hoor!

[An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS
AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Hon Chairperson ... [Interjection.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: Using our money.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS
AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ... she mentioned the increase in ...
[Interjection.]

Mr M G E WILEY: The taxpayers' money.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ... population increased water demand. That is very obvious, but the question that she should ask is why do all the people move to the Western Cape?

An HON MEMBER: Mmm.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: It is because of good DA government. [Interjections.] It is because of a failure of systems, a failure of resources in other provinces. It is very obvious. That is why the people move to the Western Cape, and we welcome them, Madam Speaker.

We will not chase them away, we will welcome them. It is going to be a challenge to secure our resources, it is going to be a big challenge to get our health services, our school services, Education Department, to accommodate them, but we will not run away from the challenge. We will show the world that the success of Africa will start in the Western Cape. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] DA attitude. [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: You do not know the leaders of ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please! [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: So, Madam Speaker, if I can give the hon member Dijana good advice ... [Interjection.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ... next time attend the Standing Committees ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes!

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ... and understand the topic, and then you can comment. I thank you. [Interjections.] [Applause.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: That is the most racist person!

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

†Me T M DIJANA: Jy is deurmekaar. [Tussenwerpsels.]

[Ms T M DIJANA: You are confused. [Interjections.]]

Mr K E MAGAXA: That is the most racist person!

The SPEAKER: Order, please. That concludes the [Interjections.] – sorry, I see the hon member Tyatyam and then I see the hon Chief Whip.

Mr S G TYATYAM: Thank you, Madam Speaker ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon members, there are someone on the floor, can we please ...

Ms T M DIJANA: [Inaudible.] that I do not attend the Standing Committee? Which Standing Committee are you talking about? [Inaudible.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I did not want to disturb, but the Minister used the word “rubbish” when he was talking about us.

Ms T M DIJANA: He has cast an aspersion.

Mr S G TYATYAM: So I do not think that word is parliamentary?

The SPEAKER: Okay.

Mr S G TYATYAM: Because as far as I can remember that word is not parliamentary.

The SPEAKER: Okay.

Mr M G E WILEY: Wasn't there [Inaudible.].

The SPEAKER: Hon member Tyatyam, allow me to go to Hansard and look at my previous rulings on "rubbish", because I think it was in context. If you are "rubbish" it is unparliamentary, but if it is "rubbish" as in "rubbish", it has a different context.

So I am going to go back and check the rulings we have for precedent, and I will come back to the House in need. Chief Whip, you were on the floor?

Mr M G E WILEY: Yes, thank you, Madam Speaker. The hon Leader of the Opposition at the closure of Minister Bredell's contribution, said "you are the most racist person", which is specific, and I am going to ask that he withdraws that comment.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Go to Hansard.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, Chief Whip. Hon member Magaxa, I have to ask you the question. Did you indeed utter those words? [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: I said

Ms T M DIJANA: [Inaudible.] to Hansard.

Mr K E MAGAXA: ... ignoring influx control and the past system is racist.

Mr M G E WILEY: No, you said you are the most racist ... [Interjection.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: I maintain that. Ignoring that in South Africa, especially in the Western Cape ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: You ignore it.

Mr K E MAGAXA: ... people were chased by pass laws and unable to come here ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Magaxa ...

Mr K E MAGAXA: If you ignore - he is a racist. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Magaxa, I asked ... [Interjection.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: If he said that he is a racist.

The SPEAKER: I asked you the question ...

Mr K E MAGAXA: I am prepared to stand up. If he said that ... [Interjections.]

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

Mr K E MAGAXA ... [Inaudible.] to me.

The SPEAKER: I am speaking to you, please. I asked you a question: Did you utter those words? You have to give me an answer. I am not going down that road. [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: That is why I am telling you what I said.

The SPEAKER: Did you indeed say to the Minister “you are a racist”?

Mr K E MAGAXA: I did not say that he is a racist.

The SPEAKER: Okay, well, that is fine.

Mr K E MAGAXA: But if he uttered those words ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: I will ...

Mr K E MAGAXA: ... he is a racist.

The SPEAKER: Well, there you are saying it again. So I am going to refer to Hansard, but if you are saying directly now to the Minister he is a racist, then that is unparliamentary.

Mr K E MAGAXA: [Inaudible.] he said. I still want to maintain here, Madam

Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Yes?

Mr K E MAGAXA: If the hon MEC said people coming to the Western Cape

...

An HON MEMBER: We welcome them.

Mr K E MAGAXA: ... is due only to the DA Government and that statement to me ignores influx control because people have been prevented ...

[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Okay, no, but, hon ...

Mr K E MAGAXA: ... from coming here due to the apartheid system he is a beneficiary of. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Magaxa, that was not the issue, but hon members, allow me to revert to Hansard. I will also get the audio of this sitting which I will listen to together with the Table staff, and I will then come back to the House with a ruling on the matter. Thank you.

[Debate concluded.]

The SPEAKER: I think that concluded the third Order. I now recognise the Chief Whip. Chief Whip Wiley.

Mr M G E WILEY: Ja, Chairperson, notwithstanding Rule 198, an agreement with the other parties, that we bring Vote 13 forward, please.

The SPEAKER: So if my – hon member Uys?

Mr P UYS: Sorry, I do not want to differ, Madam Speaker, but we said when we run out of, or if we are running a bit early and we cannot move Agriculture forward, we would actually then do Cultural Affairs, but we will actually proceed with Economic Development and Tourism now. Just help me in this regard.

The SPEAKER: Before you speak, Chief Whip, my understanding is that there was agreement and that the next reading, Vote 13, would now come on and if there was enough time we would proceed to go up until one o'clock. That is as the Chief Whip explained it to me.

So are we now dealing, Chief Whip, am I correct, with Vote 13?

Mr M G E WILEY: That is correct, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

Mr M G E WILEY: That was the agreement. Vote 13 would leapfrog forward because the others were not available to come forward.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon member Uys?

Mr P UYS: Madam Speaker, this is not the time to differ. My understanding was the MEC would not be available in a specific slot. He is available now. My understanding is that we could proceed and that is the situation.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Uys, may I ask, did you agree in principle that Vote 13 come in before the rest of it? I think that is the question.

Mr P UYS: We agreed Vote 13 can come in before lunchtime.

The SPEAKER: Okay. So it is now before lunchtime ... [Interjection.]

Mr P UYS: No-no-no ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: ... which is why ... [Interjection.]

Mr P UYS: ... it is only ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: ... we would like to proceed with it now.

Mr P UYS: No-no, it is only quarter to 12 now. So let the MEC just say

whether he is available. I just do not understand the situation because there is a misunderstanding and I do not want to make a big issue of this.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Uys, I do not get involved in the issues of programming and the ordering of the Business of the Day, but the Chief Whip came to me and in good faith shared what the next item is – and he indicated that there was generally consensus and agreement.

So I can only act on what is told to me. Chief Whip, will you provide clarity, please?

Mr M G E WILEY: Yes, I would like to state something for the record, Madam Speaker. My conversation was with hon member Uys. My secretary heard the conversation. I told him that I had not spoken to the Minister of Economic Opportunities. I haven't spoken to him about coming forward. I spoke to Minister Marais. She was agreeable to bring it forward. I spoke to hon member Christians and I spoke to hon member Joseph along the same lines.

An HON MEMBER: They are not here.

Mr M G E WILEY: Where hon member Uys suddenly comes from, Economic Affairs coming forward, only the Lord alone knows because nobody else knows about it other than him.

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

The SPEAKER: Thank you. [Interjections.] Hon member Uys?

Mr P UYS: Madam Speaker, let us help this confusion. If we look at the Order of the Day, okay? We have done Environmental Affairs now. The next one, number 4 on the Order Paper is Economic Development. We agreed it remains like that, but what we looked at was Agriculture that was supposed to be after lunch, and we said let us bring that forward because we are going to finish in time.

Mr M G E WILEY: With whom did you have this conversation?
[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please. [Interjections.]

Mr P UYS: I am not changing the order at all.

The SPEAKER: Okay.

Mr P UYS: The next one on the Order Paper is Economic Development.

The SPEAKER: Okay, but, hon member Uys, thank you. I hear your point and it is sustained. Hon member Tyatyam, may I just finish what it is I am saying? I think all we are looking for here is flexibility that had been agreed

to. I cannot tell you why, but Minister Marais was prepared to proceed now, so I am asking with your permission that we continue in that way, as you have agreed. Hon member Tyatyam?

Mr S G TYATYAM: Madam Speaker, I think this confusion ...

Mr M G E WILEY: But there is no confusion.

Mr S G TYATYAM: The confusion there of the Whips. I would want to suggest, in light of this confusion, let us stick to the Order Paper ...

Ms T M DIJANA: Yes.

Mr S G TYATYAM: ... as it is.

Ms T M DIJANA: Ja.

Mr S G TYATYAM: And follow it as it is.

Ms T M DIJANA: Yes.

Mr S G TYATYAM: So that we do not – because other people that are mentioned are not here ...

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

Mr S G TYATYAM: ... who were part of this discussion. So let us stick to the Order Paper, do not change anything.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Tyatyam, sorry. I recognise and I hear what you are saying. However, the Whips are empowered with the programming of the sittings. As a presiding officer I do not get involved in that, but there was agreement that there was going to be a change in the programme. So – but now there is a confusion. Hon member – yes?

Mr P UYS: We have done Order Number 1, 2 and 3.

The SPEAKER: Correct.

Mr P UYS: Number 4 was the next one. In terms of the programme, Number 4 was supposed to be 12 o'clock until one o'clock.

The SPEAKER: Correct.

Mr P UYS: That was Economic – that was the hon Minister Winde.

An HON MEMBER: It is already 12.

Mr P UYS: Then after lunch it was Agriculture.

The SPEAKER: Correct.

Mr P UYS: And then the question was should we also move Agriculture before lunch? And then there was a concern about that. Let us bring Cultural Affairs in. Economic Development and Tourism was never an issue. The MEC is here. You can ask him because he must have been the person requesting it. He is here, let us continue and let us not, the Chief Whip confuse us here, please.

The SPEAKER: Kindly take your seat. Chief Whip, you are going to have the last word on this because we are actually running out of the time that we have made up now.

So, you know, the purpose of this exercise was to make up time, and now we are spending almost a session on understanding the confusion. You may proceed.

Mr M G E WILEY: Madam Speaker, I would like us to proceed as was agreed with hon member Uys, as witnessed by my secretary, as was agreed by hon member Gopie who is prepared to speak, as agreed by Minister Marais who is prepared to speak, as agreed by Minister Max who is prepared to speak. Nobody else was consulted on the matter with regard to coming forward. What hon member Uys says about, talking about Agriculture, Economic – was not even discussed.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Ja.

The SPEAKER: Okay. So, hon Chief Whip ... I will now ask you all to respect – I do not know who is on which planet here, but I am firmly in control of this House, and I have now taken the opinions of both sides, and I am going to request that we proceed with the next Order and it is indeed going to be Minister Marais' Cultural Affairs and Sport which is Vote 13.

So I would like to ask the Secretary to read the next Order, please.

The SECRETARY: Vote 13 – Cultural Affairs and Sport - *Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill* [B 6 – 2017].

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much. May I call the House to order, please?

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: Madam Speaker, during ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Sorry, I was about to introduce and recognise you. I see the hon the Minister, Minister Marais. You may proceed, Minister Marais.

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: Thank you. Madam Speaker, due to the changing pressures placed on the Western Cape Government to deliver services to our people, most notably as a result of the National Government's mismanagement of public funds, it is imperative that we reconsider our budget and reallocate funds to where they are most needed. In this way, we serve the people of the Western Cape as best we can with the

very little that we have.

Madam Speaker, the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport's main appropriation is at R725,049 million and the adjusted appropriation sees our budget increase by R2,284 million. I thank the Minister of Finance, Dr Ivan Meyer and my Cabinet colleagues for prioritising Cultural Affairs and Sport by approving an increase in the Adjusted Appropriation.

Despite the difficult economic environment in which we find ourselves, the adjustment of these funds will indeed assist the Western Cape Government in our mission to encourage excellence and inclusiveness in sport and culture through the effective, efficient and sustainable use of our resources. In moving to excellence, we will create the conditions for access and mass participation, talent identification and skills development, which essentially creates an enabling environment for all who call the Western Cape home.

Madam Speaker, highlights of our adjustments include:

- R1 million has been allocated to cover medical and ancillary expenses of the Rugby Sevens Series' Cape Town leg to take place on 9 and 10 December of this year.
- R500,000 was made available for the intake of 25 interns for the After School Game-Changer. The funding is for grade 4 tutors in IT facilitation, maths and site coordination.
- R530,000 was also made available by the Department of Public Service

and Administration for programmes which divert young people away from anti-social behavioural activities.

