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PROCEEDINGS OF THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT

The House met at 10:00.

The Speaker took the Chair and read the prayer.

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The SPEAKER: You may be seated. Good morning hon members. Good morning to our guests in the gallery. It is indeed a privilege to have you with us today. I do just wish to draw your attention to the rules of the gallery. You are not allowed to participate in the proceedings of the House and that includes no clapping or interjecting. You also have to ensure that your cell phones are on silent please. Thank you.

I now recognise the Chief Whip.

(Notice of motion)

Mr M G E WILEY: Good morning, Madam Speaker. I table the two motions in my name, motions 1 and 2:

- (1) That notwithstanding Rule 161, the House considers the Principle and Finalisation of the Western Cape Additional Adjustment Appropriation Bill (2018/19 Financial Year) [B4–2019] on Thursday, 22 March 2018.

- (2) That notwithstanding the provision of Rule 18, the hours of sitting on Tuesday 26 March 2019, Wednesday 27 March and Thursday 28 March 2019 shall be 10:00 to adjournment.

Agreed to.

**WESTERN CAPE ADDITIONAL ADJUSTMENT APPROPRIATION BILL
(2018/19 FINANCIAL YEAR) [B4–2019].**

(Consideration of Principle)

The SPEAKER: Thank you Secretary. I also wish to welcome the administration. Thank you. I now see the honourable, the Minister of Finance, Minister Meyer. [Applause.]

HON MEMBERS: Hear–hear!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Thank you, Madam Speaker. When I tabled the Adjustment Estimates of Provincial Expenditure on 5 March 2019, I highlighted the fact that this Government has implemented a financial good governance model aimed at ensuring accountability for programmes, budgets, delivery and against targets.

Madam Speaker, the Province received an additional R83,773 million from the National Treasury through the Provincial Emergency Housing Grant. National Treasury's allocation of additional funds to the Western Cape is indeed an expression of confidence in the ability of this Government not only to spend, but to do so efficiently, economically and effectively. I thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, Minister Meyer. [Interjections.] I now see the hon member, member Davids. Hon members, can we settle down please? Thank you.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Thank you Madam Speaker. Since 1994 over 3,2 million free houses have been built benefiting over 14 million people. This has meant a massive extension of home ownership growing the productive assets of our people.

The PREMIER: Now you want to expropriate the land without compensation.

Ms S W DAVIDS: In the recent period we have been hard at work to ensure that more and more South Africans lived closer to economic opportunities and that we eventually overcome the race-based spatial separation of our people inherent from apartheid. Vacant land near the centres of cities and towns must be turned into affordable housing for the poor and working class, close to the shops and parks, schools and clinics, public transport and places of work. [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Ja, from the houses in District 6, that is what you must go and do. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: We must do more to address the role of the financial sector in national development including problems of assets to funding and capital for small enterprises, housing townships and villages, enterprises and infrastructure. [Interjections.]

In this regard the National Government has responded to the devastating fires which occurred in Khayelitsha and surrounding areas... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Ms S W DAVIDS: ...by providing additional funding for the alternative accommodation, what we call TIAs. The Khayelitsha fire destroyed 342 structures.

The Democratic Alliance in Cape Town delivered shack-kits to those people.

An HON MEMBER: What?

Ms S W DAVIDS: Local Government in the form of the Democratic Alliance has provided assistance to embattled residents of the Town 2 mainly in the form of shack-kits and meals. This is an insult to our poor people who demand adequate housing. [Interjection.]

Another blaze ripped through E52 Kosovo Informal Settlement in Philippi, destroying over 100 shacks and displacing more than a 1000 people. Until the City of Cape Town actively addresses issues of land, housing and spatial planning shack fires will continue to displace and kill the city's poor. We want to thank the Human Settlement Department for applying to National Department for this fund... [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Yes.

Ms S W DAVIDS: But we hope that they will apply for all the other areas where the fires occurred. I thank you.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: We hope National will give. [Interjections.]

†AGBARE LEDE: Ja, ja.

[HON MEMBERS: Yes, yes.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you hon member Davids. [Interjections.] Order please! [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: You must ask the MEC of Human Settlements.

The SPEAKER: Order! [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: And we ask you!

The SPEAKER: Order!

Ms S W DAVIDS: You want to take everything to the National Government, the whole week... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Davids. Minister Winde, let us control our fingers and our emotions. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: You misallocate the money, even to [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: In the absence of the hon member Christians and the absence of the hon member Bernard Joseph of the EFF, I now call on the Minister of Human Settlements, Minister Madikizela.

HON MEMBERS: Hear–hear!

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I do want to echo the sentiments of my colleague, hon member Davids, on the work that has been done nationally, but just a slight correction because I think it is important that we must not underestimate the work that this Government has done, and I am talking about Government. I am talking about National Government in general. We have actually provided over 4.7 million houses. So I think it must not be understated.

Madam Speaker, thank you very much once again for the opportunity to be presenting the additional budget to assist the communities who were affected by fire. My Department received an additional adjustment budget of R83 million from the National Department of Human Settlements to assist us with two fire disasters that left the communities of Kosovo and Philippi in Silver Town in Khayelitsha homeless.

Now 462 informal structures were destroyed, displacing approximately 1900 people from these two communities. Applications were submitted to the National Department of Human Settlements for the emergency grants in December last year and approval was granted this year in February 2019. As I am talking to you now Madam Speaker, full professional teams have already been appointed for both these communities, Kosovo and Silver Town. Tenders have already been advertised and companies had a briefing session held for the construction of 1300 units both areas.

Ms N D NKONDLO: I wonder. †ngobani abo? [who are they?] Ja, it is your job. [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: The reason why we opted to build more units than the structures that burnt down, is so that we can commence with the upgrading of Silver Town and Kosovo informal settlements by decanting more people into the temporary location areas to allow for the construction of roads and installation of services at these settlements to avert future crises. We are working together with the City of Cape Town to re-block Silver Town settlements and because of that the project forms part of the Department's catalytic project.

The relocation of a substantial number of people enables us to commence with the project on the Kosovo main site because Kosovo is part of our catalytic project, as I have said and again I must say that, as member Davids said, we have also made application for other fires that we experienced as well where for example in Wupperthal we have 53 informal structures that were destroyed in the area in December so the application was already submitted to the Department of Human Settlements nationally, and we are waiting for approval. And lastly, Madam Speaker, just to say that in other two areas that were devastated by fires, this is your *†wit lokasie* [white location] in Knysna, work is being done and also in Imizamo Yethu and I am sure hon member Makeleni will be very happy to know that the sites were identified. Designs are completed and we are looking at, you know, building more than 1400 structures, so if we densify, so this is all the work that we are doing working together with the National Department to improve the lives of our people in the Western Cape. I will continue to make sure that those informal settlements, working with NGOs, that are populated, that are dense in population, we are going to upgrade them and make sure that people have access to roads, water, sanitation and electricity. I thank you. [Interjections.] [Applause.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Madam Speaker, thank you for the respective contributions in this debate. I have attended the meeting with Minister Madikizela on 3 January this year together with Minister Bredell about some of these many other fires, and I am satisfied with the progress made by our Department of Human Settlements to respond to the fires in Khayelitsha and in Philippi much needed shelter was provided to the displaced families and I am confident that the Department will spend these additional funds in a responsible and accountable manner.

[The Deputy Speaker took the Chair.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: I thank you, hon Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you Minister Meyer. Are there any objections to the approval of the Principle of the Bill? No objections? Agreed to.

The Secretary will read the Bill.

The SECRETARY: Western Cape Additional Adjustments Appropriation Bill (2018/19 Financial Year) [B4–2019].

**WESTERN CAPE ADDITIONAL ADJUSTMENTS APPROPRIATION BILL
(2018/19 FINANCIAL YEAR) [B4–2019].**

(Consideration of Vote and Schedule)

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I am not sure if parties do want to make Declarations of Vote? If not, then I will put the Vote? No objections to the Vote being agreed to? Agreed to.

That concludes the decision on the Vote. I now put the Schedule to the Bill. Any objections? No objections? Agreed to.

I now put Clauses 1 to 4 of the Bill. No objections? Agreed to.

I put the short title. No objections? Agreed to.

**WESTERN CAPE ADJUSTMENTS APPROPRIATION BILL
(2018/19 FINANCIAL YEAR) [B4–2019]**

(Finalisation)

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Mr Deputy Speaker, on 5 March I tabled in this House the 2019 Overview of the Provincial Revenue and Expenditure; the Overview of the Provincial and Municipal Infrastructure Investment, the Estimates of Provincial Revenue and Expenditure; the Western Cape 2019 Appropriation Bill and associate Provincial Gazette of allocations to municipalities, and the Western Cape main budget for discussion and consideration in this House.

I highlighted in this budget that we are tabling a budget under the theme “Maximum Citizen Impact”, which is a budget for jobs, a budget for service delivery, a budget for safety, a budget for the youth, a budget for infrastructure and a budget for climate change and a budget for good governance.

An HON MEMBER: Hear–hear!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: I concluded, Mr Deputy Speaker, by saying that this budget builds on the legacy of Premier Helen Zille and hands over to the next Premier a financially sound business. I was able to do so, hon Speaker, because over the last ten years this Government implemented a sound fiscal strategy. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Just one second.

Mr K E MAGAXA: No Mr Deputy Speaker, what is your problem? We are listening.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Is there a problem, hon Mr Deputy Speaker?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: We might have skipped one stage. Can we just get clarity from the Table? [Interjections.] Yes, Minister, my apologies. We are actually at the Order of the Day number 3, which is the finalisation of the third, of the Western Cape Adjustment Appropriate Bill.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Mr Deputy Speaker, I move that the Western Cape Additional Adjustment Appropriation Bill 2018/19 be finalised and submitted to the Premier to be assented to. I thank you.

WESTERN CAPE APPROPRIATION BILL [B 1–2019]

(Consideration of principle)

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. I see the Minister now. The fourth Order. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Okay, thank you Chief Whip of the Opposition, I take your advice. I save time.

Mr Deputy Speaker, this Government was able to achieve these successes because there was also underpinned a good financial fiscal strategy. The fiscal strategy and since we are dealing now with the principles, the Second Reading Debate in terms of the principles of this budget, I would very much like to move to the principles underpinning this particular policy framework of this Government. The Government Housing, Government Guiding Policy Principles, Mr Deputy Speaker, for the fiscal and budget principles and the core budget elements are utilised in conjunction with the following guiding principles.

The guiding principles that underpin the Western Cape Government's integrated planning and budgeting processes are constitutionalism and we know how important this is given what is currently happening at the national landscape - a former Minister testifying right now while we are sitting here how the Guptas allocated ministerial positions, so constitutionalism is fundamentally important.

The second principle, Mr Deputy Speaker, is citizen-centric, respecting the rule of law, the whole of society approach, evidence-based practice partnerships, the creation of public value and also the theory of change.

Mr Deputy Speaker, let me highlight a few of the fiscal and budget policy principles:

1. One is allocative efficiency, which aims to balance allocations of resources that reflect the priorities of this Government and programme effectiveness based on evidence with a greater focus on reprioritisation and trade-offs.
2. A second principle, Mr Deputy Speaker, is fiscal sustainability which refers to continuous and stable delivery of services without the major or sudden disruptions in budget allocations which could potentially be caused by a constrained economic and fiscal environment.
3. A third principle of this budget is fiscal consolidation, which focuses on the reduction of Government expenditure or the rate by which Government expenditure increases in a responsible manner, whilst simultaneously increasing Government revenue.

Mr Deputy Speaker, we made it our business during this term of office to increase our domestic resource mobilisation and this principle was necessitated due to the adverse economic and fiscal environment over the recent years and we have made some adjustments in our gambling and tax regime as well as in the liquor licensing regime.

Lastly, Mr Deputy Speaker, fiscal discipline is narrowly intertwined with fiscal governance where departments and entities are encouraged to remain within aggregate budget limits and avoid unauthorised irregular fruitless and wasteful expenditure. For the last ten years this is the only government that had zero unauthorised expenditure in the whole of South Africa. That speaks to the fiscal strategy of this Government. [Interjections.] [Applause.] Mr Deputy Speaker, this whilst the Northern Cape for the last five years had R7,2 billion irregular expenditure and unauthorised expenditure.

Now if you have R7,2 billion irregular and unauthorised expenditure you could have build, Minister Madikizela, 45 000 houses in just one province and so this demonstrates the importance of having fiscal discipline in your architecture. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Has anybody been [Inaudible.]

Ms N D NKONDLO: No, fiscal discipline has been at the forefront of [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: One is in a prison in Upington - and I was there the last three days - John Block. A balanced budget, there is a balanced budget, Mr Deputy Speaker, in a weak economic and fiscal environment the Western Cape Government needs to ensure that sufficient room exists to respond to its mandate and to deal with adverse shocks while giving effect to its budget policy priorities. So we have tabled a balanced budget, but also, we are living in the so called "VUCA world", where there is lots of volatility, uncertainty, complexity and ambiguity and therefore we also in this budget that we have tabled on 5 March made provision for service-load pressures, which enables the Western Cape Government to deliver on its frontline service delivery mandates particularly and very stressfully for those particular MECs in Health, Education and Social Development and other service delivery departments, but Mr Deputy Speaker, for the last five years we have also managed the fiscal stabilisation reserve, which is provided as a response to deal with the volatility in the fiscal framework particularly to offset the negative impacts of changes in the fiscal framework mainly to the provincial equitable share.

Mr Deputy Speaker, we have seen in the last three years less tax collected, R50 billion, then R30 billion, then R27 billion nationally, as a result of the ANC's mismanagement of the South African Revenue Services and therefore we in this Government had to build in a fiscal stabilisation reserve to deal with some of these shocks, though it comes at a price to this Government. But also Mr Deputy Speaker, another principle of our fiscal framework is expenditure management, expenditure management largely involves managing the compensation of employees, transfer of goods and services and infrastructure budget within affordable levels and finding the appropriate mix of expenditure items to achieve this sustainability and efficiency to spend.

Again Limpopo has 78% of the COE budget - 78% of the total budget goes to COE. That demonstrates why that province is described as the corruption capital of South Africa. We have been able through proper expenditure management to manage effectively the Wage Bill. [Interjections.]

Lastly, Mr Deputy Speaker, domestic resource mobilisation specifically in terms of increases in terms of the gambling tax, additional resources of donor funding, motor vehicle licences, hospital fees and actively reducing the debt owed to Provincial Government. The Western Cape has a stable fiscal framework. The national fiscal framework under the ANC Government has already collapsed. Eskom has collapsed because of state capture and the national democratic revolution. The ANC has a licence to loot... [Interjections.]

Ms N D NKONDLO: And desalination plants are collapsing here in the Western Cape. Also tell that truth.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: The ANC has a licence to loot and the looting has destroyed South Africa's fiscal framework. I thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. [Applause.]

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

Ms N D NKONDLO: Do not spare them. Tell them what the truth is.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Safety is by far the province's "Achilles Heel". The Zille Commission noted that the lack of street lights and CCTV cameras contributed to crime... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order member, order, just one second, hon Wiley?

Mr M G E WILEY: We have had a ruling in this House previously, Mr Deputy Speaker. There is no such thing as the Zille Commission. It is the Khayelitsha Commission of Inquiry. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Hon member Uys.

Mr P UYS: Mr Deputy Speaker, I know you also made the ruling on that thing, you said the member can call it whatever he would like to call it.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I said at the time it is politics and I am not going to say what you must call it. We know what the real name is but the member may continue. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: It is Zille Commission. [Interjections.] Amandla!

Mr K E MAGAXA: The Zille Commission noted the lack of street lights and CCTV cameras contributed to the crime in Khayelitsha. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr K E MAGAXA: It also instructed the Provincial Government to address the issue of youth gangs. DA failed to deliver on this. Through this budget, the DA had an opportunity to take the people into confidence that the party was serious about fighting gangs and ensure safety in communities. Again the party failed to deliver. Instead it became part of the crime. It contributed immensely, in fact. I will prove that.

The R1,1 billion allocation for Community Safety over the MTEF may sound like a lot of money, when in fact it translates to a meagre R359,3 million for the 2019/20 financial year. We all know now, none of this money will be used to prevent crime and ensure safety in the gang infested areas, as the role of this Department has been reduced to a mere part-time oversight. All community crime-fighting structures established by the ANC were dismantled and now CPFs are being purged using the EPP.

MEC Winde must tell us why Khayelitsha is not going to benefit from the City's R62,5 million budget for public lighting. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Who is the councillor?

Mr K E MAGAXA: This proves the safety crisis in the Western Cape is not by accident, but by design. The R43 million housing tender awarded to Glomix House Brokers is a case in point. The company is owned by the wife of a well-known gang boss in the province. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: No, the friend is your friend.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Congratulations! This tender has far more repercussions than we think. It gives a platform to the gang to buy more guns and ammunition.

An HON MEMBER: Drugs.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Mr K E MAGAXA: It is an opportunity to hire more hitmen who will be on the company's payroll. [Interjections.] This also empowers the company to circulate and distribute more drugs.

Mr M G E WILEY: How do you know that [Inaudible.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: Dirty money received through heists and money laundering and other mechanisms will now be cleansed via this company of the DA. This boils down to one issue - the DA is aiding gangs and fuelling gang murders in the province. That is why they are against the Gang Unit. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Who are the leaders? [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

An HON MEMBER: Who are the gang leaders?

Mr K E MAGAXA: The silence of MEC Winde on this matter is concerning. It gives an indication of a weak and ineffective leader who hides his head in the sand when action is needed. This is not surprising. His previous departments have been complete failures; including Agriculture with its audit records and non-tabling of the annual reports of which our MEC decided to ignore that reality. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Jobs.

Mr K E MAGAXA: MEC Winde must make his views known on the matter, or he must tell us if like his predecessor, he is in the pockets of gang leaders.

An HON MEMBER: Ja, like the ANC... [Interjection.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: The awarding of this tender is very wrong, and must be condemned. The National Government needs to intervene.

This tender must be investigated. The flimsy explanation by MEC Madikizela, in defence of awarding the tender to a known gang, vindicates me when I call her him? intellectually challenged. He is. MEC Meyer talks of a budget for jobs when he knows the province specialises in creating seasonal jobs. I want to commend Gauteng, KZN and Limpopo [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr K E MAGAXA: ...the three provinces that Stats South Africa acknowledged as major contributors to job creation. The state of our health services will further tumble into crisis with this budget. The Health budget increased by over 7% - thanks to National Government. In turn, this Provincial Government decides to decrease the budget for planned patients. This is a recipe for a disaster and will affect mainly poor people in the farming communities. [Interjection.]

The PREMIER: That is rubbish.

Mr K E MAGAXA: MEC Meyer has committed to spend R1 billion over the 2019 MTEF towards land reform. This is too little, and it must start, be channelled towards farming communities where black emerging farmers own only 1% of agricultural economy. This could also help to address the daily eviction of farm workers.

Yesterday we commemorated the Sharpeville massacre. Our people died fighting for this united, non-racial, non-sexist, prosperous and free South Africa. Their sacrifices were not in vein. As a Leader of the Opposition, I will not be doing justice to my party and our people, if I do not reprimand... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Which party?

Mr K E MAGAXA: If I do not reprimand and condemn this racist... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: The ANC.

Mr K E MAGAXA: ...Government of the DA. In fact I was to also refer to the Premier, if that was not - I want to say that actually. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Do not say what you want to say.

Mr K E MAGAXA: If it was not unparliamentary to call a member a racist, I would say Premier Zille is a racist.

An HON MEMBER: No!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! You are trying your luck here, hon member.

An HON MEMBER: No, no! [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Member, that is still unparliamentary. You must withdraw that. [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: I am saying outside this building, not - I will not tell her [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: If you say it outside it is something different but you said it in the House, so... [Interjections.] Order! Order! Please withdraw that, then you can continue.

Mr K E MAGAXA: I withdraw that one here, correct, ja. [Interjections.] They accept as the leader of the [Inaudible - speaking simultaneously.]

The PREMIER: [Inaudible.] ...the word racist.

Mr K E MAGAXA: ...the Premier, for her reckless utterances that seek to divide society and bring this House into disrepute. On 11 March 2018, one Jarvis DuPont wrote on Twitter:

“I have a dream that one day every child on this planet will one day live in a world where they can be judged, not on the content of their character, but on the colour of their skin...”

The PREMIER: That is the ANC.

Mr K E MAGAXA: “...by their gender and their sexuality.” [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: That is the ANC.

Mr K E MAGAXA: This was re-tweeted by our beloved Premier with the following caption. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr K E MAGAXA: “Your dream is closer being realised than you think.”

The PREMIER: That is right. It is you... [Inaudible.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: She was short of saying that dream is closer to her heart. [Interjections.] This dream is what the DA calls an “open society approach”, which MEC Meyer spoke about when he tabled his budget. One example of this dream is that the DA in the City collects billions in profit from water and sanitation tariffs from the poor, while the Rondebosch Golf Course pays the City only R1000 per year to access and control public land. [Interjections.] Rondebosch Golf Course, as a public land, cannot continue to enrich white people, while the poor landless people live in squalor in the Cape Flats and the black townships. This land must be expropriated and used for housing for the poor people.

This dream resulted in a 10-year period of non-delivery of services. Today the DA is selling people lies about how it spent the years fighting corruption and laying a foundation for solid governance. My foot! During the same year Rodney Lentit tells us that Mmusi Maimane and Madam were negotiating - Madam Zille - a deal with Israeli company... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Order! The point of order is taken, hon member Wiley. He refers to the member as... [Interjection.]

Mr M G E WILEY: A derogatory remark.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, thank you. Please refer to the member of the House as an hon member.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Yes, hon member. During the same period Rodney Lentit tells us that Mmusi Maimane and the Madam Zille were... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! That was the very point of order.

Mr K E MAGAXA: ...hon Helen Zille were negotiating a deal with Israeli company... [Interjection.]

The PREMIER: That is a load of nonsense. That is nonsense.

Mr K E MAGAXA: ...for a R6 billion project for desalination plants, in which the corruption fighting DA would receive R600 million in kickbacks. [Interjections.] This exposed that the DA is an inherently corrupt party and a party of lies. [Interjections.]

These lies include calling this nonsense a budget for jobs, youth, service delivery and safety. It is pure lies. The first action of the sixth administration should be to change this budget. There is absolutely no reason whatsoever to rush this process. There will be ample time after 8 May to work on the budget. The DA rushed through this process because the writing is on the wall, with the latest Ipsos poll making it clear that the DA will not get a clear majority in the province, and nationally it will drop from 22% to 18% [Interjections.]

Mr D G MITCHELL: With 3000 people being polled, 3000.

Mr K E MAGAXA: But my own is 2%. You deserve 2% if there is justice in this world. The people can see through DA lies. The people are tired of DA racism camouflaged in fancy slogans like "open society." Yesterday also marked the closing of the Anti-Racist Week which started on 14 March to 21 March. At this point, allow me to convey a message of appreciation and gratitude to the Anti-Racism Network South Africa, as well as South African musician Danny K for their programmes during the week and their contribution in the fight against corruption. (Written mentions racism)

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr K E MAGAXA: I fully agree with Danny K's sentiment that, I quote...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order member, your time has almost expired. Just finish off your last sentence please.

An HON MEMBER: Sit down!

Mr K E MAGAXA: Can I just finish this?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Your last sentence, yes.

Mr K E MAGAXA: "Not enough white people call out racism when it rears its ugly head. Yes it may be uncomfortable and yes you may be the singular unpopular opinion, but stand firm and have courage. We can no longer be silent."

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr K E MAGAXA: I am disappointment that Premier Zille publicly objected to this call. She ridiculed Danny K for his call and mocked his spelling errors.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr K E MAGAXA: What a flop! [Time expired.]

An HON MEMBER: Amandla! [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see the hon Denis Joseph. Order! Before you speak, order! [Interjections.] Please come to order! Member you may continue.

†Mnr D JOSEPH: Dankie mnr *Deputy* Speaker. Die begroting wat ons vanoggend bespreek en oor debatteer begin by verskillende rolspelers. Die komitee wil op hierdie stadium almal bedank tesame met die Minister wat die rol gespeel het. Ons oorsigrol in die komitee oor die Kabinet en die administrasie is baie belangrik. Daar is ook 'n oorsigrol wat deur politieke partye en lede van die verskillende politieke partye gespeel word en dan moet ek net noem dat by vanoggend se vergadering van die Begrotingskomitee was net ons agb lid Uys teenwoordig en by die vorige komiteevergadering was daar nie een van die ANC en die Opposisieparty se lede teenwoordig by die Begrotingskomitee nie, wat beteken hulle het klaar die stryd opgegee. Hulle het die stryd opgegee in soverre hulle nie eers - die ANC nie eers 'n Premierskandidaat kan aanwys nie, so ons verstaan hoekom dit so sleg gaan binne die ANC.

Daar is ook die oorsig wat gedoen word deur die kiesers op verskeie vlakke in die publieke verhoor, met geskrewe insette en deur middel van die media.

[Transcription of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[Mr D JOSEPH: Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker. The budget that we are discussing and debating this morning starts with various role players. At this stage the committee would like to thank everyone along with the Minister who played a role. Our oversight role in the committee over the Cabinet and the administration is very important. There is also an oversight role played by political parties and members of the various political parties and then I should just mention that at this morning's Budget Committee meeting only our hon member Uys had been present, and at the previous committee meeting not one of the ANC and the Opposition parties' members were present at the Budget Committee meeting, which means they have already given up the fight.

They have given up the fight in so far as they – the ANC cannot even appoint a Premier candidate, so we understand why things are so bad within the ANC.

There is also the oversight done by the voters at various levels in the public hearings, with written input and through the media.]

†What is the challenge? What is the challenge that we as a DA Government must deal with? What are the priorities that we identified and how do we fix that? What are the policies that we put in place or policies that we must change? What are the control and monetary systems that are in place? How transparent is the Government and how well do we communicate our message to the public?

Mr Deputy Speaker, this Parliament has improved on all records in terms of public participation and being transparent. The strategic goals of the Cabinet and the DA Government in the Western Cape, the projects identified and implemented, the project plan presented by the HODs of various departments in line with the Constitution and policies are of paramount importance. When the Division of Revenue Bill was presented in this House it was revealed that though the province is showing above average growth as seen, we have seen a slight increase in our provincial equitable share, but unfortunately this increase does not match the challenges that I referred to earlier and the population growth that we experienced in the Western Cape. Thus Provincial Treasury encountered challenges in allocating adequate amounts to each department and the programmes in this province in order to make sure that our service is above standard, remains above standard, which the Western Cape is known for.

The Division of Revenue Bill will further reveal that a lot goes to servicing debt due to the mismanagement by National Government and their attempts to maintain stability in this country.

Unfortunately we have experienced this and the chaos every day daily that we see the bailouts of Eskom, how it plays out and the fact that it becomes a dysfunctional state-owned entity.

The 2019 Budget for the people amounts to R68 billion and the transfer from National Government is 93,8%. This figure could have been much higher if the ANC-led Government acted decisively against corruption and mismanagement.

An HON MEMBER: What? That cannot be from National?

Mr D JOSEPH: Mr Deputy Speaker, it is against the backdrop that I would like to commend our Minister and the Department and the Budget Council for the extraordinary work that they have done to table this 2019 Budget. This budget ensures that each department in this province will be capacitated to perform functions of public value despite the challenges that we face. The Minister has shown that a little can go a long way and I am confident that the implementation stage of this budget will indeed reach maximum citizen impact. It has placed avenues of good financial governance. It is socially responsible and offers avenues needed for sustainability.

It will go a long way in re-establishing much-needed confidence in public institutions in a way that only the DA Government can do.

With regards to enhancing Government Provincial Treasury will allocate R1,1 billion to drive good governance under corporate governance frameworks and fiscal and financial governance maturity model for effective service delivery.

A long-term financial planning will allow for infrastructure-led growth with the allocation of R6,8 billion over the next ten years. Investing in infrastructure is a continuous manner and it removes the obstacle that is hindering growth incentives, investment and allows for participation in the economy.

It is important that we learn that preserving our environment is undeniably essential for human well-being. The 2019 Budget response to climate change with a staggering amount of R83,987 million allocated towards enabling the promotion and the stimulation of a greener economy and water resourced province. The budget supports innovation by driving the e-governance agenda with the allocation of R3,2 billion over the 2019 MTEF framework, also keeping up with the modern day trends.

The R7,8 billion for the Department of Social Development over the medium term goes a long way for bulk allocations towards the Department and also the Departments of Health and Education that will address the most pressing needs in society; in the long run address social challenges and the promotion of social security.

†Die begrotingsrede van die Nasionale Minister, Tito Mboweni, het ook nie die nodige hupstoot in die ekonomie gebring nie. Sake-ondernemers en verbruikers in die Wes-Kaap moet die las dra van swak leierskap van 'n ANC-regering in 'n party wat nie die politieke wil het om 'n goeie regeringsbeleid in te stel nie. Die afgradering van die SA Kredietbeheer sal beteken dat meer beleggers die land sal verlaat en ons rand se waarde sal verswak.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[The budget address of the National Minister, Tito Mboweni, also did not bring about the necessary lift in the economy. Business entrepreneurs and consumers in the Western Cape have to carry the burden of poor leadership of an ANC Government in a party that does not have the political will to introduce a good government policy. The downgrading of the SA Credit Control will mean that more investors will leave the country and our Rand's value will depreciate.]

Corruption and state capture needs to be viewed in a broader governance framework. Corruption thrives where the rule of law is disregarded, good policies are ignored and the Public Finance Management Act and the Municipal Finance Management Act are ignored. A productive and responsive public service and administration with norms and standards will bring service delivery outcomes that benefits the people of the Western Cape... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Member, just finish off. Your time has expired.

†Mnr D JOSEPH: Ek wil graag 'n woord van dank en waardering aan die personeel uitspreek van die Wes-Kaap, alle private instansies, die publiek, alle nie-regeringsorganisasies en ook ons personeel van die Parlement wat die termyn van die Vyfde Parlement beëindig. Ek wil sê op hierdie noot, *well done*, en baie dankie. [Tyd verstreke.]

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[Mr D JOSEPH: I would like to extend a word of thanks and appreciation to the staff of the Western Cape, all private institutions, the public, all non-governmental organisations and also our staff of Parliament ending the term of the Fifth Parliament. On this note I want to say, well done, and thank you. [Time expired.]]

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker.

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Minister Meyer's recent Budget speech focused on the Western Cape Government's theme of consolidation for maximum citizen impact and we do not mean the kind of impact that the National Government does have - one that fails to provide for maintenance of essential infrastructure, but rather for maximum ANC impact and the resistance of loyal cadres... [Interjection.]

Ms N D NKONDLO: Are you sure kids in Mfuleni will say much.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: ...whether they have the right skills or not and which is leading to more job losses in addition to the 10 million that have already been lost under the ANC.

Ms N D NKONDLO: Kwa-Faku School is [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: We mean it, but the focus is on providing opportunities for our people, especially our youth and the disadvantaged, one that supports the creation of a safe and secure province that provides an enabling environment for job creation and skills development... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: And schools.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: ...that builds and maintains economic and social infrastructure and applies good governance standards. The lack of fiscal discipline at a national level as well as an in other provincial governments is having a catastrophic effect on our economy.

The Stage 4 blackouts we have endured this week mean that for 7.5 hours a day businesses cannot make money. The effects of this are that employers have to let go of non-essential staff, thus adding to the 10 million people who are unemployed under the ANC Government. The growth and development of every economy hinges on how resources are managed and under the ANC I am afraid we cannot say they are being managed; they are being mismanaged.

Our country is suffering and the ANC has no answers. [Interjection.]

Ms N D NKONDLO: It sounds like you are talking about [Inaudible.].

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: It is against this backdrop that we are here today trying to do everything we can to provide the best opportunities for the people of the Western Cape... [Interjection.]

Ms N D NKONDLO: Ja, where is the good governance? Good governance ... [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: ...whilst working under severe constraints. Because of our good governance and the fact that our unemployment rate is lower than the national unemployment rate, families continue to move to the Western Cape by their thousands in the hope of finding a job, and in the hope of accessing better or in some cases just any form of healthcare and education for their families. Meeting our service delivery goals have become increasingly difficult as we face inadequate budgets that do not keep pace with the increasing numbers. [Interjection.]

Ms N D NKONDLO: Oh shame, inadequate budgets, shame! [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: The additional numbers are placing huge demands on all our resources, including schools, housing and medical facilities. In the education environment the large in-migration has massive financial and planning consequences impacting on the provisioning of education resources and the overall management of the system. We are in effect victims of our own success.

Ms N D NKONDLO: Ja, victims, hey!

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: But that is okay because we, unlike the ANC, care about the citizens in our country. [Interjections.]

Ms N D NKONDLO: Really? Wena! Really you care. [Interjections.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Have you seen the roads where the schools are? [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: And as a responsible caring government [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: People are dying in their schools.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: And as a responsible caring government - people are dying at schools in Gauteng yes.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: You people do not even know who they are.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: And as a responsible caring government we are using every cent that we receive maximally, increasing access to services and opportunities for all, but especially the disadvantaged people of our province.

One of our primary focus areas is to improve opportunities for our youth to provide an enabling environment, job creation and skills development and to build and maintain economic and social infrastructure. [Interjections.]

We invest a large allocation of our budget in school infrastructure to meet the growing demand for schooling in the province as well as to replace schools built with inappropriate materials and to maintain existing infrastructure. [Interjections.]

It is an unfortunate factor - that is true - that many schools were built with inappropriate materials and without all the necessities of a good public school.

In 2009 when our administration took over the Western Cape Government we inherited a backlog of hundreds of schools that were built with inappropriate materials dating back to the apartheid era that evidently needed a maintenance upgrade... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: ...or to be replaced entirely with a new structure. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: At the same time we are faced with keeping up with the population growth by building new schools and classrooms to cater for the additional 18 000 to 25 000 learners who enter our school system each year. The track record of the previous ANC administration in tackling these two issues of maintaining and building schools was abysmal. The current DA-led administration has made a significant shift in its infrastructure delivery by focusing on the replacement of these schools into a new brick-and-mortar structure.

Ms N D NKONDLO: And make the best of it... [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Since 2009... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister, order, just one second. Hon member Nkondlo, you are busy with multitasking. You are working on your computer and giving a running commentary all the time. I would suggest that you do the one only and that is work on the computer. [Laughter.] Please continue, Minister.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you. Since 2009 we have completed 76 replacement schools and plan to replace 20 more in the next MTEF. During the ANC's tenure between 2004 and 2009 they only replaced three schools. [Interjections.] Besides the replacement schools the WCED has built an additional 351 classrooms and constructed 1 032 mobile classrooms to accommodate growth in mainly our poorer areas. The delivery of new schools is also significantly higher in the poorer communities where there has been a very high growth over the last nine years. [Interjections.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Which poor areas?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: We built on average 14 schools and 265... [Interjection.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Which poor areas are you referring to?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Many of them. We have built on average 14 schools and 265 new classrooms for every year in office since 2009.

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: This amounts to 131 schools and close to 2400 classrooms, just over one school every month.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Is it the school where your kids come with a free...

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: In addition this year we will see the completion of 11 schools across the province in areas where they are needed the most. [Interjections.] Expenditure on new and replacement schools since 2009 has quadrupled from the R445 million in 2009/10 to R1,6 billion in 2018/19.

An HON MEMBER: And which you get from... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Taxpayer money.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: We work. Our taxes. We were also allocated an additional... [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Oh now it is the taxes, but when you say you deliver it is normally [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: We were also allocated an additional R298 million by the National Treasury for the education and infrastructure grants over the next three years, which was starting to sound encouraging. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: But I am afraid they have taken back R250 million of that leaving us with a mere R48 million for three years for growth.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Ja, because you are not delivering.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: ...which is not even enough to build one school. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: You must do your job.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Ja, do your job man. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: How are we supposed to accommodate the additional 25 000 learners in our system last year, and a similar amount or more this year - never mind the backlog from previous years - under these circumstances and it is entirely unnecessary. If we had all that money that the ANC has wasted and stolen our citizens would be in a far better position. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Not the previous MEC. Do your work. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: We also have many schools that require maintenance. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! There is too much dialogue going across the floor now.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Yes, there is, not dialogue, just shouting. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Beerwinkel, hon member Nkondlo, again! [Interjection.] Hon member Nkondlo, please contain yourself.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You may continue, Minister.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: We also have many schools that require maintenance, but the fact is that there is simply not enough money allocated to us for everything that needs to be done immediately. We have seen an increase in protests on this issue. Nevertheless we are doing and will continue to do everything we can to address this issue in a sustainable and responsible way. We realise that a lot more needs to be done to improve school infrastructure in the Western Cape. However, I shudder to think what their situation would look like now had the ANC remained in government in this province. [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Ah man, do your work, stop complaining. Just do your work. You and the other MECs. [Interjections.] Do your work.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: The tragic impact of mismanagement in other provinces is there for all to see and let us not mention Eskom.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Do your work... [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: We aim to ensure that provincial public finances remain on a sustainable path. This will promote service delivery and ensure that we deliver a budget for people, growth and prosperity.

If the ANC understood this we would not have hit the R3 trillion mark for our national debt last week. [Interjections.]

But now we also have an additional complication of the ANC's state capture project and that is impacting on our infrastructure and assets and that is the effect of an ineffective and emasculated criminal justice system and a captured police service.

In Pacaltsdorp George we have a school where the land is being illegally occupied for months now.

An HON MEMBER: BOSASA.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: We obtained an interdict. More invasions happened. To this day we have not been able to remove them from our property. SAPS does nothing. The sheriff does nothing and the situation continues. [Interjection.] On Wednesday evening land belonging to three of our schools in the Metro suffered the same fate. We have seen what has happened with the rail service also. Wanton distraction - what we have come to expect from the ANC - absolutely no consequence. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Go to the community, do not blame the [Inaudible.] Let the school governing bodies work with them.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: The only sustainable way to beat poverty is by educating and creating opportunities for economic growth which will create opportunities for our youth and of course we need a capable state. We will continue to achieve this in the Western Cape by ensuring that our budget is managed effectively, efficiently, wisely and ethically and that every lever of control we have will be managed in a capable and accountable way for the benefit of the residents of this province. [Interjection.] If the ANC stops wasting money, tolerating and even promoting corruption and started using the billions available for the improvement of the conditions of the poor our country will be on a far better trajectory. Our economy would be growing and more people would be in employment and if accountability were the accepted norm in government as a whole we would not be losing billions every year.

Mr Deputy Speaker, where the DA governs everyone benefits especially the poor, but we cannot carry on having to make do with less and less whilst having to provide for more and more. It is clear that the only way we are going to grow the budget is by improving the economy which will lead to more job creation. Education and skills development is crucial to doing that and the only way we are going to improve both is by the DA taking over National Government in May this year... [Interjections.]

†n AGBARE LID: Hoor-hoor!

[An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!]

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: ...so we can make every province as inviting as the Western Cape. Thank you. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! In the absence of the EFF I see Minister Mbombo, Minister of Health.

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Hon Premier, †Sekela Somlomo [Mr Deputy Speaker] †members of the House, †indwendwe [guests] in the gallery, †Molweni [greetings].

Thanks Minister Meyer and your team for the budget allocation to ensure in health we make a valuable impact in this province and also to ensure we are responsive to the service needs of the people.

Health receives R24,8 billion, which amounts to 37% of the total provincial budget allocation - the biggest slice of the pie. We do endorse the principles you set in terms of the budget allocation.

Mr Deputy Speaker, it is worth mentioning that throughout the years the Western Cape Health allocation has always been bigger than other provinces. The average health department's share within the total provincial allocation is 33%.

In this province healthcare remains a priority as you can see through the allocation. The demand for healthcare continues to grow and this is unlikely to change in the short term, given the trends in the social determinants of health and wellbeing. We face insurmountable challenges. Our environment is a mixture of a complex burden of disease; a constrained fiscal environment which saw the healthcare cut over the last three years with over R600 million, which is approximately 6% of the total departmental budget.

The situation places the provincial health system under enormous strain coupled with the unintended consequences like the drought, the fires and we are also coming from Listeriosis and now we have got current load shedding.

2019/2020 is likely to be a very challenging year, because actually load shedding impacts on the health services more than in all other services because we work 24 hours, 365 days a year, catering from the unborn to the oldest, including the deceased patients.

Although the slice of the pie is bigger for Health the excitement is short-lived, because there is no real-term increase in the budget. Healthcare costs are unsustainable and health expending is higher than economic growth, hence it is important that we emphasise and remind the House why an investment in health in the Western Cape is good value to the citizens of this province.

Investing in health and the services is not only a human rights obligation but it is an economic investment. In this budget the Department has a shortfall of about R187 million in real terms. Despite this we have not reduced the budget related to the staffing and also to the operating facilities. We use a range of alternate mechanisms to deal with the budget decline.

While the budget is decreasing in real terms, population numbers are increasing and therefore there is a huge demand.

The average annual growth in population numbers is about 2% per annum. It is therefore estimated that the budget per member of the population in real terms decreases by the same percentage on an annual basis.

We have therefore begun to make bigger moves from the marginal efforts at cost cutting and efficiencies to fundamentally transform the way we do business, to ensure a strong coherent and resilient health system.

Initiatives that we have undertaken include MEAP, which is the Management Efficiency and Alignment Project; community orientated primary care; the whole of society approach, which I will share in my budget speech. For example with the MEAP you are engaging with the organised labour and seeking DPSA formal endorsement in 2019, so that the revised structures could be implemented.

The culture of collaboration, continuous learning and improvement and the review of key business processes will be ongoing work throughout the year. As I indicated I will elaborate more in my budget speech.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the other challenges facing the health system as a whole is the growth in elderly population. We rejoice that people now live longer with a life expectancy that has increased, with the average male living up to 66 years and the female up to 71 years. However this means an increase in people living with chronic conditions needing constant clinic visits plus further additional resources.

South Africa also has an influx of foreign nationals who are uninsured and put more burden on public health services. However health is a human right and we cannot deny anybody access to emergency healthcare services. This all adds to the additional pressures we experience.

For the coming financial year we want to thank the Minister for adding the budget on the health infrastructure. That is why we have embarked and earmarked many of the infrastructure projects as part of our investment which amounts to about R1,2 billion. The construction of Gansbaai Clinic, Laingsburg Clinic, Caledon EMS Communication Centre, Victoria Hospital EC, Swartland Hospital EC, Helderberg Hospital EC and Observatory Forensic Lab is underway.

De Doorns Ambulance Station, Klipfontein Regional Hospital, the new Avian Park Clinic and the site capacity at Eerste Rivier Hospital and Khayelitsha, plus also the new Somerset Psychiatry is in the planning phase.

Mr Deputy Speaker, over the past years we acceded even to the calls from community to improve services, in particular pressurised facilities. We have duties and for example develop improvement plan strategies and implement at Khayelitsha District Hospital, Helderberg Hospital, Grabouw CDC, especially in the recent weeks.

There are also other ways in which we aim to improve service delivery to the citizen in the province. In my budget speech I will explore more on some of these.

Lastly, Mr Deputy Speaker, earlier this month I hosted the third Annual Ministerial Community Summit, where we took all these priorities to the people. We engaged with statutory structures such as the Civil Society, the health committees, the hospital boards, academic partners, private partners, as well as the NGO partners from across the province, to share the Western Cape Health budget. We had more than 300 people who attended, as far as Matzikama and also as far as Beaufort West.

We particularly focus on service redesign strategy and to share our successes in health. We want to reassure the citizens of this province that we are committed to provide access to quality healthcare. We are also committed to spending the public funds wisely to the benefit of the Western Cape population. We reaffirm our commitment to the principals of our Constitution that gives an obligation to respect, protect and fulfil the rights of the Western Cape citizen to access quality healthcare.

Despite all the challenges we face, we still hold a record of a 14 year unqualified audit. This includes a clean finance audit which is a first of its kind in the country for a health department. Clean and accountable governance is crucial, it reinforces public trust in the way we manage public money and the rollout of the services.

In the context of the service demands and operational climate, conventional ways of providing services and seeking marginal efficiencies have run its course. That is why we will be able to pilot tests, the Universal Health Coverage, in one of our worst places like in Saldanha, and work closely with the Department, two other provinces: in the Eastern Cape and also in the KZN. The concept has already been developed and we have already sold it to National.

Lastly I want to thank the head of the Department, Dr Engelbrecht, and her management team. Actually for the whole of the 32,000 members of the staff who have built so much resilience in spite of the service pressure they face, but they have managed at least to show that they care. We value each one of you and the difference you make in the community. Thank you. [Applause.]

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The hon member Beerwinkel.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Thank you. Mr Deputy Speaker, may I ask your indulgence for a few minutes before I go on to ...

An HON MEMBER: No.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Do not be nasty. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: It is a privilege.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Mr Deputy Speaker, I would like to start today with some pleasantries as it might be my last opportunity to address everyone here today.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the ANC leadership for affording me this opportunity to serve the people of the Western Cape in different capacities here at this Legislature and in my constituencies.

In absentia and in particular I would like to single out Deputy Minister Skwatsha who, at the time, found me worthy enough to bring me here from the City. [Interjections.]

Secondly comrade Zingeso who afforded me, a Metro citizen, to serve in a rural area of Swellendam.

An HON MEMBER: Now look at you.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: I think you will remember me as Carol Swellendam Beerwinkel.

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear! [Interjections.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: I want those two comrades to know that I am eternally grateful to them for what I have learnt and how I have grown.

Mr D G MITCHELL: They must thank you.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: To my Chief Whip, Pierre Uys, my mentor, who was there when I first set foot in Local Government in the then Oostenberg Council, of which I am a proud product. Thank you too for my growth and development as a councillor, but also as a member of this Legislature. [Interjections.] To everyone here in the DA benches, all of you ... [Interjections.]

Mr D JOSEPH: Yes, you must come over now.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: ... and my own comrades, I can attest to lessons I have learnt from all of you, and I will carry that with me always. As MECs, some of you I have worked with for many more years even before I got here, and the officials across the 14 departments. Thank you too for it was in SCOPA that we all got to engage with each other. I will most certainly be ploughing back most of the lessons that I learnt together with you.

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Thank you ANC again and leadership for this valued opportunity, and I trust that I have lived up to your expectations. In particular I would like to single out Treasury and in absentia Dr Stegman in whose term I started and who was instrumental in my growth in financial knowledge, together with the officials of that Department and in whose time MEC Winde was the MEC. That knowledge will not go to waste.

To [Inaudible.] which I will speak to later and just cemented my growth and Cape Nature for development and the importance of carrying and caring for the environment.

As ANC members we were mostly, solely responsible for holding the Executive to account [Interjections.] in our oversight role. I thank you all for this opportunity. [Applause.]

Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I think it is very disingenuous of MEC Meyer to grandstand about other provinces and make exceptions, when the Western Cape's irregular expenditure has grown by 93%. No mention of that.

They are also the only province in this country [Interjections.] who has taken the Auditor-General of South Africa to court for not giving them an opinion that substantiates or supports what they want.

As for cost of employment, Western Cape Province is top heavy and we all know that, the budget proves that.

Firstly, Mr Deputy Speaker, the DA needs to win an outright majority ... [Interjections.]

Mr D JOSEPH: We will.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: ... to implement this budget as it stands before us today.

An HON MEMBER: We will. [Interjections.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: The ANC and other coalitions might just stop you in your tracks, be careful.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Dream on. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Where is your leader?

Mr M G E WILEY: So are you saying [Inaudible.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Mr Deputy Speaker, today I would like to touch on an aspect.

An HON MEMBER: Dream like you.

Mr D JOSEPH: Who is your Premier candidate? [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: We have got the same rights [Inaudible.].

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Today I would like to touch on an aspect [Interjections.] of the budget that speaks to the backbone of delivery, a catalyst for development and a necessary fundamental foundation for growth, and that is the infrastructure investment in both provincial and municipal budgets, and its implications. The allocation of facilities in communities is what builds those communities.

Of the total R68 billion budget, R10 billion is allocated to infrastructure, and if anybody disputes what I am going to give you now, it is all in this Blue Book. That is where I got my information.

- Education is allocated R1,8 billion;
- Health R1,1 billion, 25% more than the previous year;
- Social Development R7,8 million;
- Human Settlements R2,1 billion, added to that the R83 million they just received in the adjustment budget;
- Environment and Development Planning R48 billion, 26% more than the previous year; and
- Transport and Public Works R4 billion.

That is only for infrastructure. Of that R10 billion:

- R5,6 million is allocated to maintenance and repairs;
- R2 billion for upgrades and additions across departments.

Add to this the R455 million for virtual, catalytic infrastructure. See how they are paging to see whether I am telling the truth.

Mr D JOSEPH: We will spend the money [Inaudible.].

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Nobody expected me to talk about infrastructure.

Mr D JOSEPH: We will spend that money [Inaudible.].

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Mr Deputy Speaker, in municipalities the allocation from National Government for capital projects is R2,7 billion, and the provincial allocation is R369 million down from the previous year's allocation of R513 million. District allocations to municipalities this year is zero, down from R450 million in the previous financial year. Municipalities borrow R6,4 billion up from the R4 billion in the previous year. One wonders how they are going to be able to repay these loans.

Mr D JOSEPH: Then teach Zuma to count.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: In total the combined infrastructure – hon member Dennis Joseph, I wonder if you even know what is in the infrastructure ... [Interjections.]

Mr D JOSEPH: Then teach Zuma to count [Inaudible.].

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: ... budget. [Laughter.] [Interjections.] In total the combined infrastructure [Interjections.] budget is R22 billion for the 19/20 financial year.

This DA Government says that this budget has maximum citizen impact ...

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: ... but no mention of citizen input.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: It says it is maximising service delivery, but no mention of public input.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Mr D JOSEPH: Public participation.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Not at – public participation is a word that you only know ... [Interjections.]

Mr D JOSEPH: We have broken all the records.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: ... in letters, but ... [Interjections.]

Mr D JOSEPH: We have broken all the records.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: ... but implementation, no. Not at municipal level, for sustainable integrated spatial development, or here with public participation in any form. So how do you determine the needs to justify your allocation?

An HON MEMBER: Exactly.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: The very core of who you serve has never been consulted or informed. Ask anyone of the millions out there, and 9 out of 10 people will tell you ... [Interjections.]

Mr D JOSEPH: It is not true.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: ... they have no clue of what is in this budget [Interjections.] or of the infrastructure spend.

Mr D JOSEPH: That is not true.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Attention to two departments – I do not have time, Mr Deputy Speaker, so I will just single out two, and I am going to speak on Health and Education.

An HON MEMBER: They always do.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Why one takes cognisance of the Department of Public Works – that the Department of Public Works oversees the construction of facilities such as schools and clinics and hospitals and roads, they can only implement what the different departments allocate from their equitable share, which becomes a litmus test for this DA Government and their consideration of development for the poor, added to what National Government determines in the conditional grants.

Let us now focus on Education. Infrastructure grant has increased by a whopping R63 million this year, and EPWP allocation is up 11%, that is R264 million more, but let us look at the track record of Education in the past three years. Where is Education?

Can I read to you, Mr Deputy Speaker, from this book, from 2015/16, 16/17, 17/18 year:

- Number of classrooms built, from 661 to 2017/2018 285; from 661 to 285.
- Number of specialist rooms built, from 94 to 46.
- Number of new schools from 23 to 10. [Interjections.]
- Number of new schools under construction, from 28 to 13.
- Number of Grade R classrooms [Interjections.], from 101 to 21. [Interjections.]
- Number of schools undergoing scheduled maintenance, from 30 to 64. That is up, but where?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Why?

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Bear in mind ... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Read it to them, Carol.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: ... bear in mind the selective accolades and recognition, if they complete, it is a DA delivery. If they do not, National Government has not given enough money. So where did the money for those facilities that you are boasting about come from?

An HON MEMBER: Exactly.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: The taxpayer. [Interjections.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Because Government did not give them funds is normally the excuse.

32, that is what page I just read. Does this MEC know how many *plankie* schools still exist? How many schools have adequate sports facilities? How many MOD Centres are underfunded for equipment, especially in rural areas? [Interjections.] Safe schools, fencing remains a problem, Mr Deputy Speaker, and school grounds become a thoroughfare because the community in the surrounding areas is not consulted to help to loop after the school. It is called public participation.

As I continue please bear in mind that I am concentrating only on infrastructure spend. So let us go to Health and infrastructure spend.

- Public equitable share increased from R137 million to R342,6 million.

- Conditional grants Health Revitalisation Grant increased from R95 million to R802,6 million, but again let us look at the infrastructure and the history of that year.
- From 2015 to 2017/2018, number of health facilities planned 47, 2017/2018 none.
- Number of facilities designed 27, 2017/2018 none.
- Health facilities constructed 23 2015/2016, 2017/2018 none.

Mr D JOSEPH: You are on the wrong page.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL:

- Number of facilities equipped 48, this year, 2017/2018, none.
- Number of facilities operational, 7 in 2015, 2017/2018 none.
- Number of facilities maintained last year 87.
- New facilities upgraded and renovated 5.
- Facilities commissioned 10.

Remember this is from the Health Facilitation Revitalisation Grant which is a conditional grant which they have to implement.

Now in this book again, the MEC earlier spoke about – where is my thingy? The MEC earlier spoke about – what is the word she used? I wrote it down. Specialised services.

Now if you look on page 159, I would consider a psychiatric ward a specialised service.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: So in Bredasdorp and in Swellendam there are specialised services, meaning psychiatric wards, planned since 2016. There is allocation given, but nothing has happened to date.

An HON MEMBER: Why?

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Why is that important, Mr Deputy Speaker? What the DA does not admit, that drug lords are making their way into rural areas and alcohol abuse is on the rise. There are no rehabilitation centres and victims, together with families, have no refuge or safe haven. Clearly the lives of the poor in the rural matter little to this DA Government.

The few cases – let me go back to Human Settlements. [Interjections.] Or back to Education quickly. Human Settlements equally depends on conditional grants. This year they got R2 billion as well as the Title Deed Assistance Restoration Grant, and also R83 million recently. However Human Settlements can build as many units as they want, unless the social network, for which you are responsible, is in place, you will continue to fester and breed grounds for drug and alcohol abuse as it is already the case in most poorer communities. The rich just have better ways of hiding their addictions.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Member, your time has almost expired, just finish off now.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: At Mullersrus, Mr Deputy Speaker, there is a chicken run that has been rehabilitated to become a school. The school is still without water. MEC Grant knows about that school, he was there and he knows. That school is without water, it is not supplied; in Hessequa, because it is in the Swellendam Municipality. The roof is caving in, the floors are lifting and to crown it all, that school is far out from the town and the community. Please can we start paying attention to the infrastructure that determines the livelihood and the life experience of people in those communities. I thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. [Time expired.] [Applause.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Mr Deputy Speaker, thank you, it is an honour to speak in this debate and also perhaps sweep at the end. First of all I would like to say to the Minister of Finance, Minister Meyer, thank you very much. Thank you very much for handing over an end-of-term budget that shows, and this debate is about the principles of a budget, it shows the good financial strategies, it shows the cutting of corruption or non-toleration of corruption, it shows how policy lands in budgets, and it really, really does show that how a government at the end of a term hands over a budget, and I thank you very much for handing over a budget that a new government is able to use. [Applause.]

One can only imagine what a principles debate like this would be in the National Government right now on the handing over a budget from the end of a term of a government to the new government, and especially a government where there does not seem to be any principles except one, and that is one of "loot as much as possible".

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: But I want to move on in this debate to perhaps start to talk about some of the issues that have been raised, and the first one is the hon Leader of the Opposition. I am not sure why he comes in, speaks and then leaves. Perhaps it is to do with some of the faction that is not here today. [Interjections.]

Ms P MAKELENI: He learned from you.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: But I mean that is really not acceptable. [Interjections.] But he speaks about what he calls the "Zille Commission", but in actual fact what that commission was, was a commission brought on behalf of the people of this province and really showcases the total failure of ANC Government, and shows the total failure of ANC Government that really talks to what we are fighting for right now, is on policing and how we deal with the effects of crime on society at the moment, and of course this is a budget debate, and he also raises the kind of money that is budgeted for within this province for community safety versus what we should be spending.

He starts to talk about money spent per day, etcetera. You know that R260 million a day is spent by the South African Police Services in this country. R260 million per day, which is a phenomenal number, but if you consider another number in this province, the number that makes me go cold every time I think about it, and that is 1 226.

This number, and I would like the members of this House to really think about this number, 1 226. That is a large number. That is how many people were murdered in this province between November and February. [Interjections.] 1 226 murdered. I mean this is unbelievable. You cannot believe that it is the kind of number you mention and life just carries on.

I mean everyone is feeling this disastrous failure of investment into energy and this disastrous failure in our country of the investment and proper investment, into infrastructure maintenance, which the hon member Beerwinkel has just been speaking about, and this failure of Eskom to provide a basic need of energy to an economy, to growing of jobs, to offering of services, to allow society to continue as they do.

A really basic requirement of a government to make sure that you are creating that enabling environment, and everybody is freaking out about the load shedding at the moment, and we were speaking earlier about how we are going to move from an average of load shedding Schedule 4 at the moment, back to Schedule 2, and we are all going, "Sjoe, that is amazing, what a relief." Schedule 2 is a relief, but 1 226 murders in this province, and this Opposition likes to come here, like the hon member Magaxa, and come here and say, "This is the failure of the Department of Community Safety in this province."

Quite frankly he should be standing up saying, "This is a failure of South African Government, of the South African Police Services, of our criminal justice system." This is a huge failure and can you imagine the devastation that 1 226 murders have on families, on individual people – moms, dads who lose their children in gang warfare, on kids who lose their parents – this is a devastating number.

Mr M G E WILEY: It is like a [Inaudible.] of soccer leagues put together.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: And this number needs to be dealt with. It is absolute unacceptable, and then he comes here and says, "You guys do not like the Anti-gang Unit." We have been calling for this unit for 10 years. For 10 years. We get it now, a few months before an election.

But you know that we actually measured the murder rate from when the Gang Unit came in November to February, end of February, on purpose, because we wanted to see what the murder rate was a year ago prior to the Gang Unit being here, and guess what? It is a few murders here or there less. Where is the impact?

Then the hon member goes on to talk about a contract that is highlighted where the wife of a gang boss has been now linked to a contract. The Mayor of Cape Town is investigating that right now as it goes.

If there is anything untoward about that contract you will see it cancelled immediately.

Mr D JOSEPH: The previous Mayor.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: But the question is: the hon member comes to his House and talks about this contract linked to the wife of a gang boss. He mentions the gang boss, he knows who the gang boss is. The ANC runs the Anti-gang Unit. I have not seen one arrest of any of these gang bosses, not one. [Applause.] Not one. Where are we in that? Who is taking responsibility for that? Where does that responsibility lie within the Constitution?

The PREMIER: Like the state capture, none of them.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Where does it lie within the Constitution?

You know that ... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: No comfort.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... since I took over the post of Community Safety, every month we write to the Minister of Police, every month, with a whole range of issues that we need corrected within the system, and also a whole range of offers that we are putting on the table to say, "This is what we will do coming to the party.

This is how we will help to fix the situation, to bring down that 1 226, to make a difference, a real difference, this is what we put on the table." Zero answer ... [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: Of course.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... to any of those letters.

The PREMIER: I never had any answer [Inaudible.].

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Zero, nothing. Handed it to the President, zero, nothing. There is no commitment to make this a safer province, nothing whatsoever.

The PREMIER: Zero.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: But you know what, hon members of this House and Speaker? I did get one glimmer of hope yesterday when I got recognition for our Watching Briefs from the National Minister. [Applause.]

And the hon members are right to applaud this, because at least that recognition says, "We agree to failure of the South African Police Services and the criminal justice system."

The Minister agrees to it, because he sees the value in what we are putting on the table just from the Court Watching Briefs, and between 1 October last year and 31 December, do you know that – because we also know there is a standard number - less than 3% of the gang leaders that do get arrested, less than 3% end up in convictions.

So we watch after an arrest what happens in that process, and do you know between that period of 1 October to 31 December, 312 of our cases – and our cases we monitor are high profile cases, cases that really mean something, and have to actually end up with putting someone behind bars – 312 got struck off the court roll of these cases.

- 129 of them are dockets not in court. In other words the policing system is not investigating the case and putting the docket in the court case. A basic principle of the criminal justice system;
- 126 investigations incomplete;
- 31 witnesses not at court;
- 19 unavailability of forensic reports; and
- 7 accused not brought to court.

And do you know where the biggest problem lies? In Nyanga. In Nyanga 20% of these dockets, just in that one station, and 53% of these are in the 10 stations that are the ones that we actually have to bring change to our people, where we actually have to make the difference. This rests directly at the door of this ANC Government.

And then this talks to where we are going in an election, it talks to the choices that the public has to make, the voters have to make, and so then the hon member comes in the natural course of an election process of the ANC, he comes here to this House and every time I stand up and speak, in the last couple of weeks I have spoken about the lies that the ANC tells in this House, and then showcase those lies, and how those lies are brought into this House.

The first thing he talks about is, “Let us talk about the APPs of the Agricultural Department not being tabled.” They have been tabled. They have been dealt with by our Standing Committee.

The one that had to be dealt with last was the audit in SCOPA, and that has also been dealt with now in SCOPA. It has been dealt with.

So he must not come and tell lies here. His own members and his Chief Whip should be telling him what the real case is here. So do not come and mislead the public.

The PREMIER: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: The second thing is he talks about land and he talks about expropriation. This ANC Government has not used the Constitution in the last 25 years, which allows you to expropriate once. Where have they expropriated the land? But they did not even have to expropriate the land, District 6 no expropriation was needed. In 25 years nothing. Nothing.

But then there is also talk about Youngsfield or Wingfield, or some of the Transnet land. Nothing, zero. This Government of the ANC at a national level spends more money on security of Ministers than they do on land reform. There is zero commitment of this Government.

And then what do they do? They have the audacity to give us this list. This is the list that they give to the people of South Africa for the next government. [Interjections.]

So like in this Government the Minister hands over [Interjections.] a running concern with a budget that has got processes, it looks three years in advance, that really talks about putting budget to the plans, cutting corruption, and what does the ANC do? They give us the same old, same old broken ANC with the same old highlighted criminals on their list [Interjections.], there is going to be no change. The looting will continue. The principle at a national government under ANC leadership in every province in this country, and at a national level. That principle will remain the same: "Loot as much as you can." Thank you very much, Mr Deputy Speaker. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, I see Minister Meyer to respond. [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker, and thank you to hon Minister Winde. [Interjections.]

Mr Deputy Speaker, Ramaphoria has imploded. He is today in the Western Cape. He will discover that the ANC in this province has also imploded.

From the President's own Commission of State Capture, we know that he is as compromised as many of his colleagues in the Cabinet that Minister Winde just explained. He has failed to explain R500 000 payment from Bosasa, he rejected his first own explanation and we know his son is doing business with them. This goes a long way to explain why the key drivers of the state capture project are still in the Cabinet.

Mr Deputy Speaker, for the record, state capture has cost R1,4 trillion. That is almost the total annual tax that we collect in South Africa. Eskom is costing this economy R3 billion per day.

†Cyril Ramaphosa se intensie, mnr die Adjunkspeaker, is nou om die Suid-Afrikaanse Reserwebank te nasionaliseer. Die President het aangedui dat die ANC besluit het om die Reserwebank te nasionaliseer, dat daardie besluit moet uitgevoer word omdat hulle die Bank se soewereiniteit wil bevestig. Dit is egter ironies, mnr die Adjunkspeaker, want die Grondwet bepaal uitdruklik dat die Reserwebank onafhanklik moet funksioneer.

President Ramaphosa kan nie meer vertrou word nie, want vir die buitelanders vertel hy dat die Suid-Afrikaanse Reserwebank se onafhanklikheid ononderhandelbaar is, maar in Suid-Afrika dryf hy aktief die nasionalisering van die Reserwebank.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[Cyril Ramaphosa's intention, Mr Deputy Speaker, is now to nationalise the South African Reserve Bank. The President has indicated that the ANC decided to nationalise the Reserve Bank, that that decision has to be implemented because they want to confirm the Bank's sovereignty. It is ironic, however, Mr Deputy Speaker, because the Constitution unequivocally stipulates that the Reserve Bank should function independently.]

President Ramaphosa cannot be trusted anymore, because to the foreigners he says that the South African Reserve Bank's independence is not negotiable, but in South Africa he is actively driving the nationalisation of the Reserve Bank.]

He went to Davos in Switzerland, to the World Economic Forum, and when they ask him about the central bank, he said, "That bank, we must protect the independence of the central bank in South Africa."

An HON MEMBER: He always speaks with the phone, ja.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: He spoke that in Europe, but when he came here to South Africa in Parliament he said to the people in South Africa, "We must nationalise the Reserve Bank." That man is today in the Western Cape. The people will reject him because he is a liar. †Hy lieg net.

Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, die stryd om die Suid-Afrikaanse ReserweBank te nasionaliseer is teenstrydig met die bepaling in Artikel 224 van die Grondwet, wat bepaal dat die Bank onafhanklik moet wees.

Kollegas, sodra die Suid-Afrikaanse Reserwebank genasionaliseer word sal dit lei tot hiperinflasie en ons monetêre beleid finaal vernietig. Die ANC het reeds al die geld in die Nasionale Tesourie gesteel en teiken nou die Reserwebank, en dit is om geld te druk en dan die gedrukte geld ook nog te steel. Zimbabwe en Venezuela het hulle sentrale banke genasionaliseer, en dit het rampspoedige gevolge.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

He is just lying.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the effort to nationalise the South African Reserve Bank is contrary to the regulation in Section 224 of the Constitution, that determines that the Bank should be independent.

Colleagues, as soon as the South African Reserve Bank is nationalised it will lead to hiper-inflation and finally destroy our monetary policy. The ANC has already stolen all the money in the National Treasury and now targets the Reserve Bank, and that is to print money and also steal the print money. Zimbabwe and Venezuela nationalised their central banks, and it has disastrous consequences.

†n AGB LID: Hoor-hoor.

[An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear.]

†Die MINISTER VAN FINANSIES: Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, vandag soos ons hier sit het Zimbabwe nie 'n eie geldeenheid nie. Hulle aanvaar nie die Zim dollar nie, hulle aanvaar slegs twee geldeenhede: die Suid-Afrikaanse rand en Amerikaanse dollars. So [Tussenwerpsels.] indien Suid-Afrika se Sentrale Bank genasionaliseer word sal ons ons geldeenheid se soewereiniteit ook vernietig.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Mr Deputy Speaker, today as we are sitting here, Zimbabwe has no own currency. They do not accept the Zim dollar, they only accept two currencies: the South African Rand and American dollars. So [Interjections.] if South Africa's central bank is nationalised we will destroy our currency' sovereignty as well.]

