

PARLIAMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF THE WESTERN CAPE

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ANNOUNCEMENT

The Speaker:

NEW RULE MADE BY THE SPEAKER IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 1 OF THE STANDING RULES

- Whereas rule 1(1) of the Standing Rules of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament provides that “The Speaker may give a ruling or make a rule in respect of any eventuality for which these rules do not provide”; and
- Whereas, on 15 March 2020, the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, relying on section 27(1) of the Disaster Management Act, 2002 (Act 57 of 2002), declared a national state of disaster in respect of the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- Whereas, relying on section 27(2) of the Disaster Management Act, 2002 (Act 57 of 2002), the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs issued various regulations, which regulations, among other things, provide for social distancing measures and a national lockdown; and
- Whereas, therefore, there are or may be legal limits:
 - on the ability of the House to sit; and/or
 - on the ability of committees of the House to meet, with all or some of its members in physical attendance;

- The Speaker, in accordance with rule 1 of the Standing Rules of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament, hereby makes the following rule:

Rule 1A

- (a) The House may sit or a committee may meet with its members in remote attendance by electronic means.
- (b) The Speaker may issue such directives as are necessary to give effect to this rule.