Madam Speaker, if we are honest and frank about our current circumstances, it is safe to say that our limited budget has and will for a significant period of time place constrained pressure on our service delivery footprint as a government. We can attribute the blame of our failing economy, deteriorating moral fibre and consequent conflict to a national unaccountable administration or even state capture, yet and still, the finances available, or lack thereof, will remain insufficient to deliver on our fundamental mandate to the people we serve.

Together with our clean governance in the Western Cape, prioritising service delivery and political will to increase economic growth through partnerships to unlock opportunities, our effectiveness allows us to explore prospects to collaboratively build on our social capital and support each other in our mutual goals through constructive partnerships.

In the wake of our dismal economic situation, it is our duty to become more innovative in our business as it is not all doom and gloom. The Western Cape is still the leading province in economic growth as investors have more confidence in a well-managed administration. It would of course be easier to fall into the common despondence now surrounding us, but we have the potential to thrive as a province and to restore hope, motivate trust and to inspire assurance. All of which is much needed at present.

Madam Speaker, in the face of the budgetary pressures, there is no doubt in my mind that our dedicated officials will continue to contribute to our vision of a socially inclusive, creative, active and connected Western Cape.

I implore our ANC members to engage with their national counterparts on the dire budget pressures under which the Western Cape Government must deliver, but more importantly to alert them to the fact that it is the people of the Western Cape who are suffering under their maladministration. For far too long has sport and cultural affairs been politicised, it is now time for us to join hands to take our beautiful country forward once more. I thank you.
[Applause.]

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

†Die MINISTER VAN MAATSKAPLIKE ONTWIKKELING: Mooi!

[The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Good!]

The SPEAKER: I see the hon Lennit Max, you may proceed.

Mr L H MAX: Thank you, Madam Speaker. As the Chairperson of the Standing Committee for Cultural Affairs and Sport, I am responsible in leading the committee to execute its oversight functions responsibly, effectively and without fear or favour. This is what we, for some time now, experienced at the National Assembly, subsequent to recent Constitutional Court judgments.

Before I focus on the performance of the Department, it is important to remind this House where these oversight committees assume their responsibility. Section 114 of the Constitution states, and I quote:

“A provincial legislature must provide for mechanisms to ensure that all provincial executive organs of state in the province are accountable to it; and to maintain oversight of the executive and exercise the provincial executive authority in the province, including the implementation of legislation; and any provincial organ of state.”

Further, that the Handbook for Provincial Parliament Legislatures, Oversight and Accountability, Annexure 2 on page 91 states, and I quote:

“Be analytic and display independent rigour, doing oversight is a bit like being a detective, so do detect and remember. Always ensure that your oversight reports cover effectiveness, efficiency and economy, for example, is money being put to good use? In other words, value for money. Is the cost by output reasonable, given economies of scale, etcetera?”

Now, Madam Speaker, these provisions were espoused by the Constitutional Court case *Economic Freedom Fighters v Speaker of the National Assembly & Others*, and during this, his hon Chief Justice Mogoeng Mogoeng states as follows, and I quote:

“Similarly, the National Assembly and, by extension Parliament, is the embodiment of the centuries of all dreams and legitimate aspirations of all our people. It is the voice of all South Africans, especially the poor, the voiceless and the least remembered. It is the watchdog of state resources, the enforcer of fiscal discipline and cost-effectiveness for the common good of all our people.

It also bears the responsibility to play an oversight role over the executive and state organs and to ensure that constitutional and statutory obligations are properly executed. For this reason, it fulfils a pre-eminently unique role of holding the executive accountable for the fulfilment of the promises made to the populace through the state of the Nation Address” – and in this case SOPA – “budget speeches, policies, legislation and duly undergirded by the affirmation or oath of office constitutionally administered to the executive before the assumption of office.

Parliament also passes legislation with due regard to the needs and concerns of the broader public. The willingness and obligation to do so is reinforced by each member’s equally irreversible public declaration of allegiance to the Republic, obedience, respect and vindication of the Constitution and all laws of the Republic, to the best of their abilities. And in sum, Parliament is the mouthpiece, the eyes and the service-delivery-ensuring machinery of the people. No doubt, it is an irreplaceable feature of good governance in South Africa.”

Madam Speaker, the above are the empowering provisions which guide all Standing Committees and not by personal interest; public interest is the only and only objective. As a result, the purpose of my input today is to evaluate as to whether the DCAS performance met the yardstick set by the Constitution and related court judgment.

I am already on record about this Department's performance. Just over a month ago I highlighted, while reflecting on its 2016 and 2017 annual report, just how efficient the Western Cape Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport is. The fact might be surprising to some but to a DA-led government, efficiency, what we do is what we do, corrupt-free is who we are and empowering residents is part of our core business. [Interjection.] The empowerment of residents is exactly what this Department does.

Madam Speaker, this is why we welcome the upward adjustment of the Department's 2017 and 2018 budget to R725 049 000 ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Dyantyi.

Mr L H MAX: ... to R727 333 000 which is an increase of R2 284 000. The Department's vision is to create a socially inclusive, creative, active and connected Western Cape. This means they have an enormous task on their hands as they have to ensure that programmes and activities in the arts and culture, museums, heritage, languages, archives, sport, recreation services and library services are efficient and effectively implemented.

All of these services, Madam Speaker, are extremely important because, at any given time, individuals at every level of society engage with them. I am encouraged by the Department's crime prevention pilot project in identified areas in the gang-ridden areas of the Western Cape and in the Cape Flats. R531 000 has been allocated to this pilot programme.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Ons luister.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: We are listening.]

Mr L H MAX: I trust that this initiative will yield the necessary success and contribute towards the overall crime prevention strategy guided by the Department of Community Safety.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: U praat soos 'n agb LUR.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: You are speaking like an hon MEC.]

Mr L H MAX: I am further encouraged by Minister Anroux Marais and her Department because if you look at the aims of the Department in 2017, adjusted estimates of provincial expenditure, they clearly state that they are encouraging excellence and inclusiveness in sport and culture through the effective, efficient, sustainable use of their resources and through creative partnerships.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: The only reason [Inaudible.] the MEC's are jealous of you.

Mr L H MAX: The Department is clearly demonstrating that it wants to bring residents together. It wants to ensure that no-one is excluded, despite what the language or cultural practices might be. In fact, they go on to say that they are aiming to make the Western Cape the sports and culture centre of South Africa. And they will create conditions for access and mass participation, talent identification and skills development. As the DA-led Government, Western Cape Government, we pride ourselves ... [Interjection.] in creating an inclusive, connected society.

Madam Speaker, as with any department, there will be challenges.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Ons luister.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: We are listening.]

Mr L H MAX: Because we do not live in a perfect world.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: U praat mooi.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: You are speaking nicely.]

Mr L H MAX: If you look at Programmes 2, 3 and 4, which is Cultural Affairs, Library and Archives Services and Sport and Recreation ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr L H MAX: ... that there has been a decrease in expenditure when compared to the first quarter of the 2016/2017 financial year. This is completely understandable, as in the first quarter of any new financial year you always want to ensure that there are no issues with your administration.

Here I would like to commend the Minister and her Department as they have ensured, as part of Programme 1 which is administration, that additional graduate interns were appointed, thus giving opportunities to residents and especially the youth of the Western Cape. [Interjection.]

Through these opportunities we are empowering and capacitating our people which, in turn, improves the skill levels of our residents. I have no doubt that the 2017 and 2018 financial year will once again be a success, if not a greater success for the Minister and her Department. As Chairperson of this Standing Committee on Cultural Affairs and Sport, I look forward to working with and ensuring that the Department continues to deliver on its vision, creating an inclusive, creative and connected Western Cape.

Madam Speaker, on a conspectus of the aforesaid and mindful of the relevant laws and the Department's commitment and given the circumstances, I can unequivocally and without fear of contradiction state to this House that the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport under the leadership of the HOD, Mr Brent Walters, but more in particular with the political leadership of Minister Marais ...[Interjection.]

†Mnr R T OLIVIER: Nou waar [Onhoorbaar.] jou *running mates*.

[Mr R T OLIVIER: Now where [Inaudible.] your running mates.]

Mr L H MAX: ... passes constitutional muster and delivered not only on their legal mandate as alluded to but also on their moral obligations. [Interjection.] I would like to thank all Committee members for their respective contributions in ensuring that the people's mandate is executed.

Further, I wish all members of this House a blessed festive season and a prosperous New Year. I thank you. [Interjections.] [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Max.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: See you in court.

The SPEAKER: Order, please. Hon member Dyantyi, your member is next. Hon member Gopie, you may proceed. Chief Whip Uys, can you just get your caucus in order please, you have a member on the floor. Thank you. You may proceed, hon Gopie.

Ms D GOPIE: Thank you, Madam Speaker. The challenge in this vote is that it is always receiving small allocations during the main budget allocation. Naturally, any additional funding is therefore welcomed. However, it is not that simple. The shifting of funds between programmes and votes must be scrutinised efficiently. The reduction of more than five million must be

explained and which of the library services that have been adversely affected.

The issue of savings on leave gratuity for officials who retired from service cannot be accepted as savings because it should have been dealt with during the main budget cycle.

The Department must qualify: why a need for additional office equipment? What are the circumstances that led to the need for additional office equipment that was not foreseen during the main budget? It illustrates a lack of strategic planning on the part of the management at a senior level which must allow, and remedial action be taken if necessary. The savings identified due to the slow filling of posts is a recurring remedial since the previous year and is annoying.

Any funds taken from the language service must be used to address a growing intolerance of language and cultural stereotypes in the province. This should be one of the core mandates of the Language Services in Programme 2. No such funds should be shifted unless these objectives are met, as the MEC just mentioned, funding must happen where it is most needed.

The silliness displayed by the Department in shifting of funds to supplement funding for over-expenditure in compensation of employees is noticed. We can never accept and support this mismanagement of funds because it amounts to gross financial mismanagement.

What are these goods and services that were reprioritised, giving rise to a shift of funds in the EPWP? Which assets were stolen and lost in the museum services? Were they not insured? Were there no reserves kept for that purpose, instead of compromising other essential goods and services? It is nonsensical to shift funds merely to fund leave gratuity payouts to former employees. In fact, this must be investigated to get to the root cause of such financial mismanagement.

The fluctuation of Government Garage tariffs must be relooked at carefully; if not, it may be used to squander taxpayers' money. Why is there a lot of funding shifted towards Government Garage tariffs?

How are the savings identified under machinery and equipment, goods and service for reprioritisation? More transparency is required to give proper explanation and substance in this regard. On the other hand, is the EPWP run by NPIs?

Under provincial financing, was there a need to prioritise funding one million to Rugby World Cup Sevens, whereas there are a lot of compelling reasons to direct that funding to more deserving, unfunded community sporting codes. This is not accepted.

The City of Cape Town is well-resourced and claims to be well-managed municipality, yet the Department was unable to discover that they were in arrears and only realised when it accumulated R760 000. This excuse does

not make sense and remains unacceptable.

Why have the municipal bills been funded up to R3 million for the equity share allocation of this vote? This is unacceptable.

The most shocking is the shift of R4,8 million to Vote 1, Department of the Premier, to upgrade, develop, support, enable, enterprise content management, consolidation, environment. The ECM should have been properly budgeted in the main budget allocations. This shift cannot be accepted under any circumstances. The question remains: why was this not budgeted in the main budget?

In conclusion, whilst the additional funding to the Department is welcomed, how the money is allocated and shifted between programmes for dubious reasons is not supported. The continued under-spending of R3,8 million on compensation of employees and surrendering these funds to Provincial Revenue Fund is not supported at all. This Department, like any other, always falls short in filling of posts but continues to splash funds elsewhere meant for that purpose. Therefore, the Adjustment Appropriation Budget is not supported. I thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Gopie. In the absence of the ACDP and the EFF, I now see the DA. I see the hon the Minister.

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: Thank you, Madam,

Speaker. †Baie dankie aan die lede wat deelgeneem het. Agb Gopie, die meeste van u bekommernisse wat u nou aangeraak het, is deeglik en intensief ... [Tussenwerpsel.] [Thank you to the members who have participated. Hon Gopie, the most of your concerns that you have mentioned now are thorough and intensive ... [Interjection.]]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Jy gaan [Onhoorbaar.] na Gopie toe. [Onhoorbaar.]
[Mr Q R DYANTYI: You are [Inaudible.] to Gopie. [Inaudible.]

†Die MINISTER VAN KULTUURSAKE EN SPORT: ... in ons
[Tussenwerpsel.]

[The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: ... in our
[Interjection.]]

The SPEAKER: Order, please. [Interjections.]