†Die PREMIER: Ja!

[The PREMIER: Yes!]

†Die MINISTER VAN FINANSIES: En daarom, mnr die Adjunkspeaker, die gevaarligte brand. Die Suid-Afrikaanse Reserwebank moet beskerm word, want ons kan nie nog 'n VPS Mutual Bank in Suid-Afrika bekostig nie.

[The MINISTER OF FINANCE: And therefore, Mr Deputy Speaker, the danger signs are flashing. The South African Reserve Bank should be protected, because we cannot afford yet another VPS Mutual Bank in South Africa.]

†n AGB LID: Hoor-hoor.

[An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear.]

†Die MINISTER VAN FINANSIES: Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, wat betref die kommentaar wat gemaak was oor die infrastruktuurbegroting, ek is baie trots op die infrastruktuurbegroting van R30 miljard wat hier ter tafel gelê is, want hierdie Kabinet het hom verbind tot 'n infrastruktuur van begeleide groei.

Primêr daartoe het ons ons verbind tot die herstelwerk en instandhouding, maar primêr het ons ook seker gemaak dat die munisipaliteite se infrastruktuur- en instandhoudingsbegrotings ook gereflekteer word in ons begrotings, en die onderskeie Ministers sal breedvoerig in hierdie debatte deelneem rondom die infrastruktuurbegroting. Ons het juis oor die afgelope vyf jaar daarin geslaag om die infrastruktuurbegroting ook stelselmatig te skuif soos Minister Grant versoek het oor die afgelope vyf jaar, dat ons meer moet fokus op infrastruktuur om die ekonomie te laat groei, en daarom is ek baie trots op die infrastruktuurbegeleide strategie en die onderskeie begrotings daartoe, maar die onderskeie Ministers sal in hulle onderskeie begrotingsdebatten breedvoerig daaroor rapporteer aan die Huis.

Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, ek bedank al die lede wat hier deelgeneem het aan die onderskeie begrotingsdebatten. Ek bedank die Provinsiale Tesourie, asook al die lede van die onderskeie begrotingposte, die Direkteur-Generaal, asook al die onderskeie departementshoofde, asook die hoof van Tesourie, vir hierdie insette in hierdie begroting. Ek dank u. [Applous.]

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Mr Deputy Speaker, about the comments made about the infrastructure budget, I am very proud of the infrastructure budget of R30 billion that was tabled here, because this Cabinet has committed itself to an infrastructure of guided growth.

Primarily we have committed ourselves to the repair work and maintenance, but primarily we have also ensured that the municipalities' infrastructure and maintenance budgets are reflected in our budgets, and the various Ministers will participate extensively in these debates around the infrastructure budget. We have actually over the past five years succeeded in shifting the infrastructure budget systematically as Minister Grant had requested, that we focus more on infrastructure to grow the economy, and therefore I am very proud of the infrastructure guided strategy and its various budgets, but the various Ministers will report extensively on that to the House in their budget debates.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I thank all the members who have participated here in the various budget debates. I thank Provincial Treasury, as well as all the members of the various budget votes, the Director-General, as well as all the departmental heads, also the head of Treasury, for all this input in this budget. I thank you. [Applause.]]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: That concludes the debate on the Consideration of the Principle of the Bill. Are there any objections to the approval of the Principle of the Bill? There is an objection. I will put the question: those in favour will say aye.

HON MEMBERS: Aye!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Those against no.

An HON MEMBER: No! [Laughter.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I think the "ayes" have it. The ANC's objection will be recorded.

The Secretary will read the Bill.

The SECRETARY: Consideration of principle of Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 1–2019]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The House will deal with the separate votes from now onwards. The Secretary will read the fifth order.

REPORT OF THE CONDUCT COMMITTEE ON THE COMPLAINT BY HON MEMBER C M DUGMORE AGAINST HON MEMBER M G E WILEY.

(Consideration)

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: There is an opportunity for a declaration from parties if they so wish. I see the ANC.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Are you coming [Inaudible.]?

Mr R T OLIVIER: No, I do not need to. [Laughter.] I am going to national. Mr Deputy Speaker, before I start. Oh, it is the change.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No, you may start.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Okay.

[The Speaker takes the Chair.]

Mr R T OLIVIER: Madam Speaker, the ANC wishes to express its serious concern at the failure of the Conduct Committee to pursue the complaint against hon member Wiley.

The DA has used its majority to block an investigation into the Chief Whip who, through his conduct, has clearly ... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: It is untrue, it is not true.

Mr R T OLIVIER: ... undermined the oversight role of the Standing Committees.

The PREMIER: That is nonsense.

The SPEAKER: Order.

Mr R T OLIVIER: This is a dangerous precedent as hon member Wiley's conduct was an attempt to intimidate members from asking questions ... [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: Ag nonsense!

Mr R T OLIVIER: ... to the departmental officials. This decision is a sad day for oversight. We saw how the DA removed Leonard Max from a committee for attempting to hold [Interjections.] the MEC ... [Interjections.]

Mr D G MITCHELL: And where is he now?

Mr R T OLIVIER: ... and the department accountable. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please!

Mr R T OLIVIER: Once they had removed Max [Interjections.], the DA then tried to silence members with bullying by the Chief Whip.

As the ANC we believe the disgraceful conduct of the Chief Whip should have been investigated despite the report of the Registrar, thus, Madam Speaker, the ANC cannot support this resolution.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. In the absence of the EFF, the DA, I see the hon member Wenger.

Ms M M WENGER: Thank you, Madam Speaker. The complaint against hon member Wiley was attended to by a preliminary investigation, so it was investigated, and the Registrar noted that the complaint was mistakenly based on the provincial code, and actually falls outside the reach, the scope and the auspices of the Conduct Committee, and advised the committee not to pursue the matter any further.

We then deliberated and recommended that we follow the Registrar's own recommendation. We therefore report to this House that [Interjections.] we accept the report of the Registrar to not pursue the matter any further.

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear.

Ms M M WENGER: Thank you. [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you. That concludes the declaration on this report. Are there any objections to the report being adopted?

Mr D JOSEPH: No.

Mr P UYS: Ja, there is.

Mr D JOSEPH: No.

The SPEAKER: There is an objection. I put the question: those in favour of the report being adopted will say aye.

HON MEMBERS: Aye!

The SPEAKER: Those against say no.

HON MEMBERS: No!

The SPEAKER: I think the "ayes" have it. I have noted the objection.

**REPORT OF THE CONDUCT COMMITTEE ON THE FAILURE OF HON
MEMBER N D NKONDLO TO SUBMIT DISCLOSURE FORMS TIMEOUSLY
IN 2016.**

(Consideration)

The SPEAKER: I have been informed by the Chief Whip that the programming authority resolved that there would be no list of speakers, and that parties who wish to speak will now be afforded the opportunity to make a declaration for a maximum of three minutes. I now recognise the parties. I see the ANC. Nobody? [Interjections.] I see the hon member Wenger in the absence of the EFF.

Ms M M WENGER: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Hon member Nkondlo, having been sworn in as a member of the House on 9 November 2016, failed to return her initial disclosure of registrable interest forms within 60 days of her appointment as a member, as is required by the 60 day limit which is required by the Provincial Code of Conduct.

The committee then deliberated and found that by failing to return her disclosure forms timeously, the hon member was in breach of Section 11(2) of the Provincial Code of Conduct.

This decision concurred with the recommendation of the Registrar that the hon member had indeed breached the code by failing to submit her declarations timeously.

The hon member was then afforded the opportunity to make written submissions in mitigation of her sanction to be recommended by the Conduct Committee and was given 14 days to provide such. She noted that she would be travelling for parliamentary business and the committee duly extended the deadline for submission to 23 July. The hon member, however, again lapsed and the response was received late to the extended deadline, and it was not received on 23 July as per the request, but on 5 December. [Interjections.]

The matter was then deliberated on by the Conduct Committee on 6 December, in which we considered that hon member Nkondlo was a new member, however she ought to have known and ought to have submitted her declarations on time.

During these deliberations the committee resolved, with the ANC dissenting, to recommend that the hon member receive a reprimand in terms of Section 32(1) of the Provincial Code of Conduct.

I therefore encourage this House to accept the recommendations of the committee.

The PREMIER: Hear-hear.

The SPEAKER: That concludes the declaration on this report. Are there any objections to the report being adopted?

Mr D JOSEPH: No.

An HON MEMBER: I object.

The SPEAKER: There is an objection.

The PREMIER: You are objecting?

The SPEAKER: I put the question [Interjections.]: those in favour of the report being adopted will say aye.

HON MEMBERS: Aye!

The SPEAKER: Those against say no.

HON MEMBERS: No!

Mr D JOSEPH: Ooo!

An HON MEMBER: It is only two. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: So it is dutifully noted. We have – order, please, hon members! [Interjections.] We have just dealt with two reports. May I call the House to order, please. Hon member Nkondlo, will you please stand.

Pursuant to the adoption by the House of the Report of the Conduct Committee on your failure to submit your member's disclosure form timeously, I hereby reprimand you for breaching paragraph 11.2 of the Code of Conduct for members of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament.

Members of the Provincial Parliament have to abide individually and collectively by the principles, rules and obligations set out in the Code of Conduct, and your failure to do so is a serious transgression.

Public representatives must at all times ensure that their conduct as members is beyond reproach, and must in fact lead the way to ensure that ethical and responsible leadership is demonstrated.

I trust that you will learn from this experience and you will not be found wanting in this regard in future. You may take your seat.

That, hon members, concludes the business for the day. The House is adjourned. Thank you.

The House adjourned at 14:18.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, TABLINGS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

FRIDAY, 22 MARCH 2019

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Report of the Budget Committee on the Western Cape Additional Adjustment Appropriation Bill (2018/19 Financial Year) [B 4–2019], dated 22 March 2019.

The Budget Committee having deliberated on the subject of the Vote in the Schedule to the Western Cape Additional Adjustment Appropriation Bill (2018/19 Financial Year) [B 4–2019], referred to the Committee in accordance with Standing Rule 187, reports as follows:

The Committee considered the Standing Committee Report on the Vote in the Schedule to the Bill and reports that it has concluded its deliberations and supports the Bill.

2. Report of the Budget Committee on the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 1–2019], dated 22 March 2019.

The Budget Committee having deliberated on the subject of the Votes in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 1–2019], referred to the Committee in accordance with Standing Rule 187, reports as

follows:

The Committee considered the various Standing Committee Reports on the Votes in the Schedule to the Bill and reports that it has concluded its deliberations and supports the Bill.

In terms of Standing Rule 86, the African National Congress expressed its minority view not to support the Bill.

MONDAY, 25 MARCH 2019

COMMITTEE REPORT

Report of the Standing Committee on the Premier and Constitutional Matters on the Western Cape Commissioner for Children Bill [B 4–2018], dated 27 February 2019.

The Standing Committee on the Premier and Constitutional Matters, having considered the subject of the Western Cape Commissioner for Children Bill [B 4–2018] referred to it in accordance with Standing Rule 171, begs to report the Bill with amendments [B 4A–2018] and [B 4B–2018].

PROCEEDINGS OF THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT

The House met at 10:00.

The Deputy Speaker took the Chair and read the prayer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, TABLING AND COMMITTEE REPORTS - see p. 10329**WESTERN CAPE APPROPRIATION BILL [B1 – 2019]**

(Debate on Vote 1 – Premier)

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Hear-hear!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see the hon Premier.

The PREMIER: Thank you very much indeed, Mr Deputy Speaker; honourable members.

The Department of the Premier's main budget for 2019/20 is R1,57 billion. Compared to the 2018/19 adjusted budget, the aggregate budget allocation represents a baseline increase of about 5%. However, the Department had to provide for an increase in conditions of service for 2019 and 2020 of 8,3% which means that the budget for goods and services remains under pressure.

Mr Deputy Speaker, it is important for us to recall that the National Government went right outside the mandate and entirely exceeded the available envelope of the cost of employment to agree to an 8,3% increase which is making it all the more difficult to have the budget we require for actual service delivery and that is a massive failure of nerve and of backbone on behalf of the National Government.

Remaining budget risks that the Department would find difficult to absorb going forward, are the impact of higher inflation on the current and future Public Service wage agreements, as well as the impact of the Rand/Dollar exchange rate on licensing and capital expenditure in the Centre for e-Innovation.

Now Mr Deputy Speaker, we are caught in a double-bind here. On the one hand we are spending billions more than was budgeted for or available on salaries and on the other hand given the weakness of the Rand against international currencies, we have to take some of those precious resources to make up for the Rand's weakness in licensing costs and other things and all of this erodes the base budget for actual service delivery.

Honourable members, Government operates within the area of managing disparate data, many applications and business processes. To drive business performance, the Western Cape Government has already embarked on using Performance Measurement as a product of Monitoring and Evaluation; and Business Intelligence, through BizBrain, as a solution in delivering strategic data and information.

Now, Mr Deputy Speaker, one of the most important things that I have learnt in my period in Government is the importance of data, but not just general data, not just collecting all the information we can possibly have from our databases but purpose-driven data; data that is required to know whether we are on track to achieve our strategic plans and I think that in the last five years we have made important steps in that direction, to get strategic data linked to the purpose of informing us whether or not we are making progress to achieving the outcomes we want and we need to make progress across the board in that.

It is one thing to have huge amounts of big data. It is quite another to tailor the information you need to a purpose and an outcome and we have a lot of base-data. We need to apply it strategically to measure whether our strategies are succeeding. In line with the Global Data Agenda, the Western Cape Government is moving towards a data-driven organisation for better evidence and decision-making, and I must add here, linked to our Provincial Strategic Plan and Priorities, and for this reason Province-wide Data Governance is embarked upon as a transversal and strategic intervention to respond to the high demand for coherence in the production and use of data and information to inform evidence-based decision-making and analysis, and I will be gone in just over a month and I am waiting for you to applaud, hon Opposition. [Laughter.] I gave you the specific break there to applaud. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Purposefully!

The PREMIER: Anyway, I will carry on. I will be gone in just a little over a month... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: They will not miss you!

The PREMIER: And I certainly will not in any way try to influence the ongoing administration but if there is one bit of advice I would like to give, is for all Ministers in the future Cabinet to take data very seriously, strategically linked to their provincial strategic objectives and their transversal and departmental plans so they have good information they require as to whether they are making progress towards quantified goals. We have a lot of raw data. What we do not have is targeted data that can be used strategically for informed management decisions and we have seen that above all in this last week where we were trying to plan for the risk of a possible complete blackout.

The lack of data that we had in order to make strategic decisions was really shocking and that was not the lack of our data, because of course electricity distribution, I mean electricity generation and transmission is a National Government competency.

Now essential to our Digital Government Strategy, the province-wide Data Governance strategy includes the management of the availability, usability, integrity and security of data assets, and I am happy to report that funds have been allocated towards this priority over the 2019 MTEF period.

The Master Plan on Province-wide Data Governance was approved by Cabinet on 6 December 2017 so it is more than a year ago.

The PWDG Programme is pursuing four ambitious missions. These are to:

- Produce reliable and accurate data and information across the Western Cape Government;
- To partner in data and information products and systems;
- To ensure accountability and transparency of data and information systems; and
- To keep stakeholders informed.

But there must be a fifth one and it needs to be the first one:

- To ensure that we identify what data is strategically needed in order to take the key management decisions we require to achieve our objectives.

That has to be number one in the Data Governance Strategy and even if that strategy has to be amended, Mr Deputy Speaker, I would like to recommend that it be amended because there is no use in having data for the sake of having data. What you need data for is to be able to pursue your objectives and understand whether or not you are on the right path and it is often not as easy as it sounds to get the right data, because working out what data will tell you whether or not you are on the right path is a very difficult thing. Often it is precisely that data that you do not have and that you still have to get so data governance is not a simple thing, it is highly complex and it needs to be led by people who are extremely strategic in their thinking and who understand the Provincial Strategic Goals, how they are transversal, what information is needed, how are we going to get it, how are we going to make sure it is good information, and how we are going to apply it in decision-making and in a sense that has to critically be the responsibility of all the Ministers in the new Cabinet. It has to be, because I cannot tell you how indispensable good data is to determining where you are going and whether you are getting there.

Alright, so I have just added another one and I am going to ask for that particular Data Governance Plan to be amended.

The next three years will see the implementation with defined PWDG delivery and results to be achieved. The scope of work relates to the identified high-level outputs which covers the following:

- Data quality management
- Master data management
- Logical data warehouse
- Data and information governance and;
- Data analytics capability

Now data analytics capability is really very important but it must start with a strategic political understanding of the data required to determine whether we are achieving our Provincial Strategic Goals.

The Western Cape's Broadband Strategy and Implementation Plan is aligned with South Africa Connect, which is South Africa's Broadband Strategy, which plans to improve broadband penetration across the country.

It further acknowledges Government's role as anchor tenant, the need to aggregate demand and the need for open access.

It is anticipated that because of its foresight in this regard, the Western Cape Government will be in a position to achieve the targets as set out in South Africa Connect, even in our most rural areas. I had a report-back yesterday and I am delighted to get reports from some of our most rural schools who even only have a 10 megabyte connection that with good management and good off-net providers they are doing very well. Of course in others that is not the case and we are investigating each and every one to find out what the problems are but we are making very good progress and analysing where every single problem exists.

During the 2019 MTEF period this Department will continue its investment in phase two of the Provincial Broadband Programme by increasing the minimum network speeds to a 100 megabits per second, and where that has happened and we have already connected over 600 sites to a 100 megabits per second, it has transformed the usability and speed of the internet. There are over 500 schools that I understand have been connected to over a 100 megabits per second, and when I visit them and hear the difference in the experience between 10 megabits and 100 megabits, it is really chalk and cheese and when we get to the gigabyte connection which is phase 3, it will really make an extraordinary difference.

We will also intensify our efforts to derive consequent value from the broadband network by increasing the number of public WiFi hotspots to 1 600 and to continue effecting telephony savings by migrating more corporate sites to the Voice over Internet Platform.

The Centre for e-Innovation is providing enabling services to the DCAS, the Western Cape Education Department, DEDAT, DSD and DOCS to ensure that the key outcomes of the e-Learning, e-Skills and After-Schools Game Changers are met.

The implementation of the e-Learning Game Changer has resulted in a significant requirement for growth in the CE-I support environment and the demand in this area will continue to grow: 328 Schools, Mr Deputy Speaker, have had full LAN rollouts.

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

The PREMIER: 841 Schools have had SLIM labs rolled out. That is sometimes a challenge because they have been very used to connecting to their own servers and as we are moving to a cloud based solution people miss their own servers and are missing that availability of data, but we want to make it open access. That is why we are doing the cloud-link, but one massive problem has arisen, which I think I need to table in this House.

We are compelled to work through SETA. This is not an option. It is compulsory in terms of the law.

In investigating very closely why we are having some problems in schools around accessing data and uploading and downloading data, we have established that SETAs link to the cloud, which is the link we have to work through is only one gigabyte for the whole province. Now that is big for one school. It is very, very small for the whole province and I am working hard with SETA to wake them up to the fact that they need to move to 10 Gigs immediately otherwise all the infrastructure that we put in is pretty much useless because it is assumed that it will be cloud-based, not individual server-based in each institution, and so the link to the cloud has to be quick and seamless and really solid and that is SETA's job. I have learnt that diagnosing where the problem is, is such a difficult thing in IT because there are so many links in the chain, and establishing that SETA was the core problem in that link has at least taken us to understanding where it is and how we resolve it. But that we must resolve and I am very glad that Mr Lance Williams, who used to head up our CE-I, is now there and is giving a lot of assistance in this particular process.

The implementation of the e-Learning Game Changer has resulted in a significant requirement for growth in the CE-I support environment. I have already said that, and the demand in this area will continue to grow: 328 schools have had full LAN rollout; 841 schools have slim LABS rolled out and 1 242 schools are connected to broadband, which is a wonderful achievement.

Through the Digital Government Strategy the CE-I aims to coordinate and direct all provincial ICT initiatives towards optimising and transforming existing public services and to create new public services for citizens of the Western Cape through digital empowerment of residents and employees.

During the year ahead, Mr Deputy Speaker, the Department will be developing the Digital Transformation Plan, which will be the implementation plan for the Digital Government Strategy. This will be done through a series of workshops and consultations with other departments, citizens, academia, businesses as well as Local and National Government.

Cloud computing presents an opportunity for the Department to offer scalable and secure ICT services - that is if SETA will fix the link - that supports business requirements while optimising cost and efficiencies.

Cloud computing changes the traditional business and ICT model by enabling organisations to consume resources such as platforms, applications and storage as a utility rather than having to build and maintain computing infrastructures in-house, but I have to stress again, this requires SETA to be ensuring that the link to the cloud is adequate to carry the traffic at the speed required.

The Western Cape Government is leveraging the high-speed broadband connectivity to migrate major workloads to the cloud and that will come to a grinding halt unless the connectivity is much higher than it currently is and gradually reducing our dependence on our on-premise infrastructure, but the great risk that I have found of doing this when it does not work is that people become desperate to reinstate the on-premise infrastructure such as servers.

If our connectivity for example does not work in schools, because of whatever problems there are in the multiple players that have to be involved, including off-net service providers to achieve social objectives rather than technical objectives, you have a problem where people just say “forget about this, we are moving to our old service provider”, and they would prefer to pay a lot of money for a reliable service provider than take what we have paid a lot of money for and which is supposed to be a free service to the school. So these things we have to get right because we can say in theory, yes, we want cloud-based services that on-site infrastructure is not required, but then it has got to work, and SETA has to come to the party.

Another key priority focus, Mr Deputy Speaker, for the Department is maintaining and enhancing the suite of provincial transversal applications which include, amongst other, BizBrain, BizProjects, Enterprise Content Management as well as the NPO system of the Department of Social Development. The main benefits derived from having core transversal systems are sharing of platforms, integration of data and seamless integration of solutions, but again unless all of those are linked to an objective that the Cabinet or Ministers or a transversal management team want to achieve all of those excellent platforms just sit there because you do not know how to apply them and use them in the daily work to which you are trying to devote your energies to achieving an outcome, and that link data has to have a purpose which starts with an outcome. What do you need to know; where do you get it; how do you use it; how do you make strategic management decisions from it. [Interjections.]

†n AGBARE LID: Hoor-hoor!

[An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!]

Mr D JOSEPH: They do not know what you are talking about. [Interjections.]

†INKULUMBUSO: Uthini? Andiva.

[The PREMIER: What are you saying? I can't hear you.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: Inaudible.

†INKULUMBUSO: Hayi hayi abayazi yonke into.

[The PREMIER: No no they do not know anything.]

Mr M G E WILEY: Now look what you have done. You have woken them up.

†INKULUMBUSO: Kufuneka ufunde yonke into. Vuka maulele. Uthetha kakhulu mama.

[The PREMIER: Be alert and learn. You are talking too much lady.]

†Alright, the convergence of voice, data and video onto the network and the digitalisation of traditional non-ICT equipment, non-ICT solutions and other non-ICT periphery, is a key area of innovation as it is driving the expansion, enhancement and capacity of the network and ICT infrastructure and I must confess Mr Deputy Speaker, that I do not know what that sentence means but I will find out immediately afterwards.

This includes video conference solutions, boardroom media technologies, building security and surveillance solutions and equipment as well as building management facilities and equipment being connected over the Western Cape Government networks. Now I understand what it means. This is the “Internet of Things” manifesting internally and locally across the Western Cape Government. Yes, this is absolutely critical as Internet of Things that links everything together and enables us not only to ensure that our fridges at home can order milk from Pick n Pay when we are running low but that we can link key infrastructure to alert us to all kinds of issues in the ongoing management of all the resources that we have and the Internet of Things and artificial intelligence is literally mind-boggling when you see what it is capable of. We might be able to have MPs with artificial intelligence to outpace what the human thing is able to do.

In recent years, the global cyber security environment has evolved significantly with a drastic increase in the volume and complexity of threat actors and attack methods used. The regulatory environment has also evolved to require more stringent compliance and data protection, e.g. the Protection of Personal Information Act, which has requirements across all the systems. In addition, the expansion of the Western Cape Government IT environment has also brought about greater complexity, risk and security requirements.

This includes the need to protect in excess of 24 500 workstations, over 350 key business applications and an extensive data environment over three networks consisting of over 2 000 sites. Sufficient funding has been allocated for this purpose. That is an enormous network.

Honourable members, the Department acknowledges that there is a need for a provincial public participation strategy which will create a platform for engagement for citizens to participate meaningfully in Government service delivery.

The whole-of-society approach is emerging as an alternative approach to service delivery within Government. It aims to encourage and put into practice a new way of working in partnership across all levels of Government, as well as with civil society, business, NGOs, and intermediary organisations.

The aim of this approach is to achieve the shared purpose of socio-economic development for the benefit of all South Africans. The approach focuses on shared purpose, the use of collated data to establish a common understanding of the problem, planned interventions and track impact and that is the strategic use of data.

It also uses a systems approach for interventions and successful community entry. The whole-of-society approach provides the impetus for community engagement. The approach seeks to engage communities in a spatial context and is important to move towards greater citizen centricity.

Now I get nervous about the spatial context because spatial context is good for some projects but not good for all projects and it is really important for us to understand that.

The Western Cape Government plans to explore innovative and sustainable models for frontline service delivery that can significantly improve the citizen experience when accessing Government information or services through every available service interface channel. The solution lies in developing citizen-centric models that are based on citizen-focused research, draw inspiration from the relative success with which both the private sector and other governments have addressed their challenges, as well as thinking out of the box to initiate novel approaches to solving local issues. But public participation, Mr Deputy Speaker, I need to say in parenthesis, is often a major challenge because people can choose what is not feasible so for example when we were dealing with the District Six challenge, which we still are, and some very important court cases have been resolved in a positive direction to make the National Department move on this process, at last, when public participation happens one sees that people want a large plot with a single house on it.

Now in a context like the land in District Six, that is not appropriate. So the critical thing in public participation is to define the options realistically and sustainably to involve the public in debating the best outcome within the parameters that are feasible.

Through the Service Interface Strategy, the Western Cape Government aims to improve the citizen's satisfaction levels when engaging Government by listening and reacting to citizens' needs, addressing the service levels and quality of frontline service delivery facilities and services, increasing the information and service access channels and strengthening those programmes that aim to take services to the people. In order to address the challenges holistically the Service Interface Strategy will focus on four service delivery areas:

- Service experience research and monitoring and evaluation;
- Frontline service delivery improvement;
- Digital governance enhancement;
- Increased citizen access to services and information.

Hon members, we currently have 70 Cape Access Centres in our province and they are something that we can be greatly proud of. They mostly exist in small remote rural towns and are used very intensively by the local population. Cape Access is one of the key programmes for improving access to ICTs and increasing digital literacy within the rural areas of the Western Cape. At these centres, communities have free access to computers, printing and scanning facilities. By providing ICT training and access to e-mail facilities and internet, low-income communities have access to Government services and products and various online services.

They can also communicate more effectively with Government, have access to important information around new business opportunities and jobs, and can also transact online. More importantly, communities are able to connect to other communities within the province, around South Africa and around the world.

Cape Access contributes to empowering poorer communities to tackle the challenges of poverty. As such, the programme makes a significant contribution to the Provincial Spatial Development Framework and growth of potential towns.

Due to severely constrained resources, the Department, in collaboration with the municipalities, will be rolling out five new Cape Access Centres during the 2019/20 financial year. I wish it could be three times that number.

Good governance is regarded as the cornerstone of a capable state that creates opportunities for citizens to live lives that they value. Governance frameworks and maturity models were developed that provide departments with a basis to determine and improve corporate governance. Finding the right indicators to measure the right outcomes and impacts is complex - that is what I have been saying all along - in the governance space and hence the need to collaborate with other external institutions, such as the Human Sciences Research Council and Stats SA. Again though, the data has to have a purpose and be used to measure progress towards a defined objective.

This will move the measurement of governance beyond the current MPAT measurement tool which measures only compliance, and this has been a theme that I have had throughout the two terms that I have been in office. Compliance measures: whether you are sticking to every single rule meticulously and I can understand why that is necessary in such a corrupt country, but, in the new fourth industrial revolution with the Internet of Things and artificial intelligence the best governments in the world are going to be those that can innovate; that can do new things with new technologies such as the block chain and which can experiment and which can try new approaches and it is impossible to do that within our compliance environment.

In fact if something has not been done before, if something does not have a regulation that exists to control it, we may not do it and I cannot tell you how much that hampers progress in government. If it were not for the extent of the corruption in South Africa we would be able to do a whole range of innovative things that we are blocked from doing now and I would really like to urge our successors to look critically at how we speak to the Auditor-General to get a framework within which innovation is possible, obviously without corruption, and one of the best models worldwide is what is known as the "sandbox model", where you say this looks like something we should experiment with. We will ring-fence it. It is almost like having a special economic zone. This area will be exempt from all these terrible rules so that we can pilot and test whether it can have an impact and there are so many spectacular new technologies that can transform the way we do things.

I have recently been reading and looking at the block-chain - quite extraordinary what that can open up, but we cannot touch it because none of the rules or regulations or laws or compliance frameworks or directives have ever heard of block-chain before, and so instead of following on where everyone else is, we should be learning from countries how spectacularly successful, tiny countries as Malta is, now the world leader on block-chain applications in the public sector, because they got the regulation right and they got ahead of the game; and that is one of the things that I failed to achieve, Mr Deputy Speaker, in my term in office, but I am sure my successors will achieve that.

Alright, finding the right indicators - okay, beyond compliance. That is what I was talking about.

A Western Cape Government Good Governance Index will be designed in 2019/20. Now please can that not just be more compliance; can we please build in innovation obviously without corruption into it. This includes indicator selection, index development methodology, index range definitions and data sourcing.

In closing, I would very much like to thank the DG. You only have to listen to me speaking like this once in a while. The poor DG has to listen to this every single week and I greatly appreciate how he takes some of my crazy ideas and says: "That will land you in jail if you carry on that path", so he is probably the only reason that I am not in jail yet, and on the ideas that can be retrofitted into the compliance framework that that happens, and running up very close on - I get an essay on every single financial submission - is Mr Drikus Basson, who is he chief financial officer and who has kept us on the straight and narrow. Thank you very much.

Thank you very, very much to Mr Daylin Mitchell who is Chair of the Portfolio Committee, who calls me to account very regularly and to all the members of the Portfolio Committee, even the members of the honourable Opposition. When you are not trying to be...

An HON MEMBER: Clever!

The PREMIER: Well, let me just say thank you. Thank you very much. [Laughter.] [Interjections.] [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! The hon member Mitchell.

Mr D G MITCHELL: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. The Department of the Premier in the Western Cape functions in accordance with the following mission statement: to embed good governance and to enable integrated service delivery in the Western Cape through partnership, innovation and people excellence.

When looking at the budget allocation of this Department it is very clear that it has aligned itself very closely to this mission statement. We know that despite the budget cuts to the Western Cape as a result of continuous corruption and maladministration by the ANC at national level, our Government will continue to lead in governance, service delivery and economic growth in South Africa.

Mr Deputy Speaker, we are fortunate to live in a province where thanks to the leadership of the Premier over the last ten years, 82% of the provincial budget is spent on the poor. Over 80% of Western Cape schools have access to free internet. 91.5% of Western Cape residents live within 30 minutes of healthcare. R130 billion in new developments have been approved. R42 billion has been spent on infrastructure but most importantly, Mr Deputy Speaker, a R171 billion has been spent on education, skills and social opportunities for the youth of this province.

This is only possible when Government provides a solid base upon which a capable state can be built through innovation, inclusion and a commitment to rooting out corruption and spending taxpayer's money on the services that the taxpayer expects.

It is these simple commitments which have singled out the leadership of Premier Zille as one of the leading public servants of our time and I would like to sincerely thank her for her commitment to the Department of the Premier but more so to the citizens of the Western Cape.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I welcome the appropriation of just over R1,57 billion for the Department of the Premier's 2019/20 budget. Considering that this Government has received an 83% clean audit outcome, the highest in the country, I know that this money will be spent on the services needed by the people of this province and I know that the incoming Western Cape Premier, Mr Alan Winde, will continue on this trajectory laid out by Premier Zille. [Applause.]

Although I welcome this, Mr Deputy Speaker, in light of the current weak economic and shrinking fiscal environment, the Department's manoeuvrability during this MTEF period will be constrained. However, the Department made a commitment that the impact of these limitations will be carefully monitored and managed by the Department.

In terms of Programme 4, the Centre for e-Innovation, I welcome the following earmarked allocations:

- R295 million allocated to the Broadband Project with an increase of R308 million in 2020/21, and a further R325 million in 2021/22;
- Just over R60 million for transversal ICT infrastructure needs: this is particularly important to sustain the Province's ICT network moving forward as it forms the basis of much of the e-Innovation, which forms the basis of preparing the Western Cape for the Fourth and Fifth Industrial Revolutions in the coming years.
- R38 million to Broadband rollout of WiFi hotspots to municipalities.

Again this is crucial to get each and every resident of the Western Cape online in order to access a broader range of Government services and ensure sound and efficient service delivery to all four corners of this province. By looking at the budget allocation of this Department over the last five years and the prioritisation of the funds made available, it is clear that the political leadership in this province is aligned with not only the needs of the province but the needs of each and every citizen.

The budget of the Western Cape's Department of the Premier has been rightly focused on digitising infrastructure necessary for governance, fast-tracking the rollout of Government services and ensuring freedoms in a digital world.

Budgeting for free access to internet and ICT Services for all residents has always been at the forefront of this Department and rightly so, Mr Deputy Speaker, but access to free Broadband and internet access transcends mere good governance. The South African Human Rights Commission states that free internet access for all South Africans should be a human right.

The PREMIER: Hear-hear!

Mr D G MITCHELL: Indeed the right to information, which can only be ensured through reliable and free internet access, is one of our constitutional rights. If we look at the National Government where digital migration has been delayed for many years and corruption at the Independent Communication Authority of South Africa is rife, this human right has been trampled upon by the National ANC.

†Mnr D JOSEPH: Hoor-hoor!

[Mr D JOSEPH: Hear-hear!]

Mr D G MITCHELL: I am happy to see that this budget not only prioritises services to the province's residents but it ensures that this DA-led Western Cape Government upholds the right to free access to information.

This is why, Mr Deputy Speaker, the R38 million to Broadband rollout of WiFi hotspots to municipalities in the 2019/20 budget is so important and I welcome this allocation.

In addition to this I also welcome an allocation of just over R60 million for province-wide data governance to further ensure access to e-Services and internet in order to deliver on the Department's promise of innovation and interconnectivity for the Western Cape.

The Standing Committee on the Premier has always made a robust contribution to the Department, ensuring accountability and the best kind of governance that our residents deserve. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every member of the Standing Committee for their contribution over the past five years as we hold this Department to account and refine policy to best serve the people of this province. It has been my absolute pleasure working with each one of you.

Mr Deputy Speaker, as this is my final budget vote speech for the Fifth Parliament, I would like to express my deepest gratitude for having been allocated the position of Chairpersonship of this committee. [Interjection.]

Enforcing accountability to best serve the people of the Western Cape and South Africa at large. [Interjections.]

Mr D G MITCHELL: You are not going to be here!

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You must thank me. The DA is gone.

Mr D G MITCHELL: You are not going to be here.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: [Inaudible.] ...not for you only.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.] Order! Order! Hon member Dyantyi, you have made your mark, you have had made your entrance, now please, please refrain from doing it again. [Interjections.] Hon member Mitchell, you may finish off, you may continue.

Mr D G MITCHELL: Okay, to express my deepest gratitude for having been allocated the Chairpersonship of this committee, enforcing accountability to best serve the people of the Western Cape and South Africa at large. I would like to thank the colleagues in the Department of the Premier, under the leadership of Advocate Gerber as well as Premier Zille, for providing the political leadership to this Department for the last decade.

A special word of thanks, Mr Deputy Speaker, to the very able committee coordinator, Ms Waseemah Kamish-Achmat, Ms Masintle Motsapi, the assistant coordinator, Ms Lizette Cloete and Mr Mario Sassman for their never-ending support during this term as well as the research office on the fifth floor.

Mr Deputy Speaker, it is my pleasure to stand here today and support Vote 1, the Department of the Premier. [Interjections.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Totsiens, totsiens!
[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Goodbye, goodbye!]

Mr D G MITCHELL: I thank you. [Applause.]

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

Mr K E MAGAXA: Thank you. Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Allow me to jump straight to Programme 5, without wasting time. The decrease from programme support should be rejected, while at the same time the 27% increase for subprogramme 5.2 should be welcomed. This is so because in the previous year it took the Hawks investigation to unearth the web of corruption in municipalities in this province. This was after a lengthy period of Provincial Government turning a blind eye on the challenge of corruption in municipalities. We also had the Paper Video scandal, which I believe would ... [Interjection.]

The PREMIER: What nonsense.

Mr K E MAGAXA: ... not have happened if we had an effective Enterprise Risk Management Unit. What about the lavish birthday for MEC Madikizela, by service providers in his Department?

It would not have happened if the team was strengthened. This 27% increase is welcome... [Interjection.]

Mr D G MITCHELL: Bongzi, next time you must invite them!

Mr K E MAGAXA: The increase in budget for legal services is really concerning. Firstly Annexure A on page 43 shows an over 181% increase in legal costs for the Department. This shows that the Premier is abusing the public purse for her personal things. For instance she praise colonialism on Twitter. [Interjection.]

†Mnr D G MITCHELL: O jinne!
[Mr D G MITCHELL: Oh dear!]

Mr K E MAGAXA: She was taken to the Public Protector. [Interjections.]

Mr D G MITCHELL: Cut-and-paste!

Mr K E MAGAXA: She was found guilty of contravening the Executive Ethics Code and she took the report on review using the public purse. This is abuse for taxpayer's money.

Secondly, she failed to establish an office for an Environmental Commissioner. She was taken to court to force her to appoint the Commission. Again she used public money to defend her wrong decisions.

Mr D JOSEPH: The ANC failed as well.

Mr K E MAGAXA: So it is clear that the increase for legal services will be used to clean up after hon Zille's mess even after she has left. Over 66% of this Department's budget is allocated to programme 4... [Interjection.]

Mr M G E WILEY: Just like Marius Fransman.

Mr K E MAGAXA: ...where the province experienced a drop in the ICT Government Maturity Rating. The APP also identified a number of risks like increasing demand for IST Services in a resource-constrained environment. Despite all of this, the budget for subprogramme 4.2 and 4.3 had been reduced drastically.

The over 37% increase on subprogramme 4.4, "Connected Government and Infrastructure Services" will find the first step of the Premier's promise to convert 1600 of the province's broadband points into free WiFi sites where data will be sold to the public when the daily limit is up. For this year only 957 sites will be upgraded to Phase 2. According to the Premier's 2014's SOPA promises this should have happened in 2018 already. So it means she failed on her promises. Moving on to Programme 3... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Did you hear about SETA?

Mr K E MAGAXA: MEC Meyer bragged about a budget for youth referring among others to the Yebo Programme. It is really disappointing that he only budgeted just over R40 million over the 2019 MTEF for this year, this after he had thousands of applications rejected in the programme because of this small budget. This shows the DA does not take young people serious in this province.

In Programme 3, the departmental social contribution have been decreased as well as bursaries for employees. These kinds of decisions paint the picture of a Premier that is anti-transformation and does not prioritise the wellbeing of employees. The budget cut for Compensation of Employees under the Programme 1 reveals the attitude of this Premier and her Government towards employees. The Premier must tell us how many employees she has fired to make up that 4.22% reduction in the compensation of employees' expenditure. This is a Department that boasts an 11.1% annual turnover rate. This is an indication of a toxic working environment in the Department.

We have to be worried about this trend. Solange Rosa once told us that she was forced to resign as a result of the Premier's regular bullying, abuse, threat and insult on a number of occasions as well as her lack of trust in her capacity and competency mainly because she was not a DA member.

The PREMIER: Oh rubbish!

Mr K E MAGAXA: To work comfortable in that Department, you have to be trusted by the Premier.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is it.

Mr K E MAGAXA: That your political allegiance is in the DA.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is true.

Mr K E MAGAXA: And your only leader under the sun is hon Helen Zille. [Interjections.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: She is a witness.

Mr K E MAGAXA: ...and you do not trust black people also. [Interjections.] When the ANC was in Government there were so many black people in senior management positions in all the departments. The obliteration of black senior managers in the Provincial Government is a cause of serious concern. The ANC has to resolve this immediately when we take over power. [Laughter.] [Interjections.]

For instance out of 71 positions in the senior to top management in the Department of the Premier there are only seven Africans. The question is whether the Premier used the same bullying tactic she used on Solange to force out black senior managers in the Department.

Solange also mentioned that the Premier had no confidence in the capacity and competency of the staff in the policy unit. In this budget we witnessed the Premier's purge to the policy and strategy programme with over 9% decrease to its budget. The budget cuts for Programme 1 are setting up the next Premier for failure.

Mr Deputy Speaker, in her foreword in the APP the Premier stated that her term was a well-run race which created opportunities for the next term. The reality is that Premier's ten year reign was marked by widening inequality, rising cost of living, racism, corruption and crime. [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is her legacy. That is your legacy.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Gangsterism which resulted in the Western Cape being the murder capital and leading province in terms of women and children.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Children are dying [Inaudible.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: Let alone that they consistently work with gangsters in order to maintain power in the province. [Interjection.]

Mr D G MITCHELL: Your President met with gangsters in Genadendal.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Let alone also the fact that she reversed the gains achieved by this province's citizens, especially the black majority, including undermining transformation in the Premier's Department, hence today this Department is among the worst departments in terms of poor reflection of the demographics of this province.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is your legacy.

Mr K E MAGAXA: In fact the Premier's Department went back [Inaudible]

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

Mr K E MAGAXA: The DA has failed the poor in the province. When DA speak of the whole society approach in actual fact it means the life of all white citizens because it does not believe that Africans including coloured majority exist in this province. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: They only represent the [Inaudible.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: Since this is a volkstaat where Africans are mere refugees from the Eastern Cape, the Western Cape under hon Premier Zille is more of a German colony.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: O ja. O ja.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Oh yes. Oh yes.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: The Premier speaks of finalisation of the Children's Commission Bill. What she omits to mention is that it took her ten long years to finalise this process. The ANC and civil society had to work together to get her to start working on the Bill. In 2009 when she came into the office she promised to establish a Children's Commission as well as a Commission for the Environment. [Interjections.]

The reality is that she has now leaving office and none of these have been completed. She will be remembered as a stumbling block in the process of appointing the Children's Commission. [Interjections.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Skande!

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Disgrace!]

The PREMIER: She tried to play a defensive role by claiming that the ANC did not do it either but she had forgotten also to remind herself that the ANC did not come out loud and make a wild commitment to appoint the commission and she did make the particular commitment. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: No because they made a commitment to the [Inaudible.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: Her term of office is over and where is the Children Commission? This is another example of how she failed the people of the Western Cape. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Where is your Children's Commissioner now?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr K E MAGAXA: Let me end... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You may continue. Your time has not expired.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Let me end by appreciating working with her though. [Applause.] She is naturally a nice person. [Laughter.] [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr K E MAGAXA: How I wish I was with her on the trip to Austria, rather than the Speaker. Thank you very much. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order! Before I see the Premier, I just want to... [Interjections.] In the absence of the EFF and the ACDP I will see the Premier to respond.

Mr D JOSEPH: The ANC is wasting taxpayers' money.

The PREMIER: I was going to ask you, Mr Deputy Speaker, if it is parliamentary for me to cross the floor and give the hon member Magaxa a hug as a final gesture. [Laughter.] [Applause.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Asseblief!
[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Oh please!]

Mr D JOSEPH: This is the first time that happens.

The PREMIER: Let me say... [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You are happy now because he says you are a nice person.

The PREMIER: [Inaudible.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Really!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order honourable.

The PREMIER: Do you see this; this is what is going on.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: You are spoiling the moment actually. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The PREMIER: Mr Deputy Speaker, this is what makes politics totally incomprehensible.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Yes.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You were surprised, I can see that. You were surprised.

The PREMIER: I get many, many people asking me: "How can you ever speak to those people again?" And they are amazed [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Who are "those people"?

An HON MEMBER: Wait! [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: The general public, the general public. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Dyantyi!

The PREMIER: The general public. [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Who are "those people" you are talking about?

An HON MEMBER: There is a time to shut up and now is the time!

The PREMIER: And I say to them, you know, I even like those guys.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Dis hoe hulle praat - "those people".

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is how they speak - "those people".]

The PREMIER: That is what politics is. You fight very hard in the public domain and you go and have a cup of tea or a beer or something afterwards. [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Not a beer, just the tea.

The PREMIER: And I had a fabulous lunch one day with the hon member Magaxa in Hermanus, I remember. We were sitting on the beachfront. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Oh my word!

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Things are coming out now. Let it!

The PREMIER: And we had a really good chat... [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You can stop blaming it on the Premier.

The PREMIER: And amazingly, we found each other on a lot of issues which I will not go into now. [Interjections.]

Ja, well you know, the irony is, that I am definitely not a Marxist and I am definitely not a socialist but in my instinct I am both of those, but I do not try and tell other people what to do and I do not believe the State should manipulate so I am a person who believes in liberal open societies and freedom of choice and the choices I make are to live modestly. [Interjections.]

†Mnr D G MITCHELL: Nee man.

[Mr D G MITCHELL: No man.] †You are spoiling the day!

The PREMIER: Now as much as I like the hon member Magaxa I am going to set him right on a few issues Mr Deputy Speaker. I am unbelievably proud of our Enterprise Risk Management Department in this Government. They investigate huge numbers of things and resolve a great many of them and must take credit for a lot of the accolades that we get around running clean government. If the very worst scandal that they can find about me is that a dedicated mathematics teacher working in Khayelitsha wanted to use Government's equipment to give free maths lessons to indigent pupils in the township during the holidays, if that is the worst scandal they could find about me, there clearly has not been corruption. [Interjection.]

Now you see the hon member Dugmore, the only way he can finger this is to perpetuate something that is totally false.

Mr C M DUGMORE: It is not false.

The PREMIER: When he did that there was no company. [Interjection.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: I will show you the CIPRO form.

The PREMIER: I will show you the forms and whatever. There was no company in 2014. He was an ordinary teacher in an ordinary school and the bottom line, Mr Deputy Speaker, is this... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Who is this now?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: She is talking about her son now.

The PREMIER: ... in order to pretend - I am talking about the point that the hon member Magaxa made and will you please protect me, Mr Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I will.

The PREMIER: So I can answer this crucial point. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The PREMIER: You raised it now. Mr Deputy Speaker...

Mr Q R DYANTYI: [Inaudible.] It is your son. That is it.

The PREMIER: The only way that the hon member Dugmore could try to create a scandal where there is none is by twisting and perverting and misquoting a statement from the website by inserting completely incorrectly a phrase that is not in the original to claim falsely that a company was started in 2014. That is fraud, Mr Deputy Speaker. That is fraud and I will take that matter further.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Why are you waiting? [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The PREMIER: Mr Deputy Speaker, that is the point that the hon member Dugmore has kept making and I would like to add another point.

Mr C M DUGMORE: The report was in the name of Paper Video...

The PREMIER: There were many, many, many other and it was not a company. It was an app, not a company. Mr Deputy Speaker, there were many, many other NGOs, companies, service providers that used the exact same equipment ten days later. There was no advantage, no conflicts of interest, not even a perception of conflict of interest. The only people that benefited... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: But there was [Inaudible.] which is part of your legacy.

The PREMIER: No there was not any nepotism at all because I helped everybody else do that... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The PREMIER: Of course the Public Protector does, but Tito Mboweni disagrees with the Public Protector. So does Pravin Gordhan. [Interjections.] So does Angie Motshekga. The problem is the Public Protector - not all of them.

Mr Deputy Speaker, this is a total manipulation of the facts to get at me and to make a completely dedicated, dedicated, mathematics teacher lose heart... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Who is that, your son?

The PREMIER: ...and be offered options to go abroad, which I am desperately not wanting him to accept. [Interjection.] Mr Deputy Speaker, I can forgive the hon the Opposition many things, but what I cannot forgive them is when they attack my family to get at me.

Mr D JOSEPH: You must apologise. [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: And I must tell the honourable... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Even if this is your family.

The PREMIER: I must tell the hon member Dugmore one thing. He, who hid in my house when he was running away from the security police and saw my kid when my kid was this high.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Thanks again. That is fine.

The PREMIER: I will never forgive him for that, and you know... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: So he must keep quiet [Inaudible.]

The PREMIER: The karma in the universe will come back to him on this issue, believe me, because there was never any corruption, any maladministration [Interjection.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: There is nepotism.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is it.

The PREMIER: ...any nepotism, none. I assisted everybody who came to me and I can prove it with all the emails and everything there is.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: No we do not take that aid away from you at all.

The PREMIER: And so the manipulation... [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Guys!

An HON MEMBER: So why did you mix the two?

Mr C M DUGMORE: Even the officials in your Department disagree with you, you know that.

The PREMIER: They absolutely did not. They absolutely did not. You show me one thing where people disagreed with me.

An HON MEMBER: You know, they will go fetch them.

The PREMIER: Let me come to Ms Rosa that was also mentioned here. I was going to go through everybody sequentially. I will come to Ms Rosa. Ms Rosa worked in the policy unit.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: And you found her there.

The PREMIER: I found her there.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is it!

The PREMIER: I found her and many people who have been appointed in positions they should not have got. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Virginia Petersen.

The PREMIER: Now I would also like to say I found Virginia Petersen there. I found a whole lot of other deployees there. The amazing thing is that we did not have an Enterprise Risk Management Unit at that stage that could actually get to the core of all the corruption that happened there, but now we have got one.

Now Mr Deputy Speaker, in a policy unit in any government anywhere in the world the policy unit has to understand the mandate of the voters. In the Western Cape 59% of voters voted for the DA's policy mandate.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is what you are appealing [Inaudible.]

The PREMIER: I made it clear to the members of the policy unit that if they were able and willing to research and implement the voters mandate according to DA policy competently and well, they were welcome to stay.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: [Inaudible.] Just watch this space!

The PREMIER: If one thing above all else needs to be aligned to the government of the day, it is obviously a policy unit. Ms Rosa, and her name was raised here, so let me tell you quite frankly, though I think that she was working at a university because she took a six months sabbatical to complete her PhD and still did not complete her PhD and she was [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Okay that is now getting personal. Now that is getting personal... [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: It is not getting personal. It is explaining... [Interjection.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Asseblief!
[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Oh please!]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The PREMIER: It is explaining why I called people to account.

Ms S W DAVIDS: No, that is personal.

The PREMIER: Because people cannot do what they like when they are supposed to be doing a job of work and I would have failed in my responsibility had I allowed a dereliction of duty such as had been happening in that policy unit, and then I wanted to see some of the policies that were being produced there and I could not believe my eyes.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You just did not like them; that is all.

An HON MEMBER: That is the mindset... [Interjection.]

The PREMIER: Yes, of course I did not like them because they were not based on even the basic points of departure of the voters' mandate which is DA policy.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Ja, nobody can think [Inaudible.]

The PREMIER: We cannot produce ANC and EFF policy and even incoherent policy, an incoherent policy from a policy unit in this Government.

Ms S W DAVIDS: No, Premier.

The PREMIER: I can show you some of the policy papers.

Mr C M DUGMORE: You differed on Paper Video and you differed about the politics. [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: Paper Video never came into the issue. It never once came into the issue, never once. What did come out, what did come out very clearly - Paper Video was not discussed. What did come out very clearly... [Interjections.]

Mr Deputy Speaker, what did come out very clearly was that they were quite incapable of switching to a demand-driven approach. They were focused on a supply side approach driven by "Government knows what is best and we in the ANC understand what the people need."

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Is that Rosa now?

The PREMIER: And if you cannot switch your mindset from that you do not belong in a policy unit of the DA Government. [Interjections.]

Mr P UYS: Only DA people.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Only DA people [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The PREMIER: I cannot just explain this, I do not ask anybody's political affiliation but if they work in a policy unit they have to understand the voters' policy mandate. They have to understand the voter's policy mandate. [Interjections.] And they work in the Premier's Department and I did not even know what policies they were working on. It was totally compliance-driven. So what happened was they had to, on the APPs, they had produce let us say five policy papers a year. Tick-tick-tick-tick-tick, all five policy papers are produced. I say: "Please may I read these policy papers."

Mr Q R DYANTYI: It is still happening in all the departments.

The PREMIER: I looked at those policy papers and they were totally shocking! I did not understand why those policies had been commissioned, who commissioned them, what research they were based on, what the findings were. I have got to call somebody to account for that and believe me... [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: The consultants, that is why the DA...

The PREMIER: Believe me, I did it - I do not bully people. I do not bully people. What I do do, is call people to account.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Asseblief!

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Oh please!]

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

Ms S W DAVIDS: What are you doing now? You are a big bully.

The PREMIER: I am answering the points that would be made here without any basis. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: No Premier, she is not here to defend herself.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

The PREMIER: Well then you must not raise her here, because then I tell you the truth.

Ms S W DAVIDS: No-no-no!

The PREMIER: Then I will tell you the truth.

Ms S W DAVIDS: No! You are personal now.

The PREMIER: I gave her many, many chances.

Mr M G E WILEY: Coming from you?

Ms S W DAVIDS: Yes, she is personal.

Mr M G E WILEY: Are you serious?

Ms S W DAVIDS: Oh, Bird Island, please, please Bird Island.

†Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Agb lid Davids, asseblief!

[The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Davids, please!]

The PREMIER: Now you see now that is so outrageous, Mr Deputy Speaker.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Yes, because you did the same!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The PREMIER: That is so outrageous.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Ms S W DAVIDS: You did the same thing now.

The PREMIER: It is exactly the same thing as attacking people's family members to get to them... [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Yes, I will give you back the same thing.

The PREMIER: ...with innuendo and distortions and misinformation...
[Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: I will give you back the same thing.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Hon member Davids, please quiet - hon member Davids, stop the dialogue now with the Premier.

The PREMIER: Disgraceful, Mr Deputy Speaker, disgraceful.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Yes, you are also a disgrace.

The PREMIER: So of course, all the hon member Magaxa can do is to quote another complete invention of his - no-one here has ever praised colonialism. No-one here has ever praised colonialism, least of all me. I probably spent far more time and effort in my life fighting the legacy of colonialism and apartheid than the hon member Magaxa ever did.

Mr D JOSEPH: Ja.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Oh really!

An HON MEMBER: You also bring it back in reverse.

The PREMIER: What I did say was the legacy is not only negative.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Oh okay.

The PREMIER: Oliver Tambo said that. Nelson Mandela said that on numerous occasions. Mbeki says that and every single history book except Frantz Fanon says that and I will not ask any permission to differ from Frantz Fanon.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Repeat the insult of us, repeat it.

The PREMIER: His vision will lead us all to Venezuela which is exactly where the ANC would like to go.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You can repeat it because that is your style.

The PREMIER: So do not - the only thing they can come to discredit me, Mr Deputy Speaker, is untruths in this House and distortions and fraud to insert things into quotations that do not exist.

Yes, there is increasing demand for ICT services and we cannot meet them because we had to pay 8.3% salary increases which were unbudgeted for and way outside the envelope.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You can blame the ANC there, I am sure.

The PREMIER: I will certainly blame the ANC because it is their fault.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: [Laughter.] I knew.

The PREMIER: Now Mr Deputy Speaker, we all know that the size of the State has to shrink. Let me use one example. Eskom according to the World Bank has 66% more employees than they should. If you compare the rate of energy generation per employee in Eskom and any other utility that generates electricity anywhere in the world, you will see that we are massively, massively behind the productivity curve and that is partly why Eskom is in what I call the “utility death spiral”. And when I spent such a long time talking about data, that is the kind of data you need. 66% over-employed in a utility death spiral that cannot be reserved under those circumstances and will lead to the complete permanent collapse of the generation utility despite the fact that the Western Cape has a plan and a programme that we have presented to national to prevent that from happening and electricity is not even our mandate... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Exactly! I was going to go there, why do you? You should talk about provincial issues. [Interjections.]

Mr D G MITCHELL: You take it personally.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Ah please man!

Mr D G MITCHELL: Of course!

The PREMIER: ...but because we see it is so critical we develop a plan to save South Africa and it is there and we can do it. I am quite happy to say, and I am quite proud of saying Mr Deputy Speaker, that in my office and Department to talk about a toxic working environment is about the furthest possible thing from the truth and I would like you to do an anonymous survey between all my colleagues and find out. Everybody who works with me knows they may differ from me, knows they may challenge me, knows they may have an entire different approach from me and they will never be bullied and they will never be undermined because I welcome thinking, committed people... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Others know that you stabbed them in the back. We know that about you.

The PREMIER: ...who are totally focused on the cause and will challenge me if they believe I am wrong.

An HON MEMBER: But you do not qualify.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is the truth, Madam Premier, you stabbed them.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Ja.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: We know that too.

Ms S W DAVIDS: We know that. [Inaudible.]

The PREMIER: Now what this Government, more than any others, believes in transformation, Mr Deputy Speaker. We are absolutely committed to transformation and we understand transformation as being to improve the opportunity and life circumstances of all people but particularly the poor to live a better life and to live lives they value and when that happens we will have achieved transformation in South Africa... [Interjection.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Koebaai! [Tussenwerpsels.]
[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Goodbye! [Interjections.]]

The PREMIER: ...to ensure that we get people in Government that can achieve that objective is our common purpose. We have tried to build a capable state operating under the rule of law with a culture of accountability and that is the legacy that this Government leaves for South Africa and if South Africa builds that everywhere this country will be a great democracy that will achieve real transformation... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Oh please!

The PREMIER: ...in which life gets better for everybody. Thank you. [Applause.]

Mr D G MITCHELL: Hear-hear!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Not all of them are standing for you.

The PREMIER: That is fine.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: There is a faction that is not.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Dyantyi, I cannot... [Interjections.]
Order! I cannot compete with you now please.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: A faction, ja.

Mr D G MITCHELL: You do not have a faction.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Oh-oh!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: That concludes the debate on this Vote. We will suspend business for five minutes to allow for the officials to take up their seats and also preparations to allow for the live streaming of our facilities. Each vote is streamed separately so we need about five minutes break after each vote. The House is suspended for five minutes.

[Business of the House was suspended at 11:13 and resumed at 11:17]

WESTERN CAPE APPROPRIATION BILL [B1 – 2019]

(Debate on Vote 8 – Human Settlements)

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Thank you very much, Mr Deputy Speaker. Madam Premier in absentia, the Leader of the Official Opposition, Cabinet colleagues, hon members of the House and to all the Mayors, Deputy Mayors, Human Settlements Executive Councillors who are here, the Chairpersons and CEOs of our Human Settlements entities, the service providers, the NGOs and all the stakeholders in Human Settlements, ladies and gentlemen.

Hon Deputy Speaker, it has been a privilege to serve you and to serve with you since the Premier appointed me as the Provincial Minister of Human Settlements almost ten years ago. It has been a very challenging but yet fulfilling journey with many lessons learnt.

Hon Deputy Speaker, the mandate of this Department is derived from Chapter 2 of our Constitution, the Bill of Rights.

Section 26, subsection 1 and 2 of the Constitution states, “Everyone has the right to have access to adequate housing” and “the State must take reasonable legislative and other measures, within its available resources, to achieve the progressive realisation of this right”.

Hon Deputy Speaker, in *Government of the Republic of South Africa v Grootboom* the Constitutional Court interpreted the right to have access to adequate housing as follows:

“...housing entails more than just bricks and mortar. It requires available land, appropriate services such as the provision of water and the removal of sewage and financing of all these” – [Interjection.] – “including the building of the house itself. For a person to have access to adequate housing all of these conditions need to be met: there must be land, there must be services, and there must be a dwelling. The right of access to adequate housing also suggests that it is not only the State that is responsible for the provision of houses...”

I think it is a very, very important part of this.

“....but that other agents within society, including individuals themselves, must be enabled by legislative and other measures to provide housing.”

Hon Deputy Speaker, in 1994 the housing backlog in South Africa stood at an estimated 1.5 million households. Since then, almost 5 million houses have been built, but the current backlog is estimated at 2.2 million households. This is a clear indication, hon Deputy Speaker, that our approach in housing provision needs to change, starting with the criteria that we are using, because to just say that if you are 18 and you have a baby you must get a free house, I do not think that is helping.

That is why, hon Deputy Speaker, a paradigm shift is needed in South Africa.

Now, if you look at the lessons that we have learned as a sector in South Africa, not only in the Western Cape, as part of our discussion nationally, we need to go back to basics, by making sure that we provide land, by making sure that we invest in bulk infrastructure and service that land by making sure that we subdivide that land and provide sites to people so that ... [Interjection.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: [Inaudible.] You sold them out, why?

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: so that people can start to build their own homes. And in fact, in South Africa we know that there is a very strong saving culture and people have proven previously that if they are given land, they can be able to save towards servicing, building their own houses. [Interjections.]

Secondly, we need to make sure that as Government we focus on the most vulnerable groups of our society. These are your elderly people and these are your disabled people. And we must conclude our partnership with the Department of Social Development and Department of Health so that we can build institutions so that these elderly people can be taken care of. [Interjection.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: No such luck, no such luck.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: We also need to make sure in order to ensure that many people who live in informal settlements are provided with the necessary services because we do know that the rate in migration in South Africa, particularly in two provinces, which is Gauteng and Western Cape, is a big challenge. So instead of just focusing on building houses we must make sure that we upgrade the informal settlements, make sure that there are access roads, provide water, provide sanitation, so that those people can maintain dignity. [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: We still have [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: We also need to unlock the housing economy in South Africa. [Interjection.] I think since 1994, Mr Deputy Speaker, we have always looked at housing provision by Government as some kind of social intervention. [Interjection.] Now that needs to change.

We must also look at housing as an economic lever that contributes massively to the property market in South Africa which is currently worth R6 trillion. Instead of discouraging people from selling or letting their houses, we need to educate them how to do it properly.

It is very clear that the pre-emptive right clause that exists in our policies that prohibits people from selling their houses before eight years is not working and, quite frankly, I do not agree with this clause because it locks poor people into perpetual poverty ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Hear, hear.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: ... instead of allowing people to become players in the property market. What we need to do is to educate people on how to do that properly.

We also need to accelerate the use of alternative technologies, hon Deputy Speaker. Climate change is a reality and, as Government, we need to do things differently. In fact, I think the recent drought was a huge wake-up call and it is a clear indication that the weather pattern is changing. So we need to build resilient houses that respond to the climate change in South Africa and that is why it is so important to make sure that we build homes that are warm in winter, that are cooler in summer, because clearly we cannot rely on the provision of power, given the state that Eskom is in, in South Africa.

We also need to make sure that we densify, hon Deputy Speaker. The Western Cape, as I said, with a province like Gauteng, is experiencing a massive population growth. According to a Community Survey conducted by Statistics South Africa (Stats SA), our population grew by almost 2 million people in just 15 years, that is between 2002 and 2017.

We therefore need to use well-located land wisely and optimally. There are people who still believe that they have a choice between a free-standing house with a big plot and a unit in a five-story building. We actually do not have the luxury to have this choice anymore. People can only exercise that choice if they decide to buy their own homes but with limited resources like land, we have no choice but to densify.

Hon Deputy Speaker, these are some of the bold steps that we need to take to change the way we do things in housing if we are to succeed.

Let me now turn to our track record and successes ... [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Let me now turn to our successes in the last 10 years and also report on the current and future projects.

Between 2014 and 2019 we focused on three strategic goals as the Department of Human Settlements in the Western Cape.

We said we need to prioritise the most deserving people in South Africa and in this province so that we can deal with an anomaly in many areas where younger people are getting houses before their grandmothers and grandfathers.

The second thing that we embarked on is the upgrading of informal settlements. I have already explained how we are doing that and we must also accelerate the provision of housing in the GAP market.

Hon Deputy Speaker, since 2009 almost 213,000 housing opportunities were created in this province. This is a massive achievement. While we are faced with many challenges, I do not think this achievement can be taken lightly and it contributed to the lives of 850 000 people in the Western Cape.

And since 1994 we have been dotting the landscape, building a string of houses without emphasis on property ownership. I think that is one of the things that we are now changing, particularly in the Western Cape. Since 2009 we have issued 103,000 title deeds, which guarantee ownership for people who are now homeowners – and I think the backlog is largely due to the fact that a number of other processes that were not followed are preventing us from doing this for a number of other people, but we are putting measures in place to make sure that property ownership is something that is ensured for our people. [Interjection.]

Hon Deputy Speaker, my Department has, since 2009 ... [Interjection.] made an investment of just over R19.3 billion into the construction and real estate sector. This investment has gone a long way in achieving our three main goals. Our responsibility as this Department is to make sure that we house people, we empower especially those who were previously disadvantaged individuals as emerging contractors, but also to make sure that we create jobs and that is why the Province of the Western Cape is the leading province when it comes to job creation. We have created thousands of jobs in this sector.

If you look at our programme in terms of upgrading of informal settlements, as I explained before, the rate of informal settlements in the Western Cape has been increasing. We are now sitting at just over 503 informal settlements in the province. And I think, hon Deputy Speaker, we need to deal with this misperception about informal settlements in South Africa and why they exist.

In some cases, mushrooming of informal settlements is not an indication of poverty or a housing need.

There are three main drivers of informal settlements in South Africa.

The first one is that many young people who now want to be independent, who want to leave their homes because they have been living with their parents, they are now turning 18, they become adults. They live in backyards and they choose to leave their homes and build their own shacks because they want their independence.

The second reason is that there are many people who are employed in informal settlements but the biggest challenge is that they are within this gap that we have been talking about. They are earning too much to qualify for a free house but they are earning too little to get a bond from the bank.

Of course, we also have to make sure that people who are living in these areas then are provided, as I said, with the necessary basic services so that we can improve their living conditions.

That is why, hon Deputy Speaker, that for any government to ever think that on its own it will ever eradicate informal settlements, is a pipe dream. We need to partner with the people themselves, as I said before, to partner with the private sector and as Government so that we can be able to create an environment that is conducive for us to be able to change the lives of those people.

Our job is that people have the necessary and required services, as I said, such as water, sanitation, electricity and refuse removal. Guided by the Informal Settlement Support Plan ... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: What is the ... [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: ...that we approved as a department, while taking into consideration the dynamics and the distinctiveness of individual informal settlements, pro-active measures have been embarked upon to ensure that challenges encountered are fully mitigated. Amongst such measures is the assignment and appointment of NGOs and professional service providers to each identified informal settlement that we have identified.