†Die MINISTER VAN KULTUURSAKE EN SPORT: ... is in ons Staande Komitee bespreek en ek wil net sê dat die Sewes, 'n wêreldklas gehalte gebeurtenis soos die Sewes het tot gevolg dat ons geweldig baie hoop vir Suid-Afrika, vir die Wes-Kaap en vir Suid-Afrika bou en ons het 'n ooreenkoms dat die nagevolge of wat die *spin-off* gaan wees van die Sewes is dat ons dit gaan gebruik in ons gemeenskappe om ons kinders te bemagtig vir talent identifisering en ook dan implementeer in ons rugbyprogramme.

Dan wil ek net sê baie ... [Tussenwerpsel.]

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: ... was discussed in our Standing Committee and I just want to say that the Sevens, a world class quality event like the Sevens, has the result that it builds a great deal of hope for South Africa, for the Western Cape and South Africa and we have an agreement that the results or what the spin-off will be of the Sevens is that we are going to use it in our communities to empower our children for talent identification and then also implement that in our rugby programmes.

Then I just want to say thank you very ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Dyantyi.

†Die MINISTER VAN KULTUURSAKE EN SPORT: Baie dankie aan agb Lennit Max ... [Tussenwerpsel.]

[The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: Thank you to hon Lennit Max ... [Interjection.]]

The SPEAKER: Direct your enquiries to the Chair, please.

†Die MINISTER VAN KULTUURSAKE EN SPORT: ... vir u bydrae gedurende die jaar en die leiding wat u gegee het. Baie dankie aan elke lid van die Komitee vir u deeglike oorsig en konstruktiewe bydrae wat u by elke

komiteevergadering gelewer het. En ek wil net noem dat kultuur en sport is die heel, volgens my, die heel belangrikste departement ...[Tussenwerpsel.] want deur middel van kultuur en sport skep ons geleenthede en ons implementeer ons programme in die gemeenskappe om 'n nasie te bou, ons diversiteit te vier oor verskillende grense heen.

Ek wens aan elkeen 'n geseënde Kersgety toe en ek moet sê: moet asseblief nie drink en bestuur nie. Baie dankie. [Tussenwerpsels.] [Applous.]

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: ... for your contribution during the year and the leadership you have provided. Thank you to each member of the Committee for your thorough oversight and constructive contribution that you have delivered at every committee meeting. And I just want to mention that Culture and Sport is the most important, in my view, the most important department ...[Interjection.] because through culture and sport we create opportunities and we implement our programmes in the communities to build a nation, celebrate our diversity across various borders.

I wish everyone a blessed Christmas season and I have to say: please do not drink and drive. Thank you. [Interjections.] [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much, hon Minister. I think it has been

agreed by consensus that, if we had made up some time, we would proceed to lunch and I have been informed by the Chief Whip and I believe there has been engagement, that we will now proceed to Vote 12. Am I correct in my understanding, hon Uys, Chief Whip Wiley? So I am now going to ask the Secretary to read the next order, please. Thank you.

The SECRETARY: Debate on Vote 12 – Economic Development and Tourism – *Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill* [B 6 – 2017].

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

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. Today we are tabling an Adjustments Budget as we reach the mid-term of our five-year strategic plan, the plan to grow the Western Cape economy by over 200 000 jobs in the region.

When we launched this plan, Project Khulisa, the growth strategy in 2014, the research showed us that in order for us to achieve these goals, we needed to focus on high-potential sectors such as tourism, agri processing and oil and gas.

Since we put this strategy in place, we have achieved excellent growth in employment, despite emerging threats brought about by the drought and the

political uncertainty at a national level.

Just this month, rating agency S&P downgraded South Africa's sovereign rating to "junk" status.

And while our economy is impacted by these events, it is in the Western Cape, here we have something that is very, very different. Here in the Western Cape we have a good story. According to the latest figures from Statistics South Africa, jobs have grown by 84 000 in our region in the past year. We have the lowest broad and narrow unemployment rate in the country.

This week, Wesgro also released its latest investment report, which showed that the agency has secured investments worth R1,89 billion in the past eight months alone. Through their hard work, jobs have been created – these are direct jobs – for more than 2 000 residents.

Through this adjustment, we are aiming to invest and further boost our priority sectors and support businesses with the tools they need to overcome the current water crisis.

Our local agri entrepreneurs have just returned from a very successful trade promotion trip to China, and I am going to talk a little bit more about that in the Agricultural budget speech. To further support export promotion in agri processing, particularly the Halal sub-sector, a R3 million reallocation to

Wesgro is requested.

Madam Speaker, while we are providing support to key sectors through Project Khulisa, we also know that we need to get the basics right. We are working to create an enabling environment in which all businesses thrive.

Part of this goal is in ensuring that residents and entrepreneurs have access to affordable and reliable internet.

Through our R3 billion Broadband project, more than 200 000 residents across the province have already been connected to our network of public WiFi hotspots. To ensure that residents get the most out of these access points, Internet Champions were situated in communities, and offered digital literacy training to 346 000 residents.

With this Adjustment Budget, an additional R7,2 million is allocated to further expand our broadband initiative.

This includes:

- R1,5 million for the Broadband Business Toolkit, which helps businesses to better understand how they can use technology to grow their enterprises; and
- 900 000 to the ICAN, this is the Interactive Community Access Centre in Elsies River as well as to the Khayelitsha Barn. In the past two

years, 23 442 residents have used the ICAN centre to gain valuable e-skills and to participate in the digital economy. Through our enterprise development partnership with the Khayelitsha Barn, we have trained just under 3 000 entrepreneurs, equipping them with the tools they need to grow their businesses.

Skills development is another critical enabler in our economy and we must ensure that the needs of business for appropriately trained employees are met. That is why we have reallocated R12,9 million to provide for training in the digital industry, as well as to bolster the Artisan Development Programme. A further R1 million will be allocated to Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) colleges for the appointment of maths teaching assistants.

We are also using this allocation to mitigate the impact of the water shortage on our economy. A total of R2,5 million is reallocated to our Water Resilience Project, which assists with GreenCape's support of businesses during this water crisis.

In the weeks ahead, we will also roll out a provincial-wide water-saving awareness campaign. It is our goal to spread our message for the need to save water, not only in business but also for those tourists that are arriving in our province shortly.

Going forward, we will continue to work with other spheres of government,

businesses and residents to tackle this crisis.

And for this, I really want to take the opportunity to thank those businesses that have gone out of their way to become far more water-wise. I think that process started specifically with the tourism businesses and some phenomenal changes made in those businesses and actual investment, businesses were taking money out of their pocket, putting water-saving devices in place. But that goes across the board with all businesses in our region and I want to thank them for doing, for playing their part in saving water.

I would also like to thank Mr Solly Fourie and his team for their dedication in growing our economy, for creating jobs. Employment is key to a more prosperous life for residents in our province, and that is why it remains our number one goal. With this Adjustment Budget, we are sending them the resources to further deliver on these objectives and, of course, further add to our main budget and our strategic plan. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, Minister Winde. I now see the hon member Schäfer.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I take note of the R22 million adjustment to the budget in the Department of Economic Opportunities and Tourism. The current drought, as we know, has had a tight grip over the Western Cape's economy, over and above South Africa's slow economic growth forecast, political uncertainty, state capture and the junk

status of our currency.

While one clearly understands the necessity for water for life, we often do not understand the relationship of water to the economy. A new World Bank report finds that water scarcity, exasperated by climate change, could hinder economic growth, spur migration and spark conflict. Despite this, we can look at the general picture of our economy in a dismal light or we can look at the picture with an opportunity-lens on. As the Minister has stated, the Western Cape is still adding jobs to the economy and still has the fastest growing economy and the lowest unemployment rate in the country, despite these challenges.

The latest water resilience report states that water reuse, recycling and resource recovery will become new opportunities for business, but at the end of the day we still believe that good governance and sound fiscal management of the Department's budget is what really counts.

In 2016 a report stated that 94% of companies reported water as a direct risk to their operations, which is the highest in the world. So the reprioritisation of budget to provide funds to support GreenCape's focus on water strategies, such as the funding for their Smart Grids and water-making tool projects, is fully supported. GreenCape was established by this Government as a special purpose vehicle to support the development of green economy in the region. They have become recognised globally for their work in the green economy and doing some really great work on the water strategies for the economy.

We support the GreenCape's water sector desk, which also serves as a platform for the industry to access relevant information, source assistance in overcoming barriers and connect with our stakeholders.

Madam Speaker, through Project Khulisa's focus on Western Cape's tourism as a key economic contributor to this province, the budget allocation towards these tourism and investment initiatives has also been highly successful.

In 2017 alone, we know that Cape Town Air Access secured direct flights to Cape Town from 11 African, Middle Eastern and European nations to boost tourism access to this province. We can see direct flights now from Cape Town to Namibia, Botswana, Angola, Ethiopia, Mauritius, the UAE, Turkey, France, Germany, Switzerland and the Netherlands.

In addition to this, Wesgro's successful lobby for visa-free exemption for Angola now eases leisure and business travel between Angola and South Africa. This builds upon a strong economic relationship between the two countries. Already we see the impact with R405 000 worth of wine already sold in Angola and 225 000 bed nights being booked in the Western Cape in 2016.

Wesgro has also assisted Western Cape companies to grow their exports to the rest of the continent, which generates over R535 million over the next five years and facilitates R737 million towards outbound foreign direct investment into Africa. We have noted and said, as the Minister has

indicated, that they had secured R1,9 billion in committed investment and we really commend them for that. And so the budget to this agency is greatly supported.

Madam Speaker, the immense success by the Department of Economic Opportunities and Tourism indicates that not only has the Department budget been well spent, it has been strategically spent, maximising on the Western Cape's business attractiveness to bring secure investment deals and inject that much needed money and jobs into our economy. This truly is a budget well spent.

Just recently the Minister of Trade and Industry, Mr Rob Davies, published his intention to designate the Atlantis GreenTech Special Economic Zone. This area will focus on those sectors such as clean technologies, electronic, solar, wind energy and energy efficient technologies, alternative building materials and technologies to this province and provide benefits, such as a 15% corporate tax as well as benefits to building allowance tax, which we believe will attract further investment into this province. The R1,8 billion secured investment will also provide the much needed growth in jobs to an area where, a few years ago, was riddled with unemployment.

Madam Speaker, I must mention the support of the R12 million for skills development, while the need for the 14 000 artisan skills, specifically for the demand projection of the Saldanha Industrial Development Zone, as well as both skills training in Java and ICT is also welcomed.

side from this, the DA-led Western Cape, in its pursuit to create employment opportunities for each and every resident in our province, must use its budget to further enable rural communities to use resources available to them to make a living, and this includes appealing too for the decentralisation of small-scale fishing from National Government to enable our provincial Department of Economic Opportunity to enhance our ocean's economy even more.

At the root of many of the social ills in the Western Cape is always the lack of jobs and opportunity. It is pleasing to see that the Minister and his Department have made efficient use of its budget to create an enabling environment for business and investment into the Western Cape and grow those key industries and sectors in our provincial economy, to grow the jobs and market the Western Cape as a leading international tourism destination.

So, finally, I would like to extend my thanks to Mr Fourie and Minister Winde and his Department for playing a huge role in creating that enabling environment for jobs and growth. And to my Committee for the hard work and support to ensuring that we play an effective oversight role, as well as to my committee co-ordinator Zaheedah Adams for her hard work and support, the role that she provides to this Standing Committee. Madam Speaker, we support this Adjustments Budget. [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Schäfer. I now see the hon member Nkondlo.

Ms N D NKONDLO: Thank you, Madam Speaker. The Department of Economic Development and Tourism aims to contribute to Government's economic priorities. The budget priority of creating opportunities and jobs have been undermined by this Department as it surrenders 6% from cost of employment amounting to R7,6 million, the second largest decrease of CoE after the Provincial Treasury. This Department has a goal to act as a catalyst for the transformation of the economy and to respond to the challenges and opportunities of its citizens, and yet these adjustments present a somewhat interesting picture.

Whilst accepted that the budget process is not a "rigid" given some of the unforeseen circumstances and changes that may erupt from the operating environment, thus flexibility to shift monies during the Adjusted Estimate of Expenditure mid-term is allowed as provided for in PFMA. Caution must be placed though, that this process not be abused as a cover up for poor planning, where departments may require money without properly planning for it. The fact in that in the second quarter of the financial year, this Department already surrendered about R23 million as part of realignment of provincial budgets to the Provincial Revenue Fund, is a cause for concern.

The R15,4 million of Broadband undermines service delivery, given the commitment of the roll-out of this project, which since 2015/16 Broadband Stream 2 was delayed by five months, including the Saldanha Wireless Mesh, resulting in a roll-over of the funds. In 2016/17, again Broadband Stream 2 saw a roll-over of about R11 million; now in 2017/18 R15,4 million is

surrendered back to PRF as far as Broadband is concerned. What is the impact of this to service delivery, Minister?

What was this particular promise that, during your speech in 2014 when you launched a pilot of the free WiFi projects, you indicated that you would be rolling out to other communities in the near future, hoping to achieve 100% connectivity by December 2015. So where are we today in 2017 as we surrender R15,4 million back to the Provincial Revenue Fund?

The question here is: to what extent is this a reflection of planning limitations, because one would have expected that during the conceptualisation of the project, during the implementation of Stream 1, we would be able to know the digital age is here and it is here now and has been here for some time and it is known for its rapid changes in technology at high speed. What is this about? Is it about the DA-led Government in this province that does not have foresight, thus plunging service delivery as a trade-off of poor planning and decision-making or, worse still, is the politics of grandeur to woo votes and now for the past three years this project roll-out is being paralysed. [Interjection.]

What is the trade-off, Minister, of this delay and its opportunity cost? Can you tell this House and people of this province?

Already in 2013, a DA Member of Parliament, Mr M Swartz in the Standing Committee on Appropriations, cautioned National Treasury of monitoring

departments not to cover under-expenditure at the end of year by shifting of funds. He states, and I quote:

“When budgets were prepared for departments, the intention was for them to use all of the money on programmes, and Treasury ensured there was income to cover the expenditure. So surely you cannot plan and ask for funding only to return the money half-way.”

Further to shifting funds and its relationship to impede service delivery, one observes the constant vacancies of management posts, especially the delay in filling of posts in this particular Department. Whilst appreciating that slowly there has been filling of some of the senior management positions and appreciating that, in the main, those have been filled with females, one would have expected that indeed this Department should continue to ensure that their opportunity to fill these vacancies actually brings on board more women in this Department in senior management, especially from the African and Indian economically active population and, most importantly, disabled persons.

During the annual reporting period the Department could not explain why so few black Africans were not employed at top and senior management. Some of the excuses were that posts were frozen or blamed recruitment of suitable candidates. Here we can see how they surrender money which could be used in promoting transformation, yet we know they will say next year that they struggled to fill posts.

The programme with the highest reduction of R14 million, that is 11% of its budget, Economic Planning, which aims is to overcome critical inhibitors to economic growth, capitalise on economic opportunities which arise due to market forces or technological advances and to stimulate investment into the province. This programme has been crippled to make way for Broadband funding.

This Broadband received more money than the water crisis. Economic Planning only shifted R2,5 million ...

Mr Q R DYANTYI: There is no broadband [Inaudible.]

Ms N D NKONDLO: ... for the reprioritisation of budget to provide funds to implement projects addressing the water crisis within the Western Cape, yet IT and related assets received in excess of R7 million.

Tourism Destination Marketing was cut with R2 million and this was shifted to Tourism Sector Transformation. On paper this sounds good, but when looking at the detail one is shocked to see that it was moved towards the Cycle Route Development Project.

How did we come to a point where mountain biking and bicycle lanes are classified as Tourism Sector Transformation? How come this initiative was not budgeted for, given that the 2015/16 annual report informed of a business

case developed with industry for cycle tourism – so why this was not part of budget area?

Most concerning is the fact that in these programme activities, no significant transformation benefit can be recorded for the “black brand-owners” under Treasure Chest, beyond the exhibitions which at most do not yield any real business for these ladies, as they are constrained as mere marketing platforms of the wine-producers. The partnership with WOSA is not reflected as how the Wine Industry Charter and its imperatives are being used to realise the absence of real and impactful transformation of the wine industry.

Township tourism is still not prioritised against a R16 million spend to tourism marketing. Interesting is the response provided by this Department in general on township economy as the general reflection of absence of a deliberate programme to give focus to the economic development of historically disadvantaged areas to boost their local economies.

In the Department’s view, that is referred to as “informal economy” and as such the Department is still pondering at a study sometime in the future to understand this economy. Really? How many years has this DA been governing and responsible for this economy? So they do not see these communities as a significant economic focus. [Interjection.]

†‘n AGB LID: Skande!

[An HON MEMBER: Disgrace!]

Ms N D NKONDLO: We are told that some internal work has been initiated in this regard, not sure what that is, as that has not been shared. The Minister also in the Standing Committee informed us of a great initiative they have just launched with Pick n Pay to roll out mini-retail outlets in townships. One wonders what informed this intervention if a study is still to be commissioned.

Let us caution you, Minister, that already this intervention has raised concerns in Gugulethu where one was recently launched, as no public participation was undertaken to give citizens of Gugulethu an opportunity to air their views and understand this model. Remember, township retail businesses in the form of spazas have been destroyed by the introduction of shopping malls, with big retail brands such as Pick n Pay taking over, using their dominance in the market to take them out of these local markets, which have been their source of income for years.

This Department is supposed to protect and enhance local economies instead of bringing big commercial entities to take away from small businesses the little market share that they still occupy. We are following the Competition Commission inquiry and recent hearings on uncompetitive behaviour in the retail industry, and to date the majority of culprits of collusions, price-fixing, abuse of dominance have been found here in the Western Cape. We shall watch the space of this “invention” by the Department to destroy what is left of our township economy to the benefit of the big commercial brands.

This says much about the Department's strategic objective on "inclusive growth" where it promised to attempt to identify barriers to growing the informal economy, and in so doing absorbing labour already in 2015/16, and in 2017 the same Department is saying they are still to start an investigation to understand the informal economy.

Who is fooling who? Clearly the bias of this Department is not SMMEs, especially black, emerging and existing businesses in townships and as surely as the hon member has said before, that maybe these are just being accommodated here in this province. Shame, because here in South Africa I think if entrepreneurs are using the constitutional opportunity of a democratic South Africa, that is freedom of movement to come to this particular province.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Nkondlo, your time has expired.

Ms N D NKONDLO: It cannot be, it cannot be that it is said that they are being accommodated. As the ANC, we would rather the Department prioritise the issues of local economies, especially from townships ...
[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Nkondlo.

Ms N D NKONDLO: ...to enhance those local markets. In the absence of such, as the ANC we cannot support the adjustment to this vote. [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you. In the absence of the ACDP and the EFF, I now recognise and see the Minister. Minister Winde.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. First of all thank you very much to the Standing Committee; to the Chair. Thank you for your contribution. I think specifically your points around water and it is very, very much, of course, front of mind in everyone's space and the way we are thinking at the moment but it is interesting, I think, it being a crisis but at the same time a massive, massive opportunity. [Interjection.]

And I think the massive opportunity is not necessarily ... [Interjection.] there for the big guys, it is actually there for the SMMEs and it is really good to see how many SMMEs are starting up, putting in grey water systems, people are looking at new systems of low water use car washes, it really is interesting to see how the economy steps up to the plate when we have these kind of crises and, of course, any entrepreneur knows that a crisis is the best place to find opportunity.

So definitely the water is creating those opportunities and we need to see how we promote and push and enable those businesses to do what they need to do because obviously, over time, climate change is going to make this region more and more water-dependent and have more and more scarcity with regard to water, but of course we can then play a much more leading role as

climate change affects not only us but in other economies and we can then play a reverse role where we step in.

I think the same applies to your mentioning the green economy and specifically the role that GreenCape plays. They are holding regular sessions with businesses to find ways to use less water in their production, but also enabling those businesses, as I have just said, about where the opportunities lie.

They are also working at the moment on trying to find a – and for want of a better word – a standard, whether it be, we already have Blue Drops and Green Drops for measuring water but we need a best practice standard on how much water you use within your business sector. So, for example, hon Minister Nomafrench can tell you how many litres of water per bed in our hospitals. We need to work out whether that is close to best practice; if not, what are we going to do to get to best practice and how do we make sure that we actually start to play a role in determining what best practice is in the economy, whether it is a bed night in a hospital or in a B&B or whether it is how much water is used to produce whatever that commodity or that item is that you are selling or that service that you are producing.

I think also acknowledging some of the amazing work that is being done, specifically you highlighted Air Lift. It really is one of those projects that some of them you sometimes make mistakes and you have to change your mind, but sometimes you come across projects like this that really out-

perform anything that you have, or even your wildest dreams, and I think that is what the Air Lift project is doing at the moment. It is really sitting at more than 800 000 new seats directly into our region, probably sitting at R3,5 to R4 billion's worth of extra new opportunity and you can see how the industry is reacting to it because you can see investment in a very, very difficult climate, but you can see massive investment specifically in the tourism sector.

And I want to thank all the role-players there, especially the Airport and you know we have an Airport that, at the moment during our water crisis, airlines are busy flying to Cape Town at the moment and not uplifting water at our Airport, they are actually dropping off excess water and we are storing it here. So the Airport are even playing a role in that regard.

So then I think moving on to the hon member Nkondlo. You have raised a whole lot of questions. I will deal with a couple of them. I think first of all your issue around the CoE money and you talk about posts unfilled. I presume you are aware that there is a position that says, in order to save because of the economic space that we find ourselves in, Treasury and the Minister of Finance have said: please do not fill those positions and surrender that money back. So it is a principle that we have all agreed to. It is not as if we are not filling those positions, so we have agreed to that ... [Interjection.] in a way of actually trying to save extra money in this region.

And, of course, these are things that we do, small little things that we do, at

the same time trying to counter the hundreds of billions of rands that are just looted and stolen at a national level.

You spoke about the R15,4 million and of course this has to do with the WiFi project and you asked about the number of WiFi hotspots and of course if you remember, when we first launched this programme we were looking at just over 400 WiFi hotspots and you have also heard – in the Standing Committee you heard it - and I will tell you again – and you said in an industry of rapid changes and of course that is exactly what happens. You have to continually change ... [Interjections.] specifically in issues around the Fourth Industrial Revolution and specifically WiFi-enabling. So you will know that those 400-odd WiFi hotspots ...

The SPEAKER: Minister Winde, please talk to me.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ... are moving to the thousands now as we are using the rapid changes, as you say, and the renegotiations. And you also know that of course now, instead of having it separated into three streams and in three different spaces, one in the Premier's office, one in Treasury and one in Economic Development, that they will be centred into one space because that is where those negotiations of this rapidly changing environment take place and therefore that makes sense.

But as you hear that we are still involved on the front-end of that, but

perhaps – you speak about those, if you have a look at the rolled out WiFi hotspots and if you were interested you would see what kind of impact it is having. So I quickly had a look, if you have a look at a place like Saron, a small little place in a rural area, their last usage was 126,6 gigs. That is a fair amount of information that is now being utilised through one of these hotspots.

If you look at Dysselsdorp, 129,9 gigs. If you look at Bonteheuwel Secondary Primary, 135 gigabytes. If you go to the De Doorns Clinic ... [Interjection.] the clinic in De Doorns is using 148,5 gigs at the moment. If have a look at how many users are on the WiFi ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: If you have a look at how many users are on the WiFi hotspot system right now as we speak, there are 219 484 users on this WiFi hotspot system. [Applause.] You asked the question, that is what is happening with regard to this. If you want to have a look at the – this is also a very interesting ... [Interjection.] ... point and that is around pricing and we know that data costs ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please. Hon Minister, will you kindly take your seat? Hon member Nkondlo, you have had an opportunity to speak. Interjections,

but not an ongoing commentary. Thank you. You may proceed, hon Minister Winde.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Thank you, Madam Speaker. The hon member asked the question but she does not like the answer.

Then of course if we have a look at it, and the thing was around pricing on the back of these hotspot roll-outs and as these hotspots are rolled out people, users get a certain amount of free WiFi data. But of course if we look at the cost of the data if you buy beyond that, and we have spoken about that many times, we will renegotiate those prices as part of renegotiation. So you will know that R45 for five gigs is what the price is at the moment and I am pretty certain that over the next year you are probably even going to see that coming down. But at the moment, if you look at our usage, where we went in June, 779 gigs free but 5 753 gigs purchased after you have used your free WiFi. That was the June numbers. In July it went up from 797 to 889 free and 6 025 gigs purchased.

So you can see that what you are doing is creating that enabling environment and remember that these hotspots are out in poor communities, in communities that do not necessarily have regular access because the big companies are not putting in WiFi into those spaces.

Then what I want to do is speak to the hon member's point around informal

and formal. And perhaps this is where she almost intimates that if you are in a poorer area, a township area, that that is an informal economy. [Interjection.] Now that is totally incorrect because there are formal businesses and informal businesses. An informal business ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please, hon member Tyatyam.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: An informal business ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: No, you need to raise – hon Minister Winde, kindly take your seat. Hon member Tyatyam, the recourse is, if you wish to agree or answer a question or disagree, pose it to the Chair and say: will the hon Minister take a question, but you cannot just say no, it is not like that and start to engage the hon Minister. [Interjection.] But it does not work like that, so can I please call you to order? Hon Minister Winde, you may proceed. Thank you.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: So of course the informal economy is an economy where businesses do not register, they are not registered, they do not necessarily want to be in the formal economy and of course that is the discussion that we have to have. I personally feel that we should actually lift that bar, in other words to increase the informal economy because the informal economy is easier and cheaper to go into business. As soon as you restrict and register, you put costs in place, like taxation and registration.