These NGOs are to serve as the intermediaries in the communities and support the Department to plan and execute the upgrading of the informal settlement. These NGOs are also providing assistance to the informal settlement dwellers with regard to participatory planning, social facilitation and mobilisation.

Hon Deputy Speaker, I spoke about a gap that exists in our policy. Many hard working South Africans who are contributing to the fiscus in order for us to be able to provide free services like houses to those who qualify, are getting a raw deal from the Government. Under our Finance Linked Individual Subsidy Programme, or FLISP, people are struggling to qualify because of a prerequisite to get approval from the bank. We must change that. In fact, we have started already nationally as the Department of Human Settlements, to make sure that people are able to qualify for FLISP first before they go to the bank because the reality is that if you say to people they must first go to the bank, they are rejected and then it means they will not be given this subsidy that we believe will go a long way in assisting them.

Furthermore, hon Deputy Speaker, the Department introduced a Housing Consumer Credit Readiness Initiative. Now, the intention of this initiative is to effectively rehabilitate those who are unable to access bank finance due to impaired credit records, because we do know that some of these people do not qualify to get a bond because they owe shops like Truworths, Markhams – you owe these shops R1,500 and you are in the red and you are unable to get a bond. Now this programme is so that we can rehabilitate them from the start of the project so that by the time the project is finished they are rehabilitated and they are able to access this financial assistance.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Why are you taking so long?

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Hon Deputy Speaker, the audit outcome is an indication of how well we are spending taxpayers' money. [Interjection.] And it is very important that we attract investors and create jobs.

Since 2009, my Department received five unqualified audits and four clean audits - which means we can account for every cent spent in the last ten years. Now in the case of the Western Cape Housing Development Fund, we received two clean audits in two consecutive years, and we are now busy de-establishing the fund because part of the problem with the fund before was that you had properties that you did not know who owned them. So I am very happy that from now, going forward, we will no longer have the fund.

Hon Deputy Speaker , we are on track to achieve the targets we set for ourselves for this financial year. We committed to deliver 18 180 housing opportunities.

An HON MEMBER: Those targets, you do not worry.

Mr C M DUGMORE: [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Now, current and future projects. Hon Deputy Speaker, in my previous budget speech I indicated that our delivery approach now includes mega projects catering for different incomes and needs. Through these initiatives, your Catalytic Projects and Provincial Priority Projects, we will be, you know, building 144 798 housing opportunities. We are contributing to urban regeneration and even developing new towns. These mixed development projects include houses for the indigent, gap housing, rental units, social housing and serviced sites. This would ensure integration of different income groups.

I am pleased to report that these projects are at different stages of construction and planning.

To date, the Southern Corridor Integrated Human Settlement Programme, a joint initiative with the City of Cape Town – and I am glad that the MMC for the City of Cape Town is also here – which includes Barcelona, Gxa Gxa, Vukuzenzela, Kanana, Kosovo, Thabo Mbeki, Tsunami, Lusaka, and Europe, all of which are in the Gugulethu, Nyanga and Philippi areas, in these areas we will be providing 51 540 housing opportunities, with priority backyarders in these areas also benefitting. Now this project is making very good progress and we are already in the planning stages of it and construction will be commencing soon and tenders have been awarded.

Belhar CBD: an initiative in the City of Cape Town to provide mixed use high density and different income level residences, will yield 4 188 housing opportunities and is currently at different stages of construction. This project has 1 000 opportunities for the income group that I spoke about that belongs to FLISP and also, as I said, with 755 units 60% complete and the remainder of 245 will be constructed very soon.

Greater Retreat: a project aimed at catering for the residents in the areas of Plumstead, Ottery and Ferness Estate, Lotus River, Parkwood, Ottery East, Seawinds, Vrygrond, Lavender Hill, Steenberg, Retreat, Grassy Park and Cafda. To this effect, pockets of land of approximately 279 hectares have been identified for the purposes of development and implementation of this project. The Department has commenced with planning and design for these projects and again we will be building 7 500 housing opportunities here.

In Dunoon: Killarney Gardens – again, this project is to cater for residents in the area of Dunoon and adjacent areas. Land of approximately 17 hectares has been identified and purchased in Killarney Gardens for this development and implementation and again we will be building mixed income housing there. Planning and designs are currently in progress and, when completed, this project will yield approximately 11 000 housing opportunities.

In Hout Bay, again this project is to cater for residents in the Hout Bay area of Imizamayethu. Land of approximately 7.9 hectares has been identified and secured in this regard and, when completed, the project will yield 1 400 opportunities and will be mixed income, mixed use and different tenure. And again, planning and designs are currently underway.

In Bokaap, Oranjezicht and Inner City infills: this project is to cater for residents in the areas of Bo-Kaap area, Oranjezicht, Tamboerskloof and Central Business. Various pockets of land of approximately 8.4 hectares have been identified and secured in this regard. When completed, the project will yield 10 000 housing opportunities, which will again be for mixed income, mixed use and different tenure for high density.

In Leonsdale, a project aimed at catering for residents in Leonsdale/Goodwood area. Land of approximately 10.8 hectares has been identified, hon Deputy Speaker, and secured in this regard. A professional team has already been appointed and planning and designs are currently underway and when this project is completed it will yield 2 000 housing opportunities.

Scottsdene, of which 336 will be FLISP, are 80% complete and will yield 668 opportunities when completed.

The Conradie Better Living Model, I think we all know that we turned a sod in January this year. This project will yield over 3 000 housing opportunities. We spoke a number of times about this project in the House and again the contractor has been appointed and will be commencing there soon.

In areas of Taiwan and YB Section: a full professional team has been appointed and has commenced with the planning and design phase. The first major deliverable is the conceptual development framework which will be presented to the Department in April 2019, which is next month. This project will yield approximately 5 000 housing opportunities and will also cater for a range of beneficiaries in line with different housing programmes. Social Development Facilitators have been appointed as part of the Project Steering Committee (PSC) and will complete the enumeration study very soon.

In Vlakkeland, an initiative in the Drakenstein Municipality will yield 2 653 housing opportunities, hon member Sharon Davids, and in that particular area construction is now in full swing and is about to be completed.

Dal Josafat in Paarl also will yield 2 078 opportunities when completed. And in Ceres, Vredebest and Bella Vista project will yield 3 417 opportunities when completed.

Madam Speaker, we are also on course as we are in the planning phase with regard to De Novo which will yield 300 opportunities.

Equally, in Grabouw the construction is underway there and once that project is completed it will yield 8 000 housing opportunities.

In Transhex, again this is an initiative in the Breede Valley Municipality; this project will yield 8 873 housing opportunities. That project is currently underway in bulk and internal services, with construction of top structures to commence soon as the tender has been awarded to a service provider, which will happen very soon.

In Thembalethu, Syferfontein and Wilderness Heights, again initiatives in George in the Garden Route region, these projects will yield 10 281 housing opportunities and are currently at different stages of planning and construction.

In Louis Fourie, again 4 000 opportunities will be realised and tenders have been awarded and construction is about to commence very soon.

Mr C M DUGMORE: [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: I just reported now. [Interjections.]

Now with regard to Vredenburg Urban Regeneration, that is in Saldanha Municipality, we have concluded the process of securing the land and the Municipality has been provided with the necessary finances to commence with the design and when this project is completed it will yield 1 400 housing opportunities.

In Greater Hermanus, this project, as we are aware of the situation there, is aimed at catering for residents in the Overstrand Municipality, which will include the areas of the Greater Hermanus, Mount Pleasant, Thembelihle, Zwelihle, Hawston, Sea Farms, Paradise Park, Sandbaai Commonage, Westcliff, Fernkloof and Schulphoek, to name some of the areas that will be benefiting and, to this effect, land of approximately 40 hectares has been identified and we are in the process of securing it, and when this project is completed it will yield 7 500 opportunities.

Now, all these programmes and projects, Madam Speaker, are a clear commitment of our Government to restore the dignity of our people by providing shelter, creating jobs and also contributing to land reform in South Africa because, as I said, we are catering for different types of people. So this is a very clear indication that this Department and this Government is on track to change the lives of our people in this province.

And I do want to take this opportunity, Madam Speaker, to thank the team that has it made it possible for this Department to reach the achievements that we have over the last 10 years. I will start by thanking the team in my Ministry, since this is my last budget vote in this term of government. Let me start by thanking Elizabeth Cloete who is the Head of Ministry. Thank you very much, Elizabeth, for ... [Applause.] To thank Zimkhitha Ngoma, my PA; Ntomboxolo Makoba-Somdaka, my spokesperson; to thank Wiseman Masindwa who deals with stakeholders in my office; Vuyokazi Ludidi who is welcoming people to my office as receptionist; Olga van Zyl who deals with all the correspondence as a registry clerk in my office ... [Interjection.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: The only Bantu Department ...[Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Keith Dennis, who has been very instrumental in assisting; Maurizia Louw, my office personal assistant and Nam Daki, who has been helping me as my parliamentary officer in my role as the leader of Government Business.

And to the Department ... [Interjection.] to my Department team, I want to thank the leadership of our HOD Thando Mguli ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: ... Matanzima at this [Inaudible.].

The SPEAKER: Order, please.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: ... assisted, of course, by capable Chief Directors; Phila Mayisela, Jackie Samson and Francois de Wet and all our directors and senior staff members in my Department, and most of them are here. I do want to thank you very much for all the work that you are doing. I know that working for this Department is a thankless job, given the challenges and pressures of this Department and I think your contribution and the successes that we have made speaks for itself and you must continue to do the work that you have been doing.

Madam Speaker, it has been a roller-coaster ride ... [Interjection.] It has been a roller-coaster ride but a ride that, looking back, it was all worth it. I am grateful for all the passion and dedication. Let us continue now, to this team, let us continue to fly the flag of this Department and the flag of this Government. [Interjection.]

And last but not least, I want to thank ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Magaxa, thank you.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: I want to thank ... [Interjection.] I want to thank my family, represented here by my son Sihle, who is here to listen to my budget speech today and with his friend Phumzamo Zikalala.

To Premier Zille and my party, the Democratic Alliance, I am really grateful for the opportunity that I was given to serve the people of this province and to all my colleagues, thank you very much for the collegiality, not only this side but also to the hon members of the Opposition for always keeping us on our toes. And I think, as the hon Premier earlier said, with the Leader of the Opposition, that we are political opponents but first and foremost we are citizens of South Africa and we are citizens of the Province of the Western Cape. Everything that we do, we do because we love our country and we love our province and let us continue to do that in the Sixth Parliament to make sure that we put this province on the map.

I thank you. [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you. [Interjections.] Thank you, Minister Madikizela. [Interjections.] Hon Dyantyi ... order, please members. If I may, I would like to remind the guests in the gallery, you are not allowed to participate in the proceedings. That includes clapping, interjections and anything connected in that manner. Unfortunately I have to appeal to you, it is one of the rules of the House.

Mr S G TYATYAM: Not today ... [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Tyatyam, are you giving me permission to allow the guests to clap today?

Mr S G TYATYAM: [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: Oh, so you decide the rules? Okay. [Interjections.] All right, I now see the hon member Maseko. [Applause.]

Ms L M MASEKO: Thank you very much, hon Speaker.

†Mnr D G MITCHELL: Sharon, luister nou baie mooi. [Tussenwerpsels.]
[Mr D G MITCHELL: Sharon, listen very carefully now. [Interjections.]]

Ms L M MASEKO: Hon Speaker, with a shrinking budget and an increase in demand, our communities will always be disgruntled with regards to housing. Thus, allocations made to this Department will never be enough.

The Democratic Alliance in this province has made significant strides through this Department, evident in its outstanding record of delivering housing opportunities.

We welcome the total budget for this Department for this financial year, valued at R2.4 billion, that will create over 105 000 housing opportunities by 2020. This is what value citizens get for their money.

Let us see what value you get from the ANC.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Do not go there, please.

Ms L M MASEKO: The National Department of Rural Development and Land Reform for District Six requested an additional 2.4 billion to correct the medical schemes they created ... [Interjection.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: Shame ... [Inaudible.]

Ms L M MASEKO: ... with the first three projects of District Six Restitution Programme and that will only avail 108 units. It does not take a rocket scientist to see that this is looting. [Interjections.]

Let me reiterate what the DA's budget represents. It is a budget for jobs, opportunities, good governance, safety and security and accelerated service delivery. [Interjection.]

This budget prioritises the vulnerable within limited resources.

Now, our President Cyril Ramaphosa and, of course, Mr “Brown Envelope” Rasool, in their stuporous moments to win over this province, tried to deny the progress that the DA has made in the province ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please.

Ms L M MASEKO: ... unfounded allegations that this Department under-spent its budget.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Please man ... [Inaudible.]

Ms L M MASEKO: The fact is ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Dyantyi.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Maseko, kindly take your seat, please.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Ja.

The SPEAKER: Hon Dyantyi ... [Interjections.] No, no, no, that is rude and disrespectful. I am cautioning you in that you cannot engage the member on the floor directly. Should you wish to ask her a question, you pose it through the Chair and I will then ask the member but to do constant interjection that drowns out the speaker is not allowed. Thank you, hon Dyantyi. You may proceed, hon Maseko.

Mr K E MAGAXA: And behave yourself.

The SPEAKER: Excuse me. Hon Maseko, take your seat, please. Hon Dyantyi.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I would like to ask the member a question.

The SPEAKER: If you can take your seat I will check with the member. Hon Maseko, are you willing to take a question?

An HON MEMBER: No.

Ms L M MASEKO: Hon Speaker ... [Interjections.] I only respond to the leaders for that party. [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you. The member is not prepared to take a question. [Interjections.]

Ms L M MASEKO: Hon Speaker, let me repeat again, President Cyril Ramaphosa and Mr “Brown Envelope” Rasool, in their stuporous moments to win over this province, tried to deny the progress the DA has made in this province by unfounded allegations ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order! [Interjection.]

Ms L M MASEKO: ... that this Department under-spent its budget. [Interjections.] The fact is, since 2011 we have spent 100% of our Human Settlements Development Grant. I am going to help and give them factual information with the hope that my colleagues will transfer the message to the President, of course. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon members, there is too much noise on the floor, please. Thank you. [Interjections.]

Ms L M MASEKO: The Human Settlements Department in the Western Cape, with the limited funds at its disposal, remains committed to accelerating housing opportunities in a way that is sustainable, qualitative and promotes social ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Maseko, kindly take your seat, please. Hon Magaxa?

Mr K E MAGAXA: Can I ask ... [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: Take your seat, please. Hon Maseko, will you take a question? [Interjections.]

Ms L M MASEKO: Hon Speaker, I am only going to take a question from the leader of the ANC.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. [Applause.] Sorry, hon Magaxa, the member will not take a question, hon ... [Interjections.] Hon Magaxa, you must take your seat. The member is not taking a question. [Interjections.] She is not prepared to take a question. Thank you. Kindly take your seat, please. No, hon Magaxa, take your seat.

Ms L M MASEKO: You are a leader by default; I am not going to take your question.

The SPEAKER: You may proceed.

Ms L M MASEKO: Thank you, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Kindly calm down, everybody.

Ms L M MASEKO: Hon Speaker, the Human Settlements Department in the Western Cape, with the limited funds at its disposal, remains committed to accelerating housing opportunities in a way that it is sustainable, qualitative and promotes social inclusion because the DA in this province understands that having a place of safety and being a homeowner is key to economic prosperity. But, more importantly, this is evident in our track record over the last 10 years.

As the hon Premier stated during SOPA, and since the ANC was not here I will have to say it again, over 200 000 housing opportunities were completed since 2009.

The DA-led Government spent R500 million in supporting 357 land reform projects since 2014 alone. We have exceeded our combined targets for housing and service sites in every financial year since 2014.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: [Inaudible.]

Ms L M MASEKO: And by the end of this term we will once again meet 100% of our target. [Interjections.]

Hon Speaker, the enabling environment of service sites that the DA created in this province, as showcased by a group of women from Philippi, Crossroads, Khayelitsha and Strand, who now have the opportunity to build houses on their own. Their project started off as a food stokvel, but now each of the 12 members contributes 2 450 on a rotational basis to buy building materials for a roof over their heads. I applaud this group of women for taking the initiative in helping Government. They are taking ownership by being innovative and soon they will be living in their own houses. [Interjection.]

Now again, hon Speaker, since 2009, 103 000 people ... [Interjection.] can call themselves proud homeowners via the DA-led Government. That is when we give a title deed, hon member, just for your info. [Interjection.]

During this term we have exceeded target by at least 2 000 transferred title deeds. That is from our target, an extra 2 000. [Interjection.] This shows excellent planning by the Provincial Department and the best part is that these opportunities are aimed at our poorest residents.

Our Game Changer, Breaking New Ground, which focuses on spatial integration, have reached execution stage and will avail 3 600 units in Pinelands ... [Interjection.], 4 188 units in Belhar and 300 units near the Waterfront.

Mr S G TYATYAM: [Inaudible.]

Ms L M MASEKO: I am [Inaudible.] former President Zuma, do not worry.

Furthermore, 11 towns gained approval status which will enable grant funding for more affordable units. [Interjections.] I am telling you. [Laughter.]

We have delivered 23 000 social rental housing units and 19 000 affordable units for ownership purposes. That is the Department of Human Settlements under the DA-led Government in the Western Cape.

Hon Speaker, over the 2019 MTEF, R7.4 billion will be appropriated to the Department to continue with its ground-breaking performance. [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Dyantyi, hon Dyantyi.

Ms L M MASEKO: We ensure quality delivery ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Sorry, hon Maseko, kindly take your seat please. Chief Whip Wiley?

Mr M G E WILEY: Hon Speaker, before you came in the House, ever since the hon member sidled into this House he has been a disruptive influence for the House ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

Mr M G E WILEY: ... making inane, facetious, snide remarks, no bearing on the debate.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, Chief Whip. [Interjections.] I have cautioned the member. Hon Dyantyi ... [Interjection.] No, hon Dyantyi. No, hon Dyantyi, your behaviour leaves a lot ... [Interjection.] No, hon Dyantyi, your interjections, your ongoing howling, I have cautioned ... [Interjection.] I am speaking. Take your seat, hon Dyantyi. [Interjections.] Take your seat. And it has been ongoing to the point that it has become disruptive and drowns out the speaker. So for you to question the member and say: is that your speech? Not once or twice but three times ... [Interjection.] But it is an opinion, hon Magaxa, but your opinion is becoming overbearing to the point that it is now constituting a running commentary and I need to caution you. So kindly manage yourself in order for us to proceed. You may proceed, hon Maseko.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: It is an interjection.

The SPEAKER: You are allowed to interject, but the minute it constitutes a running commentary in terms of Rule 41, I have to caution you and should you persist, we will continue to Rule 44. Thank you. You may proceed, hon Maseko.

Ms L M MASEKO: Thank you, hon Speaker. [Interjection.] Hon Speaker, over the 20 ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Sorry, hon Maseko, the hon Magaxa is on his feet.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Hon Speaker ...

The SPEAKER: Yes, hon Magaxa?

Mr K E MAGAXA: As you referred to hon Dyantyi, which is acceptable in this House, is it parliamentary for hon Bonginkosi Madikizela to refer to hon Dyantyi as Richard? [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Oh, sorry. It certainly is not. I did not hear it but ... [Interjections.] hon Minister Madikizela, will you please refer to the hon Dyantyi and not Richard? Thank you.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: The hon Dyantyi, but can he please act honourably?

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, Minister. [Applause.] [Interjections.] It is honourable. Thank you. Now may we proceed and get on with the business of the day? Hon Maseko.

Ms L M MASEKO: Thank you, hon Speaker. Hon Speaker, over the 2019 MTEF, R7.4 billion will be appropriated to the Department to continue with its ground-breaking performance. We ensure quality delivery and sustainability by thorough execution of the upgrading of the informal settlements programme.

We will increase the capacity of affordable Gap housing projects for those who do not qualify for bonds and we will ensure that the most deserving citizens also become homeowners via the BNG Programme.

The additional R56 million allocated to the Department will build the necessary capacity to execute Catalytic Projects along with the R43 million required for the infrastructure. We will continue to focus on some special planning, with R86 million for the Integrated Urban Development Framework and Small Town Regeneration Programmes in collaboration with the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning to address apartheid spatial legacies.

Madam Speaker, this budget will thus travel the length and breadth of this province to accommodate all the settlement needs of our people.

At the beginning of this year the National Department further revealed that a mere 35% of title deeds were issued during the previous financial year and only 22% of the new homes built have been transferred to owners.

Furthermore, National Government recently released 3 million hectares for land reform, mainly in the North-West, Limpopo and Eastern Cape.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Are you in the North-West now?

Ms L M MASEKO: But no land within cities. To date, the Presidential Committee revealed that R21 billion has been spent on land reform and R14 billion in the form of restitution, all of which, after 40 years District Six claimants have no benefit of and have to wait an additional 20 years to be repatriated.

Furthermore, it is unfortunate that the General Household Survey for 2017 revealed that approximately 10% of the 13% of people living in state-subsidised housing units provided by the State, are concerned about the quality of houses. [Interjection.] This is due to the poor maintenance and beneficiaries simply do not have the necessary funds to maintain homes. The ANC's mission has been rendered inadequate. These ineffective methods of transformation and redress are no longer excusable. [Interjections.]

In contrast, via an inter-governmental approach, we prioritise jobs along with housing developments to enhance the economic livelihoods for the people in our province; in order for them to be able to take care of their homes and families, indeed under Programme 3, R3 million is earmarked for job creation by this Department.

As I said earlier, we sympathise with need in our province and the wellbeing of our people. Therefore, 93% of this budget will go to providing housing opportunities.

Madam Speaker, more can always be done but rest assured that in this province we do not regard our mandate on human settlement plans as a mere handout programme. The DA has proven over the last 10 years that it is capable of establishing viable housing opportunities, which is still an aspiration for National Government. It is on the basis of this outstanding track record that we welcome the Human Settlements Budget of 2019 so that we can put this remarkable work forth.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the visionary leadership of Minister Madikizela, the entire Department under the HOD Mr Mguli, also Mr Francois de Wet and ... [Interjections.] Jackie Samson and I am going to call them this way because throughout the five years we have become a family as the Standing Committee, holding the Department accountable and the Department has not even once, that when we ask the questions, whether we are in the Standing Committee or not, not given a response. So we are interacting as a family of Human Settlements for the communities of the Western Cape. [Interjections.]

So on behalf of the Standing Committee I would love to say to the Department: thank you very much and the strides that you make within the Western Cape, I am definitely sure that the communities appreciate each and every footprint you put in their lives.

And as for the Standing Committee, I would love to say thank you. For the longest standing member in the Standing Committee, hon member Dijana and myself and also hon member Davids, thanks for all the hard questions you have asked the Department that has made them really identify ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order.

Ms L M MASEKO: ... where there was a loophole that needed to be addressed and definitely they did that, and for holding the Department accountable. [Interjections.] And with those few words, hon Speaker, I welcome – because I said few words – and I support Vote 8 as it will assist in the creation of integrated and resilient Human Settlements arrangements. I thank you. [Applause.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Thank you, hon Speaker. [Interjections.] Hon Speaker, allow me to speak on the Vote 8, Human Settlements. The Western Cape Provincial Department of Human Settlements reported in 2018 that there had been major alignment problems between itself and Cape Town which had affected the implementation of Urban Settlements Development Grant projects.

The National Department of Human Settlements commented that they had held a meeting with the Western Cape Department, or they had attended a Ministers' and members of the Executive Council meeting as this would have given both the national and provincial departments an opportunity to form synergy in an attempt to speed up the projects.

Thus far, the Provincial Department has failed to spend 100% of its USDG. The Department has applied for a rollover of funds to the 2018/2019 financial year.

The expenditure between July 2017 and January 2018 ... [Interjections.] has been R456 million, which was only 85% of the total grant received.

The City of Cape Town was faced with numerous challenges and constraints in serving informal settlements. These include unplanned and intensive dense settlements that made it difficult to install services, a lack of community ownership and a high level of theft and vandalism.

The Director General (DG) of the National Department of Human Settlements said in 2017 that the City of Cape Town should try its best not to shift funds from one project to another. He stressed that there were performance reviews in place and that the figures presented there came directly from the CoCT and that they needed to manage the risk of losing the money back to the fiscus.

The City of Cape Town had sat at 24% of spending in December, which means that they were at risk of facing lack of delivery and rather than lose the money back to the fiscus, it should stay within the Department.

Looking at 2017 and 2018, it is clear that the DA Human Settlements in the province and city failed to annually spend R100 million of human settlements. The DA is not keen to improve the lives of the ordinary citizens.

And now I want to come back to one of the statements that the MEC made. The MEC said they have three objectives: one is to make sure that people who do not get a bond be assisted – if they do not get a bond at the bank they must be assisted – and the second, he only mentioned the second one, he did not mention the third one. But I want to come in there, MEC, if we do not spend our informal settlements grant and every time it comes back, it comes back, how are we improving the lives of the poor? Because when you go to an informal settlement, it is the poor people who stay there. Yes, there are some people [Interjection.] that have sufficient jobs, but not everyone.

Then I want to come to the second point that the MEC made. The MEC said that 80% of the people in the informal settlements are children who leave the homes of their parents, they have a child and now they want to be on their own. I do not support that view, MEC, because if you go into an informal settlements you will see the majority there are elderly people. It is mammas and pappas that stay there; a few are young people.

Then I want to come back to my speech. The National Department of Human Settlements DG reported that in 2016 the Department had been monitoring the COs, Cape Town, very closely and during their meeting last year they had wanted to take funds of about 150 million as they were worried about the pace at which the projects were moving. [Interjections.]

He conceded that they had been doing this consistently since 2012 and that the former head of Human Settlements had had a series of meetings with the City of Cape Town.

The SPEAKER: Hon Dyantyi that is how you [Inaudible.]. Sorry.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Then I want to come also to a comment that the MEC made about the Title Deed Registration Grant.

The SPEAKER: I am trying to caution the hon Mitchell.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Hon Speaker, you are out of order.

The SPEAKER: Sorry, I am not. [Interjections.] I am trying to caution the hon member Mitchell. Hon member Mitchell is having a conversation with the hon Dyantyi that is out of order, sorry. Hon member Mitchell, if I could caution you, please? Thank you. I apologise. Hon member Davids, you may proceed.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

Ms S W DAVIDS: The hon MEC said R64.4 million was for the restoration of title deeds, the Title Deed Restoration Grant. We must just remember that that grant is from National Government directly to the province.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: The taxpayer.

Ms S W DAVIDS: No, do not say taxpayer because when you speak about deliveries of the province you say DA, you do not say taxpayers. [Interjections.] So do not come and teach me now to say taxpayers. It is the ANC Government that is feeding ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Davids, may I ask you to please address the Chair and not the Minister, please.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Thank you, hon Speaker.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Now they know.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Ja, now you know that the ANC Government nationally gave that grant to the province so they must restore the people's dignity, to give them a title deed. [Interjections.]

Now I want to come to the Chairperson of the Standing Committee.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: So you do not have a speech.

Ms S W DAVIDS: No, I have a speech, here is my speech. I just ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please.

Ms S W DAVIDS: I want to come to the Chairperson of the Standing Committee on the District Six issue. There would be no District Six if there was not the Group Act.

Mr M G E WILEY: Group Areas Act.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Group Areas Act, ja, Group Areas Act ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, order.

Ms S W DAVIDS: ... there would be no District Six. So it is not only the claimants of District Six that are waiting. There is a whole country of claimants that is waiting. So do not confuse the people of District Six by thinking that National Government do not want to give them what they want. National Government is busy with a country, not an Oranje state like the Western Cape ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order. Order, members.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Because the Western Cape belongs to a country, it is not an island.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Davids, kindly take your seat. Chief Whip Wiley?

Mr M G E WILEY: Hon member, please tell the District Six residents they are confused. [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: Do not make noise.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. [Interjections.] Hon member Davids, if you can address the Chair and try and manage your volume please. Thank you.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Thank you, Chair. Thank you. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] done.

Ms S W DAVIDS: No, I am not done. [Interjections.] Then, Chairperson, hon Speaker, I want to say that we have a big backlog, as the MEC said, on Human Settlements before 1994 because 30 years before 1994 houses were last built by the then government. And that is why we have a backlog and that is why National Government is still struggling with the MEC, because I can say here today it is only this MEC that really has the people at heart, not the DA. It is the MEC and his Department that have the poor people of the Western Cape at heart with his Bantu state, like my leader has said, his Bantu department.

And then, comrades the last thing I wanted to say ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Davids, we are all hon members. Thank you.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Hon members. Sorry, comrade. Sorry, hon Speaker. Comrades, the last thing I wanted to say ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Davids, we are hon members.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Hon members. Sorry, hon Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Davids.

Ms S W DAVIDS: The last thing that the MEC said is about housing people and you say about empowering people through their houses and that you are saying that the eight years are not assisting us. I will partly agree with that but what the National Department means by the eight years is exactly what you said about people selling their houses. We can go all over, you can see people are selling their houses to foreigners, people are selling their houses to people who maybe had a house and lost their house and so I do not think it is the eight years, MEC, of the National Department that is the problem. It is the education of the people, that that house is a property for them. [Interjections.] It is a property for them, it is empowering them economically but it is also an asset to them. And that is the education that must go out to our people out there.

And then also, MEC, the issue of the deliverables in the municipalities, that is also a thing, I think the capacity building that the Department must look into. And that is why, in the Standing Committee, I said that the planning is very important because planning must go down to the municipalities so that they can plan how to do a project in time. Because if we are not going to do that we are going to have backlogs and backlogs and backlogs forever. I thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Davids. In the absence of the EFF and the ACDP – sorry, Chief Whip Wiley.

Mr M G E WILEY: Hon Speaker, I would just like to note for the record, this is the second vote that both the ACDP and the EFF have not fulfilled its constitutional responsibilities in responding to a budget.

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: [Inaudible.] ... must talk to them, ja.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, Chief Whip, that is noted. [Interjections.] I have received, my office has received an apology from the EFF but I cannot recall saying that I have seen an apology from the ACDP. [Interjection.] Hon members, I can only accept the apology; I cannot account for where the members are.

May we then allow the hon Minister to conclude this debate? I see the hon the Minister Madikizela.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker and all the hon members who contributed. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker, to the Chairperson, member Maseko. I do want to just make one comment because when hon member Maseko was presenting the figures, I heard some members cite – unfortunately hon member Dyantyi has just left now – and now clearly these members missed a very important thing, is that the achievement that we are talking about is linked to what was transferred to us in terms of the budget.

So the question is whether the achievements justify the allocation that was given to us and the answer is: yes. Because even if we would like to achieve more than what we achieved, but the reality is that housing is a competing need in South Africa. We spend all our money in order to achieve what we achieve. So we could not achieve more, I think that is what needs to be understood.

Now just on the next point that was raised by hon member Davids, because again you know the ANC totally misunderstand how government functions in South Africa. [Interjection.] No, no, no, please wait. Wait, let me say what I want to say. When we get money from National Government ... [Interjections.] Madam Speaker, can I have your protection, please?

The SPEAKER: I need to protect you too, thank you.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: When we get money from National Government they are not doing us a favour because there is this thinking that the ANC is doing us a favour, the ANC Government is doing us a favour ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: The money that gets transferred to the provinces ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: The money that is transferred to provinces is the money that is due to those provinces in terms of the Division of Revenue Act.

An HON MEMBER: We know that.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: So they are not doing us a favour. So they think that we must be grateful to the ANC for giving us money. No, no, it is not ANC money, it is taxpayers' money that we are ... [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: You must be grateful to the ANC. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please, hon Magaxa.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: The second point that I want to make is that the contribution in terms of tax that this province is making is far more than what we are getting in return. So no-one is doing us a favour here. [Interjection.] I just want to make that point.

Now, again hon member Davids lost me completely and I do want to make this point very clear again to educate some of the people. I am presenting here a Human Settlements Development Grant, not Urban Settlement Development Grant.

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: So I will not engage you on the Urban Settlement Development Grant because this is not the grant that I am presenting. That is a grant that gets sent directly to the municipalities or metros and what I am presenting here is HSDG. And everything that I spoke about is around HSDG, not USDG.

So when you went on and on about USDG, it had nothing to do with the budget that I am presenting. [Interjections.]

Now the issue of the title deeds – I have heard this before again as well from other hon members here. Before this grant actually was conceptualised – because again it is the prerogative of each and every province, when you get your grant, to decide what is it that you are going to prioritise - before that grant was conceptualised we took a decision. In fact we took a decision as this Department to say what we are going to prioritise here, one of the priority areas is going to be title deeds. Because we believe strongly that over and above just building houses ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Minister, kindly take your seat, please. Hon Beerwinkel?

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I cannot allow the MEC to continue to mislead this House. The DORA document is very clear, hon Speaker, if you will allow me. The DORA document is very clear. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Chief Whip, take your seat, please. [Interjections.] There is a member on the floor. Hon member Beerwinkel, the point you are raising is a debating point, it is not a point of order unfortunately. So I cannot allow you ... [Interjection.]

Ms C W BEERWINKEL: May I address you, hon Speaker?

The SPEAKER: Yes, you may. [Interjections.]

Ms C W BEERWINKEL: Thank you, hon Speaker, for allowing me to address you. We need to remember that there are visitors in this House who will take away this misinformation where it is ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Beerwinkel, unfortunately I cannot sustain that point. It is not a point of order. You may proceed, Minister Madikizela.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Now even if we were to say that the restoration grant is coming from national, because let me just entertain hon member Beerwinkel ... [Interjection.]

Ms C W BEERWINKEL: That is not the point ...

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: No, let me just entertain hon member Beerwinkel. The point is that if you look at how the Western Cape has spent this grant, we are spending this grant far better than any other province in South Africa. That is the point.

An HON MEMBER: Exactly.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: That is the point. I am talking about the Title Deeds Restoration Grant now. This province is sitting at ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: There is agreement, hon Madikizela, so can we please allow the Minister to proceed without ... [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: I did not interrupt them when they were speaking.

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Now we have spent 72% of this grant; in fact the second province in South Africa has only spent 43%.

Ms C W BEERWINKEL: That is not the point.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: So just to entertain you to say this grant is coming from the National Department of Human Settlements, even if we were to say that, the point is that this grant has been spent much more productively in the Province of the Western Cape because we take the issue of issuing title deeds very, very seriously. [Interjections.] That is the point.

But in closing, Madam Speaker ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Sorry, hon Minister Madikizela, can I just ask you to take your seat? Hon members, the Minister has a right of reply. I cannot attest to what the Minister is saying, that is not my role. So unfortunately you might hear things that you do not agree with but we cannot deliberate it in the Minister's speaking time. I would like to recommend that if there is clarity that needs to be gained, it happens outside of this Chamber. But let us proceed with dignity and respect and get through the business of the day. You may proceed, hon Minister Madikizela.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: In closing, Madam Speaker, I want to once again take the opportunity to thank all our partners in the Human Settlements space who attended this budget vote and I want to apologise on their behalf in some instances for the childish behaviour that sometimes some people show in this House.

We are here to do very serious business, to account to the people of the Western Cape as to how we are spending – even as I am responding – to account to the people of the Western Cape, how we have governed this province. Let them be the judge, how we have spent the money that was given to us as the Government of this province compared to any other province in South Africa. Because this is what this is about. We can howl and shout; at the end of the day, people who are here are here to listen as to how this Government has fared against any other government in terms of the taxpayers' money that was given to us.

Mr K E MAGAXA: That is your wish.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: And today we are here to account and I think this Department has given a very good account of what we have done with taxpayers' money and I want to thank you, Madam Speaker. [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, Minister Madikizela. That concludes the debate on this Vote. The House will be suspended for just three minutes to allow the officials to vacate the bays and for the next team to take up their seats. Thank you.

[Business of the House was suspended at 12:28 and resumed at 12:31]

WESTERN CAPE APPROPRIATION BILL [B1 – 2019]

(Debate on Vote 6 – Health)

The SPEAKER: Minister Mbombo, Minister of Health. [Applause.]

Mr M G E WILEY: Hear-Hear!

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Mr Deputy Speaker, honourable Premier in absentia, Cabinet colleagues and members of the Provincial Parliament, Chairperson of the Standing Committee, Head of Department and management of the Department of Health, the citizens of the Western Cape, †kubacholi-choli bendaba abakhoyo, [to the journalists present,] †molweni [greetings].

Today, I deliver the final budget for this political term for the Health Department.

This budget is about maintaining the dignity of the millions of patients that we serve. We are highlighting the work we have done, but also to show how we work smarter and technically maintain and preserve the patients' dignity. With this budget, we are all about business unusual, to ultimately deliver patient centred care without compromising the quality.

The Department of Health continues to grow and this is unlikely to change in the short-term given the trends in the social determinants of health and wellbeing. [Interjection.].

The health sector, generally, is under severe pressure as result of the budget cuts with about a R9 billion cut over the MTEF, nationally. The Western Cape Health cumulative budget cuts over the last three years at R602 million and in the next current MTEF at R574 million equates to about R1,2 billion and that is approximately 6% of the Department's budget. Over the same period of this MTEF, patient numbers would have grown and at the current rate we might see about 12% that is not sustainable.

The challenges we also face are urbanisation and in-migration; a [Inaudible.] service platform; drought and water shortages; disease outbreaks and an escalating burden of disease; Staff safety – the attacks on EMS staff is undermining service delivery as staff often are traumatised and put on leave for extended periods; natural disasters like fires; and load shedding is coming back to haunt us, again.

This situation places the provincial health system under enormous strain, and in the context of the above, the 2019/20 budget is likely to be a very challenging year. Despite these challenges, the Western Cape has the best health outcomes out of all the provinces. Western Cape citizens enjoy the best care compared to the level of services elsewhere in the country.

We have consistently had the highest life expectancy over the years due to better population health outcomes, specifically on lower mortality rates. We have better coverage and access to health services. Where there is no physical facility, we bring services through mobile or by other means like public private partnerships.

Access to health services is crucial for where we are going with the Universal Health Coverage. We have made great progress with the Universal Health Coverage feasibility. We will continue to engage to influence national policy. We have initiated inter-provincial collaboration with KZN and the Eastern Cape, where we have already begun to strengthen the health system towards the implementation of the new health coverage.

Mr Deputy Speaker ... [Interjection.] as you may have noticed, there are no guests in the gallery today. Business is unusual. As I indicated we are up to disruption, so we take the disruption of space at all levels. But I want to acknowledge the VIPs. You will see again that it is business unusual. Usually you find the Chief of Staff and senior people but in the gallery it is my staff, those are the people who are behind the scenes but who are not necessarily recognised.

Grant Adams, Mama Mjoga, Sisi osebenzayo Peyena, Olivier Daniels, Unathi Mayinje and also Anniqua Cupido, I just want to acknowledge them because people do not know them. [Applause.] So these are my VIPs.

So in this budget I am presenting to you today, that we have also presented to the stakeholders, so that is why you do not see the guests here. So we did it another way around where we presented to the people and now we are presenting to the legislatures. These stakeholders include our statutory bodies, which are the health recipients themselves through the health committees, the hospital boards, the mental health review board, the Independent Health Committee Complaints Committee, the District Health Council, the Provincial Consultative Council, the academics, the councillors, health professionals from community health workers to the senior ones, specialists, private health and business. In 2015 when I presented my first budget I said “nothing about them, without them”. So that is why this budget is a budget of the people in the true sense. [Applause.]

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: So about 300 people at the time that we hosted were part of it. I want to acknowledge member Reverend Gopie who as part of the Standing Committee was also there and I just want to thank her for her invaluable input, also on behalf of the Standing Committee.

We took these priorities to them because health is everybody's business. Health is about partnerships. We had representatives from as far as Beaufort West and Matzikama, Oos-Wes, Noord-Suid, nè, alles. [East, West, North, South, yes, everything.] More than 300 participants who participated.

Participants at the aka State of the Department Health Address raised pertinent input which I would like to share.

Mama Annelize from the Heideveld Health Committee reminded us about the social ills such as drugs and alcohol, and gangsterism that impact on health services and indicated that there was dire need to have a health and social development integrated approach and budgeting to tackle these. Again I assure Mama that as part of PSG3, which is about increasing wellness and safety and tackling social ills, we have looked at all of these and currently we are still working and involving the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport, Social Development, Community Safety as well as us in this transversal engagement.

The Department of the Premier led the Alcohol Game-Changer which led to interventions that focused on youth as well ... [Interjection.]. Health also, contributed to investing in the Young Women and Girls Project, with R80 million from the Global Fund to empower young women and girls. Heideveld, which is part of Klipfontein, is part of this project where we saw over 50 000 young women and girls participate over the last three years.

Although this project, which also includes men's dialogue, comes to an end in this financial year, as we were funded for three years, we want to reassure the communities that through Whole of Society Approach (WoSA), we will continue the transversal projects with these departments beyond international funding. We are actually already doing that in Saldanha where we use our own Department funds and Saldanha is one of the four sites where we want to pilot the Universal Health Coverage.

The second person that I want to mention is Mr Anthony Vaughn from the Vredenburg Hospital Board who wanted reassurance relating to medico legal claims as they keep on escalating, even elsewhere. I can report that the Western Cape has the lowest medico legal claims bill of all nine provinces and for us, what is important, it begins with fixing the "medico" which is the prefix portion to avoid the latter which is the 'legal claims'; improve the quality so that you can worry less about the rest. I want to thank Dr Bass and his team for the outstanding work they are doing in this field to ensure we do stick to this promise.

The third person, actually there are two that I am putting together, Mr Mike Hofmeester, I think from Bishop Lavis and Mr Michael from the Metro. They have questions around the construction of G F Jooste. I can confirm that the Klipfontein Regional Hospital is no longer going to be a district [Inaudible.] level hospital. Jooste is in the planning phase and I will elaborate more under the infrastructure sector later.

Mr Wellington from Murraysburg in Beaufort West raised concerns about the town being forgotten as it is next to the Eastern Cape and also in the Northern Cape, plus also it is too far to access health services for patients, especially for check-ups.

I reminded Mr Wellington, now I am reminding everyone, that we go beyond the call of duty and have put in place unofficial arrangements where patients in the far remote rural towns are being picked up from home in areas like Slangrivier in the Garden Route, Haarlem, Avontuur, De Rust in Kannaland and so forth and also inclusive of the Central Karoo, Maraisburg, Merweville and Leeu-Gamka that are already doing that. As I already said: †geen gemeenskap sal agtergelaat word nie. [Tussenwerpsels.] [no community will be left behind. [Interjections.]]

HON MEMBERS: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Mr Swartbeck from District Six shared his concerns about the negative, exaggerated reporting in media that affects staff morale. He urged the media to be considerate and not to be one-sided in their reporting. Thanks Mr S, as I call him. Indeed our staff are major building blocks to strengthen health systems, and if one link is weakened unfairly, especially for political score points, you are actually weakening the whole health system.

Yes, we are not perfect, we err, sometimes we are wrong and irritate our clients, but we do not dismiss their truth. We investigate, we sit over a cup of coffee and we apologise. That is why we are the only province with an Independent Health Complaints Committee which is constituted by skilled people, that are not even employed by Government, to look at those cases where the clients still feel aggrieved despite the interventions.

I want to thank Professor Fannie Sonn, Advocate Mdludlu and Mama uRoss who are current members of the committee but I also want to extend our appreciation to the previous ones who served; Advocate Gerrie de Kock, Professor Sinegugu Duma, I want to thank them.

The last one, regarding the input, because I am being selective, Professor Julie from the University of the Western Cape, who raised questions about the training of nursing staff and academic support to strengthen nursing. I can report to the House that the Nursing College and the Ambulance College are in the process of getting accredited to be one of the leading higher learning institutions that will provide the best training for future nurses and emergency medical personnel. Watch this space. [Interjection.]

In terms of the clinic committees and hospital boards, because I know if member Gillon was here, she was going to ask 'what did you do after you passed the legislation in 2016?' In addition to appointing all these hospital boards and clinic committees I can report we have started training and so far we have trained Wesfleur, Helderberg, Ladysmith, Laingsburg, Otto du Plessis and Khayelitsha Hospitals and also their clinic committees.

Mr Deputy Speaker, as I continue this theme of maintaining patient dignity, I also want to start by focusing on five key elements that really highlight the length and depth of this Department and what we have done so far to deliver a service despite the challenging environment where we operate. Minister Motsoaledi once said that that health services are under distress.

Firstly, the Management Efficiency and Alignment Project (MEAP). This model of redesign of organisational efficiency and alignment is to make the organisation leaner and strengthen the service delivery. Critically, MEAP is mainly about changing the way the Department functions, how teams support a culture of continuous collaboration, learning and growth, and values driven leadership across the whole system.

Ideally we want to achieve at least a 10% cost saving which we can plough back into other programmes, to ensure we continue providing a high quality service. We have concluded the first phase, if you recall that I did mention in my last year's budget speech. So we have concluded the first phase which involved extensive engagements with staff on the redesign of how we can improve alignment and efficiencies in the management system. The next phase intention is to have the senior management staff matched and placed within the first quarter of 2019 to provide some certainty and stability especially as we have now done a lot of work at the lower level.

The second part is Innovation. I call it #4IR, because it is part of the Fourth Industrial Revolution. I think the Premier did indicate that if you do not go in an innovative way, in the current context of where we are generally in all governments internationally, it means that you are really left behind.

Technology as part of our innovation is a key enabler and disruptor in doing business unusual. We have implemented several key initiatives, most importantly to maintain the dignity of the patient that I mentioned earlier. The issue about the waiting times, we have to reduce these waiting times and I want to mention a few relating to the waiting times at theatres, at ECs and facilities. There are many interventions. At the last Indaba we had, we identified about 20 but I want to flag a few. I also want to thank all other facilities and staff who also have contributed to some of the innovations from cutting edge world operations, orthopaedic beds and so forth. I just want to mention a few.

Last year I did mention the Unique Patient Identifier which has now been implemented across the Department, including city services. This allows patients to move from one area of the province to the next, from a hospital to a clinic and their medical records will still be available on the data system. We are one of the few places globally with an integrated data system across the service platform. Now we do not have to wait longer for your folder. Electronic Continuity of Care Record aka E-discharge. It aims to support the patient's journey between hospitals and primary health care, through a web-based application. This reduces the time patients spend at facilities post discharge, and lays the foundation to establish Diagnostic Related Groups which assist with fair resource distribution.

Third one is the Data Centre which allows us to integrate provincial health data, which we can use to generate actionable information, giving managers a powerful tool for improving healthcare. The potential is incredible and it is possible to develop tools for almost every medical condition.

The Hectis Project: this one is particularly crucial in our ECs where we see the most pressure.

This electronic system shows the triage code for every patient, how long they wait, and flag it when an elderly person or child is waiting. This continues to support our drive to improve the dignity of vulnerable patients. This has been rolled out already in Mitchells Plain, Heideveld, in George, in Groote Schuur. It follows the patient from the time of entry into the EC unit, until the patient leaves the EC. The ultimate purpose is to keep track and movement of the patients throughout the emergency centre. I also would like to commend the team under Dr Moosa Parak, Naadir Fredericks and Mr. Jashmeer Maharaj.

Lastly, I want to flag the Theatre Admin Projects. In theatre you will find that there are emergencies like obstetrics, trauma, internal medicine and so forth and theatres are the most expensive units in a hospital, and also the scarcest resource units. So optimising theatre performance requires good management information. This initiative is already happening in rural areas, for example in Worcester. So this is part of the innovation but we also have others in public private partnerships. Remember we are talking about maintaining dignity and reducing waiting times. This is key in our mission to preserve patient dignity. The Department has entered into several partnerships that have allowed us to provide access to much needed health services, for example, family planning and immunisation services where it has been implemented. We have formulated partnerships with retail pharmacies like Dischem and Clicks and other small pharmacies to improve access to healthcare services. Now when you go to the Mall to do shopping, you can go next door and have your contraceptives and then you immunise your baby and you can check for testing and so forth.

The other one that I want to flag is the Private Farm Owners, for example the Du Toit's Group around Witzenberg, Lutzville Wines in the Matzikama and the Thornlands Group in Swellendam. These private owners have also established access to health services to agri-workers to ensure a healthy work force. I visited all these farms personally and saw first-hand how this added value to the health of the farmworkers. I must state that not a cent is coming from us. They built these state-of-the-art clinics, they appoint their own staff and all we have to do is give guidance.

Mr D JOSEPH: Well done!

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Operation 100: this initiative supported Mandela Day and aimed to perform 100 elective surgeries, that is to cut the theatre time, the theatre slate, because some people wait three to five or even seven years for knee or hip operations, for example. The team surprised us and reached 195 for 2018. This initiative evidences the commitment to the dignity and care to our vulnerable patients, who received life-changing surgical procedures. [Applause.]

These operations were additional to what the Department planned and budgeted for the year, but with the help of generous sponsors and donors, we were able to improve the quality of these patients' lives for the better who were on the Department's central waiting list for surgeries. And this year, we have got more we will showcase. I will be back, I will showcase again.

Now the Infrastructure, Mr Deputy Speaker, is one of the building blocks within the health system and forms part of our priorities as a way to address patient experience and service pressure plus also the maintain their dignity.

I am also proud to announce that we spent the whole of our entire allocation on infrastructure in 2018/19. Just to brag, in the past 10 years we have done a lot. We built two district hospitals, 10 emergency centres that were replaced and upgraded, 14 new primary care facilities completed, building of 11 new ambulance stations. We also prioritised psychiatric units like in Paarl, Vredenburg and Mitchells Plain hospitals. In 2018/19 we also have some key projects, District Six, Thembalethu, Khayelitsha Hospital Ward and CT scan, Napier Clinic and De Rust Clinic upgrades, and R172 million for Vredenburg Hospital upgrades.

For this year we have earmarked the following infrastructure which amounts to about R1,2 billion: the construction of Gansbaai Clinic; Laingsburg Clinic; Caledon EMS Communication Centre; Victoria Hospital EC; Swartland [Inaudible.] Hospital EC. We have got a site for the hospital, but it takes long, not less than five years to build a hospital but we have to do something with the current arrangement. Services are underway for the Helderberg Hospital, Observatory, Salt River, for their forensic lab; the De Doorns Ambulance station; the Klipfontein Regional Hospital which is in Phase 3. Some of the challenges were allocating the site plus the business case and we are some way in terms of advance that by the end of this month, April, we will be able to have a community engagement where we can speak with the people of Manenberg and Gugulethu and so forth to talk about Klipfontein Regional Hospital to reassure them that it is going to rise.

In addition to that, of course the Tygerberg maintenance. I want to add that we are not only focusing on the mortar and cement and so forth but we also have to focus on water and energy. There have been some of the interventions for water savings. We also have a prepared plan. Some will recall at the time of the drought we invested in borehole drilling at key facilities. At Lentegeur Hospital for example we have about 10 boreholes that were already there. We do have a water saving plan for all our facilities just like we have an energy saving plan including now with the load shedding in terms of our generators and so forth. So we are prepared.

Human Resources: I would like to commend our staff for their resilience amidst the challenging circumstances. Our frontline staff is at the core of service delivery, which is why we need to ensure that we continue to create an enabling environment for our staff to deliver a high quality service. We survived the fires, we survived Day Zero, we survived Listeriosis, we survived the political smearing campaigns and so forth. So we really want to thank our staff for that.

I would also like to congratulate all our staff who managed to achieve success under these pressurised circumstances.

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: For example, Ms Patience Shipalane was named as the Democratic Nursing Association of SA's most caring nurse of the year, in this year. [Applause.] Dr Delport received a great honour after she was recently nominated as the Integrity Idol 2018. [Applause.] What is that? It is a world-wide campaign which was established to give credit to the honest government officials for their work. I am just mentioning a few. There are many of those. I mentioned those international and national ones. There are many of those who have received quite a lot of accolades.

Mr Deputy Speaker, in my budget speech last year, I shared that we are the only province that prioritised junior doctors commuted overtime to reduce stress but there is still more that National Health has to do in regard to the overall time that the doctors spent, but I just want to indicate that at least we are doing something. There was a time when some of the psychiatrists treated nurses where they work in certain environments where they did not have a danger allowance. We introduced that so they do receive a danger allowance.

We received R135 million that was allocated for the Human Resources Capacitation Grant and we have appointed community service medical officers, medical interns, and in the process we are filling critical posts. In addition, I must just add that with the medical interns we added 204 to the existing ones that we have. So roughly we have got over 500 medical interns that are within our system.

I also promised, there was a time where we had an issue related to the waiting times at the mortuary. We are still talking about the waiting times where I promised additional staff so I want to now share the fact that we have now appointed additional specialists, forensic pathology officers and we have increased the forensic assistants from 9 in 2017/18 to 50 in the 2018 budget.

We have also increased our investment in primary health care, hence you will see the largest slice of the budget is 40% allocated to District Health Services. Through this we have earmarked an increase in the remuneration for Community Health Workers. We urge communities to support these foot soldiers who are faced with crime and the potential to be mugged and raped in these households. They walk distances in the rain and sun, dodging stray bullets during their visits. At the end of the day we need these people because the health system does not start at the clinic, it starts with the communities. In the communities we need these health workers.

Staff safety remains a concern for the Department. Like Saturday evening, yet another EMS vehicle was attacked in Khayelitsha. [Interjections.]

†'n AGBARE LID: Skande!
[An HON MEMBER: Disgrace!]

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Two EMS staff members were robbed at gunpoint and left traumatised.

We view criminal attacks on our staff as an extremely serious matter and a number of measures have been implemented in response.

For example we launched Operation Khuseleka to raise awareness and solicit community support for staff safety.

We are already part of the CT Transport Management improved collaboration, where together with SAPS, DoCS and Traffic Department we are in the same space in Goodwood. We have through the DotP, in places like the Red Zones and Khayelitsha, installed additional cameras.

We also co-operate with Neighbourhood Watches together with Department of Community Safety, where we participate in the Provincial Joint Operations. Remember our core business is to render health services but now we see ourselves that we are in the space of security and safety and we have signed a memorandum of understanding also with the City of Cape Town to this effect.

Now to the finances, Mr Deputy Speaker. Health has the largest footprint in the community. We provide health services to 75% of the population, 24 hours, 365 days a year from the unborn child to the oldest which is from the cradle to the grave and this includes the deceased. So that is why for us for the past year, we acceded to calls from communities to improve services, in particular in those pressurised facilities. From time to time we will keep on adjusting in cases where there is a need for such. We have to this end for example, developed improvement strategy plans for the Khayelitsha District Hospital, because we encounter many challenges out of the blue; at Helderberg Hospital we have got an improvement plan and at the Grabouw Hospital in recent weeks. For example in Khayelitsha, we have opened a new 30-bed ward, a new CT scan and we have improved nurse governance.

In Helderberg Hospital the new EC is underway and in Grabouw we are extending the operation hours, to even include the weekends as well as the 24-hour emergency that Grabouw will receive by the end of April. [Interjection.]. These are all ways in which we aim to improve ... [Interjections.].

Mr Deputy Speaker, I would commend the Department for the 14 year record of an unqualified audit. We have had a clean finance audit, the only government actually in South Africa to have a clean finance ... [Interjections.]. I understand that we even contribute towards the goods and services. [Interjections.] I rest easy tabling this R24,8 billion budget which is the biggest slice in the Western Cape Government.

In terms of the budget and this R24,8 billion you will find that in terms of the budget allocations, 59% goes to staff, it is only for salaries; 38% goes to goods and services so you can understand in terms of the stress that we work under it is not easy to avert an unqualified audit. But we have done it.

This budget includes the National Conditional Grant which is about R6,4 billion. I think what is important in all these budget programmes, is that there has been an increase throughout from Programme 1 to Programme 8. Programme 2, District Services, amounts to about 40% of the total vote just to show how serious we are when it comes to service delivery.

If you look at Programme 8 it is has a nominal increase of 25% of the budget. That is just to show that the business is really unusual.

We have to make the point that the Tygerberg is being maintained, the Jooste has to rise, the Swartland will also have to rise, all those that were affected.

In conclusion, none of this incredible work would have been done without the support from our staff. Firstly, thank you to the Premier and Cabinet colleagues for their support. When I started here as a novice, of course I was nervous, but they gave me such support; our members of Provincial Parliament ... [Interjection.], the Standing Committee for their assistance. It is a pity that member Gillion is not here but I want to thank her and also member Gopie, from the Opposition, who have been the shadow MECs, for their help.

And then to the Chair, Mama Lorraine Botha, thank you together with the staff from Parliament for giving us assistance. I think what is also crucial, I must share, despite the fact that when we are sitting here we want to play to the gallery, we find that within the committees, the committee do their work, they hold us to account, they ask pertinent questions.

I used to check when they asked for a lot of documents, do they read them and then found that actually when they asked for these documents they really needed them to find out actually in terms of what is needed. But what is most important is that they are not representing themselves at the committee. You can see that the person is talking about the pertinent issues on what is happening, related to the patients in that area. So I want to thank the committees for that.

I thank the over 32 000 of our staff members who are dedicated, under the leadership of Dr Beth Engelbrecht, assisted by the top management that is sitting there. Thank you for understanding that there are more than 24 hours in a day. Your phone will never be off if mine is still on. The support from our strategic partners, the private sector, academic sector, our community structures, my office sitting there and the other, the Chief of Staff spokesperson, colleagues, all sitting there who are the wind beneath my wings.

I know I am a difficult person to live with, to work with but they understand that at the end we do it for the Aunty Sara's and the Oom [Inaudible.]. And lastly, my family who is not here, they are still busy, I just thank them for giving me the opportunity and also understanding that we do not rest because we are tired, we rest only because we reach our destiny which is a very rich destiny. The patients still need us. Thank you very much. [Applause.] [Interjections.]

Ms L J BOTHA: Mr Deputy Speaker, hon members of the House, HOD and the Department of Health. As the Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Health in this Parliament I am entrusted with the task of performing oversight over the Western Cape Department of Health. Furthermore it is exceptionally important that I perform my oversight function in the interests of the people of this province and in a way that ensures that capacity building continues to take place in this respective Department.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the demand for public healthcare services has increased significantly over the past few years. Not only in the Western Cape but across the country.

Furthermore it is no secret that the current economic climate provides limited room for growth in terms of Government spending across all departments. However, regardless of severe financial restraints, the capable DA-led Western Cape Government remains dedicated to ensuring that Tobogo, John, Riaz, Laeeqa, the affectionate Marco Marlo and Aunty Sara and all the other residents of our province who make use of public healthcare services are not denied access to world class healthcare facilities.

In order to ensure that the Western Cape Department of Health continues to provide our residents with the necessary services to ensure that all residents are bestowed with dignity, R24,76 billion will be appropriated over the 2019/20 MTEF period. This budget allocation is higher than any other Department and once again proves that this caring Government remains committed to providing adequate healthcare services to all the residents of the Province.

As the Minister of Finance, Ivan Meyer, highlighted, the DA-led Western Cape Government has established a budget focused on consolidation for maximum citizen impact. The pro-poor budget will assist 75% of the total Western Cape population who are unable to pay for private healthcare services.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the reality is that for millions of South Africans living in vulnerable, rural and urban communities, their public hospital is an important and often their only source of healthcare. As transformation in the hospital and healthcare fields advances with the use of new technologies adopted by our progressive Government, we are eliminating or at the very least, reducing the risk of some communities losing access to healthcare services and the opportunities and resources they need to improve and maintain their health.

Mr Deputy Speaker, health is not simply the absence of illness but is also more than a state of physical, psychological and social flourishing and includes an individual's ability to adapt to physical, social and mental adversity. It is affected by many factors including access to healthcare and especially the social departments of health and its renewal are similarly multi-dimensional.

Furthermore, Mr Deputy Speaker, as a society and especially as public representatives, we are tasked with being the voice for the voiceless. In this regard we have an obligation to make access to an adequate level of care available to all residents of our province regardless of one's financial standing.

In this regard the DA-led Western Cape caring Government dedicated more than one third of its provincial budget to providing quality healthcare services to the people of our province. It is our caring and capable Government that recognises that quality of care is a key component of the right to health protected by the South African Constitution and is significant to equity and dignity for women, children and other vulnerable groups in society.

Regardless of one's social economic status, age, race and ethnicity or whether they are a person with disabilities, no person deserves to be denied access to healthcare services. This capable DA-led caring Government continues to ensure that its residents live lives longer than anywhere else in the country.

Mr Deputy Speaker, in the Western Cape the life expectancy for women and men is ages 70 and 65 years respectively, higher than the national average of 67 years and 61,5 years for women and men, respectively. The reality is if you live in the Western Cape, individuals are more likely to live a longer life. Taking this into consideration it is not surprising that everyone around the country is wanting to live in our province where they will be guaranteed not only better healthcare services but better services generally speaking. Unlike the ANC-led Gauteng Province where their very own MEC of Health allegedly contributed to the death of mental health patients under their care. [Interjections.] Our province differs tremendously.

In the Western Cape residents have access to as many as 52 state of the art hospitals across our province. Unlike many provinces across the country, ask the people in the North West for instance, when one steps into a hospital in our province, access to health services is concerned with helping people access appropriate healthcare resources in order to preserve or to improve their health.

Mr Deputy Speaker, as a caring Provincial Department we have taken an holistic approach to how we service the residents of our province in terms of how we go about providing healthcare. From my analysis of the 2019/2020 budget and annual performance plan, it is clear that this Department of Health remains committed to doing the greatest good to the greatest number of people, adding the greatest value, always prioritising the poorest of the poor and other vulnerable groupings in our society.

Other health departments across the country can learn many great lessons from how provincial health departments ought to be run and shown under the trusted leadership of our Provincial Minister, Nomafrench Mbombo. Our capable state has shown the significant impact of using integrated comprehensive strategies to reform healthcare delivery within which vulnerable communities can make individual choices based on their needs, support structures and their own preferences. If we are to continue to bring the healthcare services to all the people, the medical profession and the Government must work together.

Obviously the Government cannot achieve this objective without the cooperation of the medical profession because medical services must be furnished by the medical profession. I believe it is equally true that the medical profession cannot achieve their objectives without the help of the Government. In this regard we are in a 'catch 22' in the province's current situation concerning the safety of our EMS staff in particular.

Mr Deputy Speaker, as a caring Government, we can no longer sit by and merely watch our EMS staff continue to be ambushed by criminals. In respect of these selfless health practitioners and in respect for their respective family members without the assistance of the very communities that these health practitioners service, these respective communities will inevitably be denied crucial services as we cannot continue to put these health practitioners' lives in danger.

Also, hon Minister, I would like to highlight here that there are minuscule pockets of health facility personnel who serve patients with an undesirable attitude and therefore paint this Department in a bad light.

As for the vast majority of health personnel in the province, through you Minister, I would like to use this opportunity to give them a ten out of ten for their tireless commitment to serving the people of our province.

I would like to thank Minister Mbombo, the Head of Department, Dr Beth Engelbrecht and all the personnel that steered this Department but most specifically, Mr Deputy Speaker, the nursing personnel for their continued hard work, dedication and commitment to making healthcare accessible to all residents in the Western Cape.

A heartfelt thanks to the committee coordinator, Nomonde Jamce and the assistant coordinator Mary-Ann Burgess. I acknowledge that it was not always easy. Thank you for the support throughout this term of committee service. To my colleagues in the committee, thank you for your dedicated support. With all things considered, Mr Deputy Speaker, it is clear that this budget has been drafted with the Department's strategic objectives in mind to fund its most important projects in pursuit of its stated aims and policy objectives. This budget is a responsible and caring budget. In conclusion the Democratic Alliance therefore supports Vote 6 Health. [Applause.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Can I start my speech by saying if there is anything that does not need to be put aside, it is health. Health in this province has always been, even during apartheid times, the best, not only in South Africa, on the continent.

I am saying that, Mr Deputy Speaker, because I am the product of that particular system. My mum was born paralysed and she was helped by the doctors in Groote Schuur here and she could walk at the age of 14. I take it very, very bad when I hear someone using politics when dealing with the health system while our people are dying every day. [Interjections.]. I am happy that our Minister, our National Minister, does not do that. He is very careful when it comes to health. Let me say if there is anything we need to unite and address, as this political leadership, it is health and we need to accept first that we are experiencing a lot of problems in our health system.

We also need to acknowledge that a lot of other challenges are more of a self-orchestrated nature. The appointment of health facility boards and clinic committees is but one example. The MEC in the APP claims this was to improve the patient's voice, but in reality this killed the patient's voice. Our hospital boards and clinic committees are donated by DA puppets, that is why these boards never present to this House a fair reflection of our hospitals. Instead they always try to protect the Minister. [Interjections.] The City administration will have to look into this problem.

Mr Deputy Speaker, in South Africa March is recognised as TB month and March 24th is World TB Day. This year it was celebrated under the theme 'It is Time', it is time for a world without TB, it is time to treat 40 million people affected by TB by 2022 and it is time to know your TB status.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Spoken like an MEC.

Mr K E MAGAXA: To mark World TB Day, Doctors Without Borders celebrated TB survivors and activists for the role they played in striving for better TB treatment in South Africa. [Interjection.]. TB activists demand that their basic right be respected and they want a less toxic, shorter treatment. One of the TB activists celebrated by MSF was former TB patient, Pumeza Tasile, from Khayelitsha, who went permanently deaf from daily Kanamycin injections. She was finally cured of XDR TB in 2014, following two years of treatment. She has now become a powerful activist for better treatment.

Another celebrated TB activist is Noludwe Mabali, also from Khayelitsha, who was diagnosed with MDR TB in 2017 and declared cured this year. Due to her treatment she suffered intense side effects, especially damage to her kidneys and some hearing loss. As this House, we should stand in solidarity with all these TB activists I am referring to and the others and support their call for improved care and less toxic drugs.

TB remains the leading cause of death in South Africa especially among the poor people. More concerning for me is that the Western Cape Health Department admitted that it is struggling to deal with the retention of TB patients on treatment. It is also struggling with retention of patients on ART in care and cannot deal with the TB death rate. Through this budget MEC Mbombo was given an opportunity to show patients, activists and health workers that she was serious about their plight. Unfortunately she failed to rise to this occasion.