The second thing is, and I absolutely agree with her, that when you move into a business area with a formal shopping centre, you kill the SMMEs in that region. And I absolutely agree with her. But where I cannot understand where she comes from, in saying that when the Department gets involved in helping an entrepreneur, specifically in a poorer community, to take that person's business to a very different level, that there needs to be public participation. That I do not get. So if a spaza shop owner decides to become a major retailer ... [Interjection.] he needs to have public participation. I am sorry, that does not work. This is a free market system that we have. [Interjection.] and if we take the intervention that she was speaking about ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order. Hon members, I have a duty ... [Interjections.] Have you now decided where you are at, hon members? Hon member Tyatyam, take this conversation outside of the chamber, please. I am certain there is a lot you can engage on.

The SPEAKER: I am not pointing any fingers. Let us just all engage. You are going to have a lunch break; while you have your meal, talk to each other. Hon Minister Winde, you may proceed.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: So let me continue on this vein where we talk about entrepreneurs who sit in a space and the retailers that the hon member was speaking about. These are the retailers in Gugulethu and Khayelitsha. These are not retailers that the Provincial Government or officials in the Department of Economic

Development go and choose. These are retailers that build partnerships with other businesses and we were requested to come along and see if we can help.

So, for example, when you go to the business that the hon member is speaking about, here you have an existing retailer, a spaza shop owner, and this person gets approached by Pick n Pay and Pick n Pay says: we do not want to come and open a Pick n Pay next-door to your shop because we know that if we do that, it damages small businesses, exactly the point that she made. We do not want to do that, but are you interested in building a partnership? Are you interested in using our distribution system and our distribution centre and our buying power? Are you interested in becoming a franchisee and a partner with us? If you are, what we will do is we will invest into your business, we will help you rebuild and structure your business, we will help you with signage, we will help you with point of sale electronics, we will help you with storage, design and ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ... systems in your business. What is more, we will help you with training your staff and, what is more, once we do that we will hold your hand as you take your business from 100 or R200 000 a day or a month or a week business, to a one, two and three million rand a week, a month business. And that is exactly what is happening, it is a whole new design of a system so that you do not put the big business in to kill the small businesses. It is how the

small businesses actually find ways to become bigger businesses and those businesses ... [Interjections.] And if you notice, those businesses' names, they remain the same name ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ... that that business was before the partnership started. It is not as if Pick n Pay has taken over and rebranded their own shop. [Interjections.] That spaza shop remains the ownership, but what happens is suddenly that entrepreneur has built a partnership that allows them to employ more people, deliver a better product, a better service and that is what the economy is about. That is how you build businesses. That is how you actually empower and grow within spaces. This is not informal, this is formal, this is registered. This business pays tax and employs people, but ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ... and I have continually... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: No, it is a running commentary now.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ... heard the ongoing questioning from the hon member, but then

she must ask the questions or engage in the Standing Committee or even come out on site when we invite them to come and have a look at what happens on the ground. [Interjections.]

And with that, I thank all of the participants. I also want to thank and I have thanked the Department. I also want to thank my office, the Ministry, for the support that they give me in enabling me to do this job. Thank you very much. [Applause.]

[Debate concluded.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister Winde. Hon members, that concludes the debate on this vote. Proceedings will be suspended and the House will resume at 14h00. I thank you.

[Business of the House was suspended at 12:57 and resumed at 14:00]

The SPEAKER: Thank you. You may be seated. Good afternoon, members. I trust you have enjoyed your lunch. We will now proceed with the fifth Order of the day. I will ask the Secretary to read the Order please.

The SECRETARY: Debate on Vote 11 – Agriculture – *Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill* [B 6 – 2017].

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

Winde.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I am tabling today's Adjustments Budget in a very difficult time for the agricultural sector.

Over the past year, this sector has faced a number of challenges brought about by mainly the drought, but then of course that has implications and various diseases have also hit us, and specifically the poultry industry hit the hardest.

We have not come away unscathed, Madam Speaker. In the past year, we have seen jobs lost in the agricultural and agri processing sector, according to the latest figures from Stats South Africa.

Our projections have also looked at the impact of what happens if we have a 100% cut in the supply of water to the agricultural sector for an entire season. The Western Cape has around 193 000 hectares of irrigated fruit and vines, contributing around R13 billion to our GVA, which is an indicator of all the goods and services procured by an industry.

This translates into 72% of the total GVA of the agricultural sector and these farming units employ around 97 000 people. These 97 000 jobs will be at risk in the case of a 100% water cut.

Reduced crop results could also drive up food prices, and we know that poor households already spend around 40% of their income on food. This is why we are working hard to mitigate the impact of the drought on jobs and on food security.

While the drought is a threat to our Project Khulisa goals, we are still making important progress in growing agriculture and in growing agri processing. Wesgro has secured investments worth R1 billion into these sectors. In the wine industry, exports to China have increased by 80% since the launch of Project Khulisa.

We have supported five black-owned businesses to attend the ProWine Exhibition and 18 agri processing firms to attend the Food and Hotel Conference just a short while ago in China. I am happy to report that five companies secured new deals at these exhibitions while others are following strong leads.

We are using this Adjustments allocation – R71 million in total – as a tool to further support the sector to grow, as it provides employment and food security to millions of households across our province.

To support farmers impacted by the drought, we have already started distributing the R40 million received from the National Department of Co-Operative Governance and Traditional Affairs.

These funds are being used for livestock feed for 1 300 commercial and smallholder farmers in all districts of the Western Cape. In the first month of assistance we will spend more than R20 million, exhausting half of the allocation. This illustrates the need for financial support across our province.

The Western Cape Department of Agriculture has invested R67 million in drought relief to support these farmers to keep their businesses running.

One of my key priorities is to mitigate the economic and social impact of the drought on families living in rural communities. That is why, to support food security initiatives, we have allocated R2 million for water tanks for food gardens in the West Coast, Cape Winelands, Eden and Central Karoo districts. This water supply will sustain the food gardens we are investing in, in our drive to ensure that families have access to healthy food. Food gardens are also economic drivers, especially in rural communities, where residents sell surplus to earn an extra income. You would have seen, Madam Speaker, just a short while ago we recognised one of those small scale backyard vegetable growers, who turns 100 years old, and at 100 years old he is still supplying vegetables to the local Clanwilliam Hotel.

In our bid to ensure that residents and farms in rural communities have access to drinking water, we are investing R10 million in the installation of boreholes. Construction will commence as soon as possible in the Matzikama area, as well as critical areas where the need for additional water supply to humans and animals are the greatest. These boreholes will be shared between

the farms where possible and to increase the impact of the intervention.

We know that sustainable resource management is also critical to respond to the impact of the water crisis, and of course to climate change. That is why we are allocating R5 million to clearing alien vegetation along the Berg River. This is obviously additional to the work that we have been doing there for a long time and we can start to see the impact there.

In many instances, alien plants consume more water than indigenous plants, draining underground water sources. Alien species also limit the flow of water into our rivers. The Berg River project will create 40 work opportunities and 20 000-person days of employment.

To better prepare for the changing weather patterns, we know we must continue to invest in research and innovation. At our research farms across the Western Cape, our scientists are conducting ground-breaking studies to keep our farmers competitive and sustainable.

Our Conservation Agriculture programme for small grains has resulted in excellent results, even under severe drought conditions. I would like to share some of the key milestones from our trials with you, Madam Speaker:

- Wheat average yields in previous drought years, since the long-term trial at Langgewens began, realized 1 ton per hectare in 2003. After our Conservation Agriculture interventions, the yield increased to 2,1 tons

per hectare in 2015.

- Furthermore, at Langgewens our wheat crop per millimeter water used increased from 12,78 kg/mm in 2014 to 13,42 kg/mm in 2016.
- In the same way, our barley production increased from 12,1 kg/mm in 2014 to 18 kg/mm in 2016

These figures show us the benefits of effective use of water under Conservation Agriculture principles. It is encouraging when you travel through the West Coast specifically, to see how many farmers have adopted this principle in the way that they farm.

To ensure that this team can continue with the work they do in preparing our sector for the future, we are allocating a further R7,8 million in drought assistance to these farms. The funds will be used to purchase fodder for herds at our research farms in Elsenburg, Langgewens, Tygerhoek, Oudtshoorn, George, Nortier and to improve our water systems and irrigation equipment for optimal use of water.

Along with the drought, Avian Influenza also emerged as a threat to our agricultural sector this year. I am happy to report that no new cases have been confirmed since the end of October. Our vets have started assisting farmers as they prepare to start restocking their chicken farms. And perhaps at this juncture I really want to say to those vets out there and the

Department who were behind supporting this industry as it went through some of the toughest times that it has had, was really amazing and I want to thank them for the 24/7 support that they were giving.

Madam Speaker, as the year draws to a close, we will continue to work with the private sector to find long-term solutions in the challenges in this space. We know that by being proactive we can effectively manage our bigger risks. And of course, we must learn from these and I think already you can hear the discussions when we have the top management meetings as how we take those learnings into programs for next year, so that we actually mitigate the possibility or when this does hit us again, we are far better prepared and so we must learn from this process.

With these adjustments in the budget we are seeking to further grow this sector, ensuring that it remains a major economic driver and is able to deliver quality food to residents and international markets.

Madam Speaker, I would like to also thank every single person on our farms, in our rural areas who are in the midst of this ‘worst in living memory’ drought, three years into it and it is amazing to see the resilience. It is amazing to see how, despite these, people get up every day and try to seriously make plans and become still able to produce food to continue with doing what they are doing, and I really, really do commend them for that.

I would also like to thank the HOD and the Department in this regard for the

support that they are giving and as I started in saying that this is a very, very difficult time and of course this Department is at the coalface dealing with that industry who is really feeling the pain. You know, it is not as though we can just put a desalination plant in and sort that kind of water out for agriculture. Those input costs would be way too high. We rely so heavily on our dam infrastructure, on our canal systems and of course on our rain and it is this Department that faces that industry day in and day out and I want to thank them very much for it.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister Winde. I see the hon member Schäfer.

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Thank you, Madam Speaker. The Western Cape is in the grip as we say, of one of the most severe hydrological droughts our province has seen in decades, the impact of which on the province's agricultural sector has already been detailed by Minister Alan Winde. I must welcome the Department's efficient use of agricultural drought relief funds to provide water to food gardens, to protect the food security of rural communities and the vitality of small-holder farmers of all the districts in the province.

This along with the commitment to protect where at all possible, our agricultural sector, will soften the blow of the drought on this province. Of these efforts I welcome the Department's commitment to protecting and preserving self-irrigated farm land such as the Philippi Horticulture Area. The Philippi Horticulture Area is one of the most crucially demarcated

agricultural land developments in the city and yields up to 200 000 tons of fresh produce each year, creating up to 30 000 jobs.

We look forward to the completion of the study on the PHA in February to assess the way forward. Indeed, the only challenge to a prosperous agricultural sector is change. It is not change itself that threatens the well-being of this industry but our failure to adapt it. An ever-changing climate is now a reality in our country and in particular our province and we must be pre-emptive and pro-active when it comes to formulating and carrying our policies to sustain and grow our economy's agricultural sector in the face of these unpredictable weather patterns.

Climatic models from leading global researchers have revealed that some of the Western Cape's key agricultural land lies in regions which face possible desertification in the coming decades. If this is the case, then water security is something with which the province will certainly grapple with in times to come. It is up to us to explore alternative means of water provision, not only for human consumption but to sustain agriculture.

The exploration of alternative farming methods to sustain our sector in increasingly water scarce years, is a pro-active measure and which is necessary to anticipate those climate fluctuations and implement Government strategies to protect the vitality of this water dependent industry.

It is in the face of 100% ban on water use for agricultural purposes that I say

here to you today, Madam Speaker, the agricultural sector is at the brink of a challenge that it hasn't seen here in the Western Cape in a long, long time. A potential drop of just 10% in agricultural produce could cost the economy a further R3,2 billion and an approximate loss of 17 000 jobs.

Agriculture has already ensured that a comprehensive plan be implemented to reduce water usage on our farms without affecting the crop. The use of those underground aquifers, such as those in the PHA, or the recycling of water through hydroponic farming, are just some of the innovative agricultural processes already in use in this province to combat a water shortage. But the reality is that we need to adapt and entirely reform the industry to sustain year on year growth in the long run and in the face of increasingly limited water resources.

This is our task moving forward, both as farmers and agricultural specialists and it is a commitment that we must all make. Madam Speaker, the small amount of R40 million from National Government for drought is pie in the sky.