Allow me to express gratitude and appreciation to the National Government for the increased equitable share [Interjections.] and conditional grants for this province. These conditional grants include a comprehensive HIV/AIDS and TB grant which is over R1,6 billion. Overall the conditional grants increased to over R6,5 billion. This shows a caring ANC Government.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the robberies and attacks on our ambulances still persist as the MEC referred to. On Sunday evening MEC Mbombo shared on her Facebook page the ordeal of two EMS staff members that were robbed at gunpoint on Saturday evening in Harare. They were robbed of their cell phones, wedding rings and other belongings and were left severely traumatised. These are mothers, wives, daughters and we cannot continue to place their lives in danger in this way. Safety of our EMS personnel is the responsibility of our MEC and the Department. The MEC has failed to come up with new and effective interventions to deal with this societal problem. I know it is not a problem of an individual. It is our societal problem. It is part of the problems of capitalism, hon Premier. [Interjections.].

Why is there no budget for safety of EMS personnel? Why is it the MEC cannot partner with MEC Winde to have safety volunteers in the Red Zone escorting them as personnel. I think we need to find a solution, we need to find a solution on this one. We need to negotiate with the police, with MEC Winde to find a way of escorting these people. Every time they are called we need to find a way of connecting with the police.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: What is the role of the community in this space?

Mr K E MAGAXA: Yes, the community have to rise to it. There is no doubt about that but I am saying we need a collective effort with the police. We need to find some negotiating kind of a deal to assist to protect. The important thing is that they should be protected, we need to use all efforts. In the APP on page 71, we see that the number of ambulances will be increased from 247 to 249. The Blue Book also shows a 4,22 increase on the budget. This shows the EMS will remain under-resourced and under-staffed. Our people will continue to wait hours for ambulances. The decrease in the budget for Sub-programme 3.2 is a recipe for disaster. To make matters worse this MEC then decreased the allocation of the EMS Training Colleges. I also cannot think of any justification for the decrease in the payment for capital assets under Programme 4.

The 7% increase in the budget for this Department will not have much impact on the poor people using our public health facilities. People in Khayelitsha District Hospital will continue to sleep on the floors and chairs. This is so because out of a budget of over R24 billion the DA is only allocating R511 million over the 2019 MTEF. R511 million.

When one looks at all the challenges in our health facilities we have to agree this is a [Inaudible.]. Mr Deputy Speaker, we are told that 27 health facilities will undergo major and minor refurbishment during this year. In the recent past two hospitals made headlines in the province. The first the closure rumours of Tygerberg Hospital because of dilapidating infrastructure. In response over R425 million is allocated over the 2019 MTEF. This is not enough and will not assist. The second hospital is the missing G F Jooste Hospital. The MEC must tell the people of Manenberg where the budget is for this one. [Interjections.]. I also have to raise my concern with regard to the decreased transfers and subsidies.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr K E MAGAXA: The nursing ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, member your time has expired I will allow you to finish your last sentence please.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Okay let me lastly say, in the past I have complained about this province blocking students from poor backgrounds from participating in Cuba's South African Doctor Programme. To me this represents a government that does not want to see a black child escaping the shackles of poverty through education. They have now taken this agenda ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr K E MAGAXA: ... to the next level with over 14 [Inaudible] in the budget for Sub-programme 6.3. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you member, your time has already expired. The hon Minister to respond in the absence of the EFF and the other small parties. The Minister is next. Sorry, the Chief Whip?

Mr M G E WILEY: Yes, Deputy Speaker. I again rise to raise this side of the House' great concern at the absence of both the EFF and the ACDP in fulfilling their constitutional roles. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member. It is noted. The Chair also noted that. [Interjections.] Minister Mbombo you may respond.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Thank you to the members for their input. Standing Committee Chair, thank you also for the contribution you have made, especially with regard to staff attitude. I always use this example: if you have 33 staff members or you have, I do not know how many, millions, but in primary healthcare facilities, you see about a 40 million head count. I am not including any others. We do not expect that everyone will have the same attitude. Just like a bag of apples, you will always have a rotten one inside. But what matters is how do we make people account? How do you throw away that apple, to identify that apple first so that it does not spoil the rest. It takes one matchstick to burn the whole forest. Hence we have got measurements in place. For example, the patient's voice. I think the member alluded to that too. We use hotlines where people, even if they do not have airtime, can use their phones to message a "please call me".

We do make use of the clinic committees which I am going to respond to, members of the community on hospital boards. We changed it completely. It is no use appointing someone to a board when they are not utilising that facility, who do not understand what is happening surrounding that facility. So they become their eyes and their ears. That is why we have layers and layers of processes or structures where people can raise their voices, for example the independent health committees and so forth.

One of the other crucial things is where everyone has got a name tag, including myself, when I go the facilities, so that you can identify the person who has wronged you. You are able to do something about it immediately.

It is true hon member, we cannot politicise health, it is too important to be reduced to a political football. But as I go along I think I may need to respond to all of that. With regards to the appointment of clinic committees and hospital boards, in 2016 we amended the original from 2001 where we said now we need to go beyond the hospital boards to the facilities and clinics. In all of those facilities adverts were placed where anyone could apply. It did not say you must wear a T-shirt or you must have membership. It was open to everyone.

Firstly, it was advertised in community newspapers ... [Interjections.], all the national newspapers, all the radio stations and so forth. And then, secondly, we even extended it when we did not get much of a response. We even extended it. Thirdly, adverts were put in every facility for people to apply, for the clinic committees specifically.

Fourthly, the Standing Committee was given the task that if they knew of anyone who wanted to apply, then they could apply. So the people who have applied are the people who responded to the call, not to the Mbombo call [Interjections.].

Now with the hospital boards, it is in the Act. The Standing Committee has the responsibility to appoint the members of the Legislature that have been recommended for that. So we have not done any appointments. What is supposed to happen is that you are supposed to fill all your community members. So we have done that. Therefore the member does not have evidence for what he is saying.

Now let's move onto politicising. He said we must not politicise TB ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: I just want to thank the TB ambassadors, specifically the local ones like Miss South Africa, Tamaryn from Paarl, who is part of the local ambassadors and all the others. It just gives confidence to people to show that anyone can have TB. Our doctors even. That is why we have got the slogan that says 'behind the mask, we are all the same'. Even our doctors suffer from TB. As you know that Tata Mandela and Tata Bishop Tutu also suffered from TB.

In terms of recent awareness you might have seen that we have done the 'open the windows' theme at the taxi ranks. We have been into the trains where we are creating an awareness but what is different about this theme, which is an international theme, it is about where you mobilise religious leaders, parliamentarians, the legislators and the National Government. We did it at the Cathedral this time around. We have worked around that because we do not politicise health, we work together.

In terms of the grants, we acknowledge the increase in Programme 8 related to infrastructure but the whole of our budget does not talk to what is happening in terms of the population. I must just take some time to explain this.

In 2011 we had about 5,3 million people. Now we are at about 6,7 million people. In terms of the formulae that are being used at a national level, which we have raised now and again, the [Inaudible] sub-model, it looks in terms of counting the number of the population and then in that number they check which ones are insured and uninsured and then they allocate – I am talking about the equitable share.

Now, if there has been an increase in numbers in Mpumalanga and an increase in numbers in the Western Cape, you find a similar kind of allocation because it is based on the quantity but it does not take into consideration, for example, that in the Western Cape we have got central hospitals and in Mpumalanga they do not. Their people might only be coming for normal chronic conditions, communicable or non-communicable, but in the Western Cape we talk about injuries, traumas and personal violence which costs about R25 000 per person in terms of issues related to trauma.

In the Eastern Cape they talk about the battle where people come with eight bullet wounds and so forth, like it is a battlefield. It takes more, not only resources but actually everything, in terms of impacting on those who have to wait to undergo these surgeries.

So that R200 that a person has been allocated by National versus that the R200 allocated to that person in Mpumalanga does not talk to the same thing. You might get some chronic medication which is far cheaper compared to the amount we pay for a person because it is related to injuries and trauma. So the budget might look big to some but in real terms it is not actually. We have got a R187 million shortfall in the budget. [Interjection.]. The allocation of the budget is being politicised.

Mr K E MAGAXA: No, no!

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: It is being politicised. Even with all of these grants it is being politicised. The Western Cape [Inaudible.] retention. We have the most number of people being retained in the ART Programme. Whilst we may have the lowest HIV in terms of incidents, of course in terms of the prevalence it might be high but the issue, like you have mentioned now, is about TB. Previously we used to be the highest, the highest in the country but the Western Cape, Eastern Cape and the KZN, from the 2015 figures – actually KZN is the highest followed by the Eastern Cape and then us. But the issue of course for them, especially KZN is the issue of the twins, HIV and KZN but we must also acknowledge that it is now coming down because they are very rigorous when it comes to medical male circumcision.

What is different in the Western Cape, as I said, is we have the lowest HIV rate but some of the contributors are related to the loss of follow up because of seasonal workers coming in and going out of the country and so forth. But also ... [Interjections.] it is an academic exercise because the researchers still have to find out exactly. But the mere fact that we have got one of the highest TB treatment success rates means that when people are diagnosed we are making a point that they must take their treatment and they get cured. That is what matters. It means they do not infect others. With the issue of mobility, people coming in and out of the province, they ended up losing them in terms of follow-up. But we will talk of those in my lecture 101 sometime. [Interjections.].

Mr Q R DYANTYI: It is your job. It is not a lecture.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Then, with the issue of the ambulances, as the member has indicated it is a societal issue. It needs everyone, the whole of society. But what pains us is that the people who need these services the most are the ones who are also doing these things but again we are not saying that specifically. There is no evidence that they are specifically targeting the EMS.

We have seen police in police vans being targeted, like in the garage. We have seen police stations where the police have got actually security guarding them. We have even had some instances on the highways where they are not necessarily in the [Inaudible.] being attacked. So it is a reflection of the safety concern that is happening throughout society. But the EMS are being targeted because everyone knows that in that vehicle there will be medicine, there are only two people in that vehicle and therefore they become soft targets.

What matters though is about how we have managed, especially now, to make it a point that people pay for this.

Instead of now reporting that there have been stolen phones, they have been attacked and then it vanishes we have made a point of making a case in the courts where people end up being convicted. It becomes a heavy sentence that we show actually it is not only about attacking this person but where you have impacted Auntie Sara where she cannot get an ambulance on time, managing priority one.

With regards to the issue of escorts, Red Zones and working with the police, maybe the member did not hear me, maybe his speech was already prepared so he did not want to deal with it. I mentioned that we do have the plan. We do work with the police and we know the Red Zones through intelligence. So they go via the police station, they are escorted but in some cases, one for example in the Gugulethu, where they will be escorted but when they enter inside that is when they are actually being attacked – inside. So the safety plan has been there, we work with the police. I mentioned the provjoints and whatever so the member should just go to the website and check our safety plan. [Interjection.].

I want again, to lastly, just thank everyone. It was good working with you. Thank you to the Standing Committee and thank you to the Department. Thank you. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: That concludes the debate on this Vote. Business will now be suspended. Order, order, order! Business will now be suspended until at least 14:15, the bells will be rung to indicate the resumption of business. The House is suspended.

[Business of the House was suspended and resumed at 14:19]

The SPEAKER: Good afternoon, hon members, guests in the gallery, the administration present here. We are going to proceed with the business of the day. I am going to call on the Secretary to read the fourth Order of the Day, which is Community Safety, yes.

WESTERN CAPE APPROPRIATION BILL [B1 – 2019]

(Debate on Vote 4 – Community Safety)

The SPEAKER: Thank you. I recognise the Minister, Minister Winde. [Applause.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. [Applause.] Thank you, Madam Speaker, I rise on Budget Vote 4: Community Safety.

Madam Speaker, the ultimate goal is to create a safer Western Cape for every single resident and visitor. We want this to be the safest province in the country, as well as on the African continent.

This process started, Madam Speaker, when I became Minister of Community Safety in November, and this budget is the social contract in achieving that. Madam Speaker, the situation in the province has reached epidemic proportions and for this reason we have to ensure that maximum citizen impact, which will make a difference in the lives of residents.

We only have an oversight mandate over the police, but we have started to, and will continue, to push the mandate to its limit.

I commend the former Minister and my colleague, Mayor Dan Plato, for his unwavering commitment to fighting crime in the province. Also the manner in which he, to this day, engages communities and not only to improve safety, but people's lives in general.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Like those empty [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: This is evident [Interjections.] in the allocation of R165 million to the Safety and Security Directorate in the City's annual adjustments budget, his first move when he got to be Mayor.

Madam Speaker, unfortunately our efforts are being derailed by the Minister of Police and the ANC-led National Government ... (intervention)

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... who is failing the people [Interjections.] of the Western Cape. Mothers are burying their innocent children ... [Interjections.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Ag sies man.
[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Oh siss man.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... their toddlers.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Sies, Alan.
[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Siss, Alan.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Children have to do their homework underneath the table in the kitchen [Interjections.] for the fear of being shot or hit by stray bullets. [Interjections.] Residents are being held hostage in their homes, fearing that they might be hit by a bullet or a gang attack [Interjections.] at any moment.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Social network, Alan, social network.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: The reality in the province is, Madam Speaker:

- Murder increased by almost 13%, from 3,311 in the 2016/17 year, to 3,729 murders in the 17/18 year.

Mr D JOSEPH: ANC.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Madam Speaker, that is 10 murders every single day. [Interjections.]

And then on top of that there is another 10 attempted murders every single day [Interjections.] under the watch of this ANC Government, because that is where the responsibility for policing lies. They have got the blood on their hands, Madam Speaker.

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] of the province.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Madam Speaker, between April 2013 and March 2018, Nyanga has consistently been the murder capital of the country. 1,273 people killed during this period. This is just in Nyanga, Madam Speaker.

An HON MEMBER: Why?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Reports say - you ask why?

The SPEAKER: Order.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Because of the failing ANC Government. [Interjections.] The failing ANC Government lost it.

An HON MEMBER: Start with you.

An HON MEMBER: Instead of complaining, what are you doing?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Madam Speaker, it obviously hurts. [Interjections.] Reports say for February alone, 25 people were killed in Mitchells Plain. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: There is too much noise, hon members.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Since the beginning of the year [Interjections.] 20 people killed in Bonteheuwel alone.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: And of course you would have seen one of councillors with a young boy of 5 years old, three bullets in his body in hospital, in a serious, critical condition. This is under the watch of this political party.

An HON MEMBER: You are the cause of all the crime in this province. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Between November 2018 and February 2019, Madam Speaker - this is from November last year to end of February this year - 1226 people murdered in this province. [Interjections.] In this province, Madam Speaker, and what are the police doing about this?

Ms M M WENGER: Very little.

The SPEAKER: Order, please, hon members.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Madam Speaker, if we have a look at the previous year, same period and now, hardly any difference in the numbers, yet in November we launched, what we have been calling for for 10 years, the Anti-Gang Unit. [Interjections.]

Mr D JOSEPH: Yes.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You were calling for the army, Sir.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: But still [Interjections.] we have not seen the impact ...[Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You were calling for the army.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... and the difference, and that again is this political party who runs ...[Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You wanted the army.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... who runs that.

An HON MEMBER: You wanted the army.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Madam Speaker, the hon member Richard Dyantyi [Interjections.] ...[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Behave yourselves, member.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... has just said that we wanted the army. He is obviously not in touch with the people ...[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Mind that finger.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... of this province.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Oh really?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: He obviously does not walk the streets.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Oh really?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: And you know, this ANC Government ...[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Mind that finger.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... are very happy to send the army to other countries in Africa to do what?

Mr D JOSEPH: Ja, yes!

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: To do what?

An HON MEMBER: Peace-making.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Peace keeping.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is the army role.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Did you hear it? [Interjections.]

So why do we not get them to come and [Interjections.] keep peace here in this province? [Interjections.] Why do we not get them to come and keep peace ...[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please!

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... here in this province [Interjections.] so the police can go and do their work?

Mr K E MAGAXA: You must improve the living conditions.

The SPEAKER: Minister Winde ...

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Because you guys - and he lives in Durbanville, of course [Interjections.] he is totally out of touch [Interjections.] with what is happening on the ground.

The SPEAKER: Minister Winde, may I request that you take your seat, please? Hon members, we have a right to interject, but too much interjection is drowning out the speaker, [Interjections.] and then, Minister Winde, if I can ask you to please address the Chair ...[Interjections.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Daarsy, ja!
[Mr Q R DYANTYI: There it is, yes!]

The SPEAKER: ... when you speak, thank you.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Daarsy.
[Mr Q R DYANTYI: There it is.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Tyatyam? [Interjections.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: Yes, Madam Speaker, can you also ask the hon member ...[Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: [Inaudible.] your Premier candidate.

Mr S G TYATYAM: ... to stop pointing at us.

An HON MEMBER: We have one, you do not have one.

The SPEAKER: Okay.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Hopeloos.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Hopeless.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: Because he is pointing at us [Interjections.] and as if we cannot do the same.

The SPEAKER: Alright, then you, hon member Tyatyam. Minister Winde, could you put your finger in your pocket, please?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: But he was saying, he was pointing at you when you said they must stop pointing.

Mr D JOSEPH: Ja, yes, yes.

The SPEAKER: Yes. Do not worry about it, I ...[Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: I will try to control my finger, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: But, Madam Speaker ...[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: For a long time.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... that is murder in our province. Let us talk about the abuse of women ...[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: What are you doing about it?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... in our province. [Interjections.] Let us talk about the abuse of women in our province.

An HON MEMBER: And children [Inaudible.] Children's Commissioner [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Over the same period our women are also highly affected, with 25,796 cases of domestic-related crime recorded. 4,744 cases of rape reported. [Interjections.]

Madam Speaker, you know, I visited a Thuthuzela Centre the other day, one of 7 in our province. When I visited the centre, this centre deals with, on an average of 300 women coming to look for help at this one centre, of which only 150 pluck up the courage to actually even lay a charge.

So in actual fact that number that I have just quoted is probably way less than even half of what is happening in our province every single day. [Interjections.]

370 women are murdered; 279 children were murdered. This is 60 girls and 219 boys. We are under-resourced by 4,500 police men and women to get to a number that should be the average across the province - I mean across this country, so that we are all treated equally, but no, this political party that runs the South African Police Service out of Pretoria, decides to punish the people of this province and under-resource us.

Mr C M DUGMORE: That is not true.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: It is absolutely true. [Interjections.] It is absolutely true.

An HON MEMBER: You are misleading the people.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: So now I have just heard from the hon member Dugmore that it is not true. Let me quote to you ...[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please!

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... the numbers. I have got the numbers of every single police station, and you know what is quite scary? The hon member Dugmore is actually the one that raised this and I am quite happy to react to it.

So Nyanga, let us have a look a Nyanga.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Give us the provincial figure.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: 1:628 ...[Interjections.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: And compare it to national.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... but you know, I was in Grabouw the other day ...[Interjections.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: No, give us the [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... and when I was in Grabouw ... (intervention)

The SPEAKER: Order.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Give us the [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... the police used the population ...[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Sorry, Minister Winde ...

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... rate ...

The SPEAKER: Hon member Dugmore, you cannot pose a question to the Minister across the floor.

Mr M G E WILEY: 15 times.

The SPEAKER: You have to - hon member Dugmore, you cannot ask a question across the floor, you have to do it through the Chair, please. Thank you. You may proceed, Minister Winde.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Thank you, Madam Speaker, but I did hear the question, so I am reacting to it.

So in Grabouw, when I visited Grabouw the other day and in speaking to the station commander and the neighbourhood watches and the civilian oversight, their numbers are based on 65,000 inhabitants of Grabouw, but as we have it right now in Grabouw, there is a Brenthurst Foundation Project that is being done there at the moment, and the first thing they did was get to the reality of the population numbers, and the population in Grabouw - while the police are basing their police resourcing numbers on 65,000, there are actually 113,000 people that live in Grabouw now.

So that shows you that not even these numbers that we are using - and perhaps I will give you one other area. Last night I was interacting in Table View, and in Table View the police stats number, and this comes from a question that was posed ...[Interjections.]

Ms P Z LEKKER: Thank you! [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: He was together with Dan Plato in that empty hall.

The SPEAKER: Order, please!

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: So they are asking another question. They are asking another question, Madam Speaker. [Interjections.]

So quite frankly I know that Minister Bredell and Minister Meyer were with me and it definitely was not an empty hall. [Interjections.] But ...[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: So you are working with Dan Plato?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... the official answer to us is one police officer to 506 people in the Table View area.

†'n AGB LID: Dis 'n skande.

[An HON MEMBER: It is a disgrace.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: But in actual fact the oversight body as well as the local neighbourhood watches have finished their census, and it is actually one police officer to 965 now. [Interjections.] That shows you the growth rate.

Mr C M DUGMORE: What does STATS SA say? What does STATS SA say?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: STATS SA says what the SAPS guys base it on, and it is not the real population.

So in actual fact even ...[Interjections.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: Oh, so the neighbourhood watches were correct?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... even the numbers that they are giving us [Interjections.], even the number that they are giving us ...[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... is way under the real number.

So again, totally under resourced. The National Government, ANC, Minister Beki Cele, punishing the people of this province.

Mr C M DUGMORE: No, that is a lie.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Absolutely. Let us get to ...[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Minister Winde, kindly take your ...[Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... the Nyanga Station, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Kindly take your seat, please. Chief Whip Wiley?

Mr M G E WILEY: That was a direct accusation against the Minister that he is telling a lie.

Mr D JOSEPH: Ja. [Inaudible.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I did not say he is telling a lie.

Mr D JOSEPH: Yes.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Dugmore, where those [Interjections.] ... were those indeed the words you uttered, "That is a lie"?

Mr C M DUGMORE: Madam Speaker, I think I should withdraw that and say that he ...[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Who is "he"?

Mr C M DUGMORE: ... is telling this House a deliberate untruth.

An HON MEMBER: Who is “he”?

The SPEAKER: That too is ...

Mr D JOSEPH: Who is “he”?

An HON MEMBER: Who is “he”?

Mr C M DUGMORE: Thank you.

Mr M G E WILEY: Thank you. “Deliberate untruth” is as bad as a lie.
[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Dugmore, the use of “deliberate” is considered unparliamentary as well. Kindly just withdraw, please. Thank you.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Madam Speaker, could I withdraw and rather just use the word that he is telling an “untruth”?

Mr M G E WILEY: No, you cannot, it is not a negotiation.

The SPEAKER: It is not conditional, hon member Dugmore.

Mr M G E WILEY: It is not a negotiation.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. Just withdraw. [Interjections.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: Madam Speaker, I obviously withdraw that as per your request.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Dugmore, accepted. Minister Winde, you may proceed.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker, I will show very shortly how wrong the hon member Dugmore is, because I will actually show how even the Minister admitted to what I have just accused him of. [Interjections.]

But before I get there, let us talk about [Interjections.] Nyanga. [Interjections.]
One police officer to 628. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: It is an election speech. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member - Minister Winde, take your seat. This is the budget debate. Every Minister has an opportunity to present a debate. The Opposition parties have an opportunity to respond, but you simply cannot howl and shout someone down, because it is the right of an individual to speak.

So you might not like what you hear, but please listen and try and cooperate. We have been together for nearly five years, let us not spoil it now, please. You may proceed, Minister Winde.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Maybe I will lower the tone a little [Interjections.] bit and maybe that will help.

An HON MEMBER: He must compose himself.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: So I am just confused with another speech, because I heard that Fact Check got agricultural statistics wrong at 62% success rate in land reform ...[Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You are not in that portfolio.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... and in actual fact [Interjections.] 62% success rate in the land reform is actually wrong, because now the latest is at 72%. [Interjections.]

But we will come back to Nyanga, and the national average in South Africa is one police officer to 375. [Interjections.] Nyanga 1:628; Delft 1:642; Kraaifontein 1:609 [Interjections.]; Harare 1:745; Gugulethu 1:590; Khayelitsha 1:521; Mitchells Plain 1:472.

An HON MEMBER: Where are the social services for those many people? [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: These are the numbers that are given to us in an answer, Parliamentary question answer from the Minister. This is the actual fact that the Minister gives us.

An HON MEMBER: They do not care.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Now the first thing that happened to really deal with these numbers, was an Equality Court challenge, and in the Equality Court challenge, Madam Speaker, the finding of that court case was really damning against the South African Police Services and the Minister, and it found that in black and poor areas of our province we are way under resourced.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Oh, you know that today [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: And you know that it was quite interesting ...[Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Because it is elections.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... that the Minister then immediately appealed the outcome of the court case, but as soon as he was challenged publicly, he publicly said, "No, I am withdrawing the appeal."

You know, it took him six weeks to eventually get to withdraw that appeal. That just shows you the kind of space that he is in at the moment. He wants to appeal a finding of a court that says he, under his watch, are under resourcing poor and black areas when it comes to policing, and guess which areas they are? They are the murder capital of our country.

They are the place where our people are hurting the most. 1,226 people in four months murdered in this province. Do we understand the impact that that has on families? The impact that that has [Interjections.] on mothers that are burying their children? [Interjections.] Do they even understand that? [Interjections.] I do not think they understand that at all.

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: And then of course in trying to support this [Interjections.], while we are challenging this allocation and this resource [Interjections.], we also make offers of support, like let us put some money on the table. It happened in this House in the budget where I made money available for reservists ...[Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Look who is joking.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... to try to make this ...[Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Just listen who is talking.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... place safer.

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

An HON MEMBER: You help to divide the police in this province. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Do you want an answer to that one? Because I have got the emails. [Interjections.] And your name is on those emails, Mr Dugmore.

†'n AGB LID: Vertel vir hom.
[An HON MEMBER: Tell him.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: So ...[Interjection.] I made offers R5 for reservists. We have [Interjections.] really - and perhaps maybe we should say ...[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Reservists!

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Asseblief [Onhoorbaar.]
[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Oh please [Inaudible.]]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... that - perhaps maybe we should say, Madam Speaker, that in the space ...[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Dyantyi ...

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... of the comment that the hon member Dugmore has just made, which is very unfortunate actually, because it is a very, very serious issue.

There are two sides in a fight amongst generals in our province. I am not take the side [Interjections.] amongst either of them. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Say it!

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: And if he wants to say it, then he must prove it, because you will see [Interjections.] how I have gone on both sides giving me information, sent it both to IPID and the Minister on a number of times, and we still have not seen any finality, and when that kind of fight is happening in your senior police echelons in a province - this is where it really shows that we should not be the oversight at a provincial level. The oversight should be at a national level like all democracies in the world.

Because right now the status of crime in our province is such that a Minister should be putting this province and its policing under administration.

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: But how can a province with an oversight role now put the National Minister and SAPS under administration ...[Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Oh, please.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... in this province. That is what should be happening right now, because it is such a disaster. It is such a disaster [Applause.] and it effects the people of our province.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: The DA [Inaudible.] Legislature, you are joking. [Interjections.] Please, man. [Interjections.]

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

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Madam Speaker ...[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: ... please.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... I am going to move now to what this Department and the interventions that we have been busy with while we have this fight at a national level to actually get to real grips of how policing should be happening in a democracy, to make sure that we make this safer for the people of our province. That is a constitutional mandate that we as Government, whichever side of this House you sit, or which whoever side in government you sit, our position or in government, to make it safer for our people.

This Department has played the lead in the Alcohol Harms Reduction Game Changer and we have seen ...[Interjections.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: But you sell alcohol at schools.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... what is happening in that space. [Interjections.] And again, listen to the hon member Dugmore. Every time he makes a statement, he really is looking for an answer, and it is totally untrue.

An HON MEMBER: That is a contradiction [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Secondly the [Interjections.] the support of neighbourhood watches in this province post the piece of legislation, the only province in South Africa that has its own piece of legislation covering oversight, and the support that we are giving to CPFs last year, nearly R2,5 million, and almost every single one of them now are in the process through the registration. We have now also in the support of our neighbourhood watches, more than 300 registered neighbourhood watches, and the support of them continuing post the December Cabinet decision that we also do not only give them their starter kits, but we also resource them, because of course they need bank accounts, they need to be able to procure for their own special needs, depending on where they are offering their volunteer services, so they get a R10,000 support once they have registered and are up and running, and that seems to be going very, very well, thanks to the Department for rolling that out.

The project Chrysalis, R13,327 million that they received during the 2017/18 financial year; an amazing programme. Again next time we have the passing out parade I again ask the members of the Opposition to come along and see how amazing this programme is. The difference it makes in young people's lives.

If we look at the Youth and Safety Religious Partnership Programme which looks at school holidays, getting young kids off the street, making sure that they are safe during our Festive Seasons and our holiday seasons, and R6,219 million going to that programme; and really amazing when you interact with these various NGOs and churches on what they do, and the kind of operations they put in place from sports and camping, down to robotics. It really was amazing to see what they do and again thank you very much to the Department for the kind of work in establishing that partnership with civil society.

Our volunteer certification programme. Now that again is one of those offers that we made to Minister Beki Cele on how we could actually help policemen and women, because we are so under resourced. Could we offer perhaps some of the staff that work in this Government, the 84,000 people that work in this Government, are they able to volunteer to perhaps do administrative jobs within the police service?

We never got an answer on it, but what we did to is the Department itself said, "Well, let us actually do the project and run the project by ourselves."

So within the Department we did a quick survey who would be prepared to volunteer their time. We took some of our Chrysalis students and some of us went down and we starting spending time at the Cape Town Central police station, after speaking to the station commander, and from 12 February to 4 March we assisted 2,582 persons with 4,216 documents being certified.

This again relieved policemen and women so that they could go out and do their job in fighting crime, and I can tell you and I will speak for myself, but I am pretty certain, and I speak also for those volunteers in the Department, that it really was an amazing time to be out there, seeing how you brightened up people's days who thought they were going to be waiting for four and five hours in a queue to get a certification to attend college or to make a job application, and they were helped very, very quickly. Really an amazing feeling of volunteerism, and I want to thank everyone of those individuals within the Department of Community Safety who gave up their time in volunteering in this programme and really show that it can work.

We also were involved in a Reward for Illegal Firearm. If you knew where an illegal firearm was hidden, you could actually report that and once the police had found that firearm, it would then have to go obviously through its ballistics, but they would report it to us and there was a R10,000 reward.

I can say to you that the first recipient of that reward, which really amazed me - and obviously these people's names must be kept confidential - once the recipient received his award, he actually donated that award again to his own neighbourhood watch in the region that he lives, so that they could put it towards licence recognition cameras.

That is really amazing and it shows the kind of commitment [Applause.] of people, the people in our province really trying to make a difference. [Interjections.]

But, Madam Speaker, we are here today [Interjections.] for a budget of ...

Mr Q R DYANTYI: [Inaudible.] rubbish.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Which area is that? [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: You are talking rubbish.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Madam Speaker, for today we are here for a budget R359,301 million that goes to trying to make this a safer province.

This is a nominal increase of 4.99% and in the programmes:

Programme 1, Administration - R97,788 million
Programme 2, Civilian Oversight - R76,562 million
Programme 3, Provincial Policing Functions and
Programme 4, Security Risk Management

And, Madam Speaker, for this new financial year, we want to ensure maximum citizen impact, as we want to create a #SaferWesternCape.

So of course in this programme to promote police efficiency we have got the Police Ombudsman, also part of the legislation that we have put in place, with an allocation of R11,123 million and also to say this is an increase of 8% to ensure that community members who are receiving poor service, that we can actually have an eye on making sure that we improve that.

The monitoring and evaluation, which includes the Watching Briefs, and I will say a few things about that, but the Watching Briefs another R14,974 million, and again to the team that are out there on the Watching Briefs, thank you very, very much for what you do, because monitoring and evaluation plays a critical role and the recent Watching Briefs report, just for the period 1 October to 31 December 2018, found that 312 cases had to be struck off the roll due to dockets not being at court, incomplete investigations, unavailability of forensic reports and many other reasons. 312 cases.

These are serious cases, where individuals who have been arrested should have been convicted and face the consequences of their crime, and guess what? Due to shoddy workmanship, bad investigation - and one even wants to say to oneself: is it really bad investigation and shoddy workmanship, or is there actually a motive behind getting these 312 cases kicked out? Getting these 312 people not to face conviction, not to face the consequences of their crimes, and guess what, Madam Speaker? This tells us that in Nyanga was responsible for 20% of these dockets not being at court.

So in the murder capital, in the worst resourced space that the courts find where there is worst resourcing in black and poor areas, the actual processes in those same areas, when someone does get arrested, you have got the biggest chance of getting off scot-free. What kind of an indictment is that on this ANC Government and their resourcing and their policing in this country?

The PREMIER: It is typical, it is typical.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: And that shows you what the role of an oversight is supposed to be doing, and that shows you the impact.

Now guess what? [Interjections.] The Minister, hon member Dyantyi, the Minister, then I reported ...[Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I am talking to the Premier.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... on this last lot of Watching Briefs and send it to him in writing to say - now he never-ever replies to us, but in this one, for once, he replied, and in actual fact what he did was he said, "This is how we need to have oversight," and he has now instructed - not asked, not called for a meeting - he has instructed all the other provinces to start implementing Watching Briefs. That shows you what the Western Cape can do. [Applause.]

Madam Speaker, Programme 2: Civilian Oversight – which amongst others seeks [Interjections.] to promote safety aimed at women and children, as well as facilitating the effective functioning of CPF's. We believe in a whole-of-society approach is the [Interjections.] approach to take.

WOSA receives an allocation of R5,7 million and there is further R2,5 million allocated to Wi-Fi, linking communities for greater safety. Because lots of communities out there are not able to report the crime because they have got no airtime, they have got no data, so now we have got a programme in empowering the community so that they can actually become effective when they are there reporting on crime that is happening, and especially where we have got kiosks in areas that we have no police station or a station nearby.

Madam Speaker, Programme 3: Provincial Policing Functions. It includes safety partnerships, and I am pleased with the increase of 55,84% and the allocation now of R45,436 million.

This allows, amongst others, the following allocations:

- R10 million for the EPWP programme.
- R4,159 million for the community stabilisation unit to assist in addressing and combatting the increase in violent protests; and
- R7,42 million to the Youth Religious Safety Programme that I spoke about in this past year.

Programme 4: Security Risk Management – seeks to provide strategic leadership, which includes making provision for the optimal use of electronic infrastructure and the accreditation of our neighbourhood watch formations.

Part of the strategic leadership goes to sub-programme 4.1. R17,1 million allocated to the establishment and support of a new K9 Unit. This is so that we can sniff out the drugs, the abalone, the weapons and anything else that is used to smuggle our region, that supports the gang and gangster economy at the moment, which is actually holding so many of our communities to ransom, and holding so many of our young people to ransom.

Madam Speaker, as also part of the sub-programme 4.1 is the allocation of R2,4 million to the professionalisation of our neighbourhood watches. We have got neighbourhood watches in our province who are very-very well resourced. They are right up here. They have got control rooms, they have got body cams [Interjections.], they have got number plate recognition, they have got lots of resources. We have got neighbourhood watches who walk at night, mainly women, keeping communities safe, and sometimes do not even have a torch.

So this programme is how we really level the playing fields, really start to support those neighbourhood watches to give them the pride, to give them the resourcing and the support that they can actually be recognised in this great work that they do as volunteers in effectively combatting crime, and where neighbourhood watches are working well, you can see the difference, you can feel the difference.

So while the ANC might be forgetting about the people of this province, might be just allowing people to be murdered and raped in this province, we are supporting the people of this province [Interjections.] in those neighbourhood watches to make it better here. [Interjections.] [Applause.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You have lost it, *boetie*. 36 days left.

An HON MEMBER: Oh, you are right.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Madam Speaker ...

An HON MEMBER: For you. For you. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Madam Speaker, can I also say [Interjections.] ...[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... that perhaps not spend too much time on it, but if you look at some of the research that is being done, the Inimai Chettiar research from the Brennan Centre of Justice at the New York University on how we are, "Adding more police officers, adopting strong and proven management techniques - which we are not putting in place at the moment within our South African police service - we actually reduce crime."

If we look at an article by a German Lopez, "6 proven policies for reducing crime and violence without gun control." There we can see as well the same thing, it talks every single time to the gap in the system that we are seeing at the moment, where we have got police managed out of Pretoria, where they have got no idea what is happening on the ground. We are missing that management principle, and so these research documents go on and on and on, and that is why we are really pushing for a decentralisation of decision-making, of management of policing, and you make the oversight role at a national level.

We need to flick it on its head. We are the only democratically elected government [Interjections.] - the only democratically elected government that does not have this system of policing. We need to change that, not for the Western Cape, we need to change that for the people for South Africa. We need to change it for the whole country, for every other province as well.

And, Madam Speaker, lastly I really want to thank the HOD, Mr Gideon Morris, and all the staff in the Department. Thank you very, very much for what you do in making this a safer province within the framework, and within the resource that we have, for really pushing those boundaries and for accepting this task that we want to make it even safer. For all that you do, I really value your input. This Parliament, I would like to say also values your input and dedication, and so do the people of this province. A safer Western Cape is what we need. [Applause.] [Interjections.]

Can I also say to the Standing Committee ...[Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Well done.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Can I also say to the Standing Committee thank you very much for your role, for your input, for your constant vigilance on also helping make this a safer province, and lastly to the staff in the Ministry - I am not sure if they can see me right now - but I want to say to them thank you very much for the early mornings, the late nights, the dedication also in making this a safer province under the circumstances, and we will continue to fight. Where it is broken we will continue to push, to fix where it is broken so that we actually do make it a safer province. The crime levels at the moment are totally unacceptable. Thank you, Madam Speaker. [Applause.]

Ms M M WENGER: Thank you, Madam Speaker. The Department of Community Safety's budget is set to increase by 5% to a total of R359 million for the 2019/20 financial year, in comparison with the revised estimates of R342 million for the 2018/19 financial year.

The Department will receive additional funding over the 2019 MTEF for projects that will be implemented concurrently with the existing projects in support of creating safer communities. This includes the establishment of the K-9 Dog Unit and highway patrol safety initiatives. This new unit will have the ability to stop the flow of drugs into and out of our province. Criminals must see a great, big, red stop sign if they intend to use our roads to pedal drugs and poach perlemoen.

The PREMIER: Hear-hear!

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

An HON MEMBER: For what is that now?

Ms M M WENGER: This budget, Madam Speaker, is a forward looking budget ...[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Listen!

Ms M M WENGER: ... and provides for innovation and the use of technology. [Interjections.] By provisioning for Wi-Fi zones and outreach activities and making data available for neighbourhood watches, as well as Community Police Fora, not only can awareness be improved and citizens armed with information to make them safe, but safety and security technology improves, as does coordination and responses.

In this budget civilian oversight is set to receive R76,6 million. This includes policy and research, monitoring and evaluation, safety promotion and community police relations.

As this House is aware, the Western Cape Government instituted the O'Regan Commission of Inquiry into a breakdown in the relationship between the police and the community of Khayelitsha. It is interesting to note that the ANC [Interjections.] claims that the DA Government did not implement the recommendations of this Commission.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Did you? Did you?

Ms M M WENGER: However, what they will not tell you is that the vast majority of the Commission's recommendations ...[Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Oh, the vast majority?

Ms M M WENGER: ... concern the SAPS and require [Interjections.] direction intervention and political will from the ANC National Government to make these changes within the SAPS.

The ANC will also not tell you that all these years later the Police Minister - all three of them - have still not signed the Memorandum of Understanding that the Commission recommends ...[Interjections.]

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

Ms M M WENGER: ... be signed to be able to cooperate.

The SPEAKER: Would you kindly take your seat, please? There is a member on the floor.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Can the hon member talk to us about recommendation 12 of the Commission ...[Interjections.]

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

Mr Q R DYANTYI: ... and speak to this, which is directly to this province.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Dyantyi, you are out of order. You have to ask me will the hon member take a question.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Okay.

The SPEAKER: Then I will ask the hon member and then you pose the question.

An HON MEMBER: He is a slow learner.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Can I ask a question?

An HON MEMBER: No, we [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: So take your seat and I will check. Will you take a question, hon ...[Interjections.]

Ms M M WENGER: [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: The hon member will not take a question. [Interjections.] Take your seat please, thank you. You may proceed. [Interjections.]

Ms M M WENGER: We will perhaps focus on all the other recommendations aside from that one.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: It is a provincial one.

Ms M M WENGER: But ...[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: No-no-no-no-no.

Ms M M WENGER: ... the thing is that no one from the ANC speaks about the real policing issues and ...[Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: She is running away from it now.

Ms M M WENGER: ... why there is no will [Interjections.] to actually improve policing in Khayelitsha, even though it is their oversight responsibility to do so.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: They do not care.

Ms M M WENGER: It is almost as if the lives of the people living in Khayelitsha do not matter to the ANC. [Interjections.] Because if they did, if they did, the National Police Minister would have done everything possible ...[Interjections.]

The PREMIER: That is the truth.

An HON MEMBER: You are so out of touch with reality.

Ms M M WENGER: ... to ensure that policing is improved in Khayelitsha.

Let me remind this House that the Commission has found [Interjections.] and I quote:

“The evidence overwhelming suggest that the ...”
...[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order.

Ms M M WENGER: ... “... quality of detective work in Khayelitsha is very poor. Many cases are simply not investigated properly or at all. The proportion of cases reported to Khayelitsha that result in convictions is tiny, possibly as few as 1%. Moreover, detectives very rarely provide regular and comprehensive feedback to complainants or bereaved family members.

There is a range of reasons for this:

- The first is that detectives are simply overburdened with work. Many detectives are carrying more than 150, some more than 200 dockets. It is not manageable.
- Detectives, for example, are not given SAPS email addresses, nor access to the internet.
- Detectives also fail to take dockets to court, which results in the charges being withdrawn, or the cases being struck ...”
...[Interjections.]

†n AGBARE LID: Skande!
[An HON MEMBER: Disgrace!]

Ms M M WENGER: ... “... off the roll.”

The Commission has established that there are dockets every week that do not get delivered to court. This is a serious inefficiency, they said, that has grave implications for complainants, witnesses and family members.”

So the Department of Community Safety has taken this oversight seriously and used budget from the programme previously mentioned, to conduct Court Watching Briefs, to monitor precisely these grave policing failures at court, and so the institutionalisation of the Court Watching Brief Programme has been strengthened to ensure that serious cases are in fact placed back on the court roll. The programme has now been expanded to 42 district courts in the province, and not just Khayelitsha. By visiting various courts in the province to monitor police conduct and efficiency, the primary objective is to promote professional policing.

Now the latest report, which Minister Winde has referred to, shows that of these cases monitored in court, 168 were struck off the court roll, because investigations were not complete. This includes cases of assault, aggravated robbery, attempted murder, possession of a firearm, car theft, rape and murder. A rape case, a murder case, and in all other of these 168 cases, the matter was remanded, sometimes as many as three times, only to be struck off the roll because the investigation was not complete. 168 serious criminal cases [Interjections.] in which justice was denied.

Madam Speaker, on top of that, a further 182 cases were removed from the court roll because the dockets were not in court, and a further 48 cases ...[Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: We heard you say that before.

Ms M M WENGER: ... because the witnesses were simply [Interjections.] not subpoenaed. How can we even pretend [Interjections.] to have a criminal justice system if the very basics of police detective work is deficient? But will we hear a word about this from the ANC?

An HON MEMBER: Nothing.

Ms M M WENGER: Will we hear a word of how detective work by SAPS is failing us and failing victims of crime? Let us listen carefully to the ANC's contribution to the real policing issues in this province.

Madam Speaker, under Programme 3 Provincial Police Functions shows an increase of 43% for the 2019/20 financial year. The increase is due to the additional funds of R10 million made available in support of the EPWP programme.

Funding for the Youth Religious Safety Programme shows an increase of almost 10,5%, up from R6,7 million to R7,4 million in the 2019/20 financial year, and safety partnerships have an earmarked allocation amounting to R4 million.

This funding includes support for Community Police Fora, or CPFs as we know them as. The Department is again setting aside budget for Community Police Fora to continue supporting these entities through training, support interventions and funding for work done through the expanded partnership programme, as well as matching grants.

We must congratulate the Western Cape Department of Community Safety which appears to be a leader in this regard.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Ms M M WENGER: Our peers in the Eastern Cape Department of Safety and Liaison, do not budget for CPFs at all. Instead the budget comes from the SAPS Visible Policing Budget ...[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Typical.

Ms M M WENGER: ... and even so, a sum of R135,000 was spent on CPFs in the Eastern Cape last year, and shockingly ...[Interjections.]

†Mnr T A SIMMERS: Hoeveel?
[Mr T A SIMMERS: How much?]

Ms M M WENGER: R135 000.

†Mnr T A SIMMERS: Daai is mos niks.
[Mr T A SIMMERS: But that is nothing.]

Ms M M WENGER: And shockingly, of this expenditure, 70% of the net spend was to pay for flights, meals and accommodation of one person. [Interjections.] Money for ...[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: For KFC.

Ms M M WENGER: ... was used for one [Interjections.] Mr Mceta to attend junkets across the country. [Interjections.]

Mr D G MITCHELL: Finger licking good. Finger licking good.

An HON MEMBER: Typical ANC.

The SPEAKER: Order, please. [Interjections.]

Mr D G MITCHELL: Finger licking good.

Ms M M WENGER: And if we again [Interjections.] compare budgets and support between the Western Cape and our peers in the Free State, the Free State [Interjections.] Provincial Government budgeted R3,8 million in 2017/18 for CPFs, but [Interjections.] spent zero, and last year ...[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: How much on KFC?

Ms M M WENGER: ... they budgeted half of that amount, R1,7 million, and spent ...[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: They get KFC during load shedding.

Ms M M WENGER: ... zero.

An HON MEMBER: Zero?

Ms M M WENGER: They spent not a cent on CPFs in two years.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: So that is your speech?

An HON MEMBER: That is the facts.

Ms M M WENGER: Which is [Interjections.] in comparison with the R1,4 million [Interjections.] actually spent on supporting CPFs in the Western Cape.

The SPEAKER: Order! Both sides.

Ms M M WENGER: It is a disgrace that ANC Government have ignored and side-lined these very important legislated police oversight bodies.

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

Ms M M WENGER: CPFs play an important role in holding police to account and act as a crucial link between local policing agencies and communities.

Madam Speaker, in the budget cycle under review, the Department will continue encouraging CPFs and cluster boards to enter into a joint MOU based on the safety plans with municipalities. They will also be supported through training and matching grants.

The Department also proposes within Programme 4, by making additional funding available for neighbourhood watches, as the Minister has alluded to, so that over time neighbourhood watches can be resourced equally.

During this term this Department has punched well above its weight and has been a leader in community safety across the country. The Western Cape is the only province to have provincial oversight legislation. It is the only province to have a Police Ombudsman. It is the only province to run Court Watching Briefs.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Shame. It rhymes so well.

Ms M M WENGER: It is the only province with a [Interjections.] Safety Advisory Board. It is the only province with [Interjections.] legislated awards for meritorious service in safety and so the list continues.

This budget is [Interjections.] a stable and responsible budget that we are leaving for the next administration and next term, and the Democratic Alliance supports this budget.

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear.

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear.

Ms M M WENGER: But, Madam Speaker, as I conclude my final speech in this House for this term ...[Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: It must be your final.

Ms M M WENGER: ... it would be remiss of me not to say [Interjections.] a few thank you's. In absentia I wish to thank the ...[Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Change is coming.

Ms M M WENGER: ... former Minister of Community Safety [Interjections.], Dan Plato, for his work over the years ...[Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Change is coming. [Applause.]

Ms M M WENGER: I thank the Community Safety head of department, Mr Morris, and the Community Safety Department officials for their hard work and dedication, and for always being accountable to our committee, as well as for providing reports and assistance in our oversight visits.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You do not like them, man [Inaudible.]

Ms M M WENGER: I wish to thank the Provincial Police Ombudsman's office, the Liquor Authority and the Cape Town Metro Police for having appeared before our committee on numerous occasions over the years, and for their transparency.

I equally thank Lieutenant-General Jula and the provincial SAPS management team for having appeared before our committee and for being accountable to Parliament.

I wish to thank the Standing Committee members for their constructive engagements and productive participation.

I also thank the Parliamentary staff, specifically Mr Waseem Matthews, Mr Mary-Anne Burgess and Mr Ben Daza, for their professionalism and assistance over the term.

I consider myself very fortunate for having had a chance to work with experts and colleagues of such high calibre, and finally, Madam Speaker, I thank Minister Winde, who in a very short space of time has made some remarkable changes and set the course for an even more impressive Community Safety Department. We look forward to welcoming him as the new Premier of the Western Cape come 9 May. Thank you. [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

The PREMIER: Hear-hear! [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please. I now see the hon member Lekker.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Nou kom warm kole. Nou kom kole.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Now the hot coals come. Now coals come.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Dyantyi, afford [Interjections.] your member ...[Interjections.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Gooi kole!

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Throw coals!]

The SPEAKER: ... an opportunity to speak. Thank you.

Ms P Z LEKKER: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

An HON MEMBER: Number one on the list of Premier [Inaudible.]

Ms P Z LEKKER: The killing of [Interjections.] ...

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

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

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible] Premier candidate.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Hulle is bang.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: They are scared.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please!

Ms P Z LEKKER: The killing of Tori Shortemane in Limpopo should ring alarm bells for the province. I say this because young people in the province are targeted and recruited by gangs to be hitmen.

Secondly, in Nyanga, Philippi, Guguletu and Khayelitsha, young people are attacking each other with pangas and knives on their way to and from school. This has now also made its way to the schools around the CBD and in Claremont.

The hon Zille Commission made a recommendation for multi-sectoral ...[Interjections.]

Mr D G MITCHELL: That is not the name.

Ms P Z LEKKER: ... task team on youth gangs.

Mr D G MITCHELL: That is not the name.

Ms P Z LEKKER: MEC Winde [Interjections.], as one of the longest serving members of this House, knows about this recommendation. He must tell the parents of Khayelitsha whose children are in danger of being killed on their way to and from school, when he is going to implement this recommendation. The recommendation was clear: that DoCS should establish and lead this task team.

So the MEC must not tell us about the National Anti-Gang Strategy, the recommendation was on youth gangs.

The Walking Bus Programme and the Safe School Call Centre are not assisting. Safety is not a police responsibility only.

An HON MEMBER: What?

Ms P Z LEKKER: The MEC must tell us about exactly what he is going to do to realise the PSG-3, namely increasing wellness, safety and tackle social issues.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Mmm, that is it.

Ms P Z LEKKER: Thus far he has not ...[Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Those are real issues.

Ms P Z LEKKER: ... done anything significant besides grandstanding ...[Interjections.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Daarsy!

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: There you go!]

Ms P Z LEKKER: ... we were subject to a few minutes ago.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Election year.

Ms P Z LEKKER: The MEC and the Department are doing little to tackle social ills. The DA's only solution to crime is the deployment of the army. This has a bitter taste for we know how the army dealt with our people in the 80's. [Interjections.] People were killed, men and women were raped under the state of emergency.

Mr D JOSEPH: It is not the same army, it is a new army.

Ms P Z LEKKER: The ANC will not subject communities to this torture every again. [Interjections.]

Allow me to also commend the SAPS for the work it has done through Anti-Gang Unit and other operations, like Operation Thunder.

Mr D JOSEPH: It is the ANC's army.

Ms P Z LEKKER: Coming to the Blue Book. The total budget for this Department is not enough to ensure [Interjections.] safety and tackling social ills. This is so because the crime gangsterism issue mainly affects the poor and not the DA constituency.

To see this you need [Interjections.] to look at the top 10 murder stations across the country.

The majority are those in the Cape Flats, Nyanga remains a murder capital and Mitchells Plain and Khayelitsha, and Harare feature prominently in the list.

The people of the province are looking at the Provincial Government for answers not excuses as to why the above is the case. Instead of providing solution, the DA Government is fuelling the crisis.

Firstly, Madam Speaker, Khayelitsha will not get a cent from the City's R62,5 million budget ...[Interjections.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Daarsy!
[Mr Q R DYANTYI: There you go!]

Ms P Z LEKKER: ... for public lighting. [Interjections.] The hon Zille Commission also made it clear that lack of adequate lighting contributes to crime.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: There you go.

Ms P Z LEKKER: This is then one of the ways ...[Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Because you cannot allocate money [Inaudible.]

Ms P Z LEKKER: ... in which the DA is failing [Interjections.] to ensure safety. [Interjections.]

Last week MEC Winde ...[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You must be ashamed.

An HON MEMBER: No, shame on you.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You must be ashamed.

An HON MEMBER: No-no, you must be.

Ms P Z LEKKER: Last week MEC Winde challenged to make his views on the Glomix House Brokers CC of R43 million housing tender. Today is an opportunity for him to tell the public whether she agrees with the tender or not. Gang killings are a serious challenge in the province. We cannot have a silent MEC when his government is aiding gang murders in the province.

The Department of Health, in its APP, explained that there has been a huge increase in gunshot injuries during interpersonal violence. It is stated that while the workload norm of autopsies or specialist is 350, provincial staff are doing between 800 to 950 per specialist per year. This is the legacy of the DA through its failures to ensure safety in the province. I always maintain that he is misplaced in this Department.

Ms P MAKELENI: Exactly.

Ms P Z LEKKER: The DA thought it was giving its poster boy an opportunity to shine. Little did they know that they were exposing him and his understanding of safety.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: So true, so true.

Ms P Z LEKKER: To the DA safety is a ticket for cheap political scoring.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is it.

An HON MEMBER: Now what are you doing?

Ms P Z LEKKER: MEC Winde ...[Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is it.

Ms P Z LEKKER: ... and the DA [Interjections.] do not care about the lives of the poor.

A few minutes [Interjections.] ago we heard in this House ...[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: And your Premier candidate.

Ms P Z LEKKER: ... that the SAPS does not do adequate investigation of dockets. As a result the cases are withdrawn and the criminals are walking free. I want to state again that MEC Winde is misplaced.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Jip!

Ms P Z LEKKER: Cases are provisionally withdrawn and as an when SAPS gets its technical evidence ...[Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: He would not know that.

Ms P Z LEKKER: ... from some of the Department of Health, they get it ...[Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: He would not know that.

Ms P Z LEKKER: ... at the time it has been withdrawn provisionally. [Interjections.] Gangsters, crime people are not withdrawn.

An HON MEMBER: From experience.

Ms P Z LEKKER: They [Interjections.] will come back as we receive the documents [Interjections.], reports from the office ...[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Talking for experience.

Ms P Z LEKKER: ... of the MEC of Health.

Ms M M WENGER: Are you defending a 1% conviction rate?

Ms P Z LEKKER: The 10,8 decrease in the budget [Interjections.] for Programme 2 ...[Interjections.]

Ms M M WENGER: That 1% is enough?

Ms P Z LEKKER: ... civilian oversight, shows how this Government is failing the poor.

Ms M M WENGER: And 3% gang murders is [Inaudible.]

Ms P Z LEKKER: MEC Winde always tells us that he has an oversight responsibility and that his job is not [Interjections.] policing.

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

Ms P Z LEKKER: Programme 2 is the programme that [Interjections.] you do oversight. Under this programme you have the monitoring and evaluation which monitors police conduct. The budget for this sub-programme has been decreased. Under this programme you also have safety promotions, which deals with the implementation of safety programmes with an emphasis on youth, women and children.

Western Cape recorded the highest number of murders; women and children. MEC Winde's response to this is to decrease the budget for safety promotion by over 14%.

Then, Madam Speaker, under this programme, you have community relations, community police relations, which administers and manages the EPP, a payment model for CPFs based on performance.

The over 24% increase is welcomed. However, the challenge remains between the relationship of the police and the Department. The genesis of this breakdown in relationship was the introduction of this EPP. The introduction of the EPP is an attempt by this Department to capture the CPFs ...[Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: Yebo!

Ms P Z LEKKER: ... and to force them to spy on SAPS.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Ja!

An HON MEMBER: Exactly!

Ms P Z LEKKER: CPFs that do not cooperate will be purged by not being given funding. To receive more funding a CPF will have to provide details, briefs, to the Department on the failures of SAPS.

The Department knows the consequences of this as they listed them in the APP under "risk management" on page 65.

It is like to result in a non or limited functioning of CPFs, as it is happening as we speak.

The priority of this Department is the partnership that it is funding under sub-programme 3.1, which has been given an over 55% budget in the budget.

The sub-programme also has Chrysalis Academy as well as the Safety and Religion Partnership Programmes. I do not need to repeat my views on this programme, suffice to say the issue of gangsterism will never end for as long as millions are thrown into ineffective programmes. Let us invest in community partnership that will keep our streets safe and ensure safety of our schools.

The EMS personnel are attacked on a daily basis in the province. What is the Department doing about that? Absolutely nothing, because money is used to pay for children's holidays.

In the sixth administration we will have to conduct a proper evaluation [Interjections.] of these programmes. We will have to determine their impact. The Court Watching Briefs should be also be added here. We continue to throw money, yet we do not know its impact.

Programme 4 of this Department takes a large chunk of the budget, the neighbourhood watches are under this programme. The MEC continues to accredit, strengthen neighbourhood watch structures while continuing to purge the CPFs through EPP.

In fact, Madam Speaker, we must say that there is no truth to what the Democratic Alliance is driving, because in the Western Cape the police ratio is better than that of the national average in terms of the provincial capacity and national, which is 1:324. If the support personnel and police officials are included, it will be a better average. In fact we must also ...[Interjections.]

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

Ms P Z LEKKER: ... say it here ...[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: ... kindly take your seat, there is a member on the floor. Hon member Dyantyi.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I am checking if the hon member can just take a question?

The SPEAKER: Hon member Lekker, will you take a question? [Interjections.]

Ms P Z LEKKER: I will, Madam Speaker. [Laughter.]

The SPEAKER: Yes, the hon member will take a question. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Did [Interjections.] ...

The SPEAKER: Order, please! Allow the hon member to pose his question. [Interjections.] You may proceed hon member.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Madam Speaker, with your permission, hon member Lekker [Interjections.], did I hear you correct when you said ...[Interjections.]

Mr D JOSEPH: No, you did not.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: ... the Khayelitsha Zille Commission [Interjections.], amongst the findings it found, was that part of the contributing factor [Interjections.] to crime in Khayelitsha was ...[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Are you making a statement [Inaudible.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: ... was the absence ...[Interjections.]

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

Mr Q R DYANTYI: ... of streetlights?

The SPEAKER: Hon member Dyantyi ...

Mr Q R DYANTYI: And did I get you correct - this is a question, that is a question.

The SPEAKER: No, hon member Dyantyi [Interjections.] ...[Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Please protect me.

The SPEAKER: Please direct your question to the Chair.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Redirect ...[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: And not make a statement ...[Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Ja.

The SPEAKER: ... but pose a question. [Interjections.] Thank you.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Here is the question ...[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Repeat the question.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: ... I am ...[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Sorry.

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

The SPEAKER: Hon member Joseph, as soon as hon member Dyantyi is finished I will take your point of order.

An HON MEMBER: He must first ask for leave.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Thank you, thank you, Madam Speaker ...[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Just ask your question.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: ... for that protection.

The SPEAKER: Yes?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Thank you for that. I am asking hon ...[Interjections.]

Mr D JOSEPH: Point of order.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: What is the point of order? [Laughs.] [Interjections.] †Ek weet dit byt. [I know it bites.] I am asking hon member Pat Lekker did I get her correct ...[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: No.

An HON MEMBER: No.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: This is the question. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: I am listening.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Did I get her correct ...[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: No.

An HON MEMBER: Ask a question.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: ... when she says [Interjections.], when she says ...[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Ms L M MASEKO: How many questions?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: ... in the Khayelitsha Zille Commission ...[Interjections.]

Ms L M MASEKO: How many questions?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: .. part of the findings was that the absence of streetlights is a contributing factor to crime ...[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: So is that your question?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: ... and that now she says [Interjections.] in the R62 million which has just been allocated now [Interjections.], nothing has been allocated to Khayelitsha for street lighting which comes out of that?

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Did I get you correct, hon member Pat Lekker?

The SPEAKER: Okay, sorry [Interjections.]. Yes, Chief Whip Wiley? [Interjections.] Sorry - hon member Lekker [Interjections.], before you answer [Interjections.] ... No, I have afforded hon member Joseph the opportunity. Order, please!

Mr D JOSEPH: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Before the hon member answers, there is no such thing as Khayelitsha Zille Commission. [Interjections.] It is wrong, it is the wrong name. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

Mr D JOSEPH: There is no such commission as Khayelitsha Zille Commission. There is no such commission.

The SPEAKER: That is noted. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: You are lousy.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Dyantyi, on a point of clarity, the point has been made, there is no such thing as [Interjections.] Khayelitsha - so, hon member Lekker - sorry, Minister Madikizela?

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Can I get clarity?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: The question needs to be answered by Pat Lekker.

The SPEAKER: Yes? But we are still busy with points of order.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Oh, okay, okay.

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Can I get clarity, Madam Speaker?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Ja, just today. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Can an ordinary member ask a question to an ordinary member?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Yes!

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Under which rule? Under which rule? [Interjections.] No, under which rule? [Interjections.] Under which rule? [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Okay, Minister Madikizela, you put me on the spot now, I will have to find out which rule, and if it can indeed [Interjections.] ... I will have to take guidance from the Table staff and revert. Thank you.

Those are the points of order. Hon member Lekker, you may proceed. I think the question ...[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: You still have your time left.

The SPEAKER: I think the question posed was a simple yes or no ...[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: You can respond to that [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

Ms P Z LEKKER: May I check how much time do I have? Considering this [Interjections.] thing.

The SPEAKER: You actually have 15 seconds when we stopped the clock. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: No, he asked a question.

Ms P Z LEKKER: Okay. [Interjections.] Indeed, Madam Speaker, the R62,5 million budget does not cater for lighting.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Yoh!

Ms P Z LEKKER: Now let me come to the issue of the R5 million that MEC Winde brags about. I think it is important that we note that the R5 million reserved for reservists, is nothing but a ploy and nothing but an electioneering strategy for the Democratic Alliance. [Interjections.] I thank you. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Lekker, your time has expired, thank you.

Mr M G E WILEY: And the R56 million for [Inaudible]

The SPEAKER: Can we get some order in the House, please? [Interjections.] Both sides of the House, please. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: The worst performing MEC [Inaudible.]

An HON MEMBER: You do not even have [Inaudible] [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Who is your Premier candidate? [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: We do not do those things. [Interjections.] We do not do those funny things.

The PREMIER: Where is your Premier candidate? [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Can we - hon members, may we proceed after all your deliberations? Minister Winde, you are recognised, you may proceed.

Ms P Z LEKKER: Yes, it is now or never.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. First of all to the hon member Wenger for her role as Chair, but also in her contribution in the debate, also again highlighting the K-9 Unit ...[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Minister Winde, will you kindly take your seat, please? Hon member Lekker is on the floor. You are standing.

Ms P Z LEKKER: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to check if the MEC can take a question.

An HON MEMBER: No.

The SPEAKER: Okay. If you take your seat I will ask the MEC. Minister Winde, will you take a question? [Interjections.] The Minister will take a question.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Because he does not have any response.

Ms P Z LEKKER: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to get an understanding from MEC Winde whether his standing intention of putting the R5 million every year for the recruitment and the payment of the reservists?

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Lekker. Minister Winde, you may proceed.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Thank you very much. I will see if I get to that when I do my reply. [Interjections.]

But the [Interjections.] - hon member Wenger, thank you very much [Interjections.]. The K-9 Unit obviously is a start, because while we understand that we have an oversight role, we cannot just be oversight when we have the kind of crime, the kind of gangsterism, the kind of effect that we have on society in this province, we have got to go further, we have got to do more and that is why beyond our mandate we are starting to put these units, for example the K-9 Unit, in place.

You also spoke about the O'Regan Commission, which obviously kind of gets mixed up on the other side of the House often, and three years and still no MOU, and it really shows you that whether it is that Commission of Inquiry, whether it is a judicial process where a judge comes out after the Social Coalition Courts ruling, where a judge takes a ruling. You can actually see that Minister Beki Cele, the ANC and the National Government do not take the safety of our people seriously whatsoever, because they take so long to even take recognition of something like a commission like that, and ...[Inaudible.] nothing happening.

You mentioned the Watching Briefs, and I think I am going to talk a bit more about the Watching Briefs when I answer the hon member Lekker, so I will leave it over until then, but you also then spoke about two other provinces where you mentioned how other provinces are specifically looking at the support of CPFs, and we heard now the hon member Lekker and the way that she was talking about CPFs, and it is interesting, because the hon member Lekker obviously - I am not sure how long she has been a member of this committee, although we are reaching the end of a term, one would presume it has been ...[Interjections.]

Ms P Z LEKKER: Right back at you.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... for five years, but she obviously does not understand the legislation of the regulation ...[Interjections.]

Ms P Z LEKKER: Right back at you.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... and what role a CPF actually has to play and how it is supposed to be non-political, and the role that it is supposed ...[Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: And you understand it?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... to play in oversight itself ...[Interjections.]

Ms P Z LEKKER: Right back at you. You do not even know the court procedures.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... and support for SAPS and she obviously, by the way that she was speaking, she has no clue whatsoever ...[Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Oh, you do [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... and in this province, if you have a look at the process this Department has been following ...[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: You are clueless.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... around CPFs - and when you attend the board - I am not sure if she has ever attended a board meeting of the CPF - but when you attend that board you speak to their Chairperson ...[Interjections.]

Ms P Z LEKKER: I do, and your people are never there.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... who is very political ...[Interjections.]

Ms P Z LEKKER: You just happened to be there the last time.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... but interesting when I attended the last board meeting ...[Interjections.]

Ms P Z LEKKER: Ja, that was the first and the last.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... when I attended that meeting ...[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... and one wonders, this hon member, whether she actually did not, she did not seem to make much use of her time, because she seems to be wanting to make use of the time now while I am speaking - but it is ...[Interjections.]

Ms P Z LEKKER: Ja, because you are talking nonsense.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... obvious that the politicisation of that body ...[Interjections.]

Ms P MAKELENI: Which is what you wanted.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... is a big concern for the ANC, because in actual fact when we do it properly, when we do it according to the rules and the law, then quite frankly that should not be politicised at all, and we have worked very hard to make sure that it is not, and it is very interesting to watch that space, how it is evolving over time and I really believe if we continue to work the way that the Department is working with them, that we are going to develop a body that is going to be beneficial to making sure that we fight crime in this province.

I want to say that the hon member, and it was interesting how she got a question from her own back bench ...[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... but it [Interjections.] was a bit of deja-vu when I saw that question. When I saw that question I actually thought it was Zinski asking a question of Rasool.

Mr D JOSEPH: Oh my word.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Because I saw like one faction, the outgoing faction ...[Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Ja, we are going to be missing him.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... asking a question of the incoming faction.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You do not like the question that [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: The outgoing faction, where I looked on the list - I have got their list here, I did not find his name once on this list ...[Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You do not like that. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... for this province. Number 64, but I saw that the hon member who spoke is number 1 on the provincial list. One would imagine that she is the Premier candidate. [Interjections.] But she brought up ...[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Ja, we bring them young.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... but she brought up [Interjections.] our school safety programme ...[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] the province.

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... and of course it is really interesting to have a look at that School Safety Programme and how it interacts with those schools, how it monitors how many students actually belong to which gangs. It is really interesting when you read the documentation, when you see the kind of work that is happening, and you see the kind of fight that we have got at the moment in trying to make our schools safer, and really I commend this programme and thank the partnership between the Department and the Department of Education and they really are working very hard to make our schools a safe space.

I know that the Minister of Education and I visited a school the other day, and it is amazing to see when you visit classrooms and the police are actually doing their searches [Interjections.], taking arms, weapons, drugs, etcetera [Interjections.], but a really funny note was a young girl [Interjections.] had a knife on her ...[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: A young girl had a knife on her when we were at a school the other day, and the knife got confiscated by the police [Interjections.] - oh, she had - ja, they got told, "Before we search your bags, have you got anything to hand in?" and she handed in this knife, and here is this young girl handing in a knife, so the hon Minister of Education [Interjections.] went up to her and said to her, "What have you got a knife for?" [Interjections.] She said, "It was to cut my mango." [Interjections.] It was to cut her mango. [Laughs] But she had to hand it in. Anyway, the poor girl.

But getting to the army [Interjections.]. You have heard a lot of ...[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Sorry, Minister Winde, there is a private conversation between hon member Magaxa and Minister Madikizela that is actually drowning ...

Mr K E MAGAXA: No-no, apology, apology. It is actually the Doc. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Oh, is it the good Doctor? Alright, okay. So ...[Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: He said he liked me and I said that I appreciate it.

The SPEAKER: Oh, alright, thank you.

The PREMIER: Someone liked you? What?

Mr K E MAGAXA: Just like you, Premier. I think ... [Laughter.]

The SPEAKER: It is a good thing. Hon member Magaxa [Interjections.] ...

Mr K E MAGAXA: You are only jealous.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Magaxa, it is a good thing. It took them five years to like you, you should feel flattered. You may proceed, Minister Winde. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Ja, this outgoing team is getting bigger and bigger, Madam Speaker. But anyway.

There has been a rethoric in the speech around army. Even the hon member Lekker had to bring up the army again.

Ms P Z LEKKER: †Ewe, [Yes.] †That is what you want.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: And it is really interesting that, in this country it was not so long ago that the Emfuleni Municipality actually used the army ...[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: They are still using them.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... when they were doing their water infrastructure.

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: And you know that is in this very province and this really shows me ...[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: We use the army in Mozambique.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... this really shows me that these members [Interjections.] have not got a clue of what is going on in the real difficult spaces where gang violence is terrorising families every single day. [Interjections.] They are obviously out of touch with the community. They obviously have not walked the streets.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Really?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Because when you walk the streets [Interjections.] - when you walk the streets it is the people [Interjections.] that say to you ...[Interjections.]

Ms P Z LEKKER: You never walk the streets.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... "We are desperate, we want the army," [Interjections.] and I want to ask them now, can any of them say when last was the army deployed in the Western Cape? [Interjections.] When last was the army deployed in Western Cape? [Interjections.] It was deployed in 2011 [Interjections.] ... It was deployed in 2011 ...[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... in Lavender Hill [Interjections.] to calm down the gang violence. [Interjections.] And the people remember that. [Interjections.] The people remember that. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon members, you are howling. Sorry ...[Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: But the Minister is howling.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: He is howling. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon members, across the board, you cannot engage in this way.

An HON MEMBER: Exactly. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: It is undignified and it really [Interjections.] does not bode well. [Interjections.]

Ms P Z LEKKER: That is your Premier.

An HON MEMBER: Ja, you are right, that is the Premier, yes.

Ms P Z LEKKER: Premier-in-waiting. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Lekker, you have had [Interjections.] - hon member Lekker, you have had a speaking opportunity of 10 minutes. Will you ...[Interjections.]

Ms P Z LEKKER: But I did not shout at anyone. [Interjections.] You are shouting. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: If we could all just compose ourselves ...[Interjections.]

Ms P Z LEKKER: Huh-uh!

The SPEAKER: ... and calm down, and then you may proceed, Minister Winde. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker ...[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Do not shout.

The SPEAKER: And please talk to me, Minister Winde.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: I will [Interjections.] ...

The SPEAKER: You see, there you go again.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: You see, I am trying to ...[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Makeleni ... [Interjections.] He is speaking to me, hon member Makeleni.

Ms P MAKELENI: But he is gawking at me. [Laughter.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Madam Speaker, I am going to speak quite calmly. [Interjections.] I am going to speak quite calmly, but unfortunately if I do get drowned out from that side of the House, I will have to raise my voice to be heard ...[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: You always shout.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... but the hon member raises the issue of the army [Interjections.] ... and when I come in and I address the issue of the army, then she freaks out and starts screaming and shouting, so it causes me to raise my voice, but she raised the issue of the army and I am now telling her when the army came in last into Lavender Hill and you speak ...[Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You raised the army yourself.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... to people in Lavender Hill [Interjections.], they say to me, "Please ..." ...[Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: It has been a DA [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... "... we are desperate, because the police are not able to do their jobs ..." ...[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] is a social issue.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... "... so please [Interjections.] bring some extra support, because we are desperate ..." ...[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: It is a social problem.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... "... waking up in the morning to gunfire, going to bed at night with gunfire. It is unacceptable, it is unsafe, our people are dying like flies, and the ANC does not care a damn."

Mr D JOSEPH: Ja, ja.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Madam Speaker, then moving to the next point. The hon member raised ...[Interjections.]

Ms P MAKELENI: You fail then you blame the ANC for your failures.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: The hon member raised [Interjections.] ...

Ms P MAKELENI: It is your own failures. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Makeleni, I have a duty to protect the Minister. You cannot do that.

Ms P MAKELENI: Do what? I interject.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Makeleni [Interjections.], please. Interjections are allowed, but the rate at which you have been going this last five, seven minutes - thank you. [Interjections.]

Minister Winde, you may proceed.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Then the hon member [Interjections.] ... Then the hon member raises the next issue [Interjections.], and what she raises [Interjections.] is public lighting.

Now we have dealt with this in the House before [Interjections.], because ...

The SPEAKER: Sorry, Minister Winde, kindly take your seat, please. [Interjections.] Hon member Tyatyam?

Mr S G TYATYAM: Madam Speaker, I see [Interjections.] a page [Interjections.] with a logo of an organisation. Is that allowed?

The SPEAKER: I would not know what is on the page.

An HON MEMBER: Exactly. That is the ANC logo.

Mr S G TYATYAM: Yes.

An HON MEMBER: It is a free advert for the ANC, it is [Inaudible.]

An HON MEMBER: No.

The SPEAKER: Okay, sorry, Minister, I do not know what is on your page, but if it is offensive then I would recommend that you not use the page as a shield. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: It is quite offensive, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Oh, okay. I am really sorry then.

An HON MEMBER: Can you see? [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Okay. [Interjections.] Maybe take a blank page, please, Minister Winde.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Madam Speaker, it is the Bosasa AGM attendance list.

An HON MEMBER: It is the AGM attendance register. [Laughter.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please. [Interjections.] Hon members, time is going on. There are still two votes to be deliberated. It is a serious matter. Can we get on with the business of the day? [Interjections.] Please compose yourselves. Minister Winde. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Madam Speaker, there are two - there are actually [Interjections.] three more issues I want to speak about.

The first one is that the hon member Lekker raised the issue around public lighting and I agree with her, but you know she RSVP'd [Interjections.], she RSVP'd to come to the SAFA Conference, she did not pitch. If she had come to that conference [Interjections.] she would have seen the presentation on street lighting and how we really have got to become much more innovative. We have got to become much smarter with [Interjections.] how we put street lighting specifically in poor and informal areas. [Interjections.] We are busy working on that at the moment. It was an amazing presentation ...[Interjections.]

Ms P Z LEKKER: That is what you always say.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... and if she just pitched when she said she would pitch [Interjections.], she would have seen it, but she can still go onto the website, she can still [Interjections.] download the presentation, it is a really good presentation, Madam Speaker.

Ms P Z LEKKER: I walk the streets.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: And then the last thing ...[Interjections.]

Ms P Z LEKKER: I do not need [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: She does not walk the streets, because I have never seen her once. [Interjections.]

Madam Speaker, the next thing is ...[Interjections.]

Ms P Z LEKKER: You never see me because you do [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: .. that she spoke about the Watching Briefs, [Interjections.] and quite frankly ...[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Lekker ... Chief Whip Wiley?

Mr M G E WILEY: Ja, please. She was the one contesting about [Interjections.] [Inaudible.] from the bank there. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: He is speaking to the Speaker [Inaudible.].

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You just stand [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Lekker, I cannot determine what and how the Minister is going to respond. You had an opportunity to speak, you were afforded the space, the silence, the time to speak. Please afford the Minister an opportunity ...[Interjections.]

Ms P Z LEKKER: Can I request to speak?

The SPEAKER: ... to respond - yes, you may.

Ms P Z LEKKER: Can I address you, Madam Speaker? [Speaking in vernacular] In his comment he says I do not walk the streets, and I want to clarify him [Interjections.] through you, Madam Speaker, that ...[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: But you cannot ...[Interjections.]

Ms P Z LEKKER: ... I walk the streets and he only [Interjections.] goes to Table View ...(intervention)

The SPEAKER: Hon member Lekker, that is not ...[Interjections.]

Ms P Z LEKKER: He goes to Table View and not ...[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Lekker, that is not a point of order. [Interjections.] That is a debating point, I am so sorry. Thank you.

Ms P Z LEKKER: He must leave the bodyguards and walk on his own.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Lekker, compose yourself, please. [Interjections.] Minister Winde.

Mr K E MAGAXA: I think the Minister is over-excited.

An HON MEMBER: He is a joke. Really.

Mr K E MAGAXA: And he is doing his job.

Ms P Z LEKKER: He is making a joke about the streetlights [Inaudible.] there. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: If we ...[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] ended up in court. [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: I want to see [Inaudible.].

The SPEAKER: If - hon member Magaxa, if you could just get your bench just to calm down, then we might get some serious [Interjections.] ...

Mr K E MAGAXA: I am the coolest guy. [Laughter.]

The SPEAKER: You are indeed calm today, hon member Magaxa. Minister Winde, you may proceed.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker.

Mr K E MAGAXA: I am not excited like him.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: The hon member must not ask questions in her debate and then not expect to get an answer.

An HON MEMBER: Exactly.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: So the last point that she raised ...[Interjections.]

Ms P Z LEKKER: And if the answer is not true?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... was around the Court Watching Briefs. The Court ...

Ms P Z LEKKER: Must you accept that and say thank you? I am not a "*Ja Baas*." [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Sorry.

Mr M G E WILEY: Can we please go to the next action, Madam Speaker, and [Inaudible.] to leave.

Ms P Z LEKKER: Do not tell the Speaker what to do. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

Ms P Z LEKKER: It is not your place. It is not your place.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Lekker ...

Mr M G E WILEY: She is out of control.

An HON MEMBER: Ja, that is the best [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: There is the issue of the dignity and decorum of the House. Every statement the Minister makes you respond with an interjection, which you are allowed to in terms of your freedom within the House, but it is becoming disruptive to the point that I have to ask the Minister to sit down or I need to ask for order. Can we just afford the Minister the opportunity to finish his responses to the statements that were made, please? You may proceed, Minister Winde.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Thank you very much.

The last point that I want to raise that the hon member Lekker spoke about is the Court Watching Briefs, and the Court Watching Briefs, when the Minister Beki Cele said, "Thank you very much, this is a great programme," he acknowledged that there is this massive failure on investigation and getting criminals that are arrested, through a process to get to a conviction and consequences for a crime, and by accepting that this Court Watching Brief is the mechanism that is really showcasing the weak points, or the weakest link in our system, that showed that there was at least commitment that the Minister even sees there is failure in this space and saying, "We actually need to adopt that," and I know that people were excited when I mentioned it earlier on in the speech, but it really is. It is a huge step forward in policing in our province, it is a huge step forward in dealing with crime in our province and that last point - I notice the hon member Lekker was not very - there was not much ...[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Lekker.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Ja, she was not very "*lekker*" about that. Her commendation was not too good, but the Minister's acceptance is what we really thank him for. If that is the only thing we get right now in the last couple of months, it means a huge amount, because the kind of 3% conviction rate in gangs is just unacceptable, because crime is out of control and this is a process brought about by this Department and dedication from men and women who go out there to make sure that we hold those that are the perpetrators of massive, disgusting crime in our system to account.

An HON MEMBER: Thank you for holding [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: And we get them through a process. So it is really an amazing piece of work, and I really thank everybody involved in that.

And then lastly, Madam Speaker, what I want to say is [Interjections.] I want to give a message, because this debate and generally in this House [Interjections.], what we speak about in this House is the mismanagement out of Pretoria, the failure of the ANC and we really attack the South African Police Service ...[Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: You are a loser, Sir.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... because they are not delivering a safer society.

Mr K E MAGAXA: And you affect the DA.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: But my last message is: there are still so many really good men and women [Interjections.] in the South African Police Services, and I want to thank them. Despite the difficulties, despite the space in which they operate, despite the hectic space and going to work, they do not even know if they are coming home [Applause.], I want to thank them, those people who day and night work damn hard to help us towards a safer society. [Interjections.]

And then, Madam Speaker, this is the last time that I am going to be speaking in this House in this portfolio ...[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear! [Applause.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... it is the last time, and this portfolio - just hang on a second. [Laughter.] It is the last time in this portfolio [Interjections.], I want to thank everybody [Interjections.], the Opposition, those small parties that have been missing for the last while and specifically my colleagues here in the Democratic Alliance in these benches. Thank you for the last five years, for the term, [Interjections.] the Government officials, all those support agencies [Interjections.], thank you very much. It has been a great five years, and I am really looking forward to the next five. Thank you very much. [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, Minister Winde. That, hon members, concludes the debate on this Vote. The bells will be rung. The House is suspended for three minutes for the administration to vacate and to come back into the Chamber, thank you.

[Business of the House was suspended at 15:40 and resumed at 15:44]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please be seated.

WESTERN CAPE APPROPRIATION BILL [B1 – 2019]

(Debate on Vote 14 – Local Government)

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, agb Premier, agb Kabinetskollegas, lede van die Wetgewer, die burgemeesters vandag teenwoordig, die departementshoof en die amptenare van die Departement, baie welkom en baie dankie vir die geleentheid.

Die Wes-Kaap Departement van Plaaslike Regering het verskeie pligte en mandate, maar die een ding wat alles onderskryf, die fondasie van ons bestaan, is om te verseker dat al ons mense 'n menswaardige lewe kan leef - *a dignified life*.

Ons het in die Departement met verskeie rampe gewerk, onder meer Wupperthal se brande oor Kersfees, die brande in Khayelitsha, die brande in Knysna, George-brande en die mees onlangse brande in Hermanus, om maar enkeles te noem, en nou het die wiel skynbaar, mnr die Adjunkspeaker, gedraai soos wat ek hier staan met die elektrisiteitskrisis waarvan die einde onbekend is. Die kans is al groter dat die land afstuur op 'n nasionale ineenstorting van die kragnetwerk. Die ANC het oor die afgelope nege jaar ons land tot op die randjie van die afgrond bestuur.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Madam Speaker, hon Premier, Provincial Cabinet colleagues, members of the Legislature, heads of departments and guests of honour, good afternoon. The Western Cape Department of Local Government has various obligations and mandates, but one thing that underwrites it all, the foundation of our existence, is to ensure that all our people can lead a dignified life.

We have worked with various disasters in the Department, amongst others with Wupperthal's fire, the fire in Khayelitsha, the Knysna fires, the George fires and the recent Hermanus fires, to name only a few. And the wheel has now apparently turned and as I stand here the country again is in an electricity crisis of which the end is unknown. The chance is becoming greater that the country is heading towards a national collapse of the power network. Over the past nine years the ANC has governed the country to the edge of the abyss.]

†Die PREMIER: Ja!
[The PREMIER: Yes!]

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Die party se hoofverkiesingsbeampste in die Wes-Kaap ...[Tussenwerpsels.]

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: The party's chief election officer in the Western Cape ... [Interjections.]]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Praat van jou provinsie, boet, praat van die provinsie. Ons is hier.
[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Speak of your province, brother, speak of the province. We are here.]

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Die party se verkiesingsbeampste in die Wes-Kaap ...[Tussenwerpsels.]

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: The party's election officer in the Western Cape ... [Interjections.]]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Los die [Onhoorbaar.]

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Leave the [Inaudible.]]

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: ... bruinkoevert Ebrahim Rasool ...[Tussenwerpsels.]

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ... brown envelope Ebrahim Rasool [Interjections.]]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Los die [Onhoorbaar.]

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Leave the [Inaudible.]]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: ... het dit dan self nou die dag in die Kaap erken, en ek haal aan:

“Dat die afgelope nege jaar onder die ANC katastrofies was.”

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ... has indeed acknowledged that here in the Cape the other day, and I quote:

“That the past nine years under the ANC have been catastrophic.”]

†n AGB LID: Ja!

[An HON MEMBER: Yes!]

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Dis een ding waarmee ek saamstem.

Ek moedig mense aan om nie die DA se woord te neem nie, toets ons aan die onafhanklike studies waarna die agb lid Dugmore verwys het, die Ouditeur-Generaal en Statistiek SA. Ek lig twee dele vir uit, mnr die Adjunkspeaker.

Die afgelope 10 jaar het die Wes-Kaap regering nie een sent aan vermorste of verkwiste uitgawes gehad nie. In die Wes-Kaap bestuur ons mense se geld korrek.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: That is one thing I agree with. I encourage people not to take the DA by its word, but to test us on the independent reports to which the hon Dugmore referred to, the Auditor-General and Statistics SA.

I highlight two parts for you, Mr Deputy Speaker. The past ten years the Western Cape Government did not have one cent of wasted or squandered money. In the Western Cape we manage people and money correctly.】

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Ons steel nie van ons mense nie ...【Tussenwerpsels.】

【The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: We do not steal from our people ... 【Interjections.】】

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Wag 'n bietjie.

【Mr Q R DYANTYI: Wait a minute.】

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: ... ons bou.

【The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ... we build.】

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Ek is op pad.

【Mr Q R DYANTYI: I am on my way.】

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: 10 jaar gelede het net die Stad Kaapstad van al 30 munisipaliteite in die Wes-Kaap 'n skoon oudit ontvang. Teen 2017 het 21 van ons munisipaliteite skoon oudits ontvang. Landswyd was daar slegs 33 uit 257 munisipaliteite wat skoon oudits ontvang het.

Ons is trots daarop dat 82% van ons provinsie se 2018 begroting bestee is aan dienslewering onder die arm gemeenskappe. Ons provinsie en ons regering het verlede jaar altesaam 83% skoon oudits oor die departemente ontvang. Die naasbeste provinsie was Gauteng met 52%. 【Tussenwerpsels.】 Dis eenvoudig 'n feit dat as 'n mens op die data oordeel, is daar geen enkele vergelyking tussen provinsies nie.

【Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.】

【The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Ten years ago only the City of Cape Town of all 30 municipalities in the Western Cape received a clean audit. By 2017, 21 of our municipalities received clean audits. Countrywide there were only 33 in total from 257 municipalities.

We are proud of the fact that we have spent up to 82% of our Province's 2018 budget on service delivery amongst our poorest communities. Our Provincial Government last year received 83% clean audits in total through our departments. The second best province was Gauteng with 52%. 【Interjections.】 It is simply a fact that if one judges on the data, there is no comparison between the provinces.】

†Mr Deputy Speaker, this Department of Local Government monitors and support 30 municipalities in the Western Cape, including the Metro. In the context of the current economic and fiscal environment, the Department's budgets amount to R335,5 million in the 2019/20 financial year, R315 million in the 2020/21 financial year and R331 million in the 2021/22 financial year. The Department's allocation increased over the 2019 MTEF period by R38 million in 2019/2020, R8 million in 2020/2021 and R8 million in 2021/22 respectively.

Mr Deputy Speaker, may I add, this Department is the department with the smallest provincial budget, but yet it is required to monitor and support municipalities so that good governance and service delivery are sustained and strengthened.

Included in the Department's 2019 MTEF budget are the earmarked priority allocation for, amongst others, drought, water augmentation, appointment of geohydrologists and engineers, fires, disaster management, hazardous material capacity, municipal support and additional capacity amounts to R254 million.

In addition, the Department received over the 2019 MTEF an amount of R81 million in the form of provincial priority allocations to assist with municipal broadband, municipal infrastructure, Thusong Centres and mobile Thusong Centres and fire-fighting capacity across the province.

The Department of Local Government has positioned itself in the province as "the Gateway to Local Government", assuming the responsibility of taking the provincial departments to local government and bringing municipalities to the provincial departments.

Put differently, Mr Deputy Speaker, it is the methodology of strengthening the interface between the spheres of government, premised on co-planning, co-budgeting and co-implementation.

As part of this methodology, I am strengthening the Provincial and Local Government interface through the District Coordinating Forums, the DCFs. While this approach ensures administrative traction on implementation, it secures the required political oversight on delivering services to our people. Mr Deputy Speaker, everything that we do must directly or indirectly influence the lives of our citizens in a positive manner. Work to serve and not to steal. [Interjections.]

Over the next while I will, together with the Department, review the integrated planning and service delivery methodology, particularly between the three spheres of government.

You see, Mr Deputy Speaker, our communities and citizens do not draw a distinction between the spheres of government when it comes to service delivery.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Dit is waar.
[Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is true.]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: A typical example is the provision of bulk water during the drought.

Although the provision and augmentation of bulk water is a national competency, the Province, together with many municipalities, had to fork out millions, for various water augmentation initiatives, at significant opportunity cost of provincial competencies, because we could not see that our citizens suffer at the hands of an incompetent and bankrupt National Department of Water and Sanitation.

Mr Deputy Speaker, many RBIG allocations by the Department of Water and Sanitation to municipalities, as published in this year's DORA, had to be stopped, could not take place, because why, Mr Deputy Speaker? There is no money in the Department.

An HON MEMBER: Yoh!

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: An example of this is that the Department provided co-funding to the Cederberg Municipality as a contribution to the brine fall-out of the desalination plant.

The National Department of Water and Sanitation gazetted to transfer R22 million to co-fund the project. Two weeks ago the Municipality was informed that the funding will not flow in the current financial year while the Municipality has already appointed the contractor, and I think personally that is criminal.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the reason presented is reprioritisation, but the truth is the National Department of Water and Sanitation is bankrupt.

We were at a recent soil turning event at the Clanwilliam Dam, which signalled the raising of the wall of the dam. Not being officially informed, but we understand that the work is being delayed by a full year, while some of the staff is on site, being paid for doing nothing.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You are speculating, you are speculating.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Why the delays, Mr Deputy Speaker?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Give us stats, Anton.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Why the delay, Mr Deputy Speaker? It is not rocket science, it is a simple fact ...[Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Do not speculate.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ... the Department is bankrupt, there is no money, and Minister Mokonyane again is on the ANC's list to represent the ANC in National Parliament.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: [Inaudible.] the list, not to the province. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: What a disgrace!

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Leave the list.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: What a disgrace. [Interjections.] Talking about water ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ... and sanitation [Interjections.] let me tell you how it should be done, Mr Deputy Speaker.

†Ek wil noem van die geleentheid verlede week in Wellington waar ek 'n nuwe water herwinningsaanleg geopen het. Die Drakenstein Munisipaliteit herwin die vuil rioolwater vir ses gemeenskappe in sy munisipale grense. Die bedien meer as 250,000 mense. Die druk om die gemeenskap te bedien met die diens het oor die jare toegeneem. Wat gebeur in ANC beheerde rade of in Eskom?

Die bestaande infrastruktuur word bloots gery tot dit ineensort. Op die oomblik moet die weermag in Gauteng die Vaalrivier probeer skoonmaak en red na al die menslike afval wat oor die jare toegelaat is om die rivier te besoedel. Nie in die Wes-Kaap nie, mnr die Adjunkspeaker. Hier glo ons in die herstel, die onderhoudswerk en die opgradering van ons infrastruktuur.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[I would just like to mention an event last week in Wellington where I opened a new water recycling plant. The Drakenstein Municipality recycles the dirty sewerage water for six communities within its municipal boundaries, for more than 250 000 people. The pressure to serve the community with the service has over the years increased. What happens in the ANC controlled councils or in Eskom?

The existing infrastructure is put under strain until it collapses. At the moment the army in Gauteng has to try and clean up and save the Vaal River after all the human waste that for years has been allowed to contaminate the river. Not in the Western Cape. Here we believe in the repair, maintenance work and upgradings of our infrastructure.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Die projek in Wellington het R305 miljoen gekos en 'n klomp jaar geneem om te voltooi, maar weet u dit het die kapasiteit vir Drakenstein Munisipaliteit om afvalwater te herwin, vergroot van die bestaande 6 megaliter tot 16 megaliter per dag.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: The project in Wellington cost R305 million and took several years to complete but do you know, it has increased the capacity of the Drakenstein Municipality to recycle waste water from the existing 6 megalitres per day to 16 megalitres per day.]

†Die MINISTER VAN VERVOER EN PUBLIEKE WERKE: Mooi!
[The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Good!]

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, die Wes-Kaap Regering glo beleggings in infrastruktuur sal lei tot werkskepping. Ons is noodwendig deeglik bewus van die kleiner dorpe se finansiële uitdagings wat dikwels beteken dat sommige dorpe eenvoudig nie altyd geld het vir dié soort werk nie. Dit is waarom die provinsie instaan om sulke dorpe te ondersteun waar ons kan. Ek moet vra dat munisipaliteite nie moet ophou met instandhouding nie. Sit daardie geld opsy, belê in infrastruktuur en die res sal volg. As ons goeie infrastruktuur het, lok ons beleggings en daarmee saam skeep ons werk en verseker ons 'n beter lewe vir almal.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Mr Deputy Speaker, the Western Cape Government believes investments in infrastructure will lead to job creation. We are obviously aware of the smaller towns' financial challenges which often mean that some town simply do not always have the money for this type of work. That is why the Province is ready to support such towns where we can. I want to ask that municipalities should not stop maintenance. Put that money aside, invest in your infrastructure and the rest will follow. If we have good infrastructure, we lure investments and along with that we create jobs and ensure a better life for all.]

Mr Deputy Speaker, on governance. The key priority for this Department is to embed good governance within Local Government environment. I believe that when you want others to change their behaviour one should set the example. For this reason I acknowledge the Department for setting a sterling example in governance performance, by creating a platform for others to follow.

I am glad to announce in this House today that the Department, through the Management Performance Assessment Tool, was rated the best performing department in the province on governance, as indicated by the results [Applause.] released by the Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation in 2018.

Congratulations to Mr Graham Paulse and all the staff in the Local Government.
[Applause.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Do not clap in a hurry. †*Just wag 'n bietjie, wag 'n bietjie.*
[Just wait a minute, wait a minute.]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: In addition, Mr Deputy Speaker, as proof ...[Interjections.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Wag 'n bietjie.
[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Wait a minute.]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: In addition, Mr Deputy Speaker, as proof that this Department has institutionalised good governance as part of its day to day operations and as recognition was awarded the Gold Award for the Best Ethics Department, an award given by the Office of the Public Service Commissioner.

Furthermore the Department has also received its fourth consecutive clean audit opinion, clearly setting a good example for municipalities.

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: In order to promote good governance in municipalities, the Department has in the current financial year done work on a draft Standard Rules of Order By-Law, a Code of Conduct and a System of Delegations, just to mention a few.

Over the 2019/20 MTEF, a priority allocation of R46 million was received to further strengthen governance in municipalities. We will therefore continue our work around good governance with the aim to promote accountability, transparency, efficiency and rule of law in our municipalities.

The real test of good governance is when citizens feel secure and trust a government to conduct public affairs in the best interests of society as a whole rather than for the privileged few. In this case not the privileged few and corrupt ANC politicians who have now need to explain themselves to the Zondo Commission.

Turning to citizen interface. Mr Deputy Speaker, as part of strengthening citizen interface, the Department supported municipalities with an accredited training programme, an Integrated Community Development Planning Programme. The focus was to train and to build the capacity of municipal public participation officials, using various topics and contemporary approaches to public participation.

Another example of strengthening the citizen interface is the recent development of the Client Service Charter which was piloted in Prince Albert Municipality, and I have got it here, Mr Deputy Speaker, and I hope the Mayors will take note.

I really think that it is time that we need to enter into a contract with citizens. This Charter is a social contract between the municipality and its citizens. It is a demonstration of the municipality's commitment to fulfil its constitutional mandate of delivering quality services and improving the quality of the lives of the residents of the Prince Albert Municipality.

The residents will therefore keep the municipality accountable when the published service standards are not met. Equally the communities must assume its responsibility by actively and meaningfully participate in policy development, programmes, budgets, plans and indeed payment of services and protection of infrastructure. I am really looking forward and I want to congratulate the Department for this initiative.

Mr Deputy Speaker, in the 2019 financial year, mainstream budget is available to develop client service charters for some of our municipalities and we will phase this in. The Ward Committee System has as its foundation to strengthen the citizen interface. During this year, the Department have reviewed all Ward Committee Operational Plans of all local municipalities. The result was significant improvements in the quality of Ward Committee Operational Plans.

Mr Deputy Speaker, notwithstanding that the assessment report on the functionality of the ward committees indicate that all is in good stead, I know in some cases challenges remain. I have therefore requested the Department to develop contemporary responses to the remaining challenges so that indeed, through the Ward Committee System, democracy is enhanced. The budget in the 2019/20 financial year will fund the initiatives to further sophisticate the Ward Committee System.

The Thusong Programme has been tailored to ensure that citizens of the Western Cape Province can seamlessly access a wide range of integrated services in one location, irrespective of where they live. For the past year the focus of the outreach events was on the farming and rural communities, reaching over 50 farms in the rural nodes.

In addition, four emergency interventions were implemented in support of communities affected by the impact of drought, social unrest and fires, including the recent fire at Wupperthal, where this Department, with the Cederberg Municipality and the Mayor is here today, as well as the District Municipality, joined heads and in a matter of days repaired the water, the power and communication to that community, despite all the challenges, and thank you, Mayor, for your cooperation.

In the Western Cape the Back to Basics Programme was implemented during 2015 at 10 of the most vulnerable municipalities in the province, with the aim to providing support to address challenges in the respective municipalities. To date, two municipalities have successfully exited the programme, namely the Cape Agulhas Municipality in 2017/18 financial year and the Swellendam Municipality in the 2018/19 financial year.

In 2015, following the intervention notice in Oudtshoorn Municipality, the Department implemented the Back to Basics Support Plan, aimed at addressing the challenges highlighted during the intervention process.

Oudtshoorn Municipality is on track to soon exit this programme.

During the year under review, the Department in partnership with the Hanns Seidell Foundation, conducted a Winter School Programme for councillors, where the focus of the Winter School was on ethical and responsible leadership.

Regarding the Municipal Property Rates Amendment Act 2014, the Department received accolades from the Department of Cooperative Governance for the best performing province in terms of monitoring and supporting municipalities with the implementation and compliance of the MPRA.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the Department of Local Government is the lead department responsible for the co-ordination of the drought response in the province. Working with various stakeholders during the 2017/18 and 18/19 financial year, the Department developed the Integrated Drought Response Strategy which adopted a two-pronged approach to ensure domestic water security in all towns within the Western Cape. The approach focused on reducing water consumption through water conservation and demand management programmes, while simultaneously increasing the availability of water through water supply augmentation programmes. Amongst others, the municipalities were supported with financial and technical support in order to augment the water supply in various drought stricken towns.

The Department engineers and project managers conducted drought assessment in all our municipalities in order to determine the extent of the drought and the risk of water security. Geohydrologists were appointed in each district to support municipalities with the geophysical investigation and borehole siting as well as the supervision of drilling and testing of boreholes in the province.

High risk towns include Beaufort West, Laingsburg and Kannaland. The Department is currently providing these municipalities with dedicated professional support and technical advisory services. Several interventions were identified for each municipality to mitigate the risk of experiencing water shortages.

A fire, flood and drought awareness campaign was also conducted in 80 schools in the Central Karoo District area, reaching a total of 35 258 learners over the past year.

Hon Deputy Speaker, when it comes to the drought, we are not out of the woods yet, although we certainly are much better off than we were a year ago.

Still, I want to take this moment to reiterate the call to continue to save water. We must be wary of complacency and we must seek – all of us – to adapt to long-term behaviour change when it comes to water and, in general, the way we live.

I want to end off by thanking the head of the Department and the personnel for their dedication. Thank you. [Applause.]

Mr M MNQASELA: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. Hon Deputy Speaker, let me appreciate in good spirit the debate, but firstly let me greet the hon Premier, hon Executive, the Executive Council of this Parliament, hon members, heads of department, South African Local Government, which is SALGA, Executive Mayors, municipal speakers and councillors, members of the media, ladies and gentlemen.

Hon Deputy Speaker, it has been five years that we have been doing this business in this very House but it has been not without challenges. [Interjections.] But, of course, it has been a very successful story, a story that the hon Premier stated with a very passionate message that she gave when she presented the State of the Province Address.

The message was clear: we are celebrating 10 years of good governance in this province. [Interjections.] And the message that she gave is the message ... [Interjection.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: [Inaudible.]

Mr M MNQASELA: ... is the message that says this province functions and this province works and this province is a province that serves all people of this province and serves all people of this country who find themselves in this province, and the people of the world. [Interjections.]

Hon Deputy Speaker, as the Chairperson, in my Standing Committee, we have performed our constitutional obligations as per the Rules of this Parliament and we further ensured that for the past five years as the Standing Committee ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order hon Dyantyi. You are the next speaker on the list. Please ... [Interjection.]

Mr M MNQASELA: ... we encourage a culture of accountability, a culture of non-partisanship and a spirit of oversight which has been sacrosanct in our performance as the Standing Committee. And I think we have done that exceptionally well and I thank the members of this committee for having achieved that. [Interjections.]

This budget vote is an embodiment of the values of freedom, fairness, opportunity and diversity that we espouse in this province. This is a budget that puts at the centre of government, our people and all people of this province.

It recognises that for any successful local government, hon Deputy Speaker, we must give credence to the principle of a tripartite alliance of the people, municipal administration and municipal council, because without that you cannot function as a government. The local government is at the coalface of the people. That is where things happen, so you have got to recognise that without the people themselves as part of that government, it cannot function properly.

This is the recipe for the successes that we have seen in this province. [Interjections.]

Because for this province to succeed, hon Deputy Speaker, the Democratic Alliance-led Western Cape understands that if any government leaves people behind, that government is the enemy of the people ... [Interjection.] and this province understands that principle. I do not know about others up north.

If there is anything we can celebrate here, it is what the hon Minister Bredell has shared with us, that they have become innovative, recognising that the Fourth Industrial Revolution is not something that is spoken about far away in the desert, it is here. And people are beginning to say: we need to be engaged differently. We cannot always go to public meetings because at times it is difficult to reach everyone at the same time, but this Government has recognised that and become innovative by instituting means that will encourage people to participate in the decision-making of Government. And we commend yourself, hon Minister, and the Department of Local Government seated there – HOD and your team – through you, hon Deputy Speaker.

Hon Deputy Speaker, Minister Bredell has not only understood this principle but, together with his very able Department, they have created a mechanism that he has presented here, that people are going to be using an App with a cell phone to say: I am happy with this decision, I am not happy with this decision.

And I have said to hon Dyantyi on the other side, he must learn to now go to Facebook and also download the App because he is not on Facebook and he does not really believe in the new culture of technology. But I think it is about time, so that we can police properly, hon Deputy Speaker. [Interjections.]

But what the hon Minister has done, he has spoken extensively about what key budgetary items of each of the four programmes of the Department will do. And I think part of that will support how he intends to spend that money and as the Standing Committee we said we support that, hon Dyantyi, we said we support that.

And what we also said, chiefly among that ... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: [Inaudible.]

Mr M MNQASELA: ... is that the budget, especially on Programmes 2 and 3, which is what the hon Minister has spoken about here, that we want to make sure that we support the capacity of building resilience in fighting fires, building resilience in fighting the ever-growing disasters which, in the main here, is the fires as well as the informal settlements where we have seen many people dying in some of the informal settlements, trying to install fire alarm systems and trying to invest in other modalities to be more creative in fighting fire.

So those are the kinds of things that this Department has said, but also central to that is to say we no longer have the luxury of water in this province, so he says we are going to invest in that space. So the response as the Standing Committee is that we said we support that because that is what we need in this province.

The Minister has also said to us that one of the things that he wants to focus on as the Department - unfortunately he cannot himself guarantee that he is going to come back in that same department because the Premier must decide after the elections. [Interjections.] But what he said –because the ANC will not be implementing this programme, it will be the new DA Government and the new Minister implementing – is that we need to focus on ensuring that the capacity of councillors and the capacity of [Inaudible.], but also the role of oversight committees needs to be strengthened. And I have seen some officials sitting that side who are doing that – Mr Magamang that side, hon Deputy Speaker, and Mr Michel – who work with municipalities directly in ensuring that the capacity of councillors and the oversight role is played sufficiently and effectively.

So who cannot support that? So we support it as the Standing Committee and we say it is a very good thing that this Department is doing.

Let me just share some worries, hon Deputy Speaker.

The first worry: I spoke to the Minister of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning and one of the things I raised with him in another committee is the SPLUMA implementation and of course the serving of the members from the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning in the committees, which is, in this case, in the tribunals. It is something that has a potential to create a conflict of interest and we need to monitor that because you cannot be a referee and a player. And in many cases that is something that the Department has acknowledged and that is something that the Department and also the Minister of that Department said that he is going to look at, revising how the participation of the officials gets to be amended in terms of recognising the spirit that SPLUMA encompasses.

So that is one of the technical issues that we, as the Standing Committee, also highlighted.

And I also think, hon Deputy Speaker, one of the other things that we recognise is that in some councils, a very small portion of municipalities, you have this hunger, you know, by some administrators – which is municipal officials – wanting to use the power of the executive authority, the power of the oversight bodies. And we need to make sure that we clamp down on that appetite because it is going to destroy the fabric of democracy. It is going to compromise the role of municipal councils and the manner in which decisions are taken. So that is something that is important to acknowledge, but also without even appreciating that it is happening.

There are areas where we have seen that it also at times breeds corruption and we have been working as a Standing Committee to say that if a municipal official or a councillor or a mayor has been found to be corrupt, we need to act with speed because too much power is a problem and absolute power is even more problematic. And I do not even want to go to the lecture in the history of that.

On the Khoisan leadership, I think it is important that I highlight the position that this Parliament took, that this Parliament said, hon Deputy Speaker, we want to appreciate and support the role of the Khoisan leadership but the spirit within which we do that, it must be done in a way that recognises justice, fairness and the whole spirit of equal treatment when it comes to traditional leaders. But what we have acknowledged as a fact, which is very disappointing and very unfortunate, is what the National Government has done in dealing with the traditional leaders, specifically Khoisan leaders, the Nama, the Korana, the Griqua and of course the Cape Khoi and others, that they think these are street committees that should be juniorised in approach and they treat them as by the way, as second class citizens. [Interjection.]

And we are saying we do not appreciate it and we will not support that kind of nonsense where you are going to treat them as second class citizens. We want everybody to be treated equally and fairly in this country and recognising the statutes that set this democracy which we all believe in.

Lastly, hon Deputy Speaker, I would like to request that you put on those gadgets, because I am going to speak with the language – I know that the officials do not have the gadgets, but please put it up.

†Okokuqala mandibulele uMhlonipheki obekekileyo Hon Richard Dyantyi sisebenze kakuhle kakhulu kule 5 years sikule Komiti khangе sitshintshe nakanye. Siyabulela kakhulu. Zange ndabona sisithi makuvotwe xa kuthathwa izigqibo kule Komiti sihlala sixoxe singavuelani sivumelane kodwa ekugqibeleni sithi siyavumelana ke ngoku xa sigqibe ukuxoxa so yimaturity endifuna ukuyibulela kuwe Mhlekazi, ndiyabulela ngokusebenzisana nathi kakuhle.

[Translation of isiXhosa paragraph follows.]

[Firstly let me thank the Honourable Richard Dyantyi. We have worked very well with you in the past five years we have been serving in this committee, we have never changed even once. Thank you very much. We have never said there should be a vote when we needed to make decisions by this committee. What we do is we always discuss our issues and sometimes we do not agree and sometimes we agree but in the end we agree after we have engaged in discussions. That is the maturity which I appreciate from you Sir. I thank you very much for a good co-operation with us.]

†Also there were times, hon Deputy Speaker, where we dealt with difficult situations in Oudtshoorn, difficult situations in Kannaland, difficult situations in Beaufort West, in Cederberg and, lastly, in George. [Interjection.] We took a collective decision and we were very clear in taking those decisions that we would be non-partisan but we will put the people of this province first. [Interjection.] And we have done so because we believe that the work of Parliament is through the committees. Without committees, there is no Parliament. Because here we often do not agree when we stand on this podium but in the committees, that is where the actual work gets done and we have seen it being done in this committee and with the hon members there, and thank you very much. [Interjection.]

And I also need to appreciate, hon Deputy Speaker ... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: [Inaudible.]

†UMnu M MNQASELA: Kananjalo ndifuna ukubulela Sekela Somlomo oBekekileyo intsebenziswano yoMphathiswa uAnton Bredell ngoba ngaphandle kwakhe alikho ela sebe ngoba xa eza kumane engenelela sisebenza alizusebenza ela sebe. Ndithi ukuba xa sisebenza avale ukuba ela sebe lingezi awuzucaca umsebenzi wela sebe ngoko ke xa sisebenza usoloko evulile ukuba ikomiti isebenze kwaye usebenze njengoMphathiswa engenaxhala esivumela siwenze umsebenzi siyikomiti kwaye ephendula xa sibuzwa imibuzo kuye njengoMphathiswa. Siyabulela kakhulu Mphathiswa uBredell. Ndiyabulela kakhulu egameni lekomiti intsebenziswano yala magosa karhulumente onke naba babukele kumabonakude

[Translation of isiXhosa paragraph follows.]

[I also need to appreciate, honourable Deputy Speaker, the support we got from Minister Anton Bredell because without him that Department does not exist. Had he intervened and disturbed the work of the committee, that Department would not have performed well. What I am saying is that had he intervened and prevented that Department from coming there, its responsibility would not have been realised. He is always giving us, the committee, opportunity to do what we have to do and as the Minister he was welcoming towards us and he would give us answers when we ask him questions, as the Minister. We thank you very much Minister Bredell. Also I would like to extend my thanks, on behalf of the committee, for the co-operation we received from government officials, to all of them, including those watching their televisions at this moment we are saying ...] † your cooperation has made us the committee that you have seen, because without the culture that we have seen in the Department, as public servants we would not have been able to do our job in the manner in which we have done our job; because we performed our responsibilities knowing very well that you are there to serve the people of this province and you have done so without fail and thank you very much for the work that you are doing to serve the people of this province selflessly. [Interjections.] Thank you very much.

†Okokugqibela ke ndiyacinga ukuba kubalulekile ukuba ndibulele abantu abasancedayo ukuba sizise iinkonzo zikarhulumente eluntwini.

[Translation of isiXhosa paragraph follows.]

[Lastly I think it is important that I extend words of gratitude to those who help us deliver government services to the public.]

†The most important segment of our Government and that is all the Mayors sitting there, to recognise the role that you have played in making our job easier as the Standing Committee. And of course your officials, your councillors and the speakers for making our job a little bit easier than what it could have been, because you understood that in the spirit of inter-governmental relations we have a job and that job is clear in Chapter 7 of the Constitution, what you should be doing.

But Schedule 4 and 5 of the Constitution says what this Parliament must be doing and you have not given us any reason to doubt your commitment and thank you very much for that, because you often take the blame when things do not go right; when things go well we want to claim victory and successes. So thank you very much.

Hon Deputy Speaker, let me end by saying there is a growing conversation in the corridors of Local Government and SALGA and all the municipalities have been raising this issue. We need to redefine the role of district municipalities and how we are funding the district municipalities, because it is not fair to continue expecting them to perform certain functions, but there is not enough budget given to them.

And also if you look at the media population estimates by Statistics South Africa as delivered last year, it says this province is the third biggest province and that is sitting at 6,6 million South Africans living in this province.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr M MNQASELA: And this is following from ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Just, member your time has expired, but just finish off.

Mr M MNQASELA: ... from DP and KZN, but the money that we are receiving in this province in terms of the division of revenue is not pointing at that.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you member, your time has expired [Interjection.]

Mr M MNQASELA: Thank you very much. Thank you. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The hon Dyantyi, now is your opportunity to speak.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. [Interjections.] Maybe just before I get to my speech, if I would ask you to just follow me. There is a little exercise I want to do with you.

[Singing:] *We are ready, we are ready for Ramaphosa* [Interjection.]

Mr D G MITCHELL: Hon Deputy Speaker [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: [Singing:] *We are ready ...*

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order. [Interjections.] Order.

An HON MEMBER: We are ready for you to go to [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: [Inaudible.] Marx.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Daylin Mitchell.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Thank you, Deputy Speaker [Interjection.]

Mr D G MITCHELL: Yes, thank you [Interjections.] hon Deputy Speaker [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Order! Hon Mitchell.

Mr D G MITCHELL: Hon Deputy Speaker, is it parliamentary [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr D G MITCHELL: ...for a member to speak on two mics? So he is occupying two seats. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. I will look at that but as long as we can hear the member properly it is fine. Member, you may continue with your speech [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Thank you very much, Deputy Speaker [Interjections.] Maybe Deputy Speaker, let me start by [Interjections.] let me start by by thanking [Interjections.] let me start by thanking [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: You are speaking on the wrong mike!

Mr Q R DYANTYI: ...the professional work of that Department, support staff in the committees [Interjections.] the able leadership of the Chair, despite the pressure from your own Chief Whip to do wrong things. So I want to start there because I might not end with some thanks. So, that is where I end the clapping of hands, at that point. [Interjections.] I want, Deputy Speaker, to also make a point [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order, order member. Just one second. [Interjections.] Order. Chief Whip?

Mr M G E WILEY: On a point of order. Speaker, with all due respect, the point has been raised by the member. The two mics, he is not speaking from his bench. He is speaking from another bench. So he must make up his mind [Interjections.] that is the first thing. Second thing, through the whole of this day this man has been grandstanding and now he is trying to build up for a crescendo. That is fine. That is his right, but we do not have to aid and abet him by giving him double volume mic. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, member. I am not going to rule against that. If the member stands in the passage it is fine [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: There is no rule for two mics [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: There is no strict requirement on that but I will watch the member [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I am going to continue using the two mics because I am standing here [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Take your speech and carry on.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Thank you very much, Deputy Speaker for ruling in my favour in terms of that [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr M G E WILEY: Can the controller of the microphones please turn off the second microphone [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You sit down! Sit down, Wiley! Sit down! Sit down!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. [Interjections.] Order. Let us proceed with the debate please.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: The Department of Local Government – †that is eina, dis baie seer, ek kan dit sien – [that hurts, that hurts a lot, I can see that] - the Department of Local Government is responsible for promoting good governance [Interjections.] in local authorities to enhance municipal service delivery, stretching goals for the Department, compliant and accountable municipalities underpinned by good governance, effective monitoring of local government.

Let us see how this has been going and if any resources has been allocated to champion these goals. A damning report presented by provincial authorities reveal that six DA-run municipalities may be hot beds for tender irregularities, mismanagement and invalid appointments of senior officials, and that include George amongst others [Interjections.]

In the DA-run George Municipality an employee allege supply-chain management irregularities and gross deviation from tender specifications dating back to 2014 and involving two companies. Allegations of fraud and corruption at the George Municipality were brought to the attention of the Department and the MEC by assessment of the information and documentation, could not find substantive evidence and requested additional information. This is a cover-up.

George was not the only problem in the province, with eight other municipalities rocked by allegations of maladministration, including, Bitou, Kannaland, Oudtshoorn, Beaufort West, Cederberg, Theewaterskloof, —Langeberg and Stellenbosch. Now I am raising this because we are in a province that is best run according to the DA.

An HON MEMBER: Best in the country!

An HON MEMBER: Thank you for saying that!

Mr Q R DYANTYI: In Bitou a Section 106 intervention was in place. There was also a probe into racketeering in the Kannaland Municipality.

The appointment of a municipal manager and the chief financial officer were also found procedurally flawed under your watch, MEC Bredell.

An HON MEMBER: Under ANC [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: This is your legacy. I hope, I am trying to show you part of your legacy. In the DA-led Oudtshoorn Council, allegations of tender irregularities, irregular expenditure and appointments of staff in contravention of procedure have been received. And if we were to talk about effective intergovernmental relations the Cape Watergate has left behind many casualties. [Interjections.] One of them was the blatant disregard for intergovernmental principles. The DA faction in the City of Cape Town stripped the Executive Mayor of her powers and appointed their [Inaudible.] Ian Neilson to salvage what they call Day Zero crisis. [Interjections.] He was clearly not up to the task and then Mmusi Maimane crossed the state party lines to have a go at practicing to be a Premier, next to the real Premier candidate, MEC Winde with his blue jeans and Day Zero T-shirt.

An HON MEMBER: Is that all you have got?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: The Province effectively blamed the City for the mess. The City tore itself apart in courts for many months during 2017/2018. [Interjections.] Today, the residents of Cape Town are stuck with exorbitant water bills [Interjections.]. The DA's governance failures has resulted in ratepayers footing the R1 billion surplus which was collected through high water tariffs.

An HON MEMBER: At least they have water!

Mr Q R DYANTYI: The DA has priced ratepayers [Interjections.] out of their constitutional right to access to water [Interjections.] up to a point of 600% rate increase. This is this party. [Interjections.] As we have ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Order member [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: ...less than 40 days to go [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Member Dyantyi, just one second. Hon Mitchell [Interjection.]

Mr D G MITCHELL: Hon Deputy Speaker, I know that you have ruled on this but the hon member's microphone is now off and he is speaking now on a microphone that is not his bench. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Member Mitchell, I will look at that. At the moment both mics are on and I can hear the member pretty well. Please continue. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: What is the problem?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You may continue. [Interjections.] Order, order. Please continue.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: This circus has no end and all the DA can say is the Province's function, oversight. I am sure they forget that they are the governing party many times, instead of them speaking about oversight. And let's go to some of the things that MEC spoke about. He spoke about the crisis in Eskom, that the National Government is fixing. [Interjections.] Like many others that it is fixing. [Interjections.] But he is not even mentioning [Interjections.] he is not mentioning that they stayed for a year not being able to manage a drought crisis, that forewarned them for many months, because under that you could not deal with your demand management that you are mentioning here even as you sit down, as you make your last speech [Interjections.] I ask a question in this House: Are you able to tell us as you sit there, you spoke about boreholes here, the question was asked to you, how many boreholes do we have in this province that are illegally done? And how many private? How many public? [Interjections.] You still cannot answer that yet you are the MEC of this province, under those kind of issues. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: There is no such thing as an illegal borehole!

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You leave as you make your last speech today, you have not even been able to fulfil your own three dreams.

An HON MEMBER: You do not have a clue!

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You said your dreams were the issue of infrastructure. You leave with nothing, no plan in place. [Interjections.] The issue of maintenance of the bulk infrastructure [Interjections.] as well as revenue generation. As you finish your term after 10 years we have nothing of those in sight. And as for member Mngqasela, in the point that you are making [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Just one second. Min Winde?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Will the hon member take a question?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Are you prepared to take a question? [Interjections.] Order. Hon Dyantyi, are you prepared to take a question? [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I am [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Hon Magaxa. [Interjections.] I am listening to your member there.

An HON MEMBER: Take a question!

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I am prepared to take a question, hon Deputy Speaker, just as I finish this.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Fine, the answer is “no, not now”. Please continue. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: In terms of the Khoisan leadership, the ANC in this House supported the Bill that was sent to the NCOP. So even as you go to the election we know that we said, we support the Khoisan leadership and we were in the public hearings. [Interjections.] We were in the public hearings. [Interjections.] You were not there. So I think it is going to be important for the DA to go out there and say, we do not support you to be part of the others in this country [Interjections.].

Let me also make the next point because the MEC here, and this is something new that I have just picked up as we are finishing the term [Interjections.] This Department ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. You are competing with your own leader there. Hon Magaxa please allow your member behind you to speak.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: This Department, hon Deputy Speaker [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Is the best in the country!

Mr Q R DYANTYI: ... it thinks that it is the best in the country now, but let me get to that point.

An HON MEMBER: No, we do not think!

Mr Q R DYANTYI: For the last two years we sit here, we have dealt with your annual report. In that annual report, for all of those two years following each other [Interjections.] this department had a high turnover rate of staff. There was an issue about HR. Exodus of staff. We even declared it as a sick department at some point and yet in the program they are presenting to us, about embedding good governance, which he mentioned in his speech, that apparently they are saying they have now been awarded as the best department by the MPAT and the issues that MPAT was looking for was accountability, governance, strategic management, HR and financial management.

Now I am saying that is a new thing because it is a revelation. What it means is that basically you have a department that we have all agreed that it has got problems around these issues, but yet it is getting an award. I do not want to blame them. The blame does not go to the DA or the Department [Interjections.], there is a misdiagnosis that has happened, which was saying the National Department [Interjections.] and we are taking this issue, because we could not understand for a very long time, poor departments come back and they come with awards. We just could not understand, but now we understand there is some form of misdiagnosis which we are going to take up with that Department of Planning and Evaluation because [Interjections.] if they can give us this Department as having been the best in the country, something is wrong. [Interjections.] In their own way of doing things [Interjections.] So the blame is not on you. We have to fix how they diagnose these kind of departments. [Interjections.] Because ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Because?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: ...the next point he makes is about the issue of the gold awards on ethical leadership and yet I have just read to you under the watch of that MEC and the Department what is happening to the municipalities. [Interjections.] How do you get gold when you have got such mess in your best run province? [Interjections.]

So the ANC [Interjections.] Deputy Speaker, we are very clear in terms of our own role and input here that as you complete your 10 years, we are now left with less than 40 days. We are saying thank you and good riddance to the DA because we are very clear that change is coming [Interjections.] When we spoke with the Department [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: ...we did say [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: ...to that professional staff that we want them to be professional [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Member your time has expired. I will allow your last sentence. Please finish off.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: We want to say that the Department must remain professional because come 9 May there will be new chiefs [Interjections.] in charge of this office [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, your time has expire.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Thank you. It is the ANC. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. [Interjections.] Order. Please come to order before I see the Minister.

An HON MEMBER: There is another shock of your life.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister Bredell.

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Agb Adjunkspeaker, baie dankie. Agb Adjunkspeaker, laat ek begin deur my amptenare te bedank onder die leiding van die hoof van departement, Graham Paulse, ek sien daar sit amptenare daar bo, ek sien daar sit amptenare hierdie kant van my, baie dankie vir julle lojaliteit. [Applous.]

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Hon Deputy Speaker thank you. Hon Deputy Speaker, I just want to start by thanking my officials under the leadership of the head of department, Graham Paulse, I see there are officials sitting up there, I see there are officials sitting on this side, thank you for your loyalty. [Applause.]]

†As I sit here hon Deputy Speaker, I just think I must mention it, the first time I came to Parliament I walked into it – he will not recall it but, Mr Mitchell, over the years he has become more grey and I have got a beard, but we are still here, and I hope we can continue. I really want to congratulate the Department. This is a team effort to govern, to serve the people and always remember that you are just as good as your team and I think in Local Government we have managed to build a very, very good team. So I really want to thank all of you for your dedication and for serving the people in this province with a passion because it is no easy task, that I can promise you.

To all our Mayors who are on a daily basis doing the right things, serving the people, thank you very much. To Masizole Mnqasela, my colleague, our Chairperson, for your commitment [Interjections.] for your, the hon, †en nou het die man nog lyk my graad ook gevang, so hy het 'n mooi swart jas aangehad [and now it seems to me the man had graduated, so he was wearing such a nice black coat.] I must say, thank you very much. Congratulations with that.

Hon Deputy Speaker, it is a privilege to come to the Standing Committee knowing that they are hard on you, but it is all in the best will of the people in the Western Cape. [Interjections.] †Ja. [Applous.] [Yes. [Applause.]] [Interjections.] To the hon Dyantyi, first of all ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: First of all, to drill a borehole is not illegal. To subtract water is illegal.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: There are illegal boreholes, you know that! [Interjections.]

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Om 'n boorgat te sink is nie onwettig nie, om water te trek is onwettig, so [Tussenwerpsels.] Maar agb Adjunkspeaker, kom ons gaan gou daar verby, want die agb Richard het 'n klomp munisipaliteite genoem.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: To sink a borehole is not unlawful, to draw water is unlawful, so... [Interjections.] But Mr Deputy Speaker, let us quickly go past that, because the hon Richard has mentioned a lot of municipalities.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Agb Dyantyi, nè.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Hon Dyantyi, nè.]

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Die... ag, ons gee nie eintlik vreeslik om nie want die ANC het jou in elk geval afgeskryf.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: The... oh, we really do not care much because the ANC has written you off in any case.]

†Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Orde, orde.

[The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order.]

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Agb Adjunkspeaker, ons sit vandag hier, hy het byvoorbeeld Cederberg genoem. Cederberg se burgemeester het die munisipaliteit die laaste twee jaar gekry na 'n skoon oudit toe uit 'n gemors van 'n ANC-beheer [Applous.]

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Hon Deputy Speaker, we sit here today, he has for example mentioned Cederberg. Cederberg's Mayor took the Municipality over the last two years to a clean audit from the mess of ANC control. [Applause.]] To take that municipality from a corrupt, bankrupt ANC Government to a clean audit will take something.

†Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Minister, voor ons verder gaan. Kan ek net die gallery daarop wys dat hulle nie deel is van die verrigtinge op die vloer nie en nie moet hande klap of saam "cheer" nie.

[The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister, before we continue, can I just draw the gallery's attention to the fact that they are not part of the proceedings on the floor and should not clap hands or cheer along...]

†'n AGBARE LID: Saam bly wees nie.

[An HON MEMBER: Be happy along with us.]

†Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Minister, u mag voortgaan. [Applous.]

[The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister, you may continue. [Applause.]]

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Agb Adjunkspeaker, in ander gevalle van munisipaliteite [Tussenwerpsels.]

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Hon Deputy Speaker, in other cases of municipalities [Interjections.]]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Ons het nog altyd as Department nie polities opgetree nie, maar in die beste belang van die gemeenskap [The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: We have always as Department acted non-politically, in the best interest of the community,] †in the best interest of the community. If there were any allegations we will investigate. We sent in the Hawks in George. The frustration is we do not get the report of a failure of National Government – another national failure! [Interjections.] That is the frustration, because if we get the report, because everybody is innocent until proven guilty.

†Dit sal selfs die agb lid vir my gee want hulle speel ook daardie hand, en dit is reg, [That even the hon member will concede because they also play that hand, and it is right,] because if you believe in the rule of law, you are innocent until proven guilty, but give us the report so that we can deal with it [Interjections.] irrespective of what political party you belong to because we want the best for our citizens.

†Ek gaan nie lank wees nie, agb Adjunkspeaker, ek wil net sê in 2010 het die mense van die Wes-Kaap die hon Richard Dyantyi ge-fire. Vandag soos ons hier staan het die ANC hom ge-fire. Die arme man. Ons moet seker maar vir hom jammer kry. Maar agb Adjunkspeaker, [I will not be long, hon Deputy Speaker, I just want to say in 2010 the people of the Western Cape had fired the hon Richard Dyantyi. Today as we stand here the ANC has fired him. The poor man, perhaps we should feel sorry for him. But hon Deputy Speaker,] †what is more...what is more important, can you imagine, why we can stand and brag here today is because of the people in 2009 voting in the DA.

If the people nationally voted in the DA we would have discussed today not the failure of Eskom [Interjections.] and electricity and SAA and a corrupt state, a looted state. We would have discussed an accountable, transparent, efficient rule of law state. We would have been [Interjections.] a country, a leading country in this planet, hon Deputy Speaker. I really cannot understand how anybody can defend the looting of the ANC. [Interjections.] And the voters will deal with them 8th of May. Thank you very much [Interjections.] [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order. That concludes the debate on this Vote. The House will suspend for a few minutes to allow the galleries to be cleared for the new officials to come in. The House is suspended.

[Business of the House was suspended at 16:42 and resumed at 16:45]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Secretary will read the Sixth order.

WESTERN CAPE APPROPRIATION BILL [B1 – 2019]

(Debate on Vote 2 – Provincial Parliament)

The SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr Deputy Speaker, hon Premier, members, guests in the gallery and the fellow South Africans, thank you for the opportunity to present the Western Cape Provincial Parliament's Budget for the 2019 MTEF period.

The 2019/2020 Financial Year marks the final year of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament's five year strategic plan and this budget is also the final budget for the fifth parliamentary term. In this context, I would like to inform the House of some of the achievements and challenges of the last four years.

Over the years receiving a clean audit has become the norm at Western Cape Provincial Parliament, which is as a result of its commitment to good governance in executing its core functions. In addition to this, the Western Cape Provincial Parliament will continue to implement its governance framework, which sets out the governance components, principles and requirements to enhance the internal control environment and achieve the fiduciary responsibilities of the accounting officer and other officials as set out in Section 12 of the Financial Management of Parliament and Provincial Legislatures Act.

The Western Cape Provincial Parliament has successfully implemented stage X3, enterprise resource planning system and has had successful salary runs since going live in April 2018. In addition to providing an integrated system, the functionality also allows the WCPP to process claims and payments with double the regularity of Persal and Bas (Basic Accounting System).

Notwithstanding the successes as with any new system, there are still a few teething problems that are currently receiving attention and I am confident it will be resolved in the early part of the new financial year. In 2019 the Western Cape Provincial Parliament will continue to stabilise and optimise the ERP system and therefore has allocated a budget of R500 000 for functional enhancement; R640 000 for support and maintenance and R432 000 for licensing fees.

In terms of law making and oversight, WCPP will continue to provide quality support to the House and its committees. Huge progress has been made in the finalisation of the review of Standing Rules. The subcommittee completed its work and made a presentation to the Rules Committee on Wednesday 20 March 2019. The Rules Committee agreed to the amendments in principle and the report on the review of the Rules will be considered by the House tomorrow, 27 March 2019. Provision has been made in the goods and services budget for the printing and publication thereof. I wish to thank the Deputy Speaker and all the members of the sub-committee in this regard.

In 2019/2020, Western Cape Provincial Parliament will seek to expand its outreach to the people of the Western Cape and will use digital means to foster relationships with its stakeholders. In 2018 we committed to conduct a baseline study aimed at providing the institution of relevant data to enable proper future impact assessment of public participation interventions. However, during the development seminar of the legislative sector, which was hosted by WCPP in this province, this matter was discussed and deliberated on at length. The sector experienced similar problems with public involvement in their legislative activities.

Going forward, WCPP will continue to engage with the sector in this regard. The Department of Community Safety continues to provide security support for standing committees during oversight visits in line with the approved service level agreement. In the 2019 budget R241 000 has been allocated for this outsourced service.

2018 has seen an increase in the Western Cape Provincial Parliament's involvement in sector activities. The administration has contributed on various levels in projects in the sector, including the development sector which took place in December last year.

WCPP was also instrumental in developing the Communication Strategy Framework for the sector and is also represented on the sectoral team responsible for the overall preparation for the Sixth Parliament. Going forward into 2019, the Western Cape Provincial Parliament will continue to be responsive to public outreach initiatives coordinated by the legislative sector, including sectoral parliaments and commemorative events.

Going to 2019, considerable work has commenced on the preparation for the Sixth Parliament. A task team under the leadership of the Secretary has been established to drive the process, in establishing the Sixth Parliament and a total budget of R2 302 000 has been set aside for this purpose. This budget will cover expenditure relating to the opening of the new Parliament, promotional items, IT equipment, furniture and members' relocation costs where applicable. Included in this budget is also provision for the printing and publication of a legacy document which will highlight the major achievements of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament's committees and the administration for the fifth term. This publication will be presented to all members of the Fifth Parliament and a limited number of copies will be kept as corporate gifts and included in the library collection of WCPP.

Since November 2017, WCPP was involved in a project on functional enhancement with an external service provider which concluded in September 2018. The 2019/2020 Budget is based on the new organisational structure which flow from the findings of the report issued by the external service provider and adopted and amended by the Exco. The Western Cape Provincial Parliament has commenced with a staggered implementation of its functional enhancement project and received from the Provincial Treasury additional funding of R2 million in 2019/2020; R3,5 million in 2020/2021 and R8 million in the 2021/2022 financial years.

The Western Cape Provincial Parliament's establishment increased from 109 positions to a total of 118 positions. Since the approval of the new organisational structure, we have finalised the appointment of three director positions who will commence duty with effect from 1 April 2019. To date we have also managed to finalise one manager position and we are in the process of finalising the remaining two.

I am also happy to announce that a new Secretary to Parliament, Mr Romeo Adams, will commence duty on 1 April 2019. I am confident with the appointment of the new Secretary, together with the implementation of the results of functional enhancement project, the Western Cape Provincial Parliament will optimise the effectiveness and efficiency of all its functional units and continue to fulfil its constitutional mandate and deliver enhanced services to members and other stakeholders.

WCPP is always mindful of the scarcity of water in the Western Cape and to this end we take this reality into consideration in all our planning and operations. We will continue to review our water scarcity business continuity plan, that will inform any activities required to ensure business continuity in the possibility of an extended water supply disruption and water shortages in Cape Town.

In terms of human resources, skills development and employee wellness, we will continue to receive focus during 2019. During 2018 a new employee wellness model was introduced with overwhelming positive feedback. This programme aimed at providing support in critical areas which included mental health sessions; sessions on real relationships, as well as a very well attended health day which covered a broad spectrum of assessments, information, as well as the beauty and relaxation stations. An amount of R185 000 has been allocated to continue with similar programmes into 2019. A budget of R667 000 has been set aside for functional training and R134 000 has been allocated for bursaries to staff.

In 2019 WCPP will continue with its successful roll-out of live streaming of all parliamentary sittings on the Western Cape Provincial Parliament's YouTube channel. The Western Cape Provincial Parliament will also build on its steady increase in social media activity across all platforms and continue to provide support to standing committees with regard to activities on social media, arranging interviews on radio stations, recordings, editing and dissemination of sound bytes to radio stations.

We have not yet resolved the challenges around the accommodation shortage and the issuing of the fire rationale security clearance certificate for the Legislature building. We are in constant engagement with the Department of Transport and Public Works and hope to have this matter resolved as soon as possible.