We have seen the lack of water infrastructure spend in this province and we ask National Government whether they intend to allocate further funds. After all, this province has been in a three-year drought and so far the Western Cape has had to cover most of the cost of that drought.

1 375 commercial and smallholder farmers are currently receiving their

monthly drought support to sustain 89 430 animals and we want to thank the Department for that much needed support. We know too that in order to mitigate that impact of drought on the local economy, the Western Cape is completing a R4 million pro-active maintenance plan on the Clanwilliam Dam Canal System.

Although the maintenance of dam infrastructure is not the responsibility of the Western Cape Government it seems that in the face of no infrastructure spend by National Government that the negative impacts that canals' breaks have had on agricultural sector in the lower Olifants River area, cannot be ignored.

So, while drought is a direct threat to food security and an economic sustainability on our farmers and agri workers, it also has exasperated existing biological pathogens which threaten the agricultural sector at large. The lack of fodder leads to vulnerable livestock with an increase in disease such as Blowfly and Avian Flu. The Department also reported that there is a great risk to 23 141 Western Cape households who grow their own food, at which 87% are reliant on piped water.

With a warmer and drier winter, an outbreak of Avian Influenza has been relentless in its attack of our province's poultry industry and to date the 2,8 million poultry that have died, all have been culled so far. But we welcome the fact that there have been no new infections at commercial poultry farms since 18 October as the Minister has mentioned.

It is also pleasing to note the Department's swift response to this outbreak, making efficient use of the budget allocation to prevent further spread of the virus. This is yet another example of the provincial Department of Agriculture's pro-active approach to preserving the sector which it so serves.

We are as a committee looking forward to engaging with your Department on the finding of its provincial wide household census of residents working on farms which it undertakes as a key study to inform future policy. We note that the three-year agri worker household census is the most comprehensive database of agricultural workers in South Africa.

Research such as this is extremely important, and we welcome the budget allocation towards research which much always continue if we are to remain competitive as a sector and as a province.

Madam Speaker, I would like to thank the Committee for the work that they have done together as a team effort, applying our minds to the changes that this sector faces. I also want to thank Minister Winde and Joyene Isaacs and her department who engaged with us on a continued basis and I commend them for their dedication to agriculture. We note the long list of people that have since retired having spent more than 30 years in this sector and we thank them for their long service.

We look forward to spending another year engaging with this department in the next year. Last but not least I would like to thank Zaheedah Adams for

her hard work in her support for the Standing Committee. Madam Speaker, we support this budget.

†'n AGBARE LID: Mooi!

[An HON MEMBER: Good!]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Schäfer. I now see the hon member Tyatyam.

Mr S G TYATYAM: Thank you. Thank you, Madam Speaker ...

[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: You have got support before you even begin, hon member Tyatyam.

Mr S G TYATYAM: Let me upfront, Madam Speaker, say that the staff, the management, you have a huge challenge in front of you and you have been doing well to try and deal with some of the challenges, but this water crisis is going to give you challenges. Not only water, it also affects food security. But you must understand that you are in this Department, this crisis is a DA-made crisis ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Tyatyam, please direct the Chair and not the administration, thank you.

Mr S G TYATYAM: No, I am looking at you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

Mr S G TYATYAM: One word, the headstrong ... [Interjections.] DA continues to dictate to all and sundry, but it does not put its money where its mouth is ... [Interjection.]

Mr K E MAGAXA. It is not God made.

Mr S G TYATYAM: No. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please.

Mr S G TYATYAM: The DA rather engages in lame blame games. Everything about National, you are blaming National, shifting your responsibilities. Here yesterday they were saying it is their responsibility to do oversight, but what oversight have they been doing to deal with the issues that were raised long time ago, that there will be drought in the Western Cape?

We continue even today to lose potable water to the sea and nothing has been done. We know that we will be losing water, but there are no plans that are clear in relation to the recycling of water to assist our communities, particularly in the rural areas. [Interjections.]

Here in the City of Cape Town, the PHA when we went to them, met with them, they were saying they can assist to recycle some of the water to different parts to be used for different issues in the households. Did we move to assist them, the Department? No. There are still plans, there is still research, but yet the challenge is now, Madam Speaker.

Instead of acting earlier to avert the dire water crisis, the DA still opts to talk a lot and write long speeches to the *Daily Maverick* when our people are suffering now. They spend their time and energy explaining themselves, that they have plans. Yet they have not implemented their plans practically at the moment.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: We have.

Mr S G TYATYAM: So, Madam Speaker, the issue of bringing alternatives and sufficient sustainable water, that is possible only if the Department and the DA can allow themselves to be innovative and allow other people to assist them to deal with issues that deal with the water crisis and we must take it, Madam Speaker, that this water issue is not only here in the City of Cape Town.

Go to the Metros where the DA is leading now. Go to Nelson Mandela. There is a water crisis there now. Go to Johannesburg ... [Interjections.] There is a water crisis now. ... [Interjections.] They are unable to deal with this issue. No proper planning, this is what we are talking about in this DA...

[Interjections.]

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

Mr S G TYATYAM: It is your problem ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order please.

Mr S G TYATYAM: All the DA Government can do is to give only R74,5 million more for this vote. This is even below the National Government's contribution, yet we have billions of reserves that are kept.

It is clear that this amount is even less than 10% of the main appropriation of the Agriculture budget and yet, the Minister wants to stand up and say they take this Department seriously. This Department is not taken seriously. If we did not have the management that assist the agricultural sector we would not be here. We must train them indeed, because under DA, I am sure many of them have grown white hairs at the moment.

The water system of the province, Madam Speaker, is definitely under pressure, but I think it is important to see how do we make sure that the Department also looks at other innovative issues to deal with this crisis, because agriculture or rural areas in terms PSG1, we should not only look at farm or agricultural work.

We must look at all others that add and help people to create those opportunities for them. Not to only look at one ... [Interjections.] which is currently what is happening. It is really bad. You know, you give a pittance of R6,7 million for farmer support. What must people do with R6,7 million, when we know we have a challenge? We have a serious challenge ... [Interjections.] You give R1,6 million for veterinarian... services. R1,6 million ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order... [Interjection.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: ...and we know that we have a challenge. The issue is that we might not have a problem of a continuous outbreak of Avian Flu, but we know it is not the first time it happened here in this province and yet, we did not even put prevention mechanisms in place to make sure that it does not happen again.

So, that is the problem that we are sitting with, not being able to be innovative and deal with issues of proper ... [Interjections.] The matter of Education, where about R190 000 was taken away and now that Education, they are left with only R50 000.

It is clear that the Department is not serious in making sure that we grow and get more graduates and people who are active in this sector. We cannot be taking those resources, the personnel that we need so much at this time, away.

So, what I am saying, it is not right for the Department to shift the whole R2 million of the compensation of employees to only benefit one person who has retired. Why was that money not planned for in the Main Appropriation Budget when you want to give a handshake, because that is a handshake basically, to one of your friends there, you know.

It is worrying also, Madam Speaker, that almost R22 million was taken away from the compensation of employees, again confirming that there are positions that are supposed to be filled that will not be filled. And it also does not deal - it is a pity now we are not dealing with annual reports - it does not deal with the fact that there are staff that continue to leave the Department.

I am not going to speak about those issues now ... [Interjection.] because we want to raise them when we deal with that issue at that time. Many staff have left the Department, because of labour issues in the Department. [Interjections.] Other than the contribution to public corporations and private increase, it has increased by a huge R54 million, where money has been taken from the Department to private enterprises.

To me, Madam Speaker, it smacks of fiscal as there is also almost R4 million that has recently been taken for machinery and equipment. Why was that money not planned in the Main Appropriation, so that this particular allocation it deals with matters of urgency, not fiscal dumping?

Madam Speaker, the other issue that we would want to talk to here is, there is also a whopping R10 million that goes to consultants. More consultants to deal with issues of export control. Why a whopping R10 million?

The SPEAKER: Sorry, hon member Tyatyam, if you could finish up. Your time has expired.

Mr S G TYATYAM: Not yet, not yet.

The SPEAKER: Your time has expired, hon member Tyatyam. I thank you.

Mr S G TYATYAM: Okay, let me finish... [Interjections.] Let me finish.

The SPEAKER: Sorry, your time is up. That was 10 minutes. A whopping 10 minutes, hon member Tyatyam.

Mr S G TYATYAM: A whopping R10 million. [Time expired.]

The SPEAKER: In the absence of the ACDP and in the absence of the EFF, I now see the hon Minister Winde.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I think first of all to the Chair, thank you very much for your contribution. I think, as you highlighted, and I said as well, the risk of 100% cutting water to agriculture is obviously

a massive risk to those businesses, but it is a much bigger risk to us in society, the job losses and of course the food security that goes with it and we are all going to feel the food inflation on the back of this drought.

We are already feeling it. But you spoke about aquifers; you spoke about boreholes and I know that the hon Minister Bredell also mentioned it, and it is something that is worrying us a lot, because we are putting in so many boreholes as emergency and I think I need to use this opportunity to call for responsible use of our boreholes.

We are pulling more and more water out of our aquifers and underground water and it is going to be putting more and more and more pressure on that system and of course if you suck that down below your extraction levels, you are then in very, very big trouble. That is the 100% that of course agriculture definitely cannot afford and specifically also our rural communities, but that is why we are putting this money in the Adjustments Budget towards those specific boreholes and we will make sure that wherever those are that they are properly managed, but they are there for making sure that we just alleviate this absolute risk that is facing us at the moment.

But you also spoke about the money that gets spent on the canals. And of course, this should not be the money that the Provincial Government should be spending, but you know, you have to make decisions sometimes and you have got to actually support this industry so those canals in the Clanwilliam area, on the Olifants River and the supply system to agriculture there, that

R4 million again, it is going to them.

We have spent a fair amount of money over the last few years, helping them with maintenance, ensuring water supply. That water supply, although Agriculture is stepping in, those towns, down those canals, they also get their water source from those canals and it is unfortunate that our Department who is supposed to be looking after those is not actually able to.

Yesterday I spoke about how much money was owing, where they owed the money and the kind of financial position that that Department finds itself in, but then we spent the R3 million on cleaning up the canal system, the weir system leading into the canals for the Voëlvlei Dam, and of course the Minister of Finance came along with me to go and have a look at that, because we had to convince him that we need to spend provincial money on something that is not our competency.

Of course we are also going to be sending an invoice to the National Department for that work as well. But an interesting thing happened when we initially said we are going to clean this canal although it is not our competency. I received this. Can you see whose department this is from? While you are muttering there.

This comes from the Department of Water and Sanitation. It is a media statement on 2 August 2017. 2 August is a very important date, and in it, it says the Department of Water and Sanitation wishes to dismiss the incorrect

reports that it has been stalling to make funds available for the maintenance of water canals in the Western Cape. The cleaning of canals falls within the responsibility ambit of the provincial Department of Agriculture. Against this backdrop it is expected the Department of Agriculture in the Western Cape should take the lead in removing the sediment.

In other words, this press statement goes on to say that it is not the National Department, it is the Provincial Department's job to clean these canals, right? There is the statement. So, I then said, well this is excellent thank you very much, Minister. Put a counter statement out. Said to the National Minister that we will take that responsibility, of course we will also take the funding that goes with that responsibility and we will get the water users associations who use that water to give us the money ... [Interjections.] because of course if you have the function you need to have the funds, right?

The SPEAKER: Order.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Funds must follow that function. ... [Interjections.] Then I got a horrible letter from the Minister. I got a very horrible letter from the Minister who said to me, I am overstepping my mandate and it is absolutely inaccurate that I am able to take over control of this water system and in actual fact the press release of - and I now quote from the press release that she attached to her letter to me, the press release, of 2 August, this one was at 3.58pm; I will have to check which time this one was, but it was definitely

earlier than that.

So, then her press department issue a second press statement that is exactly the opposite to the first one. [Interjections.] Quite interesting, because suddenly she realised that it wasn't just a quick kneejerk reaction, but this is actually her responsibility.

Anyway, we will continue to deal with this issue. We will send those invoices, because quite frankly, it is when we fail to actually plan within the space of our ambit and our responsibility that we fail the people of this country - all the people this country, all the people of this province, your supporters as well as ours, when we fail to do this kind of thing. When we mess up in this way it is actually detrimental to every single one of the citizens of this country and it is shocking, and you should be standing up and actually fight on behalf of the residents of this province in this arena, not coming here ... [Interjections.] with mentioning all sorts of rubbish that you mentioned. But I will continue on it ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ...onto the hon Tyatyam.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Tyatyam. Minister, will you take your seat, please?

Mr S G TYATYAM: The MEC is saying we are talking rubbish and I understand that, that it is not unparliamentary. There are other terms that they can use.