Mr Deputy Speaker, allow me to present a high level summary of the 2019/2020 Budget. WCPP's receipts increased with R50 220 000 from the 2018/2019 revised estimate of R143 874 000 to a total budget of R159 094 000 in 2019/2020. This equates to an overall 10.58% increase from the 2018/2019 revised estimate.

WCPP's own revenue for the 2019/2020 Financial Year is R817 000. This revenue source is made up of surplus donor funds of the LSS Programme of which R750 000 has been allocated each over the 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 MTEF's. The balance of R67 000 is mainly sourced from revenue items such as accrued interest on our bank account, interest on debt, commission earned, sale of corporate gifts, sale of meals and retained parking fees. The 2019/2020 Budget is as follows:

Programme 1 is R70,423 million which is an increase of 14,11%.

Programme 2, Parliamentary Services is R22,150 million which is an increase of 7,37%.

Programme 3, Public Engagement is R13,206 million which is an increase of 35,13%.

Lastly, Programme 4, Members' Support is R53,315 million which is an increase of 3,01%.

The summary per economic classification is as follows:

Compensation of Employees will increase by R15,261 million, which is a 24,15% increase from the revised estimate of R63,188 million, to R78,449 million in 2019/2020. This increase relates to the provision for salary adjustments and the changes to the structure and phased in implementation of the Functional Enhancement Project.

The Goods and Services budget shows an increase of 4,5% from R30,783 million in the 2018/2019 revised estimate to R32,191 million in 2019/2020. This minimal increase in Goods and Services budget is as a result of the net effect of the provision made for inflationary increases, the increase in the base line of the LSS funding earmarked for sector specific programmes relating to the establishment of the Sixth Parliament, continued enhancement, maintenance and licensing of the Enterprise Resource System, training and development and the reduced provision made for the ERP Project which was concluded in the 2018/2019 Financial Year.

Included in the Goods and Services budget is an inflationary increase for the members' enabling allowances and a 15,94% increase on audit fees. The provision for transfer and subsidies is further broken down as follows:

The minimal increase of 7,14% in Departmental Agencies and Accounts budget from R28 000 to R30 000 is due to the estimate provided for television licence fees. Under Foreign Government and International Organisations, R299 000 has been allocated for the payment of subscription fees to the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association. There is a 0,97% or R410 000 increase in transfers to political parties which is made up of the secretarial and constituency allowances.

For the 2018/2019 financial year, National Parliament did not provide for an annual increase in the constituency allowances, which effectively meant the original figure provided for in the prepared 2018/2019 budget was more than what National Parliament provided. Taking this into account, the effective increase for secretarial and constituency allowances for 2019/2020 is 5,15%. Under Household Budgets R1,747 million provision has been made for the payment of medical aid contributions for the continuation members as well as a nominal amount thereof for the payment of incentive rewards to qualifying staff.

The Capital Expenditure budget for 2019/2020 decreases by 32,62% from the 2018/2019 revised estimates to R3,5 million to R4 million since the majority of the hardware purchases and network refresh is anticipated to be completed in the 2018/2019 financial year.

In conclusion, Mr Deputy Speaker, the Western Cape Provincial Parliament would like to thank Dr Ivan Meyer, the Minister of Finance and his Treasury team for the engagement and assistance around the compilation of the budget and his support and guidance with the implementation of FAMPLA.

WCPP would also like to thank the Minister of Community Safety, Alan Winde and his Department for their assistance given to the committees of WCPP during their oversight visits.

A special word of appreciation to the Parliamentary Oversight Committee under the Chairpersonship of hon Wiley for the role he plays in ensuring and maintaining oversight over the financial management of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament. At this stage it would be remiss of me not to thank the hon Uys for his insightful questions in unpacking the budget and helping to understand. Hon Uys, I will certainly miss that engagement.

I would also like to thank all our stakeholders and assurance providers, the Auditor-General of South Africa, the Audit Committee and internal audit for their oversight and advisory services. Lastly I would like to thank the Deputy Speaker, the Secretary and his entire team for their contribution, commitment and continued support. I thank you. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Chief Whip Wiley.

An HON MEMBER: Your last speech! Your very last speech!

Mr M G E WILEY: You wish. [Interjections.] Right, Deputy Speaker, thank you very much [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr M G E WILEY: I am not going to repeat what the Speaker said about the increases to our budget. It is a well-known fact that the Western Cape Provincial Parliament is still in transition phase with the various different things that are being applied at the ERPM, functional enhancement and the like, but the Western Cape Provincial Parliament remains a beacon of hope in the South African legislative sector. It has the smallest budget by population, the smallest staff complement but it remains the busiest legislature in the sector, in oversight including that of SCOPA – and I am very sorry that once again the Chairperson of SCOPA has failed in his duty to be here to participate in this debate. [Interjections.]

The Auditor-General has confirmed in his reports that our oversight is good in this Legislature. Our public hearings processes and other legislative functions frequently follow thorough and due process [Interjections.] and we are often praised for that, but Deputy Speaker, it is another area that the Western Cape Provincial Parliament is also the smallest and that is that their quantum of MP's in this Chamber here is also the smallest per capita in the province.

In 1997 when the final Constitution was ratified by the Constitution Assembly and I had the privilege of actually having been a member of that Constitution Assembly, the Western Cape was given 42 members for a population of 4,2 million people.

In 1998 the Western Cape Constitution, we being the only province in this country that fulfilled its obligation of creating a provincial constitution, we entrenched that line in our Constitution that we have 42 members. [Interjections.] So we have another step to cross if we want to change it.

An HON MEMBER: Ja, it will change.

Mr M G E WILEY: It is a fact that the residents of any province are entitled to their fair share of public representation in order for their needs to be serviced and for oversight and to be able to be a thermometer to go into the communities to find out what is going on. For that we do need to have more public representatives. Since 1998 this province has grown to, I understand, today was corroborated as 6,8 million. Now if one takes the rough rule of thumb that was used previously of one representative per 100 000 then that would increase this Chamber from 42 to 68 members.

Efforts by the DA governing party to get the ANC to agree to a change in the Western Cape Constitution began in 2015. First they dragged their feet. Then they said they were waiting for Secretary-General Mantashe at the time to take a decision on the matter and then in the post-Zuma area everything just died through decision paralysis as is so often the case with so many things of the National Department [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Just collapsed.

Mr M G E WILEY: This has to happen sooner rather than later.

An HON MEMBER: You are very unhappy.

Mr M G E WILEY: Western Cape Provincial Parliament and the Western Cape Government must start to take steps now to prepare for this reality. I am absolutely convinced that the need is greater than ever to increase the numbers and I get the impression from discussions the other side recently that they too want to see the numbers of this Legislature increased. But Deputy Speaker, there are some other threats as well.

The one is the independence of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament as an institution. The Legislative Sector Bill that they wanted to bring about is a centralisation of efforts, having a bargaining chamber with regard to all the staff complements right around the country, with the Speaker of the National Assembly being in charge and being seen in the superior capacity, for instance, to the individual Speakers of the legislatures.

There is a standardised rules and procedures threat. And a single staff roster which may well mean that if they like the clerk of papers over here, the Limpopo Government can demand that that person be sent over there. In other words, we are not able to select our staff to the level and standard that we require here and may I say that our staff and I'll get onto it in a second, are second to none. Then there is the role of the National Council of Provinces. The National Council of Provinces exists because of the provinces, not despite the provinces. It is there to be a voice for the provinces and to protect the provinces, not to be there to rubber stamp the National Assembly and to run simply as they see fit. Currently there is chaos in the ANC factions on the other side and that has rubbed off [Interjections.] on the ability [Interjections.] of the scheduling and the programming of the NCOP. And I will give you an example [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: You want example? You want [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Listen to what he says! This is an example!

Mr M G E WILEY: Yesterday [Interjections.] in fact this morning [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order [Interjections.] order [Interjection.]

Mr M G E WILEY: ...I received from the Acting Secretary [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: You still at the conspiracy theory!

Mr M G E WILEY: ...a letter that was sent [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: The war is over! [Interjections.]

Mr M G E WILEY: ...through relating to the agenda for a plenary on Thursday. Thursday! Our programme was set six months ago for our budget process. Yet, on Thursday they have got almost 30 items that they are going to try and rush through in a plenary on the other side. Denying us the opportunity to be represented as a province with regard to Bills, with regard to considerations and reports, a whole host of things [Interjections.] There are about 1-2-3-4, there are four Section 76 legislations there for which we are entitled to go and voice our opinion.

An HON MEMBER: Then go there.

Mr M G E WILEY: But the unfortunate thing is that they [Interjections.] treat us with such an afterthought, they often tell us the day in advance [Interjections.] about important bills that are in the other House [Interjection.]

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

Mr M G E WILEY: And we are not able to select special delegates for those important debates and bill processing [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Shame, hon Wiley. [Interjections.]

Mr M G E WILEY: Well, the unfortunate thing is, coming from a communist, that is perfect because [Interjections.] in a communist country they do not have elections! They do not have multiple parties! They have no processes for passing legislation! [Interjections.] They pass legislation [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order [Interjections.]

Mr M G E WILEY: ...by dictate!

An HON MEMBER: Order yourself, member.

An HON MEMBER: The cold war is over.

Mr M G E WILEY: Yep, well please will someone get the coffee to [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order[Interjection.]

Mr M G E WILEY: ...go to his direction so he can also understand that communism is over and the Cold War is over! [Interjections.] There is not a country on the face of the earth that has succeeded under communism. The only thing that has happened is about 100 million people have died as a result of it. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: For parliamentary community!

Mr M G E WILEY: The NCOP is being rendered irrelevant and a threat to the existence of the provinces and becomes also an anti-Western Cape forum for those provinces that are so inadequate they cannot run their own affairs.

An HON MEMBER: Are you sure? [Interjections.]

Mr M G E WILEY: I would like to speak about the Western Cape staff, if I may, Deputy Speaker. They remain an outstanding and professional body of people and we wish Mr Adams well, the incoming Secretary. Our Western Cape staff are dedicated to law making, frequently questioning both national and provincial bills. We do send it back on occasion to the departments, tell them to please alter things or bring about amendments. Our public hearings are extensive and thorough. More so than any other province [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Are you sure?

Mr M G E WILEY: ...and we frequently hear about this in the NCOP [Interjections.] where bills fail because it is pointed out that negotiating mandates and final mandates have not even been put to the committees. They never even had a public hearing. In fact, fraudulent activity has occurred on occasion.

An HON MEMBER: Problems!

An HON MEMBER: And we do not hear a word [Interjection.]

Mr M G E WILEY: To all - from the senior management to the long serving staff and ordinary members doing essential services, thank you for your services. The lawyers, the translators, the catering staff, the Table staff, Hansard, the committee section [Interjections.] the HR service offices, IT, public education and relations and the paper staff. If I have left anybody out, I apologise. Also to South African Police Services and the parliamentary provincial staff who keep us safe, and especially the serjeant-at-arms. Thank you very much for [Inaudible.]. [Applause.]

I want to especially mention one individual and that is Alvin Poggenpoel who is always in my office [Interjections.] making sure that I have done my work or giving advice with regard to the Order Paper. Alvin, thank you very much. [Interjections.] [Applause.]

To my own caucus staff, I also thank you for ensuring efficient service that has seen five years of generally well run and busy programming. I would loathe to single out anyone, but I would like to mention Noreen Schulde and Belinda Sickie, who work constantly with the other political parties and members and thank them very much for their work in that regard. Lastly Deputy Speaker and on a rather otherwise note [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: You still have minutes. You can go [Interjection.]

Mr M G E WILEY: The Speaker has referred to the Rules changes which are going to be in front of us on Thursday [Interjections.] This applies to all members. Congratulations, first of all as far as members are concerned, to Masizole Mnqasela, on getting his post graduate diploma yesterday at LSS, which is one of the positive things [Applause.] that WCPP do make available for the members. But we can change the Rules every day of the week all day if we wish. If the members ignore them individually or collectively, they are meaningless. In [Interjections.] my experience in politics we have to change the system of representation at this sphere.

An HON MEMBER: Correct. Let us hear.

Mr M G E WILEY: There are too many members who are not honourable, nor dedicated to public representation [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Are you talking about [Interjection.]

Mr M G E WILEY: Their failure in this last budget, the failure to pay debt, a normal debt, like for instance when you owe something for lost equipment or for instance you say you are going to go on a public outreach or public hearings and you do not arrive or you make use of the parliamentary transport and then you do not sit in the hearings – you are liable like anybody else for incurring that debt!

The fact that there are four members, some dating back to 2016, is not only unheard of but disgraceful and if it was not for the spotlight that I have put onto it – and the rest of my committee put onto it in the last couple of months, it would have been double that amount. None of them [Interjections.] may I say, on the right hand side, my right hand side of the House here, thank you very much for that [Interjections.] There is also a total disrespect for the House and WCPP procedures and we have seen this where the Registrar has routinely gone and stood on the doorstep of members' offices, asking them, pleading with them to do their ethical and moral responsibility with regard to declaration of interest, which they fail to do, and the House has censured some members in this regard. But the arrogance displayed by members in this regard is frightening! Absolutely frightening!

An HON MEMBER: Do not shout. [Interjections.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: And then I suppose [Interjections.] stronger weaknesses. Just use the same words with less anger.

†'n AGBARE LID: Ja. Hy is baie [Onhoorbaar.] 31:52
[An HON MEMBER: Yes. He is very [Inaudible.]]

Mr M G E WILEY: In fact, the last member that spoke is the epitome of what I would call a person who is a dishonourable member. [Interjections.]

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

Mr M G E WILEY: Patent dishonesty is a hallmark.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Order Chief Whip. I think that is a direct reference to a member of this House, which can be identified as a member of this House. So, that would not be parliamentary to call a member not [Interjection.]

Mr M G E WILEY: Well, Deputy Speaker, if that hon – as you know, I cannot see very well these days. I only heard a voice. Not sure who it was [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Ah please man!

Mr M G E WILEY: So I just said it was a patently – that individual, but if that person would like to identify themselves then I will withdraw. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Member Wiley, can I ask you this way, did you refer to a specific member of the House by calling him dishonourable? [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: No, he did not mention it.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: If that is so, then that is unparliamentary [Interjection.]

Mr M G E WILEY: Deputy Speaker, if you are alluding to the fact that I mentioned hon Cameron Dugmore, then answer is “yes” and I withdraw.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Just because we stand up to your bullying, you do not like us. That is it. [Interjections.]

Mr M G E WILEY: Well, talking about – let us talk about bullying. When three members pack up and attack an elderly visitor to this Parliament in crude and rude language – and he wants to talk about bullying! That is the epitome of a disgraceful, dishonourable behaviour. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. [Interjections.]

Mr M G E WILEY: You know, and the thing that gets me, Deputy Speaker, [Interjections.] the thing that gets me is that there is this constant referring that we do not take responsibility individually. It is a collective responsibility. Well I want to tell you something, I hope that my successor takes individual responsibility.

I take responsibility for everyone of the members here! [Interjections.] If they stuff up, I will take responsibility for it [Interjections.] that is the role of a Chief Whip. There is no such thing as collective responsibility [Interjections.] There is only something called [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr M G E WILEY: There is only something called common purpose and when I was – bad old days – when people packed together [Interjections.] and literally gang raped people or collectively burnt them with tyres, then they went to court because they said, they were charged under common purpose and that is what I am talking about. There is no such thing as collective responsibility. You either are individually responsible because that is what the law recognises or [Interjections.] it was common purpose, in other words, it was a “sameswering”. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr M G E WILEY: Lastly [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.]

Mr M G E WILEY: ...in conclusion [Interjections.]

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Member, just one second. [Interjections.] Order! Hon Lekker [Interjections.] Order! Please come to order now. [Interjections.] I am talking specifically, hon Lekker, hon Dijana and hon Makeleni [Interjections.] Hon Lekker, I have just mentioned your name, please refrain from making comments now. You may continue.

Mr M G E WILEY: Thank you. In conclusion, Deputy Speaker [Interjection.]

Ms P Z LEKKER: Hi, you must conclude indeed.

Mr M G E WILEY: I would [Interjections.] I would really ask that whoever sits in the corridors of power in future, that they relook at the system of public representation [Interjections.] I would suggest that they dust off the study that was done by Van Zyl Slabbert. We have got to develop public representatives who are there for public representation, not there for the salary package [Interjections.] and that we have like in the ward system, we have also at provincial level people who are geographically representative. So that the people can [Interjections.] recognise and understand who represents them [Interjections.]

In this election campaign I come across it on a daily basis where people say, who is my public representative? Who is my parliamentarian? And that is because people are not prepared to stand up there and take ownership of the career of public representation as being a politician, restore it to its honourable state that it should be and to go out there and to be proper public representatives and to be answerable for the role they play. Instead people hide as much as they can and I am speaking [Interjections.] generally because I want to say as a last point [Interjection.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: But you have stopped almost a [Interjections.]

Mr M G E WILEY: ...is that it has been an absolute revelation to work with my own colleagues who are not that sort of public representative. Who are prepared to be accountable [Interjections.] Who do work with the communities [Interjections.] Who do hold projects in the communities and can be considered to be upholding the honour that public representation should be [Interjections.] I thank you. [Applause.]

Ms P Z LEKKER: Good riddance from everybody, thank [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. I want to see the hon Uys but there is too much communication across the floor. [Interjections.] Hon Uys. I see the hon Uys. [Interjections.]

Mr P UYS: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. Thank you for that input from the Speaker. In the 10 minutes I would like to respond to hon Wiley, but hopefully I will get to that. I just want to reflect on the five last years [Interjections.] and specifically on some of the staff issues, and here I really want to thank the staff. They worked extremely hard.

The staff that remained behind – some staff left, and I do not think this House really understands and knows the difficult circumstances that this staff work under. We know the accommodation has not been increased and there has been a growing number of the staff here, so let me thank each and every one of the staff members. Those that were here the last five years. Those that remained here, and specifically also their families, because we could see them going through a very, very difficult period, and I am not going to go into detail, but I would like to highlight some of the issues here.

We first had an Acting Secretary and here I must say, thank you to Mr Hinde. I think it is the fourth time in these five years or something like that, you are acting here. I mean it is uncalled for and unasked and you will get it at any other Parliament.

Ms Fakira was appointed in February 2015. Very soon after that, hon Deputy Speaker, she came in August out with her report and really reflected on the staff and how bad it is going with the staff. And I am not going to reflect on it. It was quite a substantial report, but she was saying that there is an increasing incidence of fatigue, burnout of staff, sick leave are increasing and there is the decline to meet standards and timelines. That was very bad. That was in 2015. The end of 2015, it was so bad for the Deputy Secretary, that she resigned here end of 2015. Ms Fakira, the Secretary to Parliament, consequently had to go the same route because of that. That was in January 2016. That was just in that short period of time. And you can see the instability that was created here.

Then there was a Secretary appointed and I really referred to the Secretary many, many times here, and it is not personalising it. In February 2016, there was a Secretary appointed without any due process. No consultation. No advertising. No transparency and that individual was appointed till now 31 March 2019.

By the way, it is interesting to see that a Secretary take leave in the last month of employment.

Also strange, hon Deputy Speaker, was a Secretary appointed on a 7/8 contract. You will never find it. You will never get it anywhere – I want to say – in the world. And what we also experienced here, Deputy Speaker, what the Chief Parliamentary Officer – and he was also at that stage the Acting Secretary because he had to carry that action of burden alone, resigned.

The Manager, ICT, resigned. The Manager, Public Education and Outreach, resigned. But worse, Deputy Speaker, none of those posts were filled and that is the pressure that we see that emerges and that is on the staff here. And then even to add to this uncertainty that is happening within the Provincial Legislature, in September 2018 the PriceWaterhouseCoopers' report of R1,5 million in terms of organisational restructuring was released. And in that report 38 posts would have been abandoned here and people would have lost their jobs.

Now, you can understand what uncertainty that caused. Again the wrong management of a report. [Interjections.] Yes, that report was eventually in November 2018 abandoned. None of the issues of the PriceWaterhouseCoopers' report of R1,5 million was implemented [Interjections.] and really that caused demotivation, uncertainty and put major pressure on staff and of course their families.

It is behind this background that I would like to thank all staff and I wish you well. I would like to say, have faith. There is a new dawn. There is a new dawn coming [Interjections.] Hon Deputy Speaker, I would like to [Interjections.] I would like to deviate just very [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Shh!

Mr P UYS: ...very, very briefly before getting to the budget itself. [Interjections.] Hon Deputy Speaker, the MPL's and the size and number of this Provincial Parliament – we all know there is due process. This Legislature cannot just go about and say we want to change our Constitution. There is due process via the national legislative sector, and I know you started more towards the end and that time was not sufficient to really do it, but to create the impression there were ANC members here that were not cooperating! This is not an island. This is not a federal state. You cannot just change what is happening here and have a national constitution, but I think there was a will here, a will from all sides here to say, let us take it forward. So, let us put that into proper perspective. [Interjections.]

The next one that was raised here, hon Deputy Speaker, was that the NCOP and the issues in the NCOP. The NCOP – I do not understand what is the issue at hand? Legislation comes here. There is a timeframe. We attend to it. But Deputy Speaker, the last legislation we had here around the National Gambling Amendment Bill, there was not one member of the DA, that is supposed to be here, because they are the majority in the Western Cape, in terms of that legislation.

I would even say it is illegal because that person was not here, but we continued.

Not at one of the sessions – not at the hearing, not at the discussion, not at anything that would [Inaudible.] of that year. Then hon Deputy Speaker, there was also referred to debt and there is always a reflection on members of the ANC. If there is debt, the debt must be managed via the administrative processes. If there was no proper administrative processes, where they had legion opportunity for the member to put his or her case why it happened. And we all know, sometimes there is an outreach programme in Citrusdal or wherever the case may be, and there is miscommunication or there could be miscommunication. Therefore it is important just to not only point fingers at hon members here, but really to also understand what is the issue at hand.

And then hon Wiley referred to the declaration and really, people, just do not ignore it. The last report we received from the Registrar [Interjections.] was that all members, “all”, and I am including the DA – 42 members [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: You just passed a report that cannot go on [Interjection.]

Mr P UYS: ...all 42 members timeously by before 30 April declared their interest. So, I do not know why he is casting aspersions on [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Who are you talking about?

Mr P UYS: ...on members that are sitting here and that is a major problem that we see [Interjections.] and a major concern that I need to express. I want to briefly get to the budget and again, hon Deputy Speaker, we see that not all the money is spent in the last financial year. Again R3 million had not been spent, but Deputy Speaker, worse! We picked up now in the budget as the Parliamentary Oversight Committee, errors in the budget. This is the budget in front of us, hon Deputy Speaker, but no effort to put an errant in the ATC. Nothing. I saw today the Premier did that. I mean you cannot go forward with mistakes and not even try to rectify it after it has been pointed out to you. That is what is happening.

Hon Deputy Speaker, the Speaker, referred to the R750 000 transfer from the legislative sector, but when asking the Speaker in this House, for what will that R750 000 be used, there was no answer. We will come back to you. How can your budget have R750 000 and you do not know what you are going to use that money for?

There is also the issue around what hon Wiley referred to as the independent, almost like, legislature and this big brother or this big something out there. The Parliament that is going to influence, impact here. We asked that question, hon Deputy Speaker.

Legal services in this budget will increase by 63%! 63%! And the reason why? On the one hand we get praise for the legislative sector, so-called good work that is happening there. We participate and we like to participate and the next moment we say, we put more money aside, we are going to fight national in terms of the issues that is coming to the fore [Interjections.]

Hon Deputy Speaker, the allocation to political parties. The Speaker tried to explain, I do not think it is a fair, reasonable, good answer that she actually reflected because we referred to the Blue Book here. There is only an increase of 0,97% to political parties. We must break it down. We must go look at the adjustment estimate, the revised estimate and the new estimate that we find here. 0,97% increase to political parties and that is to cover services, increase in rent, increase in salaries.

Again a total disjuncture of what is happening in the office of the Speaker and what is happening on the ground with political parties and how they need to address it. But let me give you another example of what is really happening in this Legislature and let us refer to a very simple thing that I hope we all can very easily understand and associate with and that is catering services.

Hon Deputy Speaker, can you believe this? Can the House believe this? There is not a dedicated or a designated service provider for catering? I mean that is a simple thing. [Interjections.] For catering. So. Any committee, if there are four committees or 10 committees, the staff must go out on a quote of three for each and every single committee. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: What?

Mr P UYS: Now, you can think for yourself what is happening to this staff. What they must do is [Interjection.] They must go out. So, if there are four committees [Interjections.] there are three tenders for each one. Every single day. Every single committee [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: No wonder there is [Inaudible.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Mr P UYS: And now we can see how absurd this is, a waste of time of staff, additional security vetting and how do you do quality control? [Interjections.] Hon Deputy Speaker [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: You must be embarrassed [Interjection.]

Mr P UYS: ...last one. [Interjections.] The hon Speaker referred to accommodation [Interjections.] We took a decision on accommodation. We said we want to look at the third floor, but nothing is happening. [Interjections.] There is nothing in the budget. Speaker, if you look at the fourth floor, and I do not know what the fifth floor looks like, it is in a mess. It is not being maintained and kept up, but hon Deputy Speaker, and I am going to conclude there [Interjections.] Deputy Speaker, when there was a problem with your car, I believe there was a cockroach in your car the other day. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Cockroach!

Mr P UYS: What did you do?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order [Interjection.]

Mr P UYS: What did you?! You had the car, a full valet. You hired the Mercedes Benz for three days. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: A cockroach? A cockroach!? Oh!

Mr P UYS: ... but here we as members [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order [Interjection.]

Mr P UYS: ...here we as members [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr P UYS: ...we do not get any services and they are cramped up in offices [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order. On that note we must stop the debate [Interjections.] Order. [Interjections.] The Speaker [Interjections.] Order.

An HON MEMBER: The Boere [Inaudible.]

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

Mr K E MAGAXA: Can I apologize on behalf of all of us to hon Joseph for being objecting to you for hon Wiley. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. That is the frivolous point of order. I see the Speaker, to respond. [Interjections.] Order. Hon Wiley.

Mr M G E WILEY: Deputy Speaker, I would just like to again object to the fact [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.]

Mr M G E WILEY: ...that the ACDP and the EFF are once again missing from this important Vote [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You are correct. [Interjections.] I see the Speaker, to respond. [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: We apologize [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Deputy Speaker, [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: There is no need.

Mr K E MAGAXA: We made a serious error!

The SPEAKER: In conclusion I wish to thank all the members of the House for their cooperation and active participation in the matters affecting the [Interjections.] Provincial Parliament.

The hon Uys reminded everybody during the Parliamentary Oversight Committee meeting, last committee meeting [Interjections.] on the budget, that one should not take criticism levelled at the administration personally and that it is done in the spirit of oversight responsibility of members. I fully agree with him on that score.

Allow me then, in the spirit, to share a few observation of how this oversight responsibility was exercised by certain members over the past four years. Nothing personal, of course. [Interjections.] Pepping of corridor gossip as gospel, that the functional enhancement process will result in job losses in the WCPP. Truth is, that the functional enhancement process resulted in additional jobs of the establishment to ensure better services to our members, with not a single staff member losing his or her job as a result of functional enhancement.

Accusations of closing the democratic space in the Legislature. Truth is that the biggest closure of the democratic space happened when the Premier was not allowed by members [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Awh!

The SPEAKER: ...to deliver her State of the Province Address in 2015 as a result of [Inaudible.] busting of the worst kind in true EFF style. [Interjections.] The Western Cape Provincial Parliament has successfully concluded the review of the Rules, which hopefully will better regulate the democratic space, going forward.

†'n AGBARE LID: Moenie *worry* nie hoor [Tussenwerpsels.]
[An HON MEMBER: Do not worry, hey [Interjections.]]

The SPEAKER: Some of the most peculiar and sometimes bizarre interpretations of the Standing Rules. [Interjections.] I suppose the Afrikaans saying that †“in die land van die blindes is eenoog koning” [in the land of the blind the one-eye is king] [Interjections.] best describes the particular situation.

The revelation of a scandal of epic proportions in the office of the Speaker regarding irregular expenditure, the procurement of a gatsby from petty cash and the huge fall out [Interjections.] yet another – I never ate it! I never purchased it. I never tasted it. Thank you. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Why not? [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Yet another [Interjections.] yet another clean audit, but let me, Mr Deputy Speaker, talk to the sheer hypocrisy of this very ANC who will take the Speaker's office to task for a gatsby, yet in their ranks they have members who owe this very institution money but they will not exercise oversight over their own members. [Interjections.] Fearmongering by members that the parliamentary administration is on the brink of collapse because of the loss of senior staff [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Or is it because there is no back bone?

The SPEAKER: Staff being under enormous stress and not well paid at all. Truth is that we have a solid administration, ready to respond to the challenges of the Sixth Parliament.

What is even more interesting, Deputy Speaker, is that people who have left this institution are actually now applying for positions to come back here. So it cannot be such a bad place after all. [Interjections.] Our staff are well remunerated and a significant [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Your response was predetermined yes, for sure!

The SPEAKER: ...number of internal staff have been appointed to senior positions in the administration after a rigorous recruitment [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Ja, it is a take-over [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: You know you are so predictable, I can call you out on everything you do, thank you.

An HON MEMBER: That is called paying somebody [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The SPEAKER: I could actually prepare a speech – after four years I know this man so well. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

The SPEAKER: Same old, same old. Help me to understand please, unpack this [Interjections.] it is the same story man, come on! [Interjections.] Significant however, is [Interjections.] Well you should go to that [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: ...and see what it is about.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Speaker, I want to protect you. [Interjections.] I want to protect. You may continue. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Significant however is that in Mar4ch 2009, and I need not to remind the members here, in 2009 WCPP had a vacancy rate of 26%. This has been brought down to the current 3.2% of funded vacancies. So much for a collapsing administration. [Interjections.] But as the hon Uys says, nothing personal, all in the spirit of our members doing our jobs. Let us do vigorous oversight. By the way we are the only legislature in this country subjected to scrutiny to this extent. I can tell you that in other legislatures the Speaker of the House presides over the Parliamentary Oversight Committee.

†'n AGBARE LID: Ag nee!

[An HON MEMBER: Oh, no!]

The SPEAKER: We are the only legislature that does not do that. We cannot be the judge and jury [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: You must speak up [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: So, let us talk about this. Then the hon Uys talks about my being a professional traveller and I was quite worried [Interjections.] I thought now, he travelled with me to Los Angeles on a trip what was he talking about? So I did some research and low and behold Mr Deputy Speaker, I stumbled across a media article that talks to a certain Mr Shaun Byleveld who was forever travelling and apparently spent more time out of the country [Interjections.] than at work. It says, "he visited 52 countries in less than 4 years. So hon Uys, your comment about a professional traveller pales into insignificance. [Interjections.] Again the sheer hypocrisy of the ANC. You want to call this side of the House up [Interjections.] sweep before your own door before you sweep somewhere else. [Interjections.]

Then the fire rationale, the catering. [Interjections.] There is a long term catering service contract on the way. Hansard, all of the other stuff we have dealt with. I am not going to go there.

Mr P UYS: So I did not say anything about that [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: The [Inaudible.]55:34 travelling, you will step down now. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Magaxa [Interjection.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: I thought you are [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: I am not going anywhere, thank you. [Interjections.] I know you are going somewhere, but I am not going anywhere.

An HON MEMBER: Enjoy your journey before I move [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

An HON MEMBER: Professional travellers.

The SPEAKER: I just want to get to my last little bit, Deputy Speaker. [Interjections.] I think it is important to thank the Secretary, in his absence, Dr Lawrence for very ably assisting WCPP together with its stalwart team of staff for steadying the ship this last three years. [Interjections.] We can certainly say that the Western Cape Provincial Parliament is the best parliament in the country and very soon we will be the best in the Southern Region [Applause.] And we will become the best parliament on the continent because we have the right people to make it happen.

I also want to thank every staff member, every service provider and stakeholder for ensuring the Western Cape Provincial Parliament delivers on its mandate.

I would also like to thank my office staff for their support over the last some 58 months. They have gone the extra mile to ensure that the office of the Speaker runs smoothly.

Finally, Mr Deputy Speaker, I wish to express my immense gratitude and appreciation to you. You have acted as a coach and mentor to me. You have shared freely and guided me through moments of sheer terror and for that I thank you. [Interjections.] Your knowledge, experience and contribution to the sector is immense. And you will be sorely missed, I thank you. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. On that note we conclude the debate on this vote.

An HON MEMBER: But what about Wiley? You forgot. What about Wiley?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. The House will just suspend for a brief while and then restart with the next order. The House is suspended.

[Business of the House was suspended and resumed.]

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

WESTERN CAPE COMMISSIONER FOR CHILDREN BILL [B4 B - 2018]

(Consideration and finalisation)

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I do not have a speakers' list but there is an opportunity for declarations of vote if parties do want to take up the opportunity. From the ANC's side, hon member Dugmore.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Thank you very much. Mr Deputy Speaker, this is actually a victory for the people of the Western Cape who could not accept that the Premier of this province could stand up in 2009 and promise a Children's Commissioner. One year went by, a second year went by, a third year went by and it was clear that there was no intention on the part of Premier Zille or the DA to actually establish a Children's Commissioner [Interjection.]

Mr D MITCHELL: Starting since 1994.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: When you were in government.

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

Mr C M DUGMORE: ...and this, like the Environmental Commissioner was based on the fact that they did not want the attention of the public to be cast on the plight of children in our province... [Interjection.]

Mr D G MITCHELL: That is just untrue.

Mr M G E WILEY: How long did the Child Justice Act take?

Mr C M DUGMORE: ...this in a province where we all know so what happened was that through the pressure brought to bear by the ANC, by the Opposition parties here, we continually raise this issue. Then there was a very subtle and underhand attempt to actually make the appointment of this Commissioner not compulsory, in other words to make it discretionary, which was simply yet another delaying tactic. We went out on public hearings across the province and there was an unequivocal mandate from those public hearings... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You are searching for answers really... [Inaudible.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: ...both in support of the Children's Commissioner and the Environmental Commissioner. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: There is nothing they said... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: They are confused. That is all. [Interjections.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: And out of that particular process increasing pressure was born to actually appoint this Children's Commissioner. In fact it is an indictment that we meet here just a couple of days from the last session of this Legislature and as much as we are going to be approving this legislation after the process we have undertaken, we will not actually have appointed a Children's Commissioner before the end of this term. So that effectively means that the Premier on behalf of the DA made a promise ten years ago, which has not actually physically been realised through the appointment of that Children's Commissioner. [Interjections.]

Mr D G MITCHELL: It started in 2004. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is her legacy.

Mr C M DUGMORE: But we should celebrate the fact that in the new term we will appoint a Children's Commissioner and I think that is one of the reasons also why... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Yes, we are, yes.

Mr C M DUGMORE: ...why the ACDP has got a particular problem with the way the DA has governed this province because it was them in those initial discussions around the Provincial Constitution that motivated very strongly for a Children's Commissioner... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: It was started by the ACDP.

Mr D G MITCHELL: But it did not go on a public hearing! [Interjections.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: But the DA has effectively ignored that so I think we literally have a situation where the trauma of our children, the rising gangsterism, the rising abuse of children actually lie at the door of this DA... [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: That continues. That continues. [Interjections.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: ...who for ten years failed because we all know that if the Premier had honoured her promise, we would have had a spotlight on children. [Interjections.] There would have been a spotlight on children. [Interjections.] There would have been an integration of our responses to the province affecting children so that ten years - a wasted ten years - lies completely at the door of this Democratic Alliance... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: But you were not at the public hearings! You were not at the public hearings hon member Dugmore.

Mr C M DUGMORE: ...and it is the legacy of the DA's Premier Helen Zille... [Interjections.] And in fact this province remains in defiance of that Constitution by still not having an Environmental Commissioner. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Mr C M DUGMORE: So we welcome this, it is a victory for the people of the Western Cape... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Member your time... [Interjection.]

Mr D JOSEPH: ...because the ANC failed.

Ms L J BOTHA: Your time is up.

Mr C M DUGMORE: We need to move to get the best possible Commissioner appointed, without fear or favour... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Your time has expired.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Thank you. [Time expired.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The hon member Mitchell. [Interjections.]

†n AGBARE LID: Hoor-hoor-hoor-hoor! Hoor-hoor-hoor-hoor!
[An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear-hear-hear! Hear-hear-hear-hear!]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The DA.

Ms L J BOTHA: And you know that song [Inaudible.] You were not even there.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Premier?

The PREMIER: Thank you very much, Mr Deputy Speaker.
Mr Q R DYANTYI: Where is the Chairperson of the Committee?

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: It is none of your business.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Oh no, know what is happening here. Are you not the Chairperson of the Committee? [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: Thank you very much.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: The member was in the committees but he is still [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

Mr D G MITCHELL: Ja.

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

The PREMIER: I have only got three minutes to speak.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Correct.

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

Mr D G MITCHELL: Member Gopie was there. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You have to behave yourselves!

The PREMIER: First of all, let me make a very clear prediction, that however hard the Children's Commissioner works and whatever they do within their constitutional mandate, tragically children will continue to be raped and murdered and shot in this province. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Oh my word!

Mr C M DUGMORE: How cynical; how absolutely cynical.

The PREMIER: And there is nothing cynical about that. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: You should have kept quiet [Inaudible.]

The PREMIER: Because there is absolutely nothing in the powers of the Children's Commissioner that can prevent that or even bring to book the perpetrators. [Interjections.] That lies with different institutions. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr C M DUGMORE: That is arrogance!

The PREMIER: That is the first thing. The second thing is that the powers defined in the Constitution are so loose and most of them are already fulfilled by other institutions... [Interjection.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: They vote against this. .

The PREMIER: ...that when this was brought to my attention, like all sensible people, when the circumstances change I change my position.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Sensible! Sensible!

The PREMIER: Every rational human being in the world does that... [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You failed, Premier.

The PREMIER: Otherwise evidence would make no difference.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: And through your failure children are dying.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Dyantyi, please!

The PREMIER: The very fact that the ANC never ever instituted the thing that they had wailing about proves the point.

Mr D JOSEPH: Yes.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Exactly!

The PREMIER: The disingenuousness and the hypocrisy is all on the other side. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: It must be a pain.

The PREMIER: Then it comes to Mr Winston Erasmus and ANC Youth League leader... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: It does not matter who he is, it is the issue he is raising.

The PREMIER: ...who is a new advocate and whose case was kicked out of court. [Interjections.] Here is a man, here is a man who poses on the internet with a set of rifles and guns, who shoots beautiful animals dead for fun and he is the person... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Okay you are diverting now. Come to the Children's Commissioner.

The PREMIER: He is the person who takes us to court demanding an Environmental Commissioner. [Interjections - speaking simultaneously.] The hypocrisy is mind-boggling.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Ms P MAKELENI: You are worried about the animals and not about our children that die every day.

The PREMIER: There are scores of institutions under the Child Justice Act, which by the way took eight years - eight years for the ANC to promulgate, which is the framework legislation for all of the institutions that now exist to protect children. We will create another one, not because it is in any way going to add value to all of the others, but because it is constitutionally required and we are a party of the Constitution and the rule of law.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Oh so you say ten years later.

The PREMIER: You never did it. So the bottom line is this: there are scores of institutions... [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: There is nothing about it [Inaudible.]

The PREMIER: There are scores of institutions. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: That is hypocrisy.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Premier, just finish... [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: There are a range of organisations doing precisely what the Children's Commissioner would do.

Mr C M DUGMORE: In principle they vote against the [Inaudible.] of this Bill.

The PREMIER: And we will not vote against this Bill... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Okay! Wow!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The PREMIER: Because constitutionally, constitutionally we are now bound given the fact that the ANC would not help us amend the Constitution.

Mr D G MITCHELL: And the Environmental Commissioner as well.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you Premier. Your time has expired. Order! That concludes the declarations on this Bill. Are there any objections to the Bill being finalised? No objections? Agreed to.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: It is mutatis.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Secretary will read the Bill.

The SECRETARY: Western Cape Commissioner for Children Bill [B4 B - 2018].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Secretary will read the next order, the eighth Order of the Day.

**REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES, TOURISM AND AGRICULTURE
ON THE NATIONAL CREDIT AMENDMENT BILL [B30 - 2018]**

(Consideration)

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! The Legislature received the report of the Standing Committee on Economic Opportunities, Tourism and Agriculture on the National Credit Amendment Bill, conferring authority on the Western Cape delegation in the NCOP not to support this Bill. This mandate was sent to the NCOP.

Do parties want to make declarations of vote? I will see the ANC first, hon member Tyatyam.

Mr S G TYATYAM: Thank you very much, Mr Deputy Speaker. As ANC we have always welcomed the introduction of this Bill because we know that the majority of our people, particularly the poor and lower income earners are always affected directly and indirectly by unhealthy lending that is ending up impacting on the whole family. There comes a time that Government must intervene to protect its people and this is that time, because the big banks, the five main banks have refused to play the ball and allow a process where they participate mutually with our people in this process. BASA confirms this by refusing to change the current system and even warning us about the possible big volume of debt intervention applications that could be received. What is wrong with that when people are applying for that? We must remember that these banks at some stage were refusing to open bank accounts for the majority of our low income earners in South Africa.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Yes, oh yes.

Mr S G TYATYAM: It took many campaigns by different sectors of the society led by the South African Communist Party that we saw new packages and bank accounts from the banks being opened with the focus to low-income earners. This is what we are doing in South Africa if we enact this. It is not something new that has not been done in other places. It has been done in the UK using the Debt Relief Order. It has been done in India where millions benefited from government intervention, so as ANC we are supporting this particular Bill.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. The DA, hon member Simmers.

†'n AGBARE LID: Hoor-hoor!
[An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!]

Mr T A SIMMERS: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. The National Credit Amendment Bill which seeks to provide for broad debt intervention in South Africa is a problematic piece of draft legislation which the Democratic Alliance in the Western Cape does not support. It is now a shock to hear now that the ANC actually suddenly supports it after they had concurred with us in the Standing Committee.

An HON MEMBER: You are confused. [Interjections.]

Mr T A SIMMERS: Mr Deputy Speaker, this Bill is fraught with inconsistencies and a number of contradictions with existing legislation, which brings into question numerous matters pertaining to both the borrowing and lending of funds between parties in South Africa and the powers assigned to the National Minister responsible for these activities.

We do not support the Bill for the following reasons:

- (a) It is a contradiction with Section 25(1) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa which deals with property rights.
- (b) The Bill's extinguishment measure in Section 87(a) will interfere with property rights in a manner which constitutes a deprivation of a property as outlined by the Constitution.
- (c) The Bill, through debt intervention procedures will arbitrarily deprive credit providers of their rights which will not be procedurally and substantively fair.
- (d) The Bill assigns the National Minister with the power to make regulations as debt intervention measures to alleviate household debt which provides too broad powers and too much discretion and is tantamount to giving the Minister legislative powers.
- (e) The Bill contradicts the National Credit Act of 2005 by excluding refugees and asylum seekers from protection instead of applying to all consumers who are natural persons, regardless of nationality and immigration status.
- (f) And finally, the Bill discriminates against married couples by being exclusive of spouses married in community of property with a combined household debt of R50 000 or more.

With this in mind it is clear that the National Credit Amendment Bill is both in contravention of provisions outlined by the Constitution, problematically blurs the line between the National Minister and Legislature and does not remain consistent with the existing National Credit Act. It is for this reason that the Bill needs to be revised. Mr Deputy Speaker, the Democratic Alliance therefore does not support this Bill. I thank you. [Applause.]

†h AGBARE LID: Hoor-hoor!

[An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Are there any objections to the ratification of the confirmative authority on the Western Cape delegation in the NCOP not to support the Bill?

There is an objection. I will then put the question, those in favour will say "aye".

HON MEMBERS: Aye.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Those against "no".

HON MEMBERS: No.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The ayes have it. The ANC's objection will be recorded.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: I hope you understand the implication of this.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Secretary will read the next order, the ninth Order of the Day.

Mr S G TYATYAM: You should be understanding; you should be...

**REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ON THE NATIONAL PUBLIC
HEALTH INSTITUTE OF SOUTH AFRICA BILL [B16 D - 2017]**

(Consideration)

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Legislature received the report of the Standing Committee on Community Development on the National Public Health Institute of South Africa Bill, conferring authority on the Western Cape delegation in the NCOP to support this Bill. This mandate was sent to the NCOP. Is there a need for declarations from parties?

If not, then I will put the question: any objection to the question being agreed to? No objection? Agreed to.

**REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS ON THE NATIONAL
LAND TRANSPORT AMENDMENT BILL [B7 D - 2016]**

(Consideration)

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! The Legislature received the report of the Standing Committee on Transport and Public Works on the National Land Transport Amendment Bill, conferring authority on the Western Cape delegation in the NCOP not to support this Bill. This mandate was sent to the NCOP. Is there a need for declarations by parties?

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see the ANC first. Who is the ANC? Hon member Dugmore, if you do know about it, but you must do it now.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Yes.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: It seems it is sprung on you now.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Mr Deputy Speaker, I think it is indeed unfortunate that we have a situation where a piece of legislation which is actually going to assist in regard to public transport and in regard to what needs to happen on our roads and in public transport generally... [Interjection.]

Mr M G E WILEY: What needs to happen?

Mr C M DUGMORE: Sorry?

Mr M G E WILEY: What needs to happen?

An HON MEMBER: He does not know. He is trying to work it out. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! [Laughter.]

An HON MEMBER: He is trying to work it out. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Dugmore.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Mr Deputy Speaker, I was just interrupted by the Chief Whip.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You were doing well up to that point.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Can he just repeat what he was saying?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You may continue. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Ja-ja, sit down, sit!

Mr C M DUGMORE: So I think that at the end of the day those that are actually going to indicate their opposition as clearly the DA members of this House actually are, they at the end of the day need to accept responsibility for actually standing against progress in regard to public transport, the regulation of driver behaviour, the regulation in fact of the e-hailing, which has become so critical to our public transport, to our system of transport. The reason they have given, I think, are not convincing and effectively what we have here is this inability to be anything else but a blame-and-complain kind of party whereas in fact all of us should be united together in making sure that this legislation actually helps our overall system of transport and public transport in particular. So that is why we will be supporting this Bill.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you.

Mr M G E WILEY: Just like you are managing Transport.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The DA? Nobody? Hon member Hinana.

Mr N E HINANA: Ja, thank you, thanks Mr Deputy Speaker. On 14 March when the Standing Committee on Transport and Public Works was in session it took a decisive and a final solid mandate that it does not support the Amendment Bill. Thanks.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Why? You have got no reason?

Ms L J BOTHA: You were there.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Are there any objections to the ratification of the conferment of authority on the Western Cape delegation in the NCOP not to support the Bill? There is an objection. I will then put the question, those in favour will say "aye".

HON MEMBERS: Aye.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Those against "no".

HON MEMBERS: No.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I think the ayes have it and the ANC's dissent will be recorded.

**REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
ON THE NATIONAL GAMBLING AMENDMENT BILL [B 27B-2018]**

(Consideration)

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: The ANC supported the Bill, they said.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Legislature received the report of the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Development on the Infrastructure Development Bill, conferring authority on the Western Cape delegation in the NCOP not to support this Bill. This mandate was then sent to the NCOP.

Is there a need for a declaration from parties, hon Uys?

Mr P UYS: Which one are you referring to hon Mr Deputy Speaker?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: That is number 11.

Mr P UYS: Number 11 is the National Gambling Amendment Bill, the back page of the Blue... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Oh, I think my [Inaudible.] that I am using here is wrong.

Mr P UYS: Can the Table just - the blue page?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes. [Interjections.] I will then repeat myself then and say that the name of the Bill is the National Gambling Amendment Bill.

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Uys.

Mr P UYS: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. From the side of the ANC we support this. This is really tightening down on illegal gambling and strengthening that. Just a couple of motivations, what is in the Act, so if the DA votes against this piece of legislation they are also voting against tighter control on illegal gambling.

Banks will be required to stop business with any proven illegal gambling operator. It is not there now. This will be in. Once illegal gambling operations are proven, the inspectors will also advise landlords to lawfully evict the illegal operators from the premises. This is new. It was not there in the previous one.

“Required operators to remove excluded persons from their mailing list”, meaning people that is not allowed to gamble they cannot get a mailing list, meaning not to entice them to go and gamble.

The next one is to “beride the automatic forfeiture of unlawful winnings to the National Gambling Regulator.” It was not there. They had to go via a court process. Now, “no, sorry, if it is illegal we take your money.”

Section 10(A) which empowers the National Gambling Regulator to keep a register of unlawful gambling operators and also that the said operator will be disqualified for five years from applying even for a licence to operate - an excellent process.

There is one that we do not agree with and we put that forward. That is an amendment to Section 63(A) and that states that the Gambling Policy Council - the National Gambling Policy Council in the first meeting - if they do not have a quorum, the second meeting if there is still not a quorum, and the same issue is on before them, then they can move ahead. We cannot agree with that.

I have told the Department upfront it is unconstitutional. You cannot have a quorum for one set and then the next round there is no quorum. We support this Bill. We think it is a good Bill but we must be objective, not reject the total Bill, we reject the amendment and the addition of clause 63(A) to that.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The DA.

Mr D JOSEPH: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. The Western Cape Provincial Parliament received the Bill called the National Gambling Amendment Bill [B 27B–2018] referred to the Standing Committee in terms of Rule 220. The Committee decided to advertise for public hearings. Many stakeholders in the gambling industry participated with oral and written submissions, including the Western Cape Gambling and Racing Board and the Western Cape Provincial Treasury.

The amendments referred to the following:

- Replacing the National Gambling Board with the National Gambling Regulator;
- Replacing the current non-functional Gambling Board with the CEO and an administration. The board is currently under administration for the last four years.
- To increase law enforcement in the provinces with a National Inspectorate Unit. It is one of the amendments.
- To change the quorum of the National Gambling Council from five provinces out of nine provinces to a Minister and one MEC, in other words should there be no quorum at the next meeting a Minister with one MEC - hon member Uys have agreed here, the ANC, that is undemocratic to accept that.

- To introduce a new Central Electronic Monitoring System.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the intention of the Bill is to strengthen and enhance applicable legislation. It is not to strengthen or influence political power. The Western Cape Gambling and Racing Board and its operation is a good governance model in the Western Cape. More law enforcement from National Government or the National Gambling Board may lead to duplication whilst the motive is to channel unlawful winnings from provinces to the National Gambling Regulator. Gambling is a law enforcement function of provincial and national legislatures. It is the concurrent function, and the Western Cape says that unlawful winnings must come to the Western Cape Revenue Fund.

Under the Gambling Act or the proposal of five provinces as being a quorum, we support that with the ANC and the ANC did not support the DA on the rest of the proposals but I think I have news for hon member Uys. It went back to the NCOP and three ANC provinces supported the DA in the Western Cape forcing the NCOP to refer the National Gambling Amendment Bill back to the next Parliament. So the DA did not support it and that is a victory for us. I thank you. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Since there is an objection to the ratification of the confirmative authority on the Western Cape's delegation in the NCOP not to support the Bill, the ANC is dissenting, I put the question, those in favour will say "aye".

HON MEMBERS: Aye.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Those against "no".

HON MEMBERS: No.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The ANC's dissension will be recorded.

That then brings us to the end of the business for the day. Before we adjourn may I just remind members the House will sit at ten o'clock tomorrow morning.

That concludes the business of the House today. The House is adjourned.

The House adjourned at 18:07.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, TABLINGS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

TUESDAY, 26 MARCH 2019

COMMITTEE REPORT

The Rules Committee begs to report that on 20 March 2019 it concluded its deliberations on the amendments to the WCPP Standing Rules. (See attached revised WCPP Standing Rules.)

PROCEEDINGS OF THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT

The House met at 10:00.

The Speaker took the Chair and read the prayer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, TABLING AND COMMITTEE REPORTS - see p. 10450

The SPEAKER: Good morning hon members. Good morning to our guests in the gallery. Good morning to the Administration. Feel welcome. Just a few words around the rules of the gallery - we appreciate your being here. However, you cannot participate in the proceedings of the House, which means you are not allowed to clap, do any interjections or intervene in the discussion in any way and also please kindly ensure that your cell phones are now placed on silent. Thank you.

I would like to call the House to Order. The Secretary will read the first Order of the Day.

WESTERN CAPE APPROPRIATION BILL [B1 – 2019]

(Debate on Vote 7 – Social Development)

The SPEAKER: I now see the honourable, the Minister, Minister Fritz. [Applause.]

HON MEMBERS: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Hon Madam Speaker, and Mr Deputy Speaker, hon Premier in her absence at the moment, and Cabinet colleagues, and really, really amazing Cabinet colleagues. I have worked with them for nine years. Yes, they are amazing! [Interjections.] Absolutely amazing!

Ms S W DAVIDS: Amazing!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Honourable amazing members of the DA caucus sitting behind me with hon member Mark Wiley as the Whip, and then hon members from the ANC, very honourable members. [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Are we not amazing?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Some people really became good friends! [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Have you seen amazing?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Mayors present, Mayco members and I specifically see Dr Zahied Badrodien and Councillor Pophaim.

Also a dear friend of mine sitting in the gallery, Mr Jabar from DevSAT, a very warm welcome to you and to my own staff, but I have a very, very special welcome to my other family this morning - all our youth sitting within the gallery. It has become a very special family to me and it is so great to have you here to support me this morning, so a very warm welcome to you guys. [Applause.]

Honourable Madam Speaker, I rise to present the Western Cape Department of Social Development's 2019/20 Budget. Madam Speaker, with a total budget of R2 464 379 000 this Department will continue to ensure service delivery excellence. This is safeguarded as this DA-led Government is guided by the rule of law, by evidence-based programmes, by public value and accountability and I want to emphasise that. We are further directed by core legislation, policy mandates and the Provincial Strategic Goals of this Province.

In this DA-led province we are building a capable state, Madam Speaker, and strengthening the capacity of our departments. Unlike the ANC, we do not destroy state institutions through cronyism and corruption. We do not allow for our officials to go unpaid indefinitely such as those that were in the West Rand District Municipality and that is the first sign of a failed state when officials go unpaid... [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: [Inaudible.] did not pay.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: And that is exactly what happened with the ANC Government where they rule.

Ms S W DAVIDS: The Drakenstein workers also did not get paid.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: The general election on 8 May places the Western Cape and South Africa at a critical juncture with only two options: either we vote for the DA who provides service delivery excellence... [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Ja, you are campaigning.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Or we vote for the ANC who will ensure that we become yet another failed state... [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: No, you are campaigning. You are campaigning.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: ...unable to deliver any services. [Interjections.]

Mr D G MITCHELL: We must campaign.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: I do not even want to talk this morning... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

An HON MEMBER: We only worry about you coming back. You are not coming back.

Ms S W DAVIDS: No, you are campaigning.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: I do not even want to talk about the ACDP or the EFF who are non-existent in the House and I hope the voters see this to see what their vote means for them. It is a waste of time. [Interjections.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: Those are voters from [Inaudible.] Your voters are voting for them.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Ja, your vote as well, hon member Dugmore. Do not worry, do not worry. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please! [Interjections.]

Mr D G MITCHELL: Your voters are going to run away. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Madam Speaker, allow me to explain how unlike the ANC the DA ensures... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Sorry hon members, Minister Fritz, kindly take your seat please. [Interjections.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: You are victimising Patricia. That is why they [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: Minister Fritz, kindly take your seat please. Hon members, too much noise from both sides of the House. I can understand your enthusiasm. It is the second-last day of this term. We need to get through a pretty long day. Let us not use up all the energy in this first session; if you could compose yourselves? You may proceed, Minister.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Madam Speaker, allow me to explain how unlike the unlike the DA ensures service delivery excellence.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Your excitement is good. [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Since 2009, remember we came in. The ANC - they were voted out in 2008, remember that election?

Ms S W DAVIDS: Yes.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: And then we came into governance, this Department and the Government has increased its provincial footprint by 176%. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: You will remember 2019. You will be voted out again.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: You had two offices for the poor... [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: ...to service the poor. We increased our footprint a 176%. We have grown from one head office and 16 districts - one head office and 16 districts, Madam Speaker, in 2009, to a head office overseeing six regional offices with 45 local offices and a number of point services for people, so that poor can access services. [Interjections.] That is what the ANC means. It means failure. This has brought services closer to communities, assisting those in need. [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: We can see whatever you are doing is not working. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: And assisting those most in need. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Children are still doing drug abuse and alcohol abuse.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Yes, because... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order please. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: It is not working, whatever you are doing.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Davids, running commentary now!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Conversely, the ANC has submitted its list of political candidates whose credentials in theft, thuggery, brown envelopes Rasool and factionalism were honed through the Gupta crisis and BOSASA crises. [Interjections.] You are personified by theft. That is what the ANC is.

Ms S W DAVIDS: So you are afraid of Rasool!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Yes.

The SPEAKER: Order please!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Why would we be afraid of Rasool? †Vra vir – [ask the] [Inaudible - shouting simultaneously.]

The SPEAKER: Minister, Minister Fritz, please kindly engage the Chair... [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Why would we, hon Madam Speaker, why would we be afraid of Rasool? [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: You know why... [Inaudible - shouting simultaneously.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: With his reputation in tatters, who would be afraid of him?

Ms S W DAVIDS: Tell us why. He is not here, why are you speaking of him?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Poor, yes [Inaudible - shouting simultaneously.] [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please! [Interjections.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Social Development... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: You are the Minister.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Do your work, Social Development!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Children and families - they become the social services, hon Beerwinkel. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Just do your work.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: A key aspect of service delivery ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Minister Fritz, sorry there is a member on the floor.

An HON MEMBER: Haibo!

The SPEAKER: Kindly take your seat please. Hon member Makeleni. [Interjections.]

Ms P MAKELENI: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: I really feel sorry for you.

Ms P MAKELENI: Can I request that you ask hon Fritz to calm down. Once he calms down the House will calm down.

Mr M G E WILEY: Coming from you!

Ms P MAKELENI: And we can hear him properly. Thank you.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Coming from you, ja. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: I think your point is sustained. Minister Fritz, it is your presentation, you can do as you wish.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Thank you Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: However, I am going to caution you upfront and ask you to manage your finger please.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: [Laughter.] Okay.

The SPEAKER: [Laughter.] Thank you.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: I will use my fist!

An HON MEMBER: Get it! [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Okay. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, hon member Davids.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: The key aspect of service delivery for us is protecting children and supporting the family institutions and this morning, Madam Speaker, another child was murdered in Elim in our most peaceful community. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Can I ask you, what are you doing to prevent that... [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: In the most peaceful community, if you want the Government to be everywhere... [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: What are you doing to prevent it?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: ...in everyone's kitchen, in everyone's house. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: We must really look at that. Everyone must take responsibility for that child that is murdered. Stop pointing to the Government. That is why children are continued to be murdered.

An HON MEMBER: That is good.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Let us, everyone, take responsibility. [Interjections.] Let us stop the murder of our children. That is why the Department has allocated 31% of its budget to the Programme Children and Families.

Early Childhood Development Centres: in line with the Provincial Strategic Goal 2, the aim of improving educational outcomes, R1,1 billion has been committed over the 2019 MTEF to improve Early Childhood Development and I am saying over the MTEF, Madam, hon member, at 65 sites where school readiness is poor. This will enable 7 000 to 8 000 more children to attend ECDs. It is a very important point because that first phase of a child's life needs that development. Yet again, this Department is ensuring service delivery excellence by establishing a centralised ECD Unit in the next financial year. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: What is the Department doing about that?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: I am coming to that point. Rapidly growing numbers of ECDs and onerous registration requirements challenges, challenge the NGO Sector and this Department. It really challenges us also. Municipal zoning and building plans, and I am happy the Mayco member is here to listen to this.

Ms S W DAVIDS: But what is your plan?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: ...that the municipal zoning and business and building plan requirements in the Children's Act prevent many ECDs in informal areas from registration. For this reason hon member Davids... [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Yes, I am listening, I am listening.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: ...and Madam Speaker, through you, I have written to the National Minister, Susan Shabangu, to ask her to ease these regulatory requirements... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes, and you threatened.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: ...discriminating against the most vulnerable in our communities.

Ms S W DAVIDS: That is good.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Meanwhile, my Department will deploy additional resources because this is how an enduring state is managed. Child Care and Protection: in the 2019/20 financial year, R230,1 million has been allocated to promote the well-being of children and families through the Child Care and Protection Sub-Programme.

This example of how the DA delivers is contrasted with the ANC's failure to provide services to disabled children residing at a youth care facility in KwaNzimakwe, KwaZulu Natal.

Ms S W DAVIDS: I cannot understand why the ANC is being blamed for the Western Cape's failure. You are the MEC!

The SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Despite receiving R1,4 million a year, funds, and this is how the ANC governs.

Ms S W DAVIDS: You must blame yourself.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: I just want to make the point, Madam Speaker. The ANC governs like this. They get R1,4 million. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: You are governing here, not the ANC [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: All the money disappeared. The children were lying hungry in there and other departments had to come and sort it out.

Ms S W DAVIDS: You can fool some people some time but not all the time.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: And we really want to say people who are still wasting their vote on the ANC, I do not know what happened, with Ramaphosa and his party. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: You can fool some people some time but not all the time.

The SPEAKER: Sorry Minister Fritz.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Do not worry, the same applies to you.

The SPEAKER: Minister Fritz, kindly take your seat please. Hon member Davids, in terms of the Rules, interjections are allowed...

Ms S W DAVIDS: Yes.

The SPEAKER: But when your interjections become a running commentary...

Ms S W DAVIDS: No, I only did two now, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: No-no, okay. Hon member Davids, I have been ticking here and they were certainly not two.

Mr M G E WILEY: You have had two breaks between your comments.

The SPEAKER: So I think there were two breaks between the interjections.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Yes, I did do two, and I take a break, and I did another two.

The SPEAKER: Okay, but I also heard you compliment the Minister and say something good, so can we just manage ourselves please. You may proceed, Minister.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Thank you Madam Speaker. †In Afrikaans, die waarheid maak baie seer. [In Afrikaans, the truth hurts a lot.]

†Ms S W DAVIDS: O, daai is nie die waarheid nie. Die waarheid is die waarheid.

[Ms S W DAVIDS: Oh, that is not the truth. The truth is the truth.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Madam Speaker, when it comes to adoptions, the ANC-led National Government's favourite tool in state collapse is centralisation.

They centralise everything and they centralise key... [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: And you are doing nothing!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: They have done this before with our Chapter 9 institutions and they plan to do this again with our land, National Reserve Bank and adoptions, even the adoption sector they want to centralise.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Our child protection services are threatened ... [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Because you are doing nothing. [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: ... by the Children's Amendment Bill. Do not let me say †"hou jou something, nè." [keep your something, nè] [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Yes, don't you... [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Our Children's Amendment Bill to the Children's Act, proposed by the National Government, the Bill will make it illegal, Madam Speaker, for accredited child protection organisations, social workers, lawyers, psychologists and medical professionals to charge for their expertise. Only the State's over-burdened social workers will be able to facilitate adoptions. Consequently, the figure of 3,7 million vulnerable and orphaned children in our country... [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Appoint more social workers!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: ...will increase and yet another important service in our country will collapse.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Appoint more social workers!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: We must really get this right now. We are taking it up. We are fighting the centralisation and we hope to win this because our children need homes. They do not need to be in institutions and in foster care. They can come into adoptions but this ANC Government makes everything impossible. They mess everything up. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: You are not doing your work, MEC!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Hon member Davids is sitting there making a noise.

Ms S W DAVIDS: You are not doing your work!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: What work! We are fighting it man!

The SPEAKER: Order!

Ms S W DAVIDS: Go to your office and you will see people are busy adopting ... [Inaudible - shouting.] [Interjections.]

†n AGBARE LID: O hene!
[An HON MEMBER: Oh, my!]

An HON MEMBER: Madam Speaker!

The SPEAKER: Alright, sorry Minister Fritz... [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: You are not a specialist!

The SPEAKER: Minister Fritz, kindly take your seat. Hon member Davids, you have had 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9 interjections in the space of less than three minutes.

An HON MEMBER: Jo!

The SPEAKER: Now if that is not a running commentary then I have to say you need to manage yourself otherwise you are going to run the risk of me imposing a rule that might see you leave the Chamber for the rest of the day. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Yes, apologise on that. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: You may proceed, Minister Fritz.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: I want to now speak about disability and I want to contrast the reason why I am doing it Madam Speaker, I want voters to see when in 2009 when we came in here what the situation was and how it has improved. You know, this useless ANC Government that used to rule here before just messed everything up and so people can see what they must do.

This caring DA Government has allocated R186,3 million in the 2019/20 financial year to continue empowering persons living with disabilities; including the deaf sector, which received R9,1 million last year.

We have had unparalleled success in increasing our services to persons with disabilities. In 2009 just 120 - †n kale 120 mense – [a mere 120 people -] 120 people with disabilities received specialised services. Today, 88 000 people receive specialised services. Unlike the ANC, this DA-led Government understands what true transformation means, it means *nie* changing colours *nie*. It means, includes everyone... [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Yes, there is nobody going out there. [Inaudible.] Nobody does.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: It includes everyone. Transformation means inclusion, not just colour. It means people living with disabilities and that is what they must get into their thick skulls.

It is not a tool to benefit a few and destroy the State.

Madam Speaker, over the next five years we plan to strengthen our services by making gainful employment opportunities available to persons with disabilities through strong public-private partnerships because this is what an enduring state does. We are not trying to do everything on our own. We do it through partnerships.

Restorative Services: In line with PSG 3's aim of tackling social ills; the Department's Restorative Services provides substance abuse prevention and rehabilitation and victim empowerment.

Substance Abuse Prevention and Rehabilitation: Substance abuse is a significant issue in our province caused by the complex interplay of environmental and genetic factors. My Department has allocated R66,7 million for the 2019/20 financial year to address and prevent substance abuse; benefitting 12 000 clients and Madam Speaker, I want to say, this never ever becomes enough so we must really fight the causes of it. In the next five years, we look forward to working with our NGO partners to implement more preventative programmes for youth in high risk communities. [Interjections.] Remember Marius Fransman also said that and he is even out of Parliament. [Interjections.] He is not even here, he is out of Parliament. So be careful.

Mr D G MITCHELL: But she is also going, she is also going.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Be careful what you say.
†Jy weet, ek is 'n *prophet*. [You know, I am a prophet.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: I am not Marius Fransman, hey.