An HON MEMBER: It is rude!

Mr S G TYATYAM: Because if you start using “rubbish” now, then they must expect next time we will be “rubbish”.

Ms P MAKELENI: Ja, exactly.

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

Mr S G TYATYAM: Just expect that.

The SPEAKER: ...earlier on the word “rubbish” was used – take your seat please, and we said that “rubbish” in terms of context - “talking rubbish” as compared to, “you are rubbish”. So that ... [Interjections.] no-no and I had undertaken earlier to come back to the House with a ruling after I had gone through all the other rulings regarding “rubbish”. So that ruling stands and I will note your second objection or point to the use of the word “rubbish”. [Interjections.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: You said, Madam Speaker, you said you were not in the House at that time when I raised the same issue.

The SPEAKER: No, no sorry hon ... [Interjection.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: So that is the reason that we said you are going to check Hansard and then ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Ja, but that was earlier on this morning ... [Interjection.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: This time you are in the House.

The SPEAKER: Sorry. Hon member Tyatyam, that was this morning.

Mr S G TYATYAM: Yes.

The SPEAKER: We are still on the same day ... [Interjection.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: You were not ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: I have not had a chance to peruse ... [Interjection.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: You were not in the House ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: I have not had a chance to peruse Hansard yet since this morning ... [Interjection.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: No. The point now I am saying, Madam Speaker, now

you are in the House. You have heard the member.

The SPEAKER: Now I am asking you to take your seat and I am telling you that I will revert to Hansard and the audio and I will come back to the House in need, hon member Tyatyam. I thank you. Hon Minister, you may proceed.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Thank you very much. The hon member Tyatyam starts, I am not going to comment on that the drought is a DA-made crisis, but I will talk about the point that he raised on recycling and I agree with him.

I think that we need to really up our game with regard to using recycled water for using our water a second, a third and a fourth time. I absolutely agree with him, but I do not agree with him, I will not say the word “rubbish”, I will say the nonsensical stuff that comes out around ‘no recycling happens in this province.’

In this very House the hon member Tyatyam had a bottle of water put in front of him that was recycled water from Beaufort West. It was in this House last year already. ... [Interjections.] It provides ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order please!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: It provides 20% ... [Interjections.] of the water of that

municipality, but this is not a local government debate. This is an agricultural debate. [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Tyatyam and the rest, please, there is a speaker on the floor. Leave the water in the toilet. You may proceed, Minister Winde.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: But this is an agricultural debate. So, let us talk about recycling in agriculture and I also believe that we need to be doing a lot more in this space. But, does the hon member Tyatyam know that all of the irrigation that takes place in the Durbanville Wine region, in that Wine Valley, that irrigation is recycled water. They have been using recycled water for years already.

Mr S G TYATYAM: I do know that.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: You do know that? But you have just told us that there is no recycling happening in this province and now I am explaining to you that there is recycling, and you said but you do know that. So then, I do not know because that is a ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order please.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND

TOURISM: I am not sure whether that is “rubbish” or not ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Minister Winde and hon member Tyatyam, you cannot engage in a debate across the floor. We have a speaker. If there is a question to be posed. Let us – hon member Tyatyam, you have had your turn. The Minister is now responding. Can we allow the Minister to continue? You may proceed, Minister.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Thank you very much. But, I do agree that we need to be looking at all of our local authorities and finding out what amount of water can be utilised out of the black water and sewerage systems that they have, that we can actually put these recycling plants in place, that we can use this water for agriculture and I think it is something that needs to be looked at across the province.

With regard to funding and the hon member Tyatyam speaks about insufficient funding and amounts have been put in. He spoke about a dismal amount going to the vets. He must read an Adjustments Budget with our normal budget, because that is where the funding goes to the vets.

What happens in an adjustment time, is you have to make a decision on some of the money, whether you will spend it in that program or not and if not what should you be spending it on or should you stop spending some money on a specific program because there are pressures on other programs. That is

what an Adjustments Budget is all about.

But of course, if you look at the last three years and we have heard in this House that no one has been doing anything for three years. Well if we look at the total funding spent by this Department in the last three years and National, I will add National to it, but it is a R120,404 million that has gone to drought relief. Of that we have just received now a R40 million amount that has come for us. There is another R40 million, if we are talking about disaster and coming out of disaster – the National Department has made R40 million available for the whole of South Africa for the Avian Influenza. [Interjections.]

In this province alone, we have already lost R800 million out of that sector and R40 million has been arranged for the whole country. But we will see what percentage we get of that R40 million ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order! Please. There is too much noise ... [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ... and ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order! Hon member Tyatyam, you should have included or spoken more about the Avian Flu in your 10 minutes. †Asseblief. [Please.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND

TOURISM: No, he did speak about it before, Madam Speaker, and he says that in actual fact what we should have done is put prevention measures in place so that there was no Avian Influenza in this province.

And of course, that is exactly what should have happened in Gauteng, in Zimbabwe, in all of the countries across Europe, in South East Asia, in America. It is ... [Interjections.] It is a second time? [Interjections.] It is the first time that we have had Avian Influenza on this strain in the poultry industry in Southern Africa [Interjections.] In Southern Africa! [Interjections.] Let alone this province. So, will the hon member please do his homework before he makes these kinds of comments.

I want to say that the amount of money that has come in for drought relief is actually a drop in the ocean, but unfortunately this is the kind of position that we find ourselves in as a province and as a country, because we have very, very low growth; very, very little tax income, it is very, very difficult to step in from a government point of view, to actually really mitigate the full impact that a disaster like this is having on this industry, agriculture.

But I again want to say to every single person involved in trying to mitigate, to innovate, to come up with plans to showcase those numbers I spoke about from our research that is happening at Elsenburg, with our teams on our farms, but also with our universities and all of those businesses out there in this very, very important sector of ours that earns good foreign income into our region, that actually earns good taxation into our system; that provides

food and food security and jobs to so many.

I want to thank every single one of them and will together make sure that we come through to the other side. We will learn from this and will become more resilient. We will become better at what we do, and this applies to every single one of us, as South Africans, as we deal with these issues. Our fellow South Africans north of us have dealt with that for years now and they have had the rains. And of course, you saw immediately when the rains happened in the north of our country, how agriculture very, very quickly bounced back and if it was not for agriculture in South Africa, we would be in a way-way worse position, because of the north of our country. In a recession, far worse than we have at the moment, it is because of agriculture.

So, I want to thank every single one involved and perhaps lastly to those farmers who are now in the north of our country, having rain. If you see the generosity from those farmers, sending feed to our farmers down here to our communities, whether they be small, whether they be big, they are receiving this aid and this help, and it is quite amazing to see and for them I really want to say thank you very much. Thank you, Madam Speaker. [Applause.]

[Debate concluded.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister Winde. That concludes the debate on this vote. I will now ask the Secretary to read the sixth Order of the day.

The SECRETARY: Debate on Vote 3 – Provincial Treasury - *Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill* [B 6 – 2017].

The SPEAKER: Thank you, Secretary. I now see the hon Minister of Finance, I see Minister Meyer.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Thank you, Madam Speaker and thank you to the hon members in the House. The Department's Adjusted Estimates Vote 3, Department of Treasury for 2017 was tabled on 23 November 2017 in the House. In total, Provincial Treasury was allocated a Main Appropriation of R308,184 million which was decreased by R19,591 million to an Adjusted Appropriation of R288,593 million.

The large adjustment within the Vote was as a result of the compensation of employees which was reduced by R12,5 million in line with CoE austerity measures due to the late filling of posts, attrition and the lower intake of trainees who form part of the financial management capacity building.

An amount of R5 million was realigned to the Provincial Revenue Fund for Vote 14: Department of Local Government for drought relief in the Western Cape. In addition, an amount of R2 million was shifted to Vote 10: Department of Transport and Public Works to conduct empowerment assessments on procurement and for the development of the Immovable Asset Management system.

Madam Speaker, therefore the catering for these adjustments is as follows:

- *Programme 1:* Administration was decreased by an amount of R4,5 million;
- *Programme 2:* Sustainable Resource Management was decreased by an amount of R4,69 million;
- *Programme 3:* Asset Management was decreased by an amount of R6,8 million; and
- *Programme 4:* Financial Governance was decreased by an amount of R3,496 million.

And that makes up the Adjustment Budget decreased by R19,59 million. I thank you, Madam Speaker

The SPEAKER: Thank you, Minister Meyer. I now see the hon member Mackenzie.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Thank you, Madam Speaker. We certainly welcome the statement made by the hon MEC Dr Meyer and we are pleased that the allocation that is made to the necessary programs, particularly when it comes to community safety for the safety summit next year, dealing with the very important matter and also with the school safety strategy, because this would help the Western Cape Government obviously with their service delivery.

So, we fully support this Adjustment Budget and I would like to thank the

Minister for the sterling work his Department is doing and we thank him for tabling his budget today. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Mackenzie. I now see the hon member Beerwinkel.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Now I am going to take all their time, Madam Speaker. Their 20 minutes and the Minister's 20 minutes.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Beerwinkel you have 10 minutes allocated to you, starting when you speak. Thank you.

[Hon member Davids takes the Chair.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: I will use theirs as well. Thank you. Madam Speaker, I need to mention - MEC Grant, if you are really serious about saving water I have to bring to your attention that in the ladies restroom just around the corner there are taps running continuously. When you open them they just gush; when you try to close them, they continue to run. So, we have been talking about water saving all the time and in this very building we are wasting water. So, I am bringing that to your attention.

Madam Speaker, oh sorry, Chairperson. This time round Treasury surrendered R12,5 million savings from compensation of employees and the rest of the R17 million being savings from goods and services, but an end total as you

have heard, a decrease of about R20 million with a reduction in every program as the MEC has just pointed out.

Speaking of goods and services, one good thing that has emerged is that expenditure on consultants for doing the PERO has decreased significantly, due to work being done in-house and we commend that section of the Department and Marsha and her team for that good work. Also, that they have impressed on consultants to transfer skills.

Another new initiative that one hopes will pay off is the assistance given to Transport and Public Works for sharing of consultants who do empowerment assessments with procurement by assisting the community as well as the bidders to understand their obligations when submitting tenders or doing JV's.

This will hopefully give rise to a more inclusive public participation process, so that communities understand the SEM requirements, the processes and the need for change. I will not go through the other numbers which have already been read.

A worrying factor though, Chairperson, is the continued support for gambling machines, especially the LPM machines due to the cross-section of the community affected by this lure to cheap gambling. While Treasury is continuously alluding to the fact that own revenue needs to be augmented, we never hear anything further than increasing gambling facilities and gambling

tax. While we understand that gambling is a job creator it remains a social evil to those who can least afford to do it anyway.

This flies in the face of what is in PSG3, which speaks about wellness and alcohol harms reduction and a whole of society approach. How does Cabinet then agree to liquor being sold at schools for some frivolous motivation, when I remember how the Chief Whip in previous amendments fought as hard as I did to keep liquor off school premises? Now, it has been put back on, because some school somewhere, who can afford to make money needs to have alcohol on board as well.

PSG4, sustainable and inclusive living, where and how still remains to be seen. How sustainable can life be now that day zero is looming and we get is punitive measures for your incentive, while trying to assist with reduced water consumption.

A simple thing that can be done, Chairperson, is to go into the informal settlements and close the running taps, especially where there are communal taps and also to curb these people who are continuously still doing car washes with running water and we are bearing the brunt for that. It has to stop. When the poor still live in such absolute squalor and forgotten dumping sites like Wolwekloof with water being in the situation it is and percentage of its availability now, one wonders what will happen with these people.

How do the municipal budgets presented to Treasury address these crises? So,

I am not only talking about Treasury's Adjustment Budget, I am also talking about Treasury's responsibility towards other departments and municipalities when they submit their budgets to them.

This is part of Treasury's role to ensure that all budgets presented adhere to their own PSG's and then how do they answer to the fact that specific programs to empower women just do not exist, in spite of a young women and girls project. It is not only a women's caucus that is supposed to seriously address these issues. How can you speak of a whole of society approach, but women are conspicuously absent or disrespected by men right here?

Maybe some workshops are needed because clearly respect for women takes a backseat in this House most of the time. It is also the transversality transversality of Treasury that needs to be discussed now more than ever with regard to savings and how they are utilised, where they are shifted from and why. Roman Numeral 6 ... [Interjection.]

The TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON: Hon member Beerwinkel, †kan jy net gou sit asseblief? [can you please just sit down please?] Chief Whip, Chief Whip Wiley. Chief Whip!