Mr D G MITCHELL: But you are going.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Victim empowerment.

Mr D G MITCHELL: You are going.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Victim empowerment. You remind me of him. Victim Empowerment Programmes: my Department remains committed to uplifting victims of abuse. The Western Cape DSD currently funds 16 shelters that provide safe accommodation, therapeutic services and skills development for up to three months; and four emergency shelters that provide safe accommodation for up to seven days for women who are absolutely in need of care.

In the next five years, we look forward to working closely with the Department of Human Settlements and the City of Cape Town to ensure both victims of abuse leaving our shelters and young people leaving child protection facilities have safe alternative accommodation and viable work opportunities.

Today we have a lady in the gallery, I am not sure whether she is still here, but I saw her this morning, who after serving a particular period within a Child and Youth-Care Centre and turned 18, can be put out and put on the road.

We are so happy that we have an amazing network of young people who could capture her and put her in Safe, but we must take responsibility for that.

An HON MEMBER: What are you going to do?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Next year, I further look forward to working closely with the new provincial police force. We are going to have our own police force.

Mr D G MITCHELL: Yes.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: ...to facilitate the seamless delivery of social services to those who need it most.

Ms S W DAVIDS: In your dreams.

Mr D G MITCHELL: You will not be here next year.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Because you have failed our people. Initiatives for Young People: Madam Speaker, the development of young people is paramount in this Department. This is why my Department spearheaded the Provincial Youth Development Strategy, which helps youth, particularly those Not in Education, Employment or Training, improve their outcomes and really become something. Hence, Youth Development will receive R24,1 million for the 2019/20 financial year to implement the PYDS.

Youth Cafés: Guided by the PYDS, this Department has launched eleven Youth Cafés in the past five years across the province, which is testament to our service delivery excellence. I am pleased that R1,8 million has been set aside for the establishment of three new Youth Cafés in Metro North, Metro East and the Overberg / Cape Winelands region and so we are really looking forward to that.

Cape Youth@Work Programme: Madam Speaker, addressing youth unemployment has been a strategic priority for this administration. Over the past year, the Cape Youth@Work Programme has upskilled 100 interns from Mitchells Plain, Manenberg, Khayelitsha and Philippi East. I am pleased that over R4 million has been allocated for this financial year for this programme in 2019/20. Unlike the ANC, the private sector is not our enemy. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Ja, it is like a record now. You must stop it now. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: In fact, we work closely together to ensure that young people are employed. This is why the DA-led Western Cape and the youth unemployment rate is 17% lower than the national average. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Ten years in Government and you are still complaining.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Evidently, the DA is the only party that can save South Africa from being yet another failed state.

Mr D G MITCHELL: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: The only party! [Applause.]

In conclusion, Madam Speaker, I have highlighted, South Africa and the Western Cape are at a critical juncture. Either we vote for the DA who provides service delivery excellence, or we vote for the ANC and we will ensure that we become yet another failed state. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Ja, the people are not listening to you.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Regardless, we are working hard to sustain and expand our services. Granted, this is difficult when the ANC-misled National Government cannot even keep the lights on. We are all in darkness because †hulle kan nie eers vir Eskom reg hou nie. [Tussenwerpsels.] [they cannot even keep Eskom running. [Interjections.]]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Ooh, blame the ANC!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Let me take this opportunity, allow me now, Madam Speaker, to take the opportunity to thank the Premier in her absence for her outstanding leadership over the past two administrations - the only Premier in South Africa that served ten years, by the way, the only one. †Hulle kan nie eers hulle Premiers in poste hou nie. [Gelag.] [They cannot even keep their Premiers in their posts. [Laughter.]] If you are not murdered, you are kicked out. [Laughter.]

I would also like to thank my Cabinet colleagues and I really want to use the opportunity to thank my Cabinet colleagues sincerely, we were probably the most amazing group that I worked with.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Please if you could really [Inaudible.]. Do not blame everything on the ANC [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Absolute great human beings, always remain like that. Be humble and retain humility, †moenie dat *private security* vir julle - na julle kop toe gaan nie. [Tussenwerpsels.] [do not let private security become to you – go to your heads. {Interjections.}]

Mr C M DUGMORE: But you start with yourself.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Start with yourself.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Well, if I knew you may just not be in Parliament again, so do not say anything.

Ms S W DAVIDS: No, start with yourself.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: I want to also use the opportunity to thank my Head of Ministry, Mr David Abrahams and my Ministerial staff and I want to specifically say a very big thank you to Alex for the nine years that you have worked with me... [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Why can you not be like Meyer, because you are not a doctor.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Thanks to you, and for your future where you are going... [Interjection.]

Mr D G MITCHELL: Are you a doctor?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: You are going quite far. [Applause.] Thank you. I would also like to thank my Head of Department Dr Robert Macdonald and every single member of my senior staff, amazing guys, we work well together. Thank you, guys. †Hulle kan sê wat hulle wil, julle is die beste. [They can say whatever they want, you are the best.] Okay. [Applause.] [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Even if we do not think so we must agree.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: And then I want to thank all the NGOs and the NGO partners that I work with. I want to thank all staff everywhere, also the parliamentary staff, thank you for everything and Madam Speaker, most importantly I would like to also thank my wife, Dianne, and my son, Charlton Fritz. Thank you for your constant support and inspiration. Thank you.

Madam Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to table Budget Vote 7 on Social Development.

Ms S W DAVIDS: It gives me great pleasure to go and sleep now, MEC.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Thank you, and keep quiet. Thank you. [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you. [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: Who is making a noise here? [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Magaxa, you have not settled in, you have not greeted; you have not even said good morning to your colleagues and you are already performing.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: You have just arrived!

The SPEAKER: You have just arrived and yesterday you were the epitome of calmness, you told me you are calm.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Thank you. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Magaxa. Let us be calm, thank you. [Interjections.] May we now... [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: Yes, I know, I know [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: May we now continue with the debate on Vote 7. I now see the hon member Botha.

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

The SPEAKER: Order please. [Applause.]

Ms L J BOTHA: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I think the Minister said it all, Madam Speaker. Hon members of this House, all our guests in the gallery, welcome.

First, Madam Speaker, I want to start today's speech by paying special tribute to Delvina Europa, a six year old girl whose body was found yesterday in Elim near Bredasdorp. I would also like to express my deepest condolences and I would like to ask the House to join me in doing that to young Delvina's family during this difficult time.

I want to thank the SAPS and community members who together conducted the search throughout the night and early hours of the morning until the body was found. It is important that the perpetrators of such heinous crimes get the justice that they deserve.

Madam Speaker, yet again, this death is one child again too many. I would also like to call on the assistance of Minister Fritz for his Department to provide the necessary social services for Delvina's family during this exceptionally difficult time and I call again on caregivers, parents, community, take heed, practice "your child is my child", we have to look out for all our children within our communities.

The very nature and essence of Social Development is about putting people at the centre of development and not putting people at the centre of exploitation and destruction, which we are remarkably knowledgeable about, because we hear this happening all the time. It is welcoming that the R2,46 billion will be appropriated over the 2019/20 MTEF to ensure the provision of a comprehensive network of Social Development Services that enables and empowers the poor, the vulnerable and those in need of various special services.

Madam Speaker, the Western Cape serves as a great example regarding what it truly means to adopt a people-centred approach to Social Development practices. Under the trusted leadership of Minister Fritz and his capable Department we have been fortunate to bear witness to the adoption of development policies and programmes, that benefits people's day-to-day lives.

Our Department is well aware that poverty is more than just having a low income. It is also about vulnerability, exclusion, powerlessness and exposure to violence.

It is in this light that the Provincial Department continues to promote social inclusion by building cohesive and resilient societies and making its public institutions accessible and accountable to the ordinary resident in our province.

A key function of the DA-led Western Cape Government and in particular the Western Cape Department of Social Development is ensuring the delivery of social welfare services to the poor and vulnerable in partnership with key stakeholders and civil society organisations. A key issue in any developing or emerging economy, especially in a nation with such unique history like ours, requires developing community development services that empowers the individuals living in our urban and rural communities.

I must pay tribute to the hardworking social workers across our province working tirelessly and selflessly to improve the lives of those vulnerable individuals in our society. These are our unsung heroes who without their help maintaining community stability would practically be an impossible feat. Slow economic growth being experienced nationwide, has not prevented the Department from fulfilling its mandate.

Madam Speaker, it is welcoming that under Programme 2 just over R1 billion in 2019/20 is due to expansion of social welfare services, the provision of increases to NPOs in disabilities and older person's programmes; the funding for the provision of extra bed-space at Sivuyile and the introduction of an allocation for a Sanitary Dignity Framework.

The establishment of a Sanitary Dignity Framework at a provincial level is a first in South Africa. The lack of a policy or framework pertaining to the provision of sanitary products and adequate menstrual hygiene management for females may have implications relating to their education, health, empowerment, employment and social activity. So well done to this Department.

Furthermore, there are growing concerns that the work of non-governmental organisations and several other organisations will not be able to provide the resources necessary for the girl-child to not only manage their menses appropriately but also the effect it has on our female learners to acquire an equitable education over a long term. Thus Madam Speaker, where the ANC has failed to address this pertinent issue, I have no doubt that our caring Provincial Government will deliver on this programme.

The 2011 Census highlights that our province is home to slightly over two million youth between the ages of 15 and 34 years. Moreover, it has been calculated that roughly 13% of these youth, and that is approximately just over 277 000, can be classified as Not in Education, Employment and/or Training. In addition more than 60% of the unemployed youth have less than a matric standard of education. In light of many of these youth lacking adequate role models, in far too many cases we do find these young opting for a life of involvement in criminal activity. We are well aware that the affects of crime on society tends to negatively impact those members who are already the most vulnerable. The increase of crime disrupts the population sense of social cohesion and is well-known for breaking down crucial social associations, affecting household's behaviour negatively.

Even the fear of crime is as damaging as the act of crime itself.

In order to tackle crime holistically Madam Speaker, the Department is making use of preventative measures for those individuals who are at the highest risk. The establishment of Youth Cafés which serves more than 10 000 young people every month, the network of funded substance abuse treatment services from a mere seven in 2009 to 53 working at 81 sites across the province, are just a few among many other measures which are being implemented to support our youth from running wild on the streets and thus being exploited and manipulated into joining gangs.

Madam Speaker, I must commend the Minister and his Department for their commitment to establishing the relevant probation and diversion services to children, youth and adults in conflict with the law in high risk communities. I am also aware and welcome that the Department has dedicated as much as R753 million - that is just over 30% of its budget - to help families; in particular in servicing children and women from our poorest and most needy communities across our province.

Furthermore, funding has been dedicated to much-needed services which include victim support services, including the provision of shelters for victims of crime and violence and these are predominantly for women and children, special accommodation for victims of human trafficking and prevention and early intervention services for communities and families and individuals.

Madam Speaker, in promoting an inclusive society where all individuals feel a true sense of belonging, the Department works night and day to ensure that those with disabilities are also accounted for. Since the DA took over this Government, and it was said by the Minister, in 2009 - 88 000 individuals now have access to specialised disability services compared to the mere 120 people under the previous ANC administration. It is ultimately through the work of our Provincial Department of Social Development we have experienced massive progress towards building an inclusive society.

Social cohesion continues to be at the epicentre of established budgets promoting peaceful and safer environments within neighbourhoods and communities. Over the past decade of DA governance, social accountability exists to the extent that citizens' voices are expressed and heard by the respective Government authorities.

I must commend the Minister on his achievements up onto this point, Minister, in the face of an increasingly constrained budget environment while also facing escalating levels of poverty and unemployment.

To all my colleagues serving on the Standing Committee, thank you. A special thanks to Nomonde Jamce and Mary-Anne Burgess but also to all the coordinators in the Committee Section. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Madam Speaker, I am confident that the officials in the Department of Social Development are fit for purpose.

There is no reason to believe that these officials are not only performing their constitutional obligations with the necessary pride, skills, expertise and commitment but that this Parliament can be really proud that our province has officials of this calibre.

A special accolades, Madam Speaker, to all our social workers and child- and youth-care workers who are at the forefront and frontline to restore hope within our communities in our province.

Without further notice then, Madam Speaker, and with all this said, the DA in the Western Cape supports this budget. I thank you. [Applause.]

†Die PREMIER: Mooi!
[The PREMIER: Good!]

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

†'n AGBARE LID: *Wow, gooi warm kole.*
[An HON MEMBER: *Wow, throw hot coals.*]

Ms P MAKELENI: Thank you Madam Speaker. [Interjection.]
Mr K E MAGAXA: †Phezu kwabo. [On top of you.]

Ms P MAKELENI: Hon members, this year marks 25 years since the end of apartheid. We must use this time to reflect on the progress we have made, the challenges we have encountered and mistakes we have made.

The Minister in his foreword states that the primary focus for his Department is to maintain good governance practices that are geared towards effective service delivery. A call on him to explain to the House how did the Department become one of the three highest contributors to the increased irregular expenditure in this province, which increased by 91%? He must also explain about the measures put in place to avoid reoccurrences of this increased irregular expenditure.

He further mentioned that the Department has introduced a number of innovations including the Eye-on-the-Child Programme. This innovative idea looked very familiar to me. Then I realised there is nothing innovative about this programme. This is the Child Welfare Programme started in 1994, 1998 rolled out in areas like Lotus River, Khayelitsha, Cloetesville, Idas Valley and so forth and that was presented to the Standing Committee - the Eye-of-the-Child, Iso Labantwana, I am sure you remember, hon member Botha.

Ms L J BOTHA: Yes, yes.

Ms P MAKELENI: It is a programme which has a serious component that I wish the Department - as they copy this programme - will not leave the fact that it engages with communities, empowers them to partner in the prevention of abuse and neglect of children.

Hon members, †kunzima futhi kubuhlungu ukukhulisa abantwana... [it is hard and painful to raise children ...] in this province. The Western Cape has the highest number of child murders. As mothers it pains us when we leave our children going to work, as we do not know if our children will still be alive, if not raped, on our return.

Mr D JOSEPH: Blame the ANC!

Ms P MAKELENI: 279 children have been reported to have been murdered in this province in recent years. I asked myself what kind of a society we live in. Minister Winde yesterday responded that it is the kind that we have [Inaudible.] This is what happens when we have a province that is governed by people who are aloof, that are not in touch with what is happening in the communities. [Interjections.] We have social problems here. We need a responsive and innovative government that understands that we live in poverty.

People of this province are frustrated. Over 1,32 million people are unemployed. They turn to drugs and alcohol for comfort, which leads to violence, crime and a high incidence of child maltreatment.

Out of the R2,4 billion that is allocated to this Department they saw it necessary for the Childcare and Protection to be only allocated R230 million. In this Blue Book the Department states that child protection is the most important priority, yet the Department reduced the budget for Sub-programme R3,32 million. To see this, compare the Main Appropriation and the revised estimate on [Inaudible.] and 37, sorry.

Sub programme 3 deals with children and families. We see this year an expansion of ECD Programmes. Its primary goal is to provide daily practice and therapeutic assistance to children and families. This is a National Programme that claims success in addressing poverty and reducing inequality; partnering with over 400 NGOs, training 10 000 CYCWs. It creates safe space for children where they can play, do homework, receive a meal and access counselling and support services. We have seen this programme reaching to disabled children. We have seen it work in James House in Hout Bay. We are hoping it will expand further to Khayelitsha and Delft soon, as promised by the Department.

The expansion of *Isibindi*, the Courage, is allocated R12 933 000. While we welcome the 8% for ACDP... [Interjections.] [Laughter.] ...for ECD and partial care. It is important to stress that this allocation is not enough. [Interjections.] The Western Cape is home to 610 000... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Ms P MAKELENI: ... children under the age of four years. Of this number only 73 053 are in funded ECD Centres, while the remainder is unaccounted for by this Department. Others are found loitering in the streets with visible signs of malnutrition and neglect. This budget today will further lead to further neglect of these children. Those who are in the ECD Centres will enjoy R364,7 million budget allocated to this programme.

At this moment I want to welcome the R40 million ECD grant from the National Government. It will be a welcome addition. I also want to welcome the announcement by the President of a two year of compulsory ECD for all children, before they enter Grade 1.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Yes.

Ms P MAKELENI: The seriousness of this Department about youth development can be seen on the meagre R24 million allocation for Sub-programme 5.6. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Ja, give us the money.

Ms P MAKELENI: It is seen as if NGOs in the Metro South have monopolised the funding of this Department at the expense of incapacitating NGOs in the Metro East and other rural communities. One example that is... [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Who wrote your speech? Who wrote your speech?

Mr K E MAGAXA: That is none of your business, Sir.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Ja, who wrote it?

Ms P MAKELENI: One example is that the same NGO that are founded for implementing Youth Cafés have also funded other programmes like Ministerial Awards. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Ms P MAKELENI: Instead of funding the same organisation the Department must consider partnering with civil society structures responsible for youth development and emancipation, including or for example the Khayelitsha Youth Development Council. We have been calling for this Department to look at the model of Youth Cafés as we believe it is unsustainable and more consultation with youth is required.

Mr M G E WILEY: What is your party's suggestion?

Ms P MAKELENI: Even the Minister conceded to this, but we have not seen action.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Oh my God, you see here...

Mr M G E WILEY: Well what is your suggestion?

The SPEAKER: Order please.

Ms P MAKELENI: For instance the Vangate Youth Café has poor attendance because its allocation is not accessible to the people to the young people; the same as the Rockland Youth Café that had to be moved to Mitchells Plain.

In George the Department had to strike a deal with Go George to transport youth across the region. This clearly shows the Department has to actively involve youth in planning of these Youth Cafés. Have you ever heard of “nothing for us without us”?

This would help them to understand how youth thinks, where they are at, and what they want. I wish that at the same stage the Western Cape will be able to reach the level of Gauteng Province where half a million young people have benefited from bursaries, learnerships, internships and entrepreneurial training through the Tshepo 1 Million Programme. Now this is the real meaning of youth development. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: The other half is still [Inaudible.]

Ms P MAKELENI: On Women Development, Sub-programme 5.7 of this Department is called Women Development, and there is no funding for it. I am really dismayed that this Department has a zero budget for women. I call upon all women in this province to stand up to challenge the status quo. It is time for business unusual. A concerted effort is needed from the Government and community at large to be serious about empowering women. Women have fallen victims of abuse, sometimes at the hands of their partners and other times at the hands of complete strangers who rape and murder them. Lest we forget that we are a leading province when it comes to women murders.

The only funding in this budget is R51 million for the Victim Empowerment Programme. This means that in the province you first have to fall victims before the Department can take the plight of women seriously.

As I conclude my last speech, hon members, during my participation in this Fifth Parliament, I have enjoyed my time representing the people of this province in particular Khayelitsha, Kraaifontein and Hout Bay. I have grown so much as a person and I have learnt a lot from the African National Congress leadership.

Mr D JOSEPH: Oh my goodness.

Ms P MAKELENI: I made friends across the political parties. In fact my best friend is sitting on that side, hon member Mitchell. [Interjections.] We have worked well with my colleagues in the Committee, thanks Chair, to keep this Department accountable.

Thank you to the members of the Committee, the Minister and the Department for sharing information which made it easy for us to do oversight. I also want to thank my family, my sisters, Ayanda, Rosa and Fezi as well as my son, Yonda. They have been my best support system. As for the African National Congress, thank you very much for this opportunity. To the people of the Western Cape, let us join President Ramaphosa in his call for growing South Africa together. [Interjections.] I thank you all. [Applause.]

An HON MEMBER: Amandla!

The SPEAKER: Thank you hon member Makeleni. Sorry, I see hon member Uys on his feet.

Mr P UYS: Madam Speaker, sorry, I did not want to interrupt the hon member but she was the only member as from yesterday till today where there was no focus of the camera on her. It was just the broad one here and I think it is just unfair because her constituency was watching today as well and then we just see the broad shot of the whole of the Chamber and I think there is something wrong or it is deliberate. I do not know what the reason is.

An HON MEMBER: It is that man over there. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Mark Wiley!

Mr K E MAGAXA: It is Mark Wiley.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Magaxa, that comment is... [Interjection.] Hon member Magaxa that comment is completely out of order, hon member Magaxa.

Mr M G E WILEY: I do not even know who controls these things.

The SPEAKER: I am responsible for the administration of this institution.

Mr K E MAGAXA: It is you then, it is you then.

The SPEAKER: So I accept responsibility, but you need to withdraw.

Mr K E MAGAXA: I must rectify that.

The SPEAKER: Yes, you need to withdraw the comment you have made to hon Wiley now please.

Mr K E MAGAXA: No, I said the other man.

The SPEAKER: No-no-no-no. You said Wiley, hon member Magaxa. Please stand up and apologise.

Mr K E MAGAXA: I apologise, my brother.

The SPEAKER: Thank you and I will follow up with the Administration as to the comment that was raised by the hon Uys. Thank you. Let us proceed. I now see the Minister, Minister Fritz.

An HON MEMBER: Where is the ACDP?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Thank you Madam Speaker.

Mr M G E WILEY: Sorry.

The SPEAKER: Sorry, Minister Fritz.

Mr M G E WILEY: I do apologise, Madam Speaker, for interrupting the Minister. I just want to once again bring the House's attention and our objection to the fact that the ACDP and the EFF are missing from these important budget debates, where debating the welfare of this province is now being missed.

The SPEAKER: Thank you Chief Whip.

Mr K E MAGAXA: In your constituency.

The SPEAKER: You may proceed, Minister Fritz.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Thank you Madam Speaker. I want also to start off where I speak to hon member Botha as Chairperson to just sincerely thank her as the Chairperson of the Committee, the Standing Committee for Social Development and hon member Mitchell, hon member Wenger, hon member Makeleni, every single one, hon member Gillion, in her absence, she is also never here - in her absence. [Laughter.] I really say thank you for all, for the robust way we have interacted. No sweetheart questions, we had very serious debates because the people's lives are at stake here, so thank you very much.

I also want to give you the assurance that we are already busy with the Delvina Europa case in Elim, giving the support to the family and again calling on the community to really take ownership of the safety of our children and it is again that same area, it is almost like, you know, †'n vloek wat oor daai plek is. [a curse that is over that place.]

So really, thank you very much hon Botha. I want to make this one important point and I really want to link it to what hon member Makeleni also said, that poverty must never be allowed to take the human dignity. [Interjection.] It must never be allowed to take the human dignity away from our people and it is in that regard while we have responded to honourable - I see Simmers and the Kannaland droughts, and the area where there was an urgent intervention needed, and I want to say we immediately signed off a relief package, not politically motivated stuff where SASSA pops up when it is election time, but to people who are really poor and who need the relief, who are hungry - people who are hungry ... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Ja, you fed them bread.

Ms S W DAVIDS: [Inaudible.] Election time.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: So I want to make that point.

Ms P MAKELENI: And the focus is on the DA stickers.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: I really want to make that point.

Mr D G MITCHELL: Photoshop.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: So I also want to confirm...

The SPEAKER: Sorry Minister Fritz, I see the two best friends are debating while you are talking.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Yes.

The SPEAKER: If I could caution them both please. Thank you.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: I also want to thank and concur with hon member Botha to really thank every social worker in this province to thank every social work supervisor in this province, every social work manager, because it is under their guidance and their management that we get cases resolved. We had one case where the social worker was charged recently in the court, criminally, for negligence. So it is very important to also look at both, that we will not stop if there is negligence. If you do not report it, and a child is murdered in that particular case, then we act, but I want to sincerely say and to community development practitioners, who work in our province, to go out and to make sure that people are safe, specifically during disasters and those kinds of issues.

I also want to remind the House, and I did not mention because I always think NGOs are so part of our lives. They are partners. 52% of this budget, R1,1 billion goes to NGOs. It is, and we have 2 200 NGOs that we fund and they are doing amazing work, but we will hold them accountable. You cannot give them like your empowerment programme we are talking about, the ANC said you have empowerment programmes, hon member Makeleni, in the previous government, when they give R3 million for a snail project. Up to today we do not know where the R3 million is, we do not know where the snails are - nothing can be found.

The Deputy Speaker takes the Chair.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: If you go to Nelspoort where member Dugmore likes to go to his cronies there, we gave them a whole farm and an abattoir. †Daar was nie een bees geslag nie; [not one head of cattle was slaughtered;] not one cow or bull was being slaughtered.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Where?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Yes, in Nelspoort.

An HON MEMBER: Nelspoort.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: You know about Nelspoort. That definition of empowerment is a farce. We do not give to the elite, to our friends. We give overall empowerment.

Mr C M DUGMORE: You only give to your DA people there. You know that. You give to your DA people.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: So unlike your kind of projects.

Mr C M DUGMORE: You give to your DA friends.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: The other point I just want to make, thank you for talking about our Dignity Project. The Dignity Project has become very important, and I want to say thank you to Minister Meyer for the allocation that he gave and again not only Social Development... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Not Gauteng's Province [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Not Social Development alone; not Social Development. Education, the Department of Sports and Culture, the Department of Health, all of us work together in getting that project off the ground and we have amazing officials in research and the proper distribution of it so that children do not stay at home because they do not have sanitary towels. So I really want to say thank you for the support in that regard and thank you for all of that.

And now to come to hon member Makeleni, I really wanted to say, I want to really make this point and I sincerely mean it. I really enjoyed working with you, we really enjoyed it. You know a lot of stuff I can see like the other day you just had to say it because poor Cameron Dugmore then told you, you have to say stuff, but you do not mean a word that you say... [Laughter.] Because you are also part of, you are one of the few people who is always in the Committee in the Standing Committee.

Mr D G MITCHELL: Always.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: And a number of the questions that you have asked here, we have dealt with extensively in the Committee.

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: We have pointed out the difference between irregular and the reasonable and irregular and the other issue of...

Mr K E MAGAXA: Speak your mind.

Mr D JOSEPH: Do not listen to the ANC. Just speak your mind.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Sorry, the irregular expenditure and then illegal expenditure, you know, where we pointed that, where it is wasteful, where it becomes wasteful.

An HON MEMBER: Wasteful.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: So I just want to make that point, and we have put mechanisms in place to not let that happen so I think that is the first point. The other thing, we will always take a good model, whether it comes from whoever; if the ANC has a good model somewhere we will take it or we do not have a principle problem about this because it comes from there.

The Eye-on-the-Child is a Child Welfare Programme.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Yes.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: We have taken it. We never claimed it is our programme. We took it from them.

Ms P MAKELENI: It is not innovating.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: We never said it is our programme.

Ms S W DAVIDS: It is from the ANC.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Ja, whatever, if the Child Welfare now becomes your ANC... [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: I was a Commissioner there. I was a Commissioner on that one. [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: But the point I want to make, we will continue with that... [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: It is an old programme. It was done by the ANC.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: And we will take it - yes, and we never said it was innovative. We said we will go on with it and we will use that. [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: Continue your point... [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: The other point, the other programme... [Interjections.] Honourable, I am coming to you now member Davids.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Just respond.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: The other programme, the Isibindi Programme, we must also really keep all our programmes accountable.

Do not say stuff and I see hon member Lekker is out, but do not say Isibindi is good when it suits us in the House, because many a times it is not. Remember I had to go do unannounced visits and I found nothing there, because they are all connected to National, you know, ANC buddies there at National. So I am just making the point, let us always also be fair to every programme so it is going very well now... [Interjection.]

Ms P MAKELENI: Like oversight in James House, ja, it works perfectly.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Isibindi is going very well. We must continue with that.

Ms P MAKELENI: Ja, in Hout Bay it works perfectly.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Hon member Makeleni, I am very afraid of boards like Khayelitsha Child Youth Board. They become the gatekeepers, if you do not work with them... [Interjections.] Yes, if you do not work with them, they say "oh you cannot work here because they are not..." We work with all our youth - every young person and we do not need a board. They can just be themselves. They can come to us straight. They do not need to work through a board or through anyone. They are just gatekeepers. [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: Ja you do not like us what we are doing. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Let me just... [Interjection.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: You do not want organised communities.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Ja-ja, not organised, gatekeeping communities.

Mr K E MAGAXA: [Inaudible.] Gatekeeping for what?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Let us also talk about the Vanguard Youth. You know it has for a long time been closed. It did not work. We do not like the ANC keep on with something that does not work. That one youth place was not working, so we put it away. [Interjections.]

Ms P MAKELENI: But they have done consultations, you have known about this.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: We have gone somewhere else. We have now eleven. We are going to do three more this year.

Ms P MAKELENI: Where you lose money for this.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: It is a very, very good programme so we are going to continue with that good programme, and then I just want to also say within this whole ANC debate and the point you were making... [Interjection.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: What did the ANC do, just talk about your Social Development. Do not talk about the ANC.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Honourable, my friend here, yes, but in the context of Social Development. [Interjections.] Hon members Davids, you know, the Paarl Branch actually nominated hon member Lekker to the Parliament, not you. They did not elect you. [Laughter.] So that is an important point. You are talking a lot here. [Laughter.] The second point is the ANC is so ashamed of the white member Dugmore that they cannot make him the Premier Candidate... [Interjections.]

Mr D JOSEPH: Yes.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: ...because he is white! So he cannot be on the posters. They hang Ramaphosa on the posters, unlike us, we have Alan Winde, and we are not ashamed of Alan Winde, whether he is white or black or pink or purple or blue or whatever. [Interjections.] [Applause.] All day he hangs on our poster! [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: He hangs on our poster. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: But you, if he is white, you cannot have it! [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: No, we have processes. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: ...a white person as your leader. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: We have processes.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Why can you not take him, because he is the best MEC. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: There are processes.

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

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Finally, finally... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Hon member Davids!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Finally, we are not like - we do not appoint people by the way. Let me just finally say Mr Deputy Speaker, thank you, it was a great privilege to deliver my speech. I thank you, but they are useless. [Applause.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: No man, you do not have a leader, man. Here is your leader, the MEC. [Interjections.]

[Debate concluded.]

[Business of the House was suspended at 10:58 and resumed at 11:03]

WESTERN CAPE APPROPRIATION BILL [B1 – 2019]

(Debate on Vote 10 – Transport and Public Works)

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see Minister Grant, Minister of Transport and Public Works. [Applause.]

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Mr Deputy Speaker, the hon Premier in absentia, Chairperson and other hon members of the Standing Committee, Leader of the Official Opposition, hon members, Head of Department Jacqui Gooch and senior officials, guests and visitors.

Given the limited time available this year for the debates on the various Departmental Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure, you have been supplied with a short, illustrated brochure covering the extent and variety of the activities of the Department of Transport and Public Works as provided for in Vote 10. This record has been designed, created and produced internally by the Communications Division of the Department and I thank all concerned for their efforts.

In his foreword to the 2019 Budget Overview, my colleague the Minister of Finance, highlights the fact that this Provincial Budget is focused on Consolidation for Maximum Citizen Impact. And this is precisely how it should be, Deputy Speaker. If a government in a democratic state does not have the wellbeing of its citizenry at the top of its agenda, it cannot claim to be either legitimate or representative of the people.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Or, as an article in this week's *Economist* puts it: 'the goal of economic progress is after all to help people lead more satisfying lives'.

In making its various presentations to Provincial Treasury in the finalisation of the 2019 Budget, my Department has ensured that this centrality of the citizen has been in the forefront of its planning – both technical and financial.

In this regard it is of more than passing interest to note the increasing attention being paid in many countries to the outcomes of the relatively new Social Progress Index which highlights the capacity of a society to meet the basic human needs of its citizens, establish the building blocks that allow citizens and communities to enhance and sustain the quality of their lives, and create the conditions for all individuals to reach their full potential.

And so, Deputy Speaker, the compact booklet you have already received today illustrates what a government concerned about the wellbeing of its citizens can and must do in the built and transport environment. Roads, education and health infrastructure as well as transport and traffic management are not ends in themselves. They are the basis from which citizens draw key elements of the lives they desire to lead.

Before I move onto other aspects of the 2019 Budget itself, it may be of interest to hon members that the 2018 index included 146 countries and that South Africa is ranked 77 with an average score of 66% across the 51 indicators used. The leading countries score an average of well over 90%, so we have a lot of work to do.

Let me now turn to the overall Vote 10 budget for 2019/20.

The total amount to be appropriated for Vote 10 is R8.1 billion. The increase of R338 million on the previous budget is marginally below inflation and of the total budget R1.7 billion consists of own revenue. Approximately a quarter of the budget amount is linked to conditional grants.

The Department operates using various programmes. The allocation to the six programmes within the Department are as follows for the 2019/20 financial year:

- Administration – R229 million;
- Public Works Infrastructure – R1.99 billion;
- Transport Infrastructure – R3.66 billion;
- Transport Operations – R1.37 billion;
- Transport Regulation – R795 million; and
- Community-based Programmes – R64 million.

As the Department of Transport and Public Works is the implementing agent for both Education and Health infrastructure in the Western Cape, the Department is scheduled in the financial year under discussion to spend on behalf of these crucial delivery departments, the following amounts:

- Education – R1.23 billion; and
- Health – R729 million.

A total of just under R2 billion.

These amounts for Education and Health include funds for capital works and scheduled maintenance. The strategic decisions about these Education and Health infrastructure projects remain with those departments and the three departments co-operate to ensure that their budgets go as far as possible without sacrificing quality and safety standards. In the existing tough economic times, this co-operation is essential to service delivery.

Mr Deputy Speaker, having unpacked broadly the quantum of Vote 10, it would be remiss of me not to alert this House to two factors which can and will impact on the real effectiveness of this budget.

The first is undoubtedly the inability of the Government at national level to guarantee the provision of electricity through Eskom, the state-owned enterprise which has been under its control and stewardship for the last 25 years. The fact of control needs to be stressed, given the National Government's recent attempts to make the shambolic state of affairs at Eskom a shared responsibility.

Let there be no doubt, Deputy Speaker, that this grossly cosseted entity – protected at the expense of the tax-paying public – has been allowed to reach this dismal and dangerous situation while under the executive authority of a series of Ministers in the National Cabinet. These Ministers have at best been incompetent and uncaring. Only judicial processes, if allowed to run their course, will reveal whether they have been, in fact, complicit.

The additional failure at national level to resolve the impasse around the entry of independent power producers to the market ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: ... despite the readiness of our many local governments to interact with these IPPs – is, under the existing circumstances, absurd.

Apart from the obvious implications for society generally, my Department and I are painfully aware of the impact of unreliable power flow on many infrastructure projects as well as the dangerous interruption to critical traffic management systems.

The frontline victims of this sort of economic undermining are the many small and medium-sized factories and service providers in the construction industry – the very undertakings which our contracts are designed to encourage and support. The market is awash with reports of these businesses shutting their doors. This is damage which will take years to fix and which will lose us many capable citizens to emigration.

The second of the inhibiting factors to which I referred, Deputy Speaker, is the overall state of the construction industry and the financial failure of a significant number of leading, long-established companies and groups. Many of these companies were, because of their industry rating and classification, precisely the companies which had to undertake the large projects crucial to taking our economy forward. While this debate is not the opportunity to examine the reasons for their demise, we need to be aware of the lengths to which the Department will have to go to ensure that these projects can still be completed successfully. This includes the breaking up of large cost-effective undertakings into smaller units requiring careful co-ordination with a resultant reduction of economies of scale. The Department has also had to manage increasing risks of the failing of contractors already engaged in work for it and the implications of this for the calling up of guarantees, the sourcing of suitable replacements and the possible delays to project completion, possibly with cost implications.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the overall mandate of this Department is one which requires a range of skilled, qualified staff at all levels and in a variety of disciplines. Staff of this quality are not easy to obtain and retain. As a result, the Department has instituted a variety of processes to upskill its existing staff and to equip potential employees with appropriate skills sets. The Masakh'iSizwe Bursary Scheme is a well-known and highly respected example of these processes. However, today I want to recognise staff of the Department whose career paths have been less usual and really challenging.

In the Special Guest seating we have today four valued members of our staff.

Ms Thabisa Mayekiso joined the Department in 2009 as a cleaner and has recently been appointed as a Finance Assistant in the Directorate Financial Accounting. [Applause.]

Mr John Titus was a gardener at Leeuwenhof before being recommended for further employment. He is now an Assistant Director in our Property Management Team. Thank you. [Applause.]

Mr Bongi Tshendu was also on the ground staff of Leeuwenhof before applying for a position in the Provincial Public Works Branch. He is now a Senior Administrative Officer in the Immovable Asset Registry. Thank you. [Applause.]

Finally, Christina Sako joined the Department in 2006 with a National Diploma. She obtained professional registration and her Bachelor Degree through the Professional Development Programme and is today an Architectural Technologist in the Works General Branch. [Applause.] [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Deputy Speaker, I tell these stories because ... [Interjection.]

Ms L M MASEKO: That is empowerment.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: ... the creation of jobs is critical. Finding and developing our people to fill these jobs is as important and I want to thank these special, highly valued members of staff for being here with us today and for the outstanding work they do in the interests of our citizens.

In closing, I want to comment on two initiatives taken by the Province in relation to the commuter rail system – a system which is clearly unsuitable for the needs of our society and for a modern economy. It is a further example of the failure of the Government at national level to manage a state entity with even a semblance of competence.

Firstly, the weekly reports issued by the partnership between the Province, the City of Cape Town and PRASA in providing additional security on the rail network, indicate that with proper planning and resourcing the security situation and the safety of passengers can be improved. And I want to pay tribute to that Rail Enforcement Unit, Deputy Speaker. They are doing an amazing job.

An HON MEMBER: Hear, hear.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Secondly, Cabinet has approved for public comment a Draft Rail Bill from my Department. This will be gazetted soon and is aimed at enhancing the authority of the Province to monitor commuter rail performance and to hold the system accountable. The importance of an efficient, reliable commuter rail system is critical to the overall public transport system and to relieving the congestion on our road network. I thank you. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The hon Hinana.

Mr N E HINANA: Mr Deputy Speaker, thank you very much. Let me, before I proceed with my speech, welcome the presentation under the leadership of the hon MEC Donald Grant and also to welcome the management of the Department of Transport and Public Works and all the transport entities that are being represented here, and also to the leadership, the capable leader, Jacqui Gooch, who has led this Department up to this area.

Let me just say, Mr Deputy Speaker, that the success of this Province depends on many departments, just like the Department of Transport and Public Works. If we are going to talk about the success of the Department of Education we will have to deal with the performance of the Department of Transport and Public Works, whether it provides adequate assets so that the education can be conducive for the learners to learn successfully.

If we talk about the better life and our health facilities, we have to make sure that the quality of the production that the Department of Transport and Public Works provides as infrastructure in the Department of Health, is adequate so that the health of the people is maintained and restored.

So the Department of Transport and Public Works under this Ministry has got a mammoth, mammoth task of making sure that everything that the Department delivers adequately is of quality, so that the success is indeed what the people of this province are going to achieve.

With the Appropriation Budget of just over R8 billion for the 2019/2020 financial year the Western Cape Department of Transport and Public Works receives one of the largest chunks of the provincial budget, and rightfully so.

Under the DA-led Western Cape policy mandate, the construction and maintenance of sound economic infrastructure is the centrepiece of a capable state. Ensuring that a network of roads is built in the province, that the state-owned buildings and facilities are maintained and that the Western Cape has enough schools, hospitals and clinics to meet the growing demands of the province is a service which forms the backbone of our governments. And it has always been our public call that the people of the Western Cape must provide leadership in terms of maintaining those assets, not that when they want to expose their frustration they burn the assets and that, the very asset that they are going to look after to get the services.

It does not make any sense for any person, whatever service delivery problem the person has, to use his or her anger to destroy the very self-same infrastructure.

It is pleasing to see that a substantial portion of the Provincial Budget has been allocated to this Department.

Mr Deputy Speaker, one of the days the Department engaged in a public meeting in the area called Kwa-Faku in Philippi where the issue of the schools was the fundamental issue, the communities were protesting about so violently that they wanted to shut down the school, but because of the capable leadership of this Department of MEC Donald Grant it continued.

As we speak now I had the pleasure of visiting the area yesterday so that I can talk about something that I practically foresee, that the school in Kwa-Faku is a very, very progressive start that is happening and it is near to its completion. And for that I want to convey the message to say that the people of Philippi are indeed happy; as I previously reported, they are happy and together with the teachers, despite the fact that they were here protesting, they are happy today to see that the progress is there and the foundation of their kids is being laid and the quality of education is coming. So whenever the MEC of Education talks about the quality of education, he must remember that the foundation has to be solid so that the outcome of education becomes what is admired nationally.

In terms of Programme 3, Transport Infrastructure, I welcome an earmarked allocation amounting to R3.2 billion for the 2019/2020 financial year which includes the Provincial Road Maintenance Grant and the Expanded Public Works Programme Integrated Grant for provinces.

I further welcome the following allocation for the 2019 period for the Catalytic Infrastructure Development. R28 billion towards Infrastructure Investment; R156 million towards the Saldanha Bay Industrial Development Zone as a key catalytic driver in the oil and gas and marine engineering sectors; R96 million towards the Atlantic Economic Zone for the Manufacturing of Green Technologies and Related Services and R25 billion towards construction and maintenance of public works and road infrastructure.

And finally, Deputy Speaker, I welcome an overall R12.1 billion towards the infrastructure budgets from the Provincial Department of Transport and Public Works, which amounts to 42% of the 2019/2020 budget.

Deputy Speaker, the Provincial Department of Transport and Public Works under the DA-led Government, under the leadership of the capable Mr Donald Grant, in the administration of this Department ... [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Yes.

Mr N E HINANA: ... has committed to intervene in the ailing railway transport service in our province as a result of the ANC poor mismanagement and maladministration at a national level. [Interjections.] And it is something, the corruption and all the mismanagement of funds, that is always happening. [Interjections.]

I am glad to say that over the 2019 MTEF the Department will save R255 billion to address the public transport requirement for the rail enforcement teams.

Mr Deputy Speaker, this is a particularly important allocation as it empowered the Provincial Government to manage services in the Western Cape which the ANC has allowed to collapse.

Whenever everything that the ANC touches ... [Interjection.] turns to ashes, and it has to be the responsibility therefore of the capable Democratic Alliance to say that for anyone who wants to save South Africa, must never trust the ANC which continues to destroy this country. [Interjections.]

And therefore the future of this country depends on the capacity and the capability of the Democratic Alliance, an example is there. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Hear-hear. So true.

Mr N E HINANA: I do want, Mr Deputy Speaker, to say that anyone who disputes anything that has been put forward by the MEC on the achievements of the Department, the person is allowed to go and approach even the Auditor-General for the Department. It is not misleading the public on the achievements that the DA has done, that is not so, because we do not want people to dispute but not challenge. If you disagree, challenge. Blow the dispute and say that the DA is misleading. Up until now it is capable and bold enough to say that the DA delivers. The person must do the honour and shut up. [Interjections.]

Mr Deputy Speaker, even with the substantial budget allocation by this Department towards infrastructure development and maintenance, it is crucial to see what this entire administration has achieved over the past decade. Since 2019, R4 billion has been spent on capital infrastructure and R2 billion on infrastructure maintenance in the Western Cape. This includes new district hospitals in Khayelitsha, Mitchells Plain, 10 emergency centres that were replaced or upgraded, 14 new primary healthcare facilities that have been completed and 11 new ambulance stations that have been created.

In addition, Mr Deputy Speaker, 132 new schools have been built over the past two years since the DA was elected to government in the Western Cape. The main reason being that the MEC of Education, in conjunction with the agreement with the MEC of Transport and Public Works, have committed themselves that in the Western Cape we will never have children, who are the future of this country, learning under the trees and are at risk of falling in the toilet latrines.

This solidifies the commitment by the Provincial Department of Transport and Public Works to building and maintaining state-of-the-art infrastructure in this province, which serves a variety of needs.

Mr Deputy Speaker, as you consider this Department's budget for the 2019/2020 financial year, it is safe to say that we know this money will be spent well, considering the sound and clean expenditure of the past decade, and the Auditor-General agrees.

Moving forward, Mr Deputy Speaker, I would encourage this Department to consider a provincial subsidy for the taxi industry for greater regulation and we sustain an already sound relationship with the taxi industry in the Western Cape, as this industry is responsible for moving thousands of commuters to all areas on a daily basis.

I want to emphasise that in the townships we have transport that is called Amaphela and I still maintain that we need to have a serious intervention, that those service providers are being regulated ... [Interjection.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: But you have been saying that for years.

Mr N E HINANA: Because we cannot shy away from the fact that ... [Interjection.] we will never get rid of the Amaphela but all that is needed is that they must be regulated so that they can operate within the framework of the law and so that the safety of the commuters is always guaranteed and protected.

Mr Deputy Speaker, this Department is one of the most important wings of Provincial Government when it comes to underpinning the service delivery and excellence, under the leadership of the DA Government. [Interjection.]

Considering this Department is now on its umpteenth clean audit, I am also very happy to say that this wing of Government is able to deliver without the corruption we see in other provinces across South Africa.

And for this – it will be my concluding remark – I want to thank all the people who have contributed to the Department of Transport and Public Works Standing Committee, from the co-ordinators, from the colleagues that I work with in the Department and I say that all that we have been doing was to make sure that the quality that has been provided to the Western Cape citizens is of utmost value. And whenever we say that, anything that is happening in any other provinces, we do wish that people can copy what is happening in the Western Cape because the intention is that the people who put the Democratic Alliance in the Western Cape must extend that appreciation by putting the DA across the country and get rid of the corrupt, Bosasa-aligned ANC. Thank you very much. [Applause.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Hear-hear!

Mr K E MAGAXA: According to your white ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Dugmore?

Mr C M DUGMORE: Thank you very much, Mr Deputy Speaker. It is interesting that both the MEC as well as the Chairperson of the committee could not resist the temptation of wanting to make political speeches here today. [Interjections.] And I think, you know, as much as the MEC and as much as the Chair of the committee would try and discredit or nullify the achievements of the ANC Government since 1994, I think the main reason why opinion polls are indicating that the ANC is likely to get over 60% of the vote nationally is, in the first instance, that actually despite the problems which all of us acknowledge ... [Interjection.] and the unacceptable conduct by some of our members and leaders, the reality is that since 1994 – and we are talking about infrastructure here – 3.2 million houses have actually been built in this country, not like MEC Madikizela who says: I will not give you a house, you must just save and I will give you some land.

The reality is, and that is why the housing backlog has got bigger in the Western Cape ... [Interjections.] that the ANC Government has built 3.2 million houses.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr C M DUGMORE: ... that only 36%, despite the unacceptable situation in Eskom, which the MEC has referred to, despite that situation only 36% of people in our country ... [Interjections.] only 36% of people in South Africa had access to electricity in 1994. The reality now is that over 86% of South Africans have access to electricity. [Interjections.] And the problem is that when the DA MEC and the Chair forget the achievements of, for instance, the fact that in 1994 we had a situation where only 54% of South Africans could read and write. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Over 97% of South Africans are now literate. So despite these problems, we cannot ignore the fact that achievements have been made.

And the other factor is that South Africans, even those who have become disillusioned with the ANC, see in President Ramaphosa ... [Interjections.] a leader who is able to renew this country, and so on. And I think it will be more important ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order.

Mr C M DUGMORE: ... when we want to talk about corruption, let us make it very, very clear, Deputy Speaker, that MEC Grant should not be worried that judicial processes would not conclude. Our organisation, the African National Congress, will make sure - [Interjection.] you raised a concern that they might not conclude – that every single South African from whatever political party, private sector, Government, is going to face the full might of the law when it comes to corruption and the abuse of State resources. And a public prosecutor has been appointed and that is the process which is going on. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Order.

Mr C M DUGMORE: And I think the MEC should rather come to us today and say that when millions of rands were squandered by Filcon ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Mr C M DUGMORE: ... why has his political leadership not been prepared to introduce a private delictual claim for damages from Filcon? No, absolutely not. [Interjections.] They have not been prepared to do that and taxpayers' money in this province has been wasted. [Interjections.] So MEC Grant should not come here and talk about issues of corruption and incompetence. He, as political head of this Department, had the authority to go after, introduce prosecution and a damages claim against Filcon who squandered over 100 million. That developer has got off scot-free and there has been no political will from MEC Grant to deal with what was clearly an abuse of taxpayers' money.

We are very happy, MEC, that you have acknowledged Ms Thabisa Mayekiso, John Titus, Mr Bongani Tshendu and also Christina Sako here today. I think it is fantastic that there is an acknowledgement of people within the Department that have actually progressed.

But this should not hide the fact that in the entire province when it comes to senior management – we have had a situation in the Western Cape where basically when the ANC governed, for instance, there were 61 senior officials at management level from the African community. By the time the DA has finished this term, which is now in 2018, that number has dropped to 40. [Interjection.] There has been a 30% decrease in the number of African senior managers.

Mr K E MAGAXA: That is racism. [Interjections.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: So we support the advancement of officials but we should not, like the hon Premier, come to this House and say representivity is not important. [Interjection.] Because in the senior management of this Provincial Government we have seen the decimation of African senior managers of a 10-year period. [Interjections.]

So if people want to come here and say: Vote DA, effectively what they are arguing for is the decimation of capable African leaders in this province ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr C M DUGMORE: And that is the legacy of the DA which we should never forget.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Just one second. Hon Mngqasela?

An HON MEMBER: No, that is ... [Inaudible.].

Mr M MNQASELA: Mr Deputy Speaker, ṭingaba umhlonipheki obekekileyo uyafuna ukuthatha umbuzo na? [May I request whether the Hon member is prepared to take the question?]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. I cannot hear you. Hon Magaxa, please. The Chair is trying to hear what hon member Mngqasela is saying.

Mr M MNQASELA: Mr Deputy Speaker, is the hon member prepared to take a question? [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Dugmore, are you prepared to take a question? [Interjections.] Not now.

Mr C M DUGMORE: So the issue is that when we want to be effective in our governance we have to work towards what our Constitution says, which is redress. We want to see success stories like we have seen here today introduced to us, but we want to see a representative senior management.

The legacy of the DA is to decimate African senior managers ... [Interjection.] and that the only group in this province who is represented above the provincial demographic are white males. Coloured males are under-represented, African males, African females are under-represented. So let us not come and create a rosy picture. This DA stands for preservation of privilege and the undermining of senior management from the African community. [Interjections.]

But when we look at this budget of 8 billion ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr C M DUGMORE: ... across the various programmes from transport infrastructure to transport operations, community-based programmes and transport regulation, it is critical that we ask questions about whether this budget this year and in previous years has helped us to deal with public transport that is efficient, safe and affordable; has it contributed to road safety in our province and will it do so; the state of our infrastructure; whether we have utilised our provincial assets effectively and whether we have actually committed to transformation in this particular Department.

Now when it comes to public transport – and I would like to address the MEC through you – I think also lacking in this budget has been an overall vision for public transport in our province, especially in the City of Cape Town.

The reality is that Capetonians, compared to all other South Africans, spend the longest time in their cars, an average of 162 hours a year, which is worse than any other city in this ... [Interjections.]

So that points to the issues: what is our vision, what is our strategy towards public transport? [Interjections.] But very often, and fortunately this MEC is not always to blame but very often, instead of trying to have a co-operative approach, the DA tends to blame and complain and not actually seek solutions. [Interjections.]

Mr M G E WILEY: I wonder where the people came from?

Mr C M DUGMORE: The problem that we have now is a confusion because there are posters which go up ... [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: ANC confusion ... [Interjection.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: ... which talk about provincial rail service.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Those posters talk about provincial rail service but when you, for instance, look at the Draft White Paper on the National Rail Policy ... [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: [Inaudible.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: ... it is very clear that that talks to metropolitan authorities, Johannesburg, Cape Town, Durban, being able to take control through metropolitan transport authorities in regard to public transport. But we have confusion now because the MEC referred to it as well about provincial legislation which is supposed to actually regulate public transport, but when it comes to rail it is very clear that the Draft White Paper nationally talks about devolving that over a process of time to metropolitan transport authorities.

But now for populist campaigning purposes, there are posters which say a provincial rail service whereas the reality of policy which has been developed over the years talks about the metropolitan transport authority which takes responsibility for ticketing across rail, across buses and across taxis. [Interjections.]

So what we have here is political populism actually undermining the very intent of the Draft White Paper and that is not going to help us, MEC. [Interjections.] That is not going to help us.

So we need to move away from political populism and actually look at what is the content of policy guiding our country and seeing how we can do this, and there is no quick fix.

We also commend the partnership between PRASA, the City and the Province in terms of the unit that is focusing on rail enforcement. That is definitely contributing but we believe, instead of making promises that we cannot keep around a provincial rail service, we should be looking at those powers currently with PRASA that should actually be devolved to the Metrorail management. If, for instance, procurement decisions, decisions around appointment of staff were actually in the domain of the Metrorail management, those would be practical ways of beginning to deal with some of these problems, as opposed to simply making a call and following it with legislation which pretends that this Province can create a provincial rail service.

That is not what is going to happen. We are moving towards a metropolitan transport authority ... [Interjection.]

Mr M G E WILEY: We are moving towards ... [Interjection.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: ... move towards that. So I think it is unfortunate; this confusion within the DA policy is actually going to impact on effective public transport in our province. [Interjection.]

I think when we talk about public transport I also want to talk briefly about MyCiTi and Go George. We have a situation, Deputy Speaker, where the National Department of Transport allocates funds directly to the City of Cape Town and they are responsible for the running of MyCiTi. We have a situation in George, however, where both this Department is directly involved and also you have a situation where the National Department of Transport allocates funds to George but those funds are essentially then allocated back to the Province.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Hon member, your time has expired. I will allow you to finish off quickly.

Mr C M DUGMORE: So the issue that we want to raise here is: when is the capacity of the George Municipality going to be built so that it is actually effectively able to run that service.

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

Mr C M DUGMORE: Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I do not see the EFF or the ACDP here. I will then – Chief Whip?

Mr M G E WILEY: Thank you very much, Deputy Speaker. I once again rise to note, to complain that the ACDP and the EFF are once again missing and avoiding their constitutional responsibilities in accounting for the budgets. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see the hon Minister Grant to respond. [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Mr Deputy Speaker, I would like to start off my reply by thanking the two other hon members who participated in this debate today and to say firstly to the Chair of our Standing Committee, thank you to you and your team. When I say that, I am talking about all members of your Standing Committee over the years.

And I want to just say ... [Interjection.] with regard to the Filcon issue, hon Dugmore, I would just like to advise him of the fact that the failure of contractors is not a criminal offence. [Interjections.] It is not a criminal offence, okay?

Then secondly, in terms of the issues around the equity, we are one over - one – in terms of our provincial establishment for white males. [Interjection.] One.

And then we are under-represented in terms of African males and females but that is a thing which, over time, is going to have to be corrected. In a highly technical department like this – and I can tell you and this House, we do everything we can to try and attract and then the difficulty comes ... [Interjection.] to retain black members in our Department where we compete with the private sector and the City of Cape Town. It is a damn difficult job.

Mr K E MAGAXA: [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order, hon member Magaxa. Hon Minister Grant, just one second, you have a colleague behind you on his feet. Hon Mnqasela?

Mr M MNQASELA: Deputy Speaker ... [Interjection.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: [Inaudible.] ... sorry.

Mr M MNQASELA: I think there is a very serious overture that is unacceptable in this Parliament. Hon members must be addressed as hon members.

You cannot talk to another hon member and say: you are talking nonsense, in this Parliament. I think you must make a ruling on that.

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. I hear what you are saying. I did not hear the comment but certainly we are all hon members and members must be addressed in such a way. Minister Grant, you may continue.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Mr Deputy Speaker, then on the issue raised about the law following its course for those who have broken the law, in response to that I want to say that we have not built any more jails in the Western Cape since 1994. And we are going to have to look at the court capacity to actually process all of those who have broken the law and had their hands in the till since 1994. If we go back, it is a massive job that lies ahead for the new head of the NPA and her team – and may God help her in that task. [Interjections.]

Then, Mr Deputy Speaker, I think this is an occasion where I do not want to go into too much detail. I can advise the hon member Dugmore that the whole George matter is under control. There are many groups; as you know, there is 4A and 4B which are due to be rolled out but in terms of the Section 71 Committee of George, they have made certain recommendations and we as Province and the National Government will back that up going forward.

I want to also say a number of thank yous. I firstly want to say to the hon members and the officials of this House, Mr Deputy Speaker, thank you for your support for my Department during the tenure of the Fifth Parliament. I want to just say it has been great working with all of you.

Secondly, to our Standing Committee: thank you for the robust discussions that we have had and debates and, in particular, to the Chair; on a personal level I will say it has been great working with you and I wish you well in the National Assembly and I am sure all the experience that you have picked up in Transport, I hope you will use it in the National Assembly to guide the way forward at that level of government. [Interjections.]

Thirdly, I would like to thank my Cabinet colleagues for their wise counsel and their support and the hon Premier for her leadership over the 10 years of great governance. [Applause.]

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Fourthly, I would like to thank my Ministry for their support and guidance and, in particular, Mr Clive Roos, for keeping me out of most of the trouble I would have got into ... [Interjections.] and for advising me on what I needed to know, not what I wanted to hear.

Then penultimately, my Department. It has been a privilege to serve with you this term.

It was not an easy transition from Education into the highly technical and diverse fields of endeavour within the Department of Transport and Public Works. You are really an amazing team and I want to thank each and every one of you for the time over the years.

Please continue down the road less travelled, champion innovation, particularly in the spheres of big data, technology, property environment, the built environment, particularly in our new catalytic projects. Roads, I have learnt so much from our Roads team and unfortunately lost many arguments with them over the years. [Interjection.]

Then road safety, I cannot not mention that and the results, frankly, a disappointment to me and the cost to South Africa of R162 billion a year weighs heavily on the Minister in this Department and should do so on the National Department as well.

And lastly, our nemesis, Public Transport. All I want to say is: much work lies ahead in this regard.

Then finally, I just want to thank my family for their sacrifice and support over the last two terms. For me it has been easy because I have had the support of our team and time flies when you are having fun and dealing with tough problems. It is not so easy for your family who are at home alone or are woken up regularly in the middle of the night.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I have the privilege to table Vote 10 for consideration by this House. I thank you. [Applause.]

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

[Debate concluded.]

The House is suspended.

[Business of the House was suspended at 11:48 and resumed at 11:53]

WESTERN CAPE APPROPRIATION BILL [B1 – 2019]

(Debate on Vote 5 – Education)

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see the hon Minister Schäfer. [Applause.]

The PREMIER: Hear-Hear!

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: We will see about shebeens now.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: †Hayibo! [No man!]

Hon Premier in absentia, fellow members of the Provincial Cabinet, Chair of the Standing Committee and other members of the Provincial Legislature, Superintendent of Education, Mr Brian Schreuder, CFO, Leon Ely and my other

two colleagues who are not on holiday and Education Department officials, ladies and gentlemen.

Mr Deputy Speaker, over the last five years it has been my immense privilege to work with this Cabinet and the Western Cape Education Department in improving education outcomes in this province. I am proud of what we have together achieved.

As a government, we are committed to ensuring a quality education for every learner, in every classroom and in every school in our province.

This is given expression through three overarching strategic goals, which have all improved, namely:

- Improvement in the level of Language and Mathematics at schools;
- increase in the number and quality of passes in the NSC and;
- an increase in the quality of education provision in poorer communities.

So let us take a quick look at these improvements:

Since I took office in 2014, there has been an improvement in Grade 3, 6 and 9 in both Mathematics and Language in the systemic tests. And I am particularly proud of schools that have worked hard to achieve excellent results, some in very difficult circumstances.

In Mathematics, when we compare results from 2014 to 2018, the Grade 3 learners' pass rate improved by 2,6%, grade 6 by an impressive 12% and Grade 9's by 8,1%.

In Language, when we compare results from 2014 to 2018, the Grade 3 learners' pass rate improved by 3,4%, Grade 6 learners by 0,6% and Grade 9's by 5%.

I am also pleased that we have seen a steady overall improvement in the 2018 systemic tests, when comparing them with the results of the baseline tests in 2011.

In addition, I am especially proud that in the category of "Excellence in Academic Performance in Mathematics: Grades 3 and 6" this year, all three top positions were won by schools from previously disadvantaged communities in Philippi and Gugulethu. These schools are Zanemfundo Primary, Siyazakha Primary and Sonwabo Primary.

Moving on to our matric results – the results over the last five years of this administration have built on the progress of our previous administration. Since the DA took over in 2009, we have seen significant improvements in all quality indicators.

The total percentage of candidates who passed matric has increased from 75,7% in 2009 to 81,5% in 2018 - an increase of 5,8%.

Our key quality indicators reflect the same trend:

- Since 2009, the Bachelor pass rate has increased from 31,9% to 42,3% - a remarkable increase of 10,4%
- The Maths pass rate has increased from 64,9% in 2009 to 76% in 2018 – an increase of 11,1%
- The Physical Science pass rate increased from 52,9% in 2009 to 79% in 2018 – an impressive increase of 26,1%
- The Western Cape has established itself as the leading province in Maths and Science results, given that our percentage pass rate performance in the NSC remains in the top three in Mathematics and Physical Science.
- When we took office in 2009, the matric pass rate in Quintile 1 schools, deemed the poorest, was 57,5% - in 2018 it was 70,5%. Pass rate increases of 10,6% in Quintile 2 and 15,6% in Quintile 3 schools during the same period were also recorded.
- The proportion of Bachelors passes in Quintiles 1 – 3 has more than doubled since 2009. This is most significant in Quintile 1, where the Bachelors' proportion went from 8,7% in 2009 to 24,2% in 2018.

The PREMIER: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Welcome Premier. [Laughter.]

- Only 12% of SA's population lives in the Western Cape, yet 64% of the NSC Special Needs candidates came from the Western Cape.

The PREMIER: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: We have achieved these improvements while also improving the retention rate in schools. Our retention rate from Grades 10 to 12 is the highest in the country, by a long way, at around 63%.

Mr Deputy Speaker, today I present to you the 2019/20 Budget for the WCED, against the backdrop of an economy with slow economic growth and high unemployment, and where the effects of rampant corruption at a national level are felt across the province in all departments and especially in Education. The WCED however remains vigilant and continues to place emphasis on fiscal consolidation, cost cutting measures as well as streamlining and rationalising projects, whilst remaining committed to our vision of quality education for every learner, in every classroom in every school.

We are committed to improving the lives of our youth, and to giving them the best possible opportunities in life.

In order to be able to do this, and deal with the ongoing pressures we face, we need a mindset change. We can no longer continue with "business as usual". I am therefore pleased with the evident shift in culture in the WCED over the past two years.

The WCED is aiming to be a values-driven organisation and has identified “Values-Driven Learning” as a key theme for our five-year plan to change the mindset of teachers as well as learners. Part of this is to instil respect for each other. This theme focuses on the six values of the Western Cape Government and schools have been asked to identify 12 values that symbolise and characterise the values that they want to espouse and then showcase these values in various ways.

In 2017, under the theme “Values Driven Learning”, we celebrated the Year of the Teacher which sought to raise the status of teachers and gain the respect due to them by learners, parents and communities.

In 2018, the theme adopted was “the Year of Values Driven Learning” which helped strengthen the province’s culture of excellence in teaching and learning. This year we are focusing on the “Year of The Learner” where all our efforts are focused on preparing them for successful lives and to ensure that they become valuable contributors to society. I am proud of this initiative and what we have managed to achieve so far.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I must congratulate our CFO, Leon Ely, and his Finance team for once again achieving a clean audit for the fourth consecutive year for the 2017/18 financial year. [Applause.] Yes, thank you. You can clap. This is almost unheard of in education, so very well done.

Earlier this month, the Provincial Minister of Finance announced that, for the 2019/20 financial year, the WCED will receive an amount of R23 669 billion.

This represents an increase of R1,519 billion from the previous financial year.

The bulk of the Department’s funding is for Programme 2, Public Ordinary School Education, with an allocation of 75% of the budget. This is followed by Programme 6 Infrastructure Development, with an allocation of over R1,758 billion which equates to 7,43% of the budget.

In the Western Cape, 5,66% of the budget is allocated to Special Needs, 6,6% to Administration and 2,76% will be allocated to Early Childhood Development in Grade R.

And on this note, the National Government’s decision to move ECD to Education, is going to have huge financial implications, both for staff and infrastructure, and I have raised this at our CEM meeting. Any move will have to be accompanied by a substantial financial investment, which is unlikely given that the ANC has wasted and stolen most of our money.

The WCED’S vision will only be attainable if we decrease the inequality gap between our rich and poorer schools. As a result of our history, there still remain disparities between poorer and wealthier communities. One of our greatest challenges is how to provide efficient and equitable access to education.

As a Department and as a DA Government, we have placed a huge emphasis on improving education in our poorer communities with a focus on pro-poor initiatives such as learner transport, school feeding, fee exemption and compensation.

One of the WCED's biggest cost drivers is learner transport. In order to assist learners that do not have the required funding or mechanisms to get to their schools, the WCED has a learner transport scheme in place. With increased growth in our province, this has led to an increased demand for this service.

In 2019, 61 602 learners are being transported to 473 schools in the Western Cape. The budget allocated to this pro-poor initiative has increased significantly. In 2014, the WCED spent R268 million on learner transport. This figure has increased by over 57%. In the 2019/20 year, over R422 million has been budgeted for this programme.

In MTEC discussions earlier this year, we discussed the possibility of changing the learner school transport policy to provide for children living further than 4km from their school, instead of the national policy of 5km, for primary school children. Unfortunately, because of inadequate funding from the National Treasury for additional learners from other provinces, we had to prioritise all funding for additional educator posts and could not do this.

If only we could have had some of that never-ending bailout money for State Owned Enterprises, we could have done so much more for our poorer learners.

In addition, the WCED has allocated over R45 million to subsidise hostel accommodation for learners, as this not only reduces the transport costs of the Department, but provides other benefits for learners, such as a safe learning environment for homework, access to after school curricular activities and academic support. Learners also receive meals which reduce costs of living for parents at home, for food, electricity and water.

Tough economic times are leading to a growing number of parents who simply cannot afford to pay school fees. This puts a massive financial strain on fee-paying schools relying on the collection of fees to sustain their daily running costs. In 2019/20 the WCED budgeted in excess of R58 million for fee exemption, far exceeding any other province in this pro-poor policy.

Every child has a right to education and we are very pleased that we can assist these schools with this kind of compensation, as well as assist our parents who are struggling to make ends meet. It is also a way to assist our fee paying schools that accept learners that subsequently cannot pay school fees.

Many of our schools in the Western Cape are classified as Quintile 4 and 5, fee paying, which are supposed to be wealthy, but the reality is that they are attended by an increasing number of poorer learners.

In the absence of the National Government changing the Quintile policy, after repeated requests, we have had to dig even further into our limited funds to assist these schools.

In addition to fee compensation, in 2013 the WCED offered certain public schools serving poorer communities the option to apply for No-Fee Status.

In the 2019/20 financial year, we continue to support 224 schools that have been declared no-fee schools through our own funding mechanisms. In the 2019/20 financial year, we have allocated in excess of R275 million to assist our no-fee Quintile 4 and 5 schools.

There are currently 574 public ordinary fee paying schools in the Western Cape. In 2018/19 the WCED paid out fee compensation to 552 of these schools. This means that the WCED is assisting 96% of fee paying schools.

We have also reached out to the remaining fee-charging schools, by topping up their Norms and Standards allocation in order for the schools to at least have the same income base as a no-fee school and to remain financially viable. 98 schools benefit from this pro-poor policy.

Mr Deputy Speaker, it is a sad reality that many children in South Africa arrive at school daily with an empty stomach. This is why the Western Cape Government is committed to ensuring that our poorer learners receive not just one, but two, nutritious meals at school every day. The School Nutrition Programme feeds more than 401 657 learners from 691 schools. The amount allocated to the feeding programme for the 2019/20 financial year is more than R385 million. In addition, we continue to feed 78 140 learners from historically [Inaudible.] in 317 Quintile 4 and 5 schools that serve poorer communities, as well as 26 507 children in the After-school Programme to ensure that our poorer learners are able to participate.

Various studies show that the Western Cape is showing the greatest progress in transforming education in poor communities. We are positive that many of our pro-poor policies have contributed significantly to this progress.

We are making these kinds of investments, not only because it is the right thing to do, but because affording children access to quality education, which while not sufficient on its own, is a key contributing factor to breaking the cycle of poverty.

Mr Deputy Speaker, more than 113 000 learners have relocated to the Western Cape since 2014, with an additional 20 000 learners arriving for the start of the 2019 academic year.

Each learner that enters the province costs the Department around R15 500 per learner for a primary school learner and R18 700 for a high school learner, excluding infrastructure costs. The cost over the last 5 years is more than R1,84 billion, and for this year alone is an estimated R596 million. But the funding from the National Treasury does not follow the learners, as I have said repeatedly. The necessary Equitable Share from the national budget should be commensurate with up to date learner numbers and compensate for the many years it has not kept pace with the increased numbers.

To accommodate this growth in numbers, we are building schools and additional classrooms but we cannot keep up with the demand without adequate funding. Since 2009, we have completed 131 schools and this year we will see the completion of 11 schools.

In order to accommodate the additional 20 000 extra learners this year alone, we effectively need another 20 new schools, in one year, which costs around R60 – R75 million per school. This amount equals R1,5 billion just for one year. Given that we have similar numbers every year, we require that kind of budget every year – just for new schools. Given that we still have backlogs in our existing infrastructure requirements, as well as that we have to maintain our existing infrastructure, it is quite obvious that the amount allocated is insufficient. And then there are teachers, feeding, transport and so on.

In 2019/20, we will again be investing a large allocation towards school infrastructure to meet the growing demand for schooling in the province, as well as to replace schools built with inappropriate materials.

The allocation towards Infrastructure Projects is an amount of over R1,7 billion, which includes new and replacement schools, upgrading and additions, and refurbishment and rehabilitation of our schools.

Maintenance of our existing schools also remains a priority, with many of our poorer schools unable to keep up with maintenance and repairs. R636 million will be allocated towards maintenance in schools. We are also struggling after having to redirect approximately R300 million last year from maintenance, to drought mitigation measures.

Mr Deputy Speaker, another priority for the WCED is to provide for our learners with special needs, for which there is also an increasing demand. This year we have allocated over R1,3 billion to Special Needs Education, to accommodate the increasing need. The Western Cape is the leading province when it comes to the provision of special needs education but here again, we are feeling an increased pressure as families are literally moving across the country to find place for their children in our schools.

There are currently around 20 000 learners in the province's 71 Public Special Schools, with an additional 75 learners in the School of Skills Year 1 Programme at Silverstream School, which we have started this year as part of the Manenberg upgrade programme.

The Western Cape Education Department provides different levels of support depending on the special educational need identified, in line with national policy on inclusive education. The Department identifies learners needing low, moderate and high levels of support and provides appropriate support to these needs, in line with policy.

We cater for learners needing low levels of support in mainstream public schools with the support of our 27 outreach teams that operate from Special School Resource Centres. Many special schools also operate as resource centres that support full-service and mainstream ordinary schools.

We have also established full-service ordinary schools that cater for learners with moderate needs. We cater for learners with high levels of need in special schools. These include schools for the blind, deaf, physically disabled and those with severe intellectual impairments.

Mr Deputy, the ongoing professional development of our educators is of the utmost importance, and we will be investing over R106 million in that this year. The WCED's Cape Teaching and Leadership Institute continues to offer training in a variety of courses. There is also a recent focus on "Values Conversations" in schools as part of the Transform to Perform strategy.

In all interventions offered at CTLI, there is a strong ICT integration approach. The ICT Integration Unit at the CTLI delivers ICT integration interventions for teachers, school leaders and curriculum support officials. ICT Training is pitched at three levels; Novice, Intermediate and Advanced to accommodate teachers' varying ICT competence levels. ICT infrastructure and training content are continually being improved to keep track with the latest developments in the ICT and education field. A new focus is being developed which will research future technology trends and showcase the latest technologies in an 'ICT Playpark for Teacher'.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the Premier in her SOPA elaborated on the e-Learning Game-Changer and exactly what we would have achieved by the end of our term. So I will simply say that the WCED has allocated over R239 million towards e-learning in the 2019/20 financial year and will be mainstreaming it in the Department. Key elements include a high-speed internet connectivity, wide area network linking schools across the province and local area networks in schools that connect to the WAN.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I am delighted that after more than two years, the Western Cape Provincial School Education Amendment Bill was passed by this House in November last year.

The Bill constitutes the biggest public education reform since 1994, and is designed to achieve excellence in education, through improving the assessment of teaching and learning in the classroom, and school functioning as a whole. These assessments will be published for parents and communities to see, to increase transparency and accountability.

The Bill is innovative, in that it represents a real exercise of the province's concurrent legislative competence in basic education – which many seem to forget that we have. Of course, SADTU is now challenging it in court, which we will vigorously oppose.

We continue to make pleasing progress in our Collaboration Schools project. Indications are that it is bringing improved education to poor communities, to which we are absolutely committed. We now have 11 schools as part of this project, with another new school joining in April this year.

The PREMIER: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Since the inception of the new model, the results of the systemic tests as well as the NSC results at these schools have increased significantly but SADTU says they cannot see any proof of improvement. Special mention must be made of Langa High School. For the last few years, the school's matric results have been unacceptably low – in 2015 it had a 41,9% pass rate. In 2016, it dropped to 34,3%. We decided to approach the school about becoming one of our new collaboration schools in 2017. After quite a lot of scepticism, it was agreed.

In the 2017 NSC they achieved 49,7% and in 2018 they achieved a 78% pass rate. [Applause.] Again, well done to all involved. It is once again becoming a school of choice and pride in the community.

I hope now that the Amendment Bill has passed, and given the successful pilot, that we can motivate for additional funders to come on board so that more of our schools that accommodate learners from disadvantaged communities may benefit from this exciting new model of schooling.

SADTU, of course, is also opposing this provision of our Bill in court, saying that there is no evidence that these schools work. We beg to differ.

Regarding the School Evaluations Authority, last month we gazetted the Draft Regulations pertaining to the SEA for public comment. This is an exciting development since the Bill was passed last year. The closing date for comments was the 18th March and as soon as the Regulations are finalised we shall advertise for the Chief Evaluator to be appointed.

The Premier also published a proclamation on 27 February 2019 putting into effect certain sections of the Bill including the classroom observation, so anybody who prevents this will be acting illegally. SADTU seems to regard it as urgent that this be stopped. I have to wonder why?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: What a joke.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: A Safe learning environment is a critical requirement for quality teaching and learning to take place.

The WCED implements various strategies to address school violence and safety. Unfortunately, many of the safety risks are a result of community and gang violence which affects the safety environment of our schools. A few weeks ago, it was highlighted that just this year there have been 17 reported stabbing incidents at Western Cape schools, many of which were gang related. It is devastating that the Anti-gang Unit of the SAPS appears to be making little impact, thus leaving these issues once again, to be dealt with by our teachers.

As I have said before, the Western Cape Government has a vast number of initiatives that we have undertaken transversally to try and curb gang violence in our schools and we are doing as much as we can as the Education Department to try and protect our schools, but we simply do not have the legislative mandate, security manpower or budget to guarantee learner safety from gang violence.

I am excited about the development of the Risk Classification Tool that will allow us to identify and classify existing and emerging safety risks so that the relevant security infrastructure and other resources are deployed when and where most needed, and I hope to see it properly implemented soon.

I have spoken ad nauseam about what we have been doing and our Chief Director, Alan Meyer, continues to Chair the School Safety Committee with great success.

The City of Cape Town has been extremely helpful to us, especially in respect of the school resource officers who also assist to alleviate the struggles faced by the Department in dealing with school violence, particularly where there is a high rate of gangsterism.

We have 53 schools involved, with 136 School Resource Officers. The role these officers play in our schools is absolutely significant. Not only do they have the skills to react to certain emergency situations but they also provide a sense of safety and protection.

We are also linking schools' burglar alarms to the City's Traffic Management Centre, where they can be monitored and, in cases of need, the Metro Polices' Response Unit can assist.

This has been necessary as a result of the lack of response unfortunately of some private companies that have been paid by schools, and lack of maintenance by schools of their alarms. The plan is in the early stages, but has great potential.

In addition, we now have a Safe Schools officer permanently stationed at the TMC, which is assisting in better co-ordinating responses to the relevant role-players in the case of any incident at schools.

I am also excited about a new partnership with a corporate company, which has resulted in a security solution being piloted at four schools in the Metro area. This includes access control, biometric data to ensure that there is control over who enters and leaves school premises, and use of artificial intelligence to alert principals and anyone monitoring school premises to any unusual activity on or outside the school premises. This has the potential to be a very exciting innovation in school safety. I will be announcing more on this next month.

We have allocated R112,518 million over the 2019 MTEF to specific school safety initiatives.

This will include the installation of secure perimeter fencing, restricted electronic access, monitored alarm systems, Safe Schools Call Centre, Walking Bus programme, Security Resilience Scorecard, and strategic partnerships between schools and communities.

While this funding will not necessarily end violence in and around our schools it will be used to provide and reinforce targeted security infrastructure support to schools.

Unfortunately, despite the additional security support and enforcement, some of our schools still fall victim to vandalism and burglaries, even more so now that we have ITC in schools. In 2019/20, R30 million has been allocated to the Emergency Maintenance Fund which will assist in repairing schools affected by burglary and vandalism.

So, Mr Deputy Speaker, we still have a long way to go, but progress to date is undeniable.

I must pay tribute to the SG, Brian Schreuder specifically, our EXCO and our committed teams, for their constructive and innovative approach and ongoing commitment to the learners of the Western Cape. [Applause.] I also want to pay tribute to all our educators who give so much of themselves to improve the opportunities for others, and for their support and understanding in these difficult financial times. It has been a real pleasure and a privilege working with you all over the last five years and I want to thank you for your support.

I also want to thank the members of the Standing Committee, under hon Basil Kivedo, for their oversight and for holding us accountable.

Thank you to the Premier for giving me the absolute privilege of serving the Western Cape in this crucial position, and my Cabinet Colleagues for their collegiality over the last five years.

Last but not least, I am going to leave my family out because they are not here but I really want to [Laughter.] They are vital – it is going to Hansard okay. [Interjection.] I will do them afterwards. I do want to say a very special thank you to my office staff sitting up there, without whom I would not be able to do what I do.

Thanks to Bronagh Hammond who headed my office for the first four years and is now very capably running the Department in the Communications Directorate, and Anne Schlebusch who stepped in rather unexpectedly after she “retired” from the Department last year. A big thanks also to Jessica Shelper, who has done an amazing job as my spokesperson. And to Thandazwa Ntshonga, Debbie Lewis, Audrey Frazenburg, Irene King, Nomonde Mbali, Neliswa Bokwana and Lynn Coleridge-Zils. We have really been a great team and I want to thank every one of you. And seeing as it is going into Hansard I want to acknowledge the support of my family which has been immense and very highly valued. Thank you so much. [Applause.]

Mr B D KIVEDO: Hon Premier, members of the Executive, fellow members on both sides of the House, members of the Ministry of Education, HOD, Mr Brian Schreuder of the WCED and his team, special guests, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen.

I have reached the end of the rope but at the end of the road there is still some hope. This is going to be my last and final speech in this Parliament. Member Magaxa, I will spare a handkerchief for you to wipe those tears I can see. [Laughter.] I know you are going to miss me a lot. [Laughter.] [Applause.] I thank Minister Debbie Schäfer for the exhaustive input. She said it all.

It felt good on the ear, it was good to listen to what is happening within the educational realm. I want to comment and make a few comments – as I said it is my final speech – and hopefully my famous last words, member Dugmore.

Mr Deputy Speaker, in South Africa investing in education is not only the right thing to do, but should be regarded as smart economics because upon graduation, at any level, social dividends are paid out and ~~ten~~ dit is maar van die soort van uitskieters wat 'n mens kry wanneer daar belê word in sosiale kapitaal. Dat onderwys nie gedekontekstualiseer kan word nie maar altyd binne konteksverband moet bly sodat ons die impak daarvan op die gemeenskap ten volle kan besef, en dit is die tipe van reperkussies. So dit gaan maar in elk geval oor die holistiese en die geheel-benadering tot onderwys, en ek dink die Minister het baie goed daarop uitgewys ook.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[and that is the kind of outliers one gets when social capital is invested in. That education cannot be decontextualised but always remains within context so that we can fully realise its impact on the community, and those are the types of repercussions. So it is in any case about the holistic and complete approach to education, and I think the Minister has also illustrated that very well.]

And poverty strikes those without education the hardest, continual investment in education, its support units and programmes at schools, not only allows for the participants to grow but for the whole of society to flourish on knowledge. However wonderful the prospect of education seems to be, the socio-economic characteristics in this country pose serious threats to the performance of the sector of education and training.

Of particular concern in the Western Cape is inter-alia; safety in schools, linked to increased numbers of vandalism, gangsterism within communities that offer alarming economic avenues for our vulnerable youth, and thirdly spiralling cases of bullying, substance abuse amongst minors and the list goes on.

Maar ek wil net dit duidelik stel dat hierdie drie aspekte nie tranetrekkers moet wees nie maar dat dit juis uitdagings bied vir vir ons almal, wetstoepassers sowel as die gemeenskap, in terme van 'n verantwoordelikeheidsin, in terme van bepaalde kompetensies wat aan ons as burgerry in hierdie land opgelê word, om hande te vat om hierdie patalogieë aan te spreek.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[But I just want to state it clearly that these three aspects should not be tear jerkers but it should actually offer challenges to all of us, law enforcers as well as the community, in terms of a sense of responsibility, in terms of specific competencies imposed upon us as citizenry in this country, to take hands to address these pathologies.]

This is on top of the actual problem we face regarding service pressures, yet the Western Cape Education Department has played an outstanding performance over the last ten years under the leadership of the Democratic Alliance.

Inter-alia an 81% pass rate in matric; 76% in Mathematics, 79% in Science; the best retention rate in the country and lastly the Democratic Alliance also managed to build 200 new classrooms per year.

Mr Deputy Speaker, it is thus rightfully so that Education receives the second largest portion of the budget in the Western Cape. It is a service that we cannot compromise on. The allocated R23 billion will go a long way in optimising the opportunities that education presents for some of our most vulnerable citizens, youth and children. They face unprecedented challenges and for many a school is a play of safety, a place where goals are cultivated and supported in order to reach their maximum potential. In response to these unrepresented challenges, Mr Deputy Speaker, the 2019 Western Cape Budget offers the follows:

A five year teacher development plan will be prioritised with an allocation of R337 million over the 2019 MTEF. With the increasing number of learners per classroom, teachers' battle with increased pressure. They are the ones experiencing the real service demand, hence we welcome the increase in Sub-programme 2.3 for Human Resource Development especially in public schools. Coping with this demand this will hopefully also address quality concerns within classrooms.

R2,1 million is also set aside for building resource capacity. The Teacher Support Programme will also focus on ICT training. Learners will thus be enabled to meet the demand of the world we live in, but more importantly, the world of work. Teachers further have to be emotionally fit to react to challengers our learners face in schools. It is important that we enhance their wellbeing with the necessary support.

In educating backlogs in school infrastructure in previously disadvantaged communities indirectly upgrades the standard of schools. During 2019 Public School Maintenance Programmes will be supplemented with R484 million, the largest portion of infrastructure allocations will also go to public schools, to the value of R1,6 billion.

Given the socio-economic conditions of this country we also know that despite the challenges we face, schools offer an escape to the poor. The National School Nutrition Programme will receive a staggering R385 million during 2019. I repeat R385 million.†Oubaas from *7de Laan* so nou gesê het 'dis n bedrag van epidermiese omvang'. [Gelag.] [Oubaas from *7de Laan* now would have said 'it is an amount of epidermic extent.' [Laughter.]]

We are aware of the growing inequalities in our school therefore beside the unconditional allocations, public schools receive the bulk of the budget totalling R17,7 billion.

An earmark allocation of R46 million for 2019 will also supplement the after-school initiative in building school halls in fields in public schools that will stimulate activeness and meaningful activities.

†Om aansluiting te vind by my vorige stelling wat ek gemaak het, die buite-kurrikulêre aktiwiteite wat dan aanvullend is tot die kognitiewe ontwikkeling van die kind, waar ons dan buitemuurse bedrywighede het, waar ons geheel-ontwikkeling van die totale leerder het. Pragtig.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[To link up with my previous statement I made, the extra-curricular activities which are then supplementary to the cognitive development of the child, where we then have outdoor activities, where we have the complete development of the total learner. Beautiful.]

R109 million will be allocated towards the promotion of Mathematics and Science over 2019 MTEF to equip schools with the necessary resources and laboratory equipment to enhance our already ground-breaking performance. This will help schools to unearth the next generation of scientists, engineers and mathematicians. It will help to move South Africa forward. Every sector of our economy has been transformed by technology and there is no job where Mathematics is not useful.

The budget further makes allowance for Early Childhood Development which is important in laying strong educational foundations. Programme 5 will thus receive R652 million in total in expanding services to the vulnerable; R21 million is set aside for the development of life skills related to HIV and AIDS in supporting individuals who battle with this disease, of their support networks.

Mr Deputy Speaker, Josephine Baker once said “the best way to protect oneself is with the pen and not the gun”. How true. This means that we need to equip ourselves with the necessary knowledge to overcome each and every stumbling block life presents instead of resorting to violence and intolerance which more often than not results in nothing. Thus very much like this budget seeks to do, despite the multitude of challenges, specifically within the education sector with regards to various forms of violence, including those of structural violence, it will use well informed innovative plans to overcome these challenges.

We cannot allow any form of violence or socio-economic obstacles to deter us from reaching our goals. These innovative ways by WCED include: Collaboration Schools Programme which has effected R150 million private funding to disadvantaged communities.

The CSP will be allocated with R152 million over the 2019 MTEF; the School Safety Programme strategies including installing security systems while also addressing the social environment by influencing learner behaviour and by working with schools to mobilise community support for safer schools. Under Programme 1 that seeks to enhance support services at schools, R4 million has been earmarked for the after-schools education centres but more importantly and to conclude, the current crisis in schools further requires a whole of society approach of which bullying is becoming an alarming concern that effects the wellbeing and performance of our children.

Thus I would like to appeal to this House, that behaviour is learned, learn it. And therefore we all, as public representatives, parents and members of communities have to take responsibility in setting good examples for learners. This extends to matters of substance abuse and issues around bullying.

I want to appeal to everyone in this House, that like this budget we need to do everything in our power to keep our children in school, encourage performance and participate in activities that will show our support towards their wellbeing. They need this acknowledgement. This certainly helped to bring effect to the budget. Before I table this budget for acceptance, I just want to thank the following people and institutions:

The parliamentary staff and all the support staff; hon Premier for your guidance, support and leadership over 10 years; the members of the Executive, thank you very much for your example that you set as role models and also the support and advice that I got from you as a person; fellow members, both the ANC and the DA, I love you all.

HON MEMBERS: Aw!

Mr B D KIVEDO: It was wonderful working with you in my tenure of five years. I have learnt such a lot, I know exactly what it is to be on a learning curve and to make friends and to embrace each other, because we have a common goal, a common dream for this country that we are going to take this country forward and be proud and proud South Africans.

The Ministry of Education and specifically, Minister Debbie Schäfer: thank you very much for your guidance and your perseverance in making this Western Cape Education sector work and the same with the Ministry, the same accolades for them and also the WCED, Mr Brian Schreuder and your team, you are champions; all stake-holders in the Education Department; my committee coordinators Wasiema Hassen-Moosa, Mary-Anne Burgess, Ben Daza, Mario Sassman: thank you so much for your assistance; our legal experts; our interpreters and also the IT service who make our meetings possible; the whole fifth floor family from the Chief of Staff, Stian Carlson to the princess on the floor, Colleen, who keeps everything tidy and neat and making life comfortable for us. Thank you so much from the bottom of my heart.

To my PA, Tanya Steyn-Bowie, thank you very much for taking my hand, not for too long, just taking my hand. [Laughter.]. Thanks very much for that, I really appreciate it; all functionaries on the fifth floor, they know who they are, the media and research unit; I also want to thank the mainstream media.

Then we must also remember we went on different oversight visits and public participation and there are three people who really took care of us and made our journey safe and I am going to name them, they are Anwil Barends, Marlon Esau and Wayne Naidoo. Thank you so much for that. [Applause.] That we cannot take these things for granted that we will arrive safely and arrive safe at home, arrive alive, no they brought us home safe.

And in conclusion I want to thank my wife Rochelle and my 12 year old son –

Yes, miracles do still happen! [Laughter.] My 12 year old son ...[Interjections.] His name is Boeta. I want to thank Boeta ... [Interjection.] Steyn. His real name is Steyn but we call him Boeta. I want to thank them for their sustained support and underpinning and therefore the DA supports this vote. I thank you so much. [Applause.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I think the hon member forgot to thank Mr Bowman who went to fetch him out of the wrong plane in Nigeria when he almost got lost. [Laughter.]. You must do that.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you hon member. That was not a point of order, it is simply a correction. [Interjections.]. I see the hon Dugmore.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Thank you very much, Mr Deputy Speaker. I am pleased that we have an opportunity to speak immediately after Mr Kivedo because there is actually something which has been on my mind which I would want to actually clear up in this House, because I think as we all gather from Mr Kivedo's input, he does spread and share love and he is someone that has been very passionate about his role as Chair of this Committee.

But the concerning issue which I feel I need to raise here is that in his absence, when he took ill, member Botha issued a statement implying that myself – and I am actually standing in for member Olivier today – that member Olivier, actually intimidated hon member Kivedo in regard to the issue of the Western Cape Schools Amendment Bill. [Interjections.]. Now the reality is that no such intimidation ever happened, no such intimidation and I want to use this opportunity in the House to indicate that the relationship that we have with Mr Kivedo is a respectful one and it was unfortunate that member Botha issued a statement which was both untruthful and attempted to imply that we intimidated member Kivedo. That is not the way that our relationship ... [Interjections.] – and to make matters worse ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order!

Mr C M DUGMORE: ... and to make matters worse, Mr Deputy Speaker, member Botha attempted to say that our views were ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr C M DUGMORE: ... indicative of gender discrimination whereas in fact her conduct towards member Kivedo and us as members actually spoilt the atmosphere in the Committee because there would be no way that we would ever want to intimidate member Kivedo about his views on the Western Cape Schools Amendment Bill. I want to use this opportunity to correct that and say we respect you and we all know that unfortunately the DA ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr C M DUGMORE: ... tried to make cheap politics through member Botha of something that was never true.

The vision of this Department is quality education ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Order, order! [Interjections.] Hon Magaxa?

Mr K E MAGAXA: Mr Deputy Speaker, I am rising to complain about the continuous disruption with no full stop from hon Maseko and this noise is really making it difficult ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, thank you. I understand and I agree. I will take it further. Please come to order that side of the House and allow the member to proceed. Hon Botha?

Ms L J BOTHA: Mr Deputy Speaker, through you, is member Dugmore prepared to take a question?

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

Mr C M DUGMORE: I think member Botha is guilty because she made a false allegation and that is for the record.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr C M DUGMORE: But, Mr Deputy Speaker the vision of this Department is quality education ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Hon Dugmore, just one second. Hon Mitchell?

Mr D G MITCHELL: I am rising Mr Deputy Speaker, because throughout the entire introduction member Dugmore was casting direct aspersions on the character of hon Botha, but he refrained from saying how he attempted to bully member Botha ... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: He did bully ...

Mr D G MITCHELL: ... in the Chair during that Committee.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. That is not a point of order, it is a debating point but please continue hon Dugmore.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Mr Deputy Speaker, I just felt it was important to indicate to this House, beyond any doubt, that myself and member Olivier have never intimidated member Kivedo and that is for the record. [Interjections.]

I want to say that the vision of this Department is quality education for every learner, in every classroom, in every school in the province and we all agree with the three over-arching goals which are: an improvement in the level of Language and Mathematics in all schools, an increase in the number and quality of passes in the National Senior Certificate and thirdly, an increase in the quality of education provision in poorer communities. We all agree with that.

The MEC spoke at length about this in her foreword and also in her speech today and on Language and Mathematics in the systematic tests she was pleased according to her with a steady improvement in 2018 when compared to 2011. But the true reflection of systemic results is as follows:

- In Language and Maths for Grade 6, the province dropped from 40,1% in 2016 to just over 38% in 2017. We observed similar trends for Grade 9, where the province dropped from over 55% in 2016 to 53% in 2017 for Language and Maths dropping from 23% to just 22%.

So when one wants to claim a steady improvement, one should not just go back to 2011, but one should actually look at the last couple of years and it is very clear that we notice a disturbing downward spiral which we need to be honest about and not try and spin it in terms of a comparison to 2011.

There has been a downward spiral and in fact that downward spiral is reflected in the matric results as well. On the quality of matric results, the Western Cape dropped from 86% in 2016 to just 81,5% in 2018, a similar trend that we are picking up from the systemic results.

In terms of Bachelor passes, we dropped from 41,7% in 2015 to 39,1% in 2017. The only increase to 42% was in 2018 after subjects like tourism and others were added into the basket and subjects for the B-degree.

So, Mr Deputy Speaker, on provision of quality education in the poor communities, contrary to what the MEC has claimed, as a province we are found wanting. If one looks at the number of schools, the under-performing schools, the vast majority of those come from those districts where levels of poverty are at their worst.

For instance schools with a pass rate lower than 60% actually increased from 21 in 2016 to 45 in 2018 and these are schools in our poor communities. Some of the contributing factors to this are the issues of safety in poor communities, also an issue that member Kivedo referred to, the over-crowding in schools in poor communities has also increased to crisis levels.

Just on that point, Mr Deputy Speaker, I think the most revealing page in the Blue Book is page 172 which indicates what choice this province itself could make in regard to how important funding for education is. Because we are all aware of the fact that we get equitable share, we get conditional grants and that we also have then allocations from the Provincial Revenue Fund.

You would see that in 2016 there was an amount of R557 million from the Provincial Revenue Fund that boosted the equitable share as well as the conditional grant.

We have had a dramatic decrease of 67% towards Education from the Provincial Revenue Fund down to this year in question, to R90 million. So that is an indication that where the province has got the ability, because the equitable share is based on those formulae, those are allocated but this province deliberately cut the allocation from the Provincial Revenue Fund to Education by 70%.

Then we begin to ask questions about issues of equality, issues of infrastructure and why we are not spending enough on those particular matters, and what is of concern when one actually looks at the issue of over-crowding, when we look at the Annual Performance Plan and we look at page 93, you look at the plans for building of new schools.

For this year there are plans to build 4 new schools, 20/21 - 3; 21/22 – 3, which is a total of 10 over the next three years. The MEC herself indicates that we have a growth in learner numbers of almost 20 000 per year and yet what we have in the Annual Performance Plan to deal with this besides the 70% reduction in terms of allocation from the Provincial Revenue Fund is a plan to build 10 schools. And yet we are having, according the MEC, an influx, just as Gauteng does. They also have to make plans in regard to looking at their provincial resources and deciding on what to help.

But we all would be prepared to concede, as we should, that the fiscal environment is constrained at the moment. So we would then expect the Department to be looking at alternative solutions. If you for instance look at the fact that we have 1 400 schools in our province, if we were for instance able to take a view that we should look at those schools and how we can add to the capacity of our existing schools and if one simply asked each of those 1 400 schools, and this is obviously an average, you take a hundred extra learners which would be about 10 per grade or two or three per class, that would give us 14 400 spaces.

Now obviously I am not implying that every school is the same but we have seen the Department throw up their hands about 20 000 extra learners. We have seen absolute silence about the reduction of 70% in allocation to the Education budget from Provincial Revenue Fund but we are not seeing any innovation.

I have spoken to the Milnerton High School principal and he has indicated a commitment to have extra classrooms and that is a school which is experiencing immense pressure, particular at Grade 8 and for three years he has been engaging the Department around his willingness to have an extra classroom built for each of the grades in this school. But there has not been any movement on that.

So there are schools who are prepared to add to their capacity. It is not only about building new schools. It is about utilising the space that we have in our classrooms by bringing extra learners and at existing schools, building extra classrooms. And we are not seeing that kind of a plan from the MEC in regard to dealing with these issues.

So these are the things that the budget is meant to respond to but unfortunately the MEC has actually failed to deliver on this and wants to put the blame, as much as she can, on National Government. We had a situation in 1994, when the ANC came into power, where there was only a registration, 51%, of the possible maximum number of learners were registered in our schools. That figure now is about 86% so we have dramatically increased the number of learners in our schools.

The matric pass rate has moved from just over 50% to about 78% as a national average and no one can argue that the quality of the matric pass rate in 2018 is worse than it was in 1994. These are gains that have actually been made. But under the budget, if you look at page 167, the Department misleads the public when it states that capital expenditure has decreased to 4,48% of the estimated expenditure. This will affect mainly provision for infrastructure projects as well as computers and equipment and that is the point I am making, the reduction that we are seeing. The reality is that when one compares the 2018/2019 revised estimates ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr C M DUGMORE: ... as well as the 2019/20 allocation you will see that it actually increased from the national point of ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member your time has expired.

Mr C M DUGMORE: ... [Inaudible.] in regard to the Provincial Revenue Fund and this indicates the lack of seriousness towards education from this Cabinet ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member, your time has expired. In the absence of the ACDP and the EFF, I again see minister Schäfer to respond.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I am going to start with hon Dugmore in case I run out of time. I want to just express my extreme disappointment at the side-lining of hon Olivier in this final debate of the term and also on the list of the ANC, as I wanted to say thank you for the constructive working relationship that we had with him.

As far as the hon member's statement about member Botha, it is absolute and utter nonsense. He is effectively accusing her as well as hon Kivedo of lying because that is where she got her information from and it is quite frankly shocking that the ANC would go to such desperate lengths to try and keep this Bill from going through. We know it does not align with your desire to control everything centrally but we are acting in the interests of the learners in this province. So to say that he lied to hon Botha is completely unacceptable in this House and untrue.

Systemic tests, yes we have already discussed most of these issues in the Standing Committee. It did drop because we increased the standard of some of the questions as we explained to hon Dugmore, he must have forgotten.

The matric pass rate, we have also explained, but for the record of Hansard, the reason we dropped is because we do not kick our children out and stop them writing the final exam. There is one province that we had reported at our recent CEM meeting, where 25% of matrices did not write the final exam. They were either absent or they were at the MEO over two sessions. So by doing that they managed to increase their pass rate by about 5% which is not what we want to do in the Western Cape, not what we are going to do in the Western Cape.

The fact of the matter is that the last CEM meeting has now resolved to scrap the MEO because of their manipulation of other provinces. Unanimously we agreed to scrap it. Then we will see the real issue as to how the improvement, so-called, is reflected by simply looking at the matric percentages.

Schools in poor communities are absolutely being affected by over-crowding. I have raised it many, many times and – it is not just a case of blaming National Government. It is National Government's fault that there is no money. It is their fault that they do not adjust the equitable share formulae. It is not our fault that money has been wasted and stolen and that some people are sitting in Dubai having R100 million weddings while we cannot afford to pay our teachers. It is not our fault.

So as far as the Provincial Fund is concerned, as far as I recall that for the drought, it was an exceptional measure so I mean they only have a certain amount in the revenue fund. We also have extreme needs in other departments too, not only Education. We had to do some work on Tygerberg Hospital for example, so we cannot have everything, every year. We should be getting our correct allocation from National Government.

We would love to build more than 10 schools or 3 schools or however many schools, we would love to but it is all very well to say alternative solutions, what alternative solutions are there even if we get 100 extra children in every school, we need extra teachers, there is no money for teachers. So do not come and tell me to come up with alternative solutions. Unless we have the money, we cannot do that.

We cannot build more schools than we have money for otherwise we end up like Eskom where they have no money for anything because they keep spending more than they actually have. We do not get bailed out by National Government like the State-owned Enterprises do and we cannot do that ... [Interjections.].

I have also raised the issue with Milnerton High School, I did discuss this also at the Standing Committee where hon Dugmore raised the issue of Milnerton High School. I have taken it up again with the Department but we were told at the meeting that the reason why we have not taken it up is because the principal was demanding other things too, not just ... [Interjections.]

Well, that is what we were told and we are taking it up, we have taken it up. So the fact of the matter is, yes, we have got growth but we cannot force more schools to take more people. We have already approached a large number of schools over the last few years to take in extra capacity and they have been very good in doing so. Many schools have added extra classrooms. So it is time for people to stop blaming us for things that are beyond our control. We have done more than we can be expected to do under any normal circumstances.

Hon Kivedo, thank you very much. We will certainly miss your colourful language, no question about that and thank you for clarifying that hand-holding episode with your secretary. When you reach the end of your road I hope there will be some light at the end of the tunnel, I am sure there will.

I completely agree with you on the social problems. We have to have more responsibility being taken by communities and particularly parents.

We are doing what we can under Education in espousing values and promoting values in the system and at the conference we had over the last two days at the CTICC, which was really amazing, we had the absolute privilege of having the 2018 Global Teacher of the Year, Andria Zafirakou, speak to us and she works in a very poor school in London where really there are a lot of – she has a multi-cultural community – where many problems exist and when asked what she would say to teachers working in difficult communities she replied: “Expect high standards of your children. Do not accept mediocrity.”

The PREMIER: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: And that is crucial. As difficult as our circumstances are, we have got to think differently and be positive and get the best out of our children and our teachers. The other thing she said about parental involvement is: “Praise the children to the parents and the parents will come.” And I thought that was very profound ... [Interjection.]

The PREMIER: Praise the children to the parents?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Praise the children to the parents, praise their performance, give the parents something to be proud of over their children and they will become more involved.

As far as Maths and Science is concerned it is crucially important but we also are moving towards STEMAC, now not just STEM anymore, which is Science, Technology and Engineering, Accounting, Maths, Agriculture and Coding or computational skills to bring our system in line with the 21st century skills and the needs of our province, particularly in agriculture. So that is a really exciting move as well and Andria was very excited with that development as well.

Bullying is an ongoing concern as is substance abuse. We are taking a hard line on both of those issues and it is really worrying that children actually sit in the playground with their drugs and smoke on school premises. I mean no school can have somebody watching every child, every minute of the day and one of the methods we are trying to deal with that is by the proposed intervention facility as an alternative, with the agreement of parents, to have interventions instead of expelling learners from school but of course that is also being opposed by SADTU so we will see how that goes.

So thank you very much for your comments and thank you again to all of you. I just also want to end up by thanking all the education stakeholders which I forgot to mention. I think we have actually had a very productive relationship over the last five years. We do not always agree, but when we do not, we have really done so in a professional and respectful manner, so thank you to all of them. Thank you. [Applause.]

[Debate concluded.]

[Business of the House was suspended at 12:57 and resumed at 14:00]

WESTERN CAPE APPROPRIATION BILL [B1 – 2019]

(Debate on Vote 13 – Cultural Affairs and Sport)

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: Hon Mr Deputy Speaker, Premier, Cabinet colleagues and members of the Provincial Parliament, Mayors from various municipalities, Chairperson of the Standing Committee, Head of Department and managers of the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport, our partners in the sport and cultural sector, media, residents of the Western Cape.

Mr Deputy Speaker, it is indeed an absolute pleasure and honour to once again present to this House and the greater Western Cape community the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport's budget for the 2019/20 financial year.

I will elaborate on how the Department has allocated the appropriated R 820,305,000 to enable a socially inclusive, creative, active, and connected Western Cape.

The following presentation embodies our commitment to responding to the needs of the communities we serve. It also highlights the instrumental role the Department fulfils in our response to the Fourth Industrial Revolution, the creation of increased opportunities, strengthening our sense of identity through nation building, in inspiring hope and a holistic development of the individual and collective through sport and cultural affairs.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I call to mind a dialogue on the Fourth Industrial Revolution which has become increasingly more prevalent in the South African conversation as a result of its global implications. There exists much confusion and uncertainty around what exactly the Fourth Industrial Revolution is, how it will affect civilisation and more recently how do we respond to the digital age in the dark. One thing is clear: the arts, cultural affairs and sports development and promotion will have to take centre stage as a proactive response to the rapid changes underway.

Our Department has a fundamental role to fulfil as it delivers services which affords the opportunities to escape the cycles of poverty in our communities. Our Department makes a significant difference in bringing about positive change to our communities. We improve the self-esteem of our youth and identify in them talents they would otherwise not explore. The nature of our business plays a powerful role in shaping, framing, communicating and influencing the future. In fact, according to the South African Cultural Observatory and I quote:

"It is our responsibility to reflect, question, resist, review and rebuild when and where necessary. In short, it is our duty to reimagine the future".

Our Department has made great strides in implementing a reimagined future in trying times, but we will fail in our objectives without our hardworking officials and passionate partners.

At the start of 2018, Andrea Bandelli, the executive director of the Science Gallery International, maintained that art finds itself right at the core of the activities shaping the Fourth Industrial Revolution. He notes that, and I quote:

“Art and humanities are fundamental pillars of any education system and in today’s technology-dominated world, their contribution to the school curriculum is more important than ever. Concerted effort needs to be made to equip the present and future generations with the ability to empathise, imagine, and create and the key to develop these abilities is a life-long education that is interdisciplinary, cross-functional, cross-industry and cross-cultural.”

It is therefore pivotal to integrate the arts and sport into the education system and societal discourse as it will indeed reduce the skills gap that the next generation is facing, and subsequently prepare the leaders of tomorrow. Amongst others to be further elaborated, it is for this reason that we have allocated R210,6 million to Sport and Recreation to financially support the After School Game-Changer through the MOD Programme and School Sport, to name only a few.

However empathy, imagination and creativity are not only for tomorrow’s leaders and jobs, we need them right now to ensure that science and technology are developed in a human-centred way. Today we need to balance advanced technical competences with an unprecedented level of moral complexity that these technologies entail. With this in mind, Cultural Affairs will receive R119,07 million for the 2019/20 financial year.

†Om voorbereid te wees op die omstrede tegnologie wat ontwikkel word, verseker nou dat ons ten volle kan deelneem aan die gesprekke wat die toekoms van ons samelewing vorm. Die tegnologiese deurbrake van die Vierde Industriële Revolusie kan ons samelewing meer volhoubaar en inklusief maak, of die verdeeldheid wat daar onder ons is groter maak. Daar is egter geen maklike "ja/nee" of "goeie/slegte" skakelaar nie. Dit is nie 'n enkele besluit wat die impak van tegnologie op die samelewing bepaal nie, maar eerder 'n ontvouende proses gebaseer op dialoog met verskillende belanghebbendes.

Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, ten einde betrokke te raak by gesprekvoering met ons gemeenskappe, moet ons administratiewe bevoegdheid so optimaal moontlik benut word. Met die beperkte Provinsiale Begroting gaan Program 1: Administrasie, 9% van ons totale begroting ontvang en dit word teen R70,9 miljoen bewillig.

Die mag van kuns en geesteswetenskappe vorm die kern van tegnologiese prosesse, om hierdie besprekings van inligting te voorsien, te begelei en te ondersteun. Yo-Yo Ma stel dit baie duidelik wanneer hy sê, en ek haal aan:

"Dit is nie genoeg om kultuur aan die kunstenaars en musikante uit te kontrakteer en dit as passiewe gehoor te ontvang nie. Ons moet die volle spektrum van menslike begrip betrek en elkeen van ons moet deelneem aan die bevordering van ons kulturele hulpbronne."

Ten einde 'n bydrae te lewer tot die volle spektrum van menslike begrip, het ons R419,7 miljoen aan Biblioteek- en Argiefdienste toegewys. Dit is gelykstaande aan 51% van ons algehele jaarlikse begroting.

Kultuursake en sport is vandag, meer as ooit tevore, noodsaaklik om 'n emosionele raamwerk te bou om sin te maak van die gesprekvoering wat sentraal staan tot die Vierde Industriële Revolusie.

Kuns, kultuur en sport bou vertroue, die vertroue wat nodig is om botsende sieninge en belange te oorbrug, om huidige hindernisse en struikelblokke met dinamiese en innoverende benaderings te oorkom en die waardes wat onderliggend is aan enige proses van tegnologiese innovering, te verstaan.

Kultuursake en sport moedig ons aan om "kalm, konstruktief en selfs ongemaklike gesprekke te voer oor die soort toekoms wat ons wil hê", soos gepropageer deur prof Klaus Schwab. Hulle is katalisators vir hierdie gesprekke, 'n voortdurende herinnering aan die feit dat ons met hierdie vraagstukke moet omgaan; en 'n rede, 'n herinnering en soms 'n verskoning om nie van hulle weg te skram nie.

Ons Departement het en sal voortgaan om 'n deurslaggewende rol te speel in die aanspreking van die behoeftes wat nodig is vir 'n beter toekoms vir 'n verenigde Suid-Afrika. Die Wes-Kaap sal nie dieselfde wees sonder ons kenmerkende kultuur en sportaktiwiteite nie en daarom vier ons dit deur erkenning te gee aan diegene wat dit lewendig hou en die voortbestaan daarvan verseker.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[To be prepared for the controversial technology that is being developed, now ensures that we can fully participate in the discussions that shape the future of our society. The technological breakthroughs of the Fourth Industrial Revolution can render our society more sustainable and inclusive, or enlarge the division amongst us. There is no easy "yes/no" or "good/bad" switch. It is not a single decision that determines the impact of technology on society, but rather an unfolding process based on dialogue with various stakeholders.

Mr Deputy Speaker, in order to become involved in negotiation with our communities, our administrative ability should be utilised as optimally as possible. With the limited Provincial Budget, Programme 1: Administration will receive 9% of our total budget and it is allocated at R70,9 million.

The power of art and social sciences form the core of technological processes to provide these discussions with information, to guide and support it. Yo-Yo Ma puts it very clearly when he says, and I quote:

"It is not enough to outsource culture to artists and musicians and receive it as a passive audience. We have to involve the full spectrum of human understanding and each of us must participate in the advancement of our cultural resources."

In order to make a contribution to the full spectrum of human understanding we have allocated R419,7 million to Library and Archives Services. That is equal to 51% of our total annual budget.

Today cultural affairs and sport are, more than ever before, essential to build an emotional framework to make sense of the discussions that are central to the Fourth Industrial Revolution.

Art, culture and sport build confidence, the confidence necessary to bridge conflicting views and interests, to overcome present hindrances and obstacles with dynamic and innovative approaches and to understand the values underlying any process of technological innovation.

Cultural affairs and sport encourage us to "calmly, constructively, and even uncomfortably have discussions about the kind of future that we want", as propagated by Prof Klaus Schwab. They are catalysts for these discussions, a continuous reminder of the fact that we have to deal with these issues; and a reason, a reminder and sometimes an excuse not to shy away from it.

Our Department has and will continue to play a decisive role in addressing the needs necessary for a better future for a united South Africa. The Western Cape will not be the same without our characteristic culture and sports activities and therefore we celebrate it by acknowledging those who keep it alive and ensure its survival.】

Together, we are in the business of building a nation, inspiring hope and motivating better versions of those we serve through cultural manifestation and creating an enabling environment in which it can flourish.

Since 2009, under DA leadership, the Western Cape Government has prioritised creating opportunities of growth and jobs by improving education outcomes and increasing opportunities for youth development. The following highlights what can be achieved if the whole of society works together with care, competence, accountability, integrity, innovation and responsiveness:

- Our 373 library centres account for more than 20% of all public libraries in South Africa. Since 2009, 53 new libraries have been built and we upgraded a further 18 with a total investment of R1,5 billion. This has empowered 42 more communities in 22 municipalities since we have come into office. We are proud to report that the Western Cape holds the highest library membership in South Africa and by far the highest book circulation figures of all the provinces. In fact, over 15,6 million library items were issued to over 811,000 registered library users in 2017. Rural libraries have also been connected to free high-speed internet in 22 municipalities.
- In the past 10 years the number of major sporting events we support have increased by 248% from just 25 events when we took office in 2009, to 92 events in 2018/19.

- I am also immensely proud to announce that we have won the bid against New Zealand to host the 2023 Netball World Cup in the City of Cape Town and greater Western Cape. [Applause.]
- Funding for local sports organisations has also increased by 124% since 2009, with an average of 120 organisations supported at grassroots level each year.
- Since 2014, 7,689 young men have been initiated in the Western Cape, with a 99,74% safe passage rate. Mr Deputy Speaker, this was made possible through our Customary Male Initiation Programme, which was facilitated in collaboration with communities, practitioners, Government departments and entities such as CapeNature, municipalities and traditional surgeons and carers.
- In the last term of 5 years, we have achieved more than a four-fold increase in learners regularly attending quality after-school programmes which makes provision for school sport and cultural expression. We have gone from 14,900 learners benefitting in 2014 to 81,100 learners participating regularly in 2018/19. We have gone further to professionalise the sector with almost 500 coaches trained to date and introduced a practitioner's Code of Conduct, training programme and a post-graduate qualification in partnership with universities. More importantly, there has been a 187% increase in schools registered with the After-School Programmes from 118 in 2014 to 571 in 2018.
- With much pride and collaboration we have developed a new archaeological tourism route to show the world that humanity did indeed begin in Africa and in this case in the Western Cape.
- We have promoted isiXhosa through the world's first chess and cricket terminology books published in the language. Netball and boxing will follow suit.
- Our Oral History Initiative has so far captured stories in 23 communities across all six districts of the province.

We can only but imagine how much more we could offer, and sustainably so, to all those who call the Western Cape home, if the National Government under the ANC also placed the people of South Africa first as they promised in 1994.

Instead, we have now become accustomed to the plundering of public funds, maladministration and corruption for the personal gain of an untouchable, unaccountable few, which sadly reduces opportunity for the development of the majority.

Mr Deputy Speaker, there is a stark difference in the outcomes of the last 10 years under the DA's strategy of consolidating budgets for maximum citizen impact to improve opportunities for youth, to support the creation of a safe and secure province, to enable an environment for job creation and skills

development by building and maintaining economic and social infrastructure and most notably, applies good governance standards to optimise service delivery.

Compared to the ANC's "lost" 10 years, resulting in a net debt of R2,28 trillion in 2017/18, increasing to R3,03 trillion or 52% of our GDP in 2020/21. Mr Deputy Speaker, this is attributed to various factors, most frustrating and disheartening: state capture, corruption, maladministration and pure nonchalance towards the dire needs of our people. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: As powerful and integral as Cultural Affairs and Sport is to making a positive impact on people's lives while promoting our national identity in its diversity, it is not exempt from the national indifference exhausting public funds for personal gain. The devastating result is regressive as it leaves the people we serve in the Western Cape in more adverse conditions as they have been robbed of many opportunities to live lives they can value.

Before the ANC members of this House vocalises how appreciative the Western Cape Government should be for the budget received from National Treasury, I assure you there should be no joy found in such arrogance. Our track record of good governance and maximum-citizen impact service delivery has been confirmed by various independent stakeholders, including the Auditor-General's report for the past five years. Yet other provinces are awarded exorbitant budgets ...[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Stop complaining.

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: ... facilities and resources with little or no deliverables ...[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Stop complaining.

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: ... to show in real terms.

A case in point, Mr Deputy Speaker, each year of which this coming financial year will mark the fourth, the National Department of Sport and Recreation South Africa, under Fikile Mbalula at the time, instructed each provincial department to contribute R10 million of our annual budgets towards the establishment of the National Training and Olympic Preparatory Centre in Bloemfontein, the hometown of the former Minister.

Mr Deputy Speaker, four years on, only dust is proof of this investment as the National Department only officiated the sod turning on the site on 10 November 2018. For the purposes of clarity [Interjections.], to date, R30 million has been re-appropriated from each provincial department's budget amounting to a total of R270 million, which is now at the National Government's disposal, with no plan communicated, no concrete facility [Interjections.], no accountability nor urgency or evidence-based research into the needs of our sportspeople.

Mr S G TYATYAM: You must ask.

†The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: Mr Deputy Speaker, further reducing development ...[Interjections.]

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Why do you not ask?

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: ... opportunities and transformation in the Western Cape [Interjections.] and forcing us to be innovative ...[Interjections.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: She must ask.

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: ... with the little budget received based on rife ...[Interjections.]

Mr R D MACKENZIE: She does not ask [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: ... on rife maladministration [Interjections.] and pie in the sky strategies, the National Department procured a 1970's Volkswagen Combi for each province and presented it to each of us at the National Sport Awards late last year.

The cost of this wasteful expense would afford the abundance of requests we receive in the Western Cape for the assistance needed for the empowerment of our under-resourced sportspeople, facilities and events on grassroots level to bridge the gap between developmental participation and higher levels of competition.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I am afraid the National Cultural Affairs sector also ironically brings little hope administratively and is failing to advocate and promote the diverse South African identity, the upkeep of our heritage landscape and in turn the progression of one South Africa for all.

Madiba's vision for the democratic South Africa will not come into fruition if the ANC remains silent and does not hold its leaders accountable for the moral and social deterioration of our integrative tapestry as a diverse people.

In January this year, it was reported that R8 million was stolen from the Living Legends Legacy Programme [Interjections.], which the Western Cape Government ...[Interjections.]

†Mnr D G MITCHELL: Sies!
[Mr D G MITCHELL: Sis!]

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: ... supports [Interjections.] as it was launched to safeguard and prioritise heritage development ...[Interjections.]

Mr D G MITCHELL: It is disgusting. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: ... and the provision of opportunities [Interjections.] for interaction and the sharing of skills, knowledge, experience and resources with younger generations.

†'n AGB LID: Nee, hulle steel dit vir die ANC!

[An HON MEMBER: No, they steal it for the ANC!]

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: A few weeks later [Interjections.] ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: ... in February the fundamental role of providing arts and culture services was further vilified when seven entities funded by the National Department of Arts and Culture, was ridden with allegations of corruption and maladministration [Interjections.].

Mr Deputy Speaker, the monetary implications of this is still unknown but through media reports we do know:

- The chief executive of the National Arts Council was placed on special leave because of an excess bonus payment. [Interjections.]

Mr D G MITCHELL: It is all about the money. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT:

- At the National Library, the director of the Centre for the Book was charged with several counts of misconduct and a disciplinary hearing began last year in which he was found guilty on four of the seven charges. [Interjections.]
- The director of Bibliographic and Collection Services [Interjections.] was charged for incompatibility ...[Interjections.]

Mr D G MITCHELL: Louis Vuittons.

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: ... workplace bullying and harassment.

- The Robben Island Museum is being investigated for maladministration.

†'n AGBARE LID: Jissie!

[An HON MEMBER: Good heavens!]

†Mnr D G MITCHELL: Nog 'n ene.

[Mr D G MITCHELL: Another one.]

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT:

- The South African Heritage Resources Agency is also under investigation after allegations against the Chairperson [Interjections.] and the chief executive surfaced regarding ... [Interjections.]

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

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: ... irregular expenditure, breach of oversight and non-compliance with supply chain management policies. [Interjections.]

- The National Department of Arts and Culture wants one national orchestra which threatens our esteemed Cape Town Philharmonic Orchestra as funding to regional companies will stop in favour of a single national ensemble.

Mr Deputy Speaker, as the ANC continues to heckle that we are in the Western Cape and that national practices are irrelevant, please note with grave concern that cheap political grandstanding is killing the positive aspirations of our youth [Interjections.], tearing our moral fibre apart ... [Interjections.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: That is what you are doing [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: ... and further crippling progress in the Western Cape [Interjections.].

The battle between the captured and the capturers is holding our youth's potential hostage.

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: With the crumbs left from the ANC's "Let them eat cake" rhetoric, the Western Cape Government had to become innovative in embedding good governance and integrated service delivery through partnerships and spatial alignment guided by our functional fiscal strategy. [Interjections.]
I know reflect on how innovative our Department ... [Interjections.]

Mr D G MITCHELL: For the Louis Vuitton handbag.

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: ... has been in the past financial year to achieve our vision of a socially inclusive, connected and active Western Cape. [Interjections.]

†Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, die Eenheid vir Kunsontwikkeling [Tussenwerpsels.]
het sy implementering ... [Tussenwerpsels.]
[Mr Deputy Speaker, the Unit for Art Development [Interjections.] has strengthened its implementation ... [Interjections.]]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order.

†Die MINISTER VAN KULTUURSAKE EN SPORT: ... van die genre-ontwikkelingsprogram versterk deur verbeterde samewerking met munisipaliteite en organisasies. Die program het ontwikkel en daar is ondervind hoe die invloed van burgers optimaal benut is in plattelandse gemeenskappe waar kuns- en kultuurontwikkeling dikwels verwaarloos word.

Die eenheid se implementering van die projek in die Sentraal-Karoo-distrik, is 'n sprekende voorbeeld en bewys van ons verbintenis tot ons departementele visie wat deur die Hele-samelewing-benadering beginsel benadruk word en het vennootskappe en hulpbronne optimaal benut te midde van besuinigingsmaatreëls. Die eenheid het begin om plattelandse kunsontwikkeling as model voor te hou in die lig van die uitdagings en maatskaplike insluiting en integrasie te bevorder deur sy geïdentifiseerde bestuurders van kultuur, nasionale trots en ekonomiese geleentheid.

Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, net meer as R4,9 miljoen is toegewys aan die Departement se Taaldienste. Ons sal voortgaan om taalsteundienste in al drie amptelike tale van die Wes-Kaap, sowel as tolkdienste, waar moontlik, insluitend Suid-Afrikaanse gebaretaal, aan al die departemente van die Provinsiale Regering te verskaf.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: ... of the genre development programme by improved cooperation with municipalities and organisations. The programme has developed and it has been experienced how the influence of citizens was utilised optimally in rural communities where artistic and cultural development is often neglected.

The unit's implementation of the project in the Central Karoo District is a shining example and proof of our commitment to our departmental vision that is emphasised by the whole of society approach principle and has utilised partnerships and resources optimally amidst economising measures. The unit has begun to show rural art development as model in the light of the challenges and social inclusion, and to promote integration through its identified managers of culture, national pride and economic opportunities.

Mr Deputy Speaker, just more than R4,9 million was allocated to the Department's Language Services. We will continue to provide language support services in all three official languages of the Western Cape, as well as interpreter services where possible, including South African sign language, to all the departments of the Provincial Government.]

This year, 2019, is a United Nations International Year for Indigenous Languages.

†Die kultuurgeriewe bied 'n geleentheid en veilige ruimte aan die jeug waar hulle kan uitdrukking gee aan hul gedagtes, idees en kreatiwiteit in die vorm van kuns of die bestuur van sportaktiwiteite. Daar is die afgelope jaar aansienlike verbeterings aan die kultuurgeriewe aangebring om die veiligheid en gemak van gebruikers te verseker. Daar was 'n hegte werksverhouding met die Departement ... [Tussenwerpsels.]

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[The cultural facilities offer an opportunity and safe space to the youth where they can give expression to their thoughts, ideas and creativity in the form of art or in managing sport activities. The past year, substantial improvements have been made to the cultural facilities to ensure the safety and comfort of the users. There has been a solid work relationship with the Department ... [Interjections.]]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. [Interjections.]

†Die MINISTER VAN KULTUURSAKE EN SPORT: ... van Vervoer en Openbare Werke wat vrugte afgewerp het.

Die aanlyn-besprekingstelsel is vanjaar geïmplementeer. Hierdie stelsel verleen toegang aan die publiek vanaf enige plek in die provinsie en bied gelyke geleenthede vir almal.

Organisasies op verskillende vlakke van ontwikkeling is ondersteun deur ons jaarlikse befondsingsiklus, insluitend geregistreeerde kultuurorganisasies, die Kaapse Klopse-groepe, Kersfeesgroepe en die Maleierkore. Deur middel van verskeie kuns- en kultuuraktiwiteite speel hierdie organisasies 'n belangrike rol in die bydrae tot maatskaplik inklusiewe en verbonde gemeenskappe. Daar is vir die 2018/19-boekjaar meer as R13,3 miljoen beskikbaar gestel vir die ontwikkeling, bevordering en bewaring van kuns en kultuur.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: ... of Transport and Public Works that have borne fruit.

The online booking system has been implemented this year. This system provides access to the public from any place in the province and offers equal opportunities to all.

Organisations at various levels of development were supported by our annual funding cycle, including registered cultural organisations, the Cape Minstrels groups, Christmas groups and the Malay choirs. Through various art and cultural activities these organisations play an important role in the contribution to socially inclusive and bonded communities. For the 2018/19-finacial year, more than R13,3 million was made available for the development, promotion and conservation of art and culture.]

The Western Cape is the leading province in facilitating the sacred rite of passage that is initiation in the country since 2014. To date the Western Cape is the only province that has developed a framework to govern the initiation rite of passage predominantly practised by amaHlubi, amaXhosa and Basotho communities. The goal of the Department is to create a safe and enabling environment for the initiates. We are mandated to preserve, promote and develop culture within the Western Cape.

Traditional surgeons have a pivotal role in the leadership and realisation of this practice and are valuable sources for an increasingly rare skill. They have a central stake in the training and without their cooperation and consent, implementation might be negatively affected.

During the period under review the Department worked closer with traditional surgeons in order to elevate their role and significance into the programme. Meetings were held to establish concerns as well as finding solutions for those. Training specifically designed for the traditional surgeons was provided. Additionally, the Department held meetings with municipalities to facilitate collaboration [Interjections.] with communities, practitioners and the local initiation forums. Mr Deputy Speaker, we value the strengthened partnership with the Western Cape Department of Health.

Please allow me to convey my condolences to the families and loved ones of the two young men who passed on during the summer season. I want to reassure all that the Department and its partners will continue to institute systems and mechanisms to mitigate risks and ultimately ensure a safe and sound initiation rite of passage.

During the new financial year the Department will strengthen its interventions and support, including the training and registration of cultural practitioners, as well as the elevation of raising awareness of Government's interventions.

With the largest share of our overall budget, Programme 3: Library and Archives Services will receive R419,7 million. This appropriation allows us to continue supporting and developing the biggest provincial library service in the country with the most registered library users, as mentioned, currently more than 841,000. [Interjections.]

We will be expanding our total library service points across the province to 378 [Interjections.]. The following new libraries will be opening this year: Du Noon Library, Khayaletu Library in Knysna and the Rose Valley Library in Oudtshoorn.

We are also funding infrastructure projects for three new libraries in Groenheuwel (Drakenstein), Koekenaap (Matzikama) and Elim (Cape Agulhas), and funding six library upgrades in Bergsig in Kannaland, Brandwagt (Mossel Bay), Worcester (Breede Valley), KwaMandenkosi (Beaufort West), Grabouw (Theewaterskloof) [Interjections.], and Harold Krumm (Saldanha).

The Department provides library service points in most of the very small rural communities of a few hundred people or more. Most of the small rural library centres are provided with free internet through the Rural Library Connectivity Project. We will have 227 rural libraries connected to the internet in the new financial year [Interjections.].

†Mnr T A SIMMERS: Dankie, Minister Marais.
[Mr T A SIMMERS: Thank you, Minister Marais.]

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: In many of these communities it is the only internet connection available. [Interjections.]

To ensure blind and visually impaired people across the province have access [Interjections.] to internet and reading material free of charge, the Department, in collaboration with the South African Library for the Blind, has established 17 mini-libraries for the blind facilities in existing public libraries spread across the rural areas. We are planning to roll out five more libraries for the blind in 2019/20.

The Oral History Initiative kept up its momentum during 2018 and again attracted much attention and praise. The aim of this project is to preserve the oral histories and life experiences of community members by recording and documenting their stories and then making them available to users at public libraries. We will continue to roll out the project in Knysna, Mamre, Swellendam and Caledon this year.

As we celebrate 25 years of democracy this year, the Archive Service will be reflecting on this period through programmes and activities during the National Annual Archives Awareness week. The theme for this year is "Archival Footprint: The relevance of archives 25 years into democracy". The role of archives in the preservation of and keeping of history, enabling society to reflect on where it has been, is now and is going in the future, will be highlighted.

The After-School Office has focused on creating a culture of extended education in the Western Cape. As a result, we have over 200,000 learners participating in programmes and just over 80,000 coming twice a week throughout the year. The benefit of the programme for these learners is huge.

As one of our principals, who is present here today, Mr Terence Adams explains:

"One of my learners who was a troubled youngster was separated from his siblings and sent to Grosvenor PS. Effectively his family had written him off as hopeless. He was quite the menace at school. I asked him to try handball as a means to refocusing his energy. Thanks to our After-School Programme and handball, he is the first in his family to travel out of Atlantis, the first to go on a coach liner, the first to make a provincial team. He has gone from being the outcast to the family star and at our recent family evening his whole family came to celebrate him. This is what it's all about. Every learner deserves this same chance to choose a new life path." [Applause.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Great stuff!

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: With all the pressures on the education system we need everyone to play their part if we want to create similar opportunities for every learner. For this reason we have established and continue to build a movement to support our youth.

With our partners we have introduced scouting to our schools, built the first school-based skateboard parks, expanded academic support to include a Grade 4 catch-up programme.

With R210,6 million allocated to the Sport and Recreation Directorate, the Club Development Programme envisages to create an enabling environment for sport clubs within the Club Development Programme through the provisioning of basic equipment and attire, local leagues, capacity building courses for coaches, managers, athletes, administrators and technical officials across the six districts, all represented by their respective Chairpersons here today. Linked to the Club Development is support to the Rural Sport Development Programme which caters for clubs from farming and rural communities.

The financial support of R5,2 million towards major events in the Western Cape plays an influential role in establishing the Western Cape as the preferred events destination in South Africa and the world. Enabling federations to host a multitude of major events not only adds to the economic input for the province, but also assists in moulding the social fabric of our diverse population.

The allocated funding is spread across the entire province ensuring that each district is benefitted, from the Cape Town Metropole to our rural areas of the Central Karoo.

With the total budget for sport facilities at R1,6 million, our facilities component is facilitating infrastructure development with various municipalities in the province [Interjections.]. The following municipalities will benefit from the programme:

- As part of the WOSA programme, R250,000 is allocated to [Interjections.] Saldanha Bay Municipality for the upgrading of identified facilities.
- Bergrivier will receive R250,000 to upgrade a cricket pitch.
- Mossel Bay in the Eden District will receive R400,000 to build new netball courts.
- Swellendam will receive R165,000 to upgrade the Railton Powel Sports Grounds.
- The Swartland Municipality will receive R320,000 to upgrade three sportsfields.
- Theewaterskloof will receive R220,000 for the construction of mountain bike trails.

For the 2019/20 financial year all sport federations in the Western Cape will be supported with their administrative, developmental, transformation and capacity building programmes.

The total transfer payments to sport federations is an earmarked R9,2 million of which R1 million will be set aside for ad hoc funding supporting the Western Cape athletes traveling abroad. The ad hoc funding is a funding system designed to support sport participants from the Western Cape selected to represent South Africa competitively at an international level. The cost incurred by participants once selected for the South African team, places the participants under enormous stress and pressure.

The earmarked allocation is in preparation for the 2020 Olympics and Paralympics where we anticipate many of our Western Cape athletes to travel to Tokyo to represent Team South Africa.

I am indeed proud of the increased participation at the National Championship for the Physically Disabled and Visually Impaired held in Stellenbosch last week. The annual multi-code event afforded both our juniors and seniors the opportunity to qualify to represent South Africa at international sporting events, the most prestigious being the 2020 Paralympic Games.

The financial assistance support structures by enabling them to fulfil their mandate by promoting and developing their various sporting codes in the Western Cape. The R7,2 million funding of the federations promotes greater participation in sport social integration and contributes to healthier lifestyles among the people of the Western Cape.

Instead of imposing quota systems in sport, we need to do the hard yards at grassroots level – providing as much funding, support and opportunities as possible.

In conclusion ...[Interjections.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: Yes.

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: ... this Department, the dedicated staff and our constructive programmes have the ability to change lives in the Western Cape for the better.

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: Mr Deputy Speaker, our people are quite literally dying for the opportunities needed from Government and taxpayers' money to live lives they can value.

We have made great strides in establishing meaningful, sustainable partnerships that has set the innovative scene that makes the Western Cape the leading sport and cultural destination of South Africa. As we strive for lifelong, maximum citizen impact, I take this opportunity to thank our valued partners here today and look forward to strengthening our collaboration to the benefit off all who calls the Western Cape home. I thank you. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The hon member Mackenzie.

†Mnr D JOSEPH: Sit.
[Mr D JOSEPH: Sit.]

†Mnr R D MACKENZIE: Huh-uh, los maar, los maar, los maar.
[Mr R D MACKENZIE: Huh-uh, leave it, leave it, leave it.]

Mr Deputy Speaker, five years ago I was sworn in as a Member of this Parliament. At the time I knew I was joining a league of extraordinary men and women [Interjections.]. I was entrusted by the outgoing Premier, Helen Zille, and the caucus leadership, to chair the Committee in Cultural Affairs and Sport in this province.

†Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, dinamiet kom in klein pakkette, en die dinamiet in die Regering is Kultuursake en Sport, maar dit is 'n dik bundel vol dinamiet.
[Mr Deputy Speaker, dynamite comes in small packages, and the dynamite in the Government is Cultural Affairs and Sport, but it is a thick bundle full of dynamite.]

Mr Deputy Speaker, it is said that:

“Culture makes individuals understand each other better, and if they understand each other better, it is easier to overcome the economic