†*Chief Whip* van die DA, *Chief Whip* Wiley, kan jy asseblief op jou plek kom sit? Jy het jou eie *meeting* daar agter. ... [Tussenwerpsels.] Jy het jou eie *meeting*-tjie daar agter terwyl *member* Beerwinkel praat. Asseblief. Jy is 'n steurnis. Kom sit net op jou plek asseblief.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[Chief Whip of the DA, Chief Whip Wiley, can you please come and sit in your place? You have your own meeting back there ... [Interjections.] You have your own little meeting back there while hon member Beerwinkel is speaking. Please. You are a hindrance. Just come and sit in your seat please.]

Ms P MAKELENI: You are making a lot of noise there hey?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Chase them out!

Mr C M DUGMORE: Ja, it is making noise. Lots of noise.

The TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON: Member Beerwinkel – yes, hon member Schäfer?

Ms B A SCHÄFER: Hon Temporary Speaker, on what Rule is that ruling being done?

†Die TYDELIKE VOORSITTER: *Member* Schäfer, daar moet orde wees in die Huis. *Member* Wiley is nou al 10 minute daar agter wat hy sy eie vergadering het, met daai *members* rondom hom. [Tussenwerpsels.] Kom net terug asseblief, dankie. *Member* Beerwinkel ... [Tussenwerpsels.]

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[The TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN: Member Schäfer, There must be order in the House. Member Wiley has been there at the back for 10 minutes already having his own meeting, with those members around him. [Interjections.] Just come back please, thank you. Member Beerwinkel ... [Interjections.]]

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] not listening.

†Me C F BEERWINKEL: Sonder my tyd wat jy gebruik het, nè?

[Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Without my time that you have used, hey?]

The TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON: Ja.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Chairperson, Program 2 - in his oversight role over municipal budgets and adjustments - this is a gender friendly budget issue that must take preference in future oversight when dealing with budgets from municipalities and different departments.

In some municipal transfers made by Treasury in spite of MOU's being in place, the conditional grants are not being spent and Treasury has a duty to monitor this. It is also our contention that more money should have been allocated to safety in and around schools.

Why would you accept in the presentation of their budget that City of Cape Town is to roll out a law enforcement auxiliary service, but only in Lavender Hill? Now, do not get me wrong, Lavender Hill, yes, it is a dangerous area,

but what about areas like Scottsdale and Scottville where the life of a young person means nothing and on a daily basis your chairpersons do walkabouts – your old chairperson of that sub-council does walk-about in that area.

Madam Speaker, the comments coming from the members of the DA just clearly shows how distant and unremoved they are from these areas that we know about. [Interjections.] It is always a question of more money, more money. You could have spread that money wisely. It is your role as Treasury ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order please.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: ...when these proposals are made that you ask questions or motivate for different thinking or does Cabinet as a whole not care about the lives of others?

Should you not be questioning the lack of growth of the informal economy? That every department shows concrete measures to building that sector in the community, instead of assisting big players to smother small business and here, Madam Speaker, I have to stand still and address MEC Winde through you.

MEC, you have a total, total misconception of what happens in the informal areas with small businesses when big businesses come and kill them. It is not about Pick 'n Pay coming to approach, Madam Speaker, I am speaking via

you, but I am just ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: I am listening to you. Just focus on me if you do not mind.
Thank you.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Pick 'n Pay comes in and approaches me to become a franchisee. Somewhere along the line if Pick 'n Pay does not know it, then we must know to inform them there are public living around here, they need to be informed about how their spending patterns are going to change. How the situation of sales and vendoring and marketing is going to change in this area. It is not just a disregard because somebody approaches me for a franchise. ... [Interjections.] We also need to tell ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: We also need to tell ... [Interjections.] We also need to tell that taking over a franchise from a conglomerate like Pick 'n Pay is not something easy. It is not easily done ... [Interjections.] You cannot sit in a corner and explain ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: ...this to the franchisees. We need to go and ...
[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Beerwinkel, kindly take your seat please. There is too much noise from both sides of the House. This side and ... [Interjection.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Rubbish, Madam Speaker ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: ...then members behind you are also ... [Interjection.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Rubbish ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: ...causing a disturbance.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Rubbish is when we sit here, and we read things from paper and we have no clue of how it affects the community out there where we work. That is rubbish, when we sit here and read things from paper. [Interjections.] That is rubbish. I am tired of being insulted by you and you think we do not know what is going on outside. You need to do ... [Interjections.] At the moment, what I think you should do as part of Treasury, also together with their local government needs to seriously investigate, Madam Speaker, why ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: I am paying attention ... [Interjection.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: ...a third MPL is leaving Swellendam, because a mayor there does not know his place.

The SPEAKER: Order.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: That is part of Treasury's responsibility.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Beerwinkel, can you take your seat please? Minister Winde is on the floor. [Interjections.] No, sorry, there is a member on the floor on a point of order, so you have to take your seat please. Hon Minister Winde?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Madam Speaker, earlier on there was a Chair that reprimanded the Chief Whip for not sitting on his seat and I notice the hon member Tyatyam is not sitting on his seat and I wondered what the ruling would be on that. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: He does not know what to say.

The SPEAKER: Minister Winde, that is not a point of order, but you highlight the issue of what is good for the goose should be good for the gander. Hon member Tyatyam, may I call you to your seat please, without breaking the line. Thank you. You may proceed, hon member Beerwinkel.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Thank you, Madam Speaker. The reason why I am mentioning this is, it is Treasury's responsibility together with Local Government to see to it that municipalities run in a smooth manner, and if

mayors do not behave there are ways and means to deal with it. You cannot have three MPL's being chased out of the area because of a mayor. That is not right. And it is your own DA municipality. [Interjections.] It does not make sense.

The SPEAKER: Order.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Even though ... [Interjections.]. You won't see it because you are involved, that is why you do not want to see it. Madam Speaker, the other. It is also Treasury's responsibility to check on that municipality's spending patterns, especially that mayor. I am putting it out here again. Madam Speaker, I do not want to address the DA's factions. I am putting ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please members. ... [Interjections.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: ...facts on the table here ... [Interjections.] Factions!

The SPEAKER: Hon member Magaxa.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: I am putting facts on the table here. [Interjections.]

Yes.

Mr C M DUGMORE: You lead a faction. You do not lead the whole DA here.

Mr C F BEERWINKEL: You see what happens here, Madam Speaker, when we deal with budgets and we deal with expenses, some of the things that we have to look at is expenditure on travel and subsistence.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Beerwinkel, can I ask you to complete your sentence? Your time has expired. Thank you. And may it not be a long one without commas and all the other stuff.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Then Madam Speaker, I want to, if I may raise something else, if I can just ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Your time has expired, hon member Beerwinkel. [Interjections.] I allowed you the privilege of finishing your sentence.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Madam Speaker ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Yes, you may.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: You do know that I have been interrupted repeatedly on frivolous points of order. Can I please raise my final point of order which I think is ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Beerwinkel, just to clarify for the record. When a point of order is raised the clock stops, so you have not been cheated out of any seconds. Your time has expired. You can finish your sentence. Thank

you.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Madam Speaker, then I would just like to clarify a misunderstanding of yesterday, if I may. When I spoke about the fact that we will now be putting in amendments, I was not referring to the amendment to money bills, I was referring to the amendment of 8% after this process ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Beerwinkel ... [Interjection.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: ...happens. That is what I was referring to. [Applause.] [Time expired.]

The SPEAKER: It is noted. Thank you. In the absence of the ACDP and the EFF I now see the hon, the Minister. Oh sorry, I see hon member Joseph. I am sorry hon member Joseph.

Mr D JOSEPH: That is fine, thank you.

The SPEAKER: I am running ahead of myself here.

Mr D JOSEPH: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: My apologies.

Mr D JOSEPH: The Adjustments Budget, the appropriations within Vote 3, reflects a challenging economic environment, including an uncertain fiscal outlook. However, I support the Adjustment Appropriations for Vote 3 and the reason is that the DA-led Government brings hope to the people.

Provincial Treasury and its entity, namely the Western Cape Gambling and Racing Board, have shown leadership in dealing with the economic challenges in their pursuit of creating public value and an inclusive growth. The Minister of Finance, also responsible for International Relations, reflected on fiscal sustainability, good governance and integrated service delivery.

Budget priorities and spending plans form part of the Provincial Government's strategic goals. Challenges in particular in the labour market reflect that about 16 million people were unemployed at the end of 2016, which amounted to 26,5%. For the same period in the Western Cape we have experienced only 20,5% percent unemployment.

Legislative and constitutional mandates deal with general financial matters for national, provincial and local spheres of government. The purpose of the Public Financial Management Act is to secure transparency, accountability and sound management of revenue expenditure.

The Act applies to the departments and entities. The powers and function of Provincial Treasury is assigned in Section 18 of the Provincial Financial

Management Act and includes preparing and exercising control over the implementation of provincial budgets. It includes promoting and enforcing transparency and effective management relating to revenue. It includes assisting departments and entities in building the capacity for efficient and transparent financial management and it includes amongst other mandates doing anything further that is necessary to fulfil its responsibility.

Madam Speaker, Provincial Treasury is also mandated to monitor local governments' roles and responsibilities to ensure compliance of the Municipal Financial Management Act and to take the necessary steps ensuring good governance. The Department, Provincial Treasury, gave guidance during the Adjustments Budget process and at the same time they had to engage as an equal stakeholder for ensuring that departmental budgets are efficient and fulfil its responsibilities. The Department operates within the financial management environment having to deal with scarce skills. Notwithstanding this challenge, the Department was able to reduce the senior vacancies.

Madam Speaker, I take this opportunity to thank the Minister and Provincial Treasury for mitigating the risk that the Western Cape Government is facing given the financial pressure on the budget that is affecting our needs like job creation, education, health, social responsibility, safety and water shortages.

The shift of money after the annual plan is approved and accommodated in the annual budget and then having to deal with an adjustment of the budget

between departments is no easy task. The Western Cape Gambling and Racing Board's main purpose is to provide a stable and constant regulatory environment as well as contributing to the economy within the Western Cape Government in a responsible manner.

The Western Cape Government promotes responsible gambling. The sustainability study by both the Gambling Board and Provincial Treasury is under way and this report will be discussed early in 2018. Provincial Treasury continues to issue directives to the departments and municipalities and ensure that these directives are adhered to as they are received from National Treasury.

Ongoing engagements with professional institutions is a critical function of senior management. This is to enhance Provincial Treasury professional standards of service and guidance to other departments and entities. All programs within Provincial Treasury are affected within the Adjustments Estimates in all the programs, namely Program 1 Administration, Program 2 Sustainable Resource Management, Program 3 Asset Management and Program 4 which dealt with the compensation of employment.

The shifting of budgets between the votes as the Minister mentioned, was R2 million. Under Program 3, specifically refers to R1 million to the Department of Transport and Public Works for conducting empowerment assessments on procurement. The other million also went to the Department of Transport and Public Works for development of immovable asset

management.

It is encouraging to note that Provincial Treasury did not only review the Main Budget projects within their Department, but they have actually reviewed sub-programs and were able to make proposals towards the bigger picture within the financial means and these figures were quoted by the Minister in his speech.

Madam Speaker, I thank the Minister for his leadership, the HOD and the DDG with senior staff and all staff in the Department for their continuous efforts to support departments, entities and municipalities. I would also like to thank the police for their service throughout the year, for the media service and for the Emergency Management Services that were on duty while Parliament was in sitting throughout the year.

I would like to thank all staff in Parliament, under your leadership, for their support during this year and wish and hope that we will all enjoy this holiday break which we all deserve. I thank you. [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Joseph. We get to the final speaker for the day. I now see the hon, the Minister.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to thank all the colleagues who took part in this debate. I appreciate all your comments and your advice. I would also like to thank the members of the

Cabinet and thank you very much for the input that you have also raised during the Cabinet meetings.

I would also like to thank the Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Finance and all the members of the Standing Committee, but also all the members of the Budget Committee. Thank you very much for your input during those discussions.

I would also like to thank the members and the Board members and the staff of the Western Cape Gambling and Racing Board, because this is an institution that brings in additional revenue to the Western Cape. I would also like to express my thanks to the Head of the Department, Mr Zakariya Hoosain, our Accountant General, Aziz and our Head of the Budget Office Mr Harry Malila, as well as our Chief Economist, Marcia Korsten. Thank you for the work that they have been doing.

I would also like to thank our Chief Whip and the Chief Whip of the Opposition and thank you to all the members of the staff of the Provincial Parliament and thank you for this input into this process.

I move now for the adoption of Budget Vote 3, the Adjusted Estimates for 2017, Provincial Treasury. I thank you. [Applause.]

[Debate concluded.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister Meyer. That concludes the debate on this vote. I would like to take the opportunity to thank the Temporary Chairs for their support today in the absence of the Deputy and also just to draw your attention to the fact that we start at 10 am tomorrow. That concludes the business of the day. The House is adjourned.

The House adjourned at 15:09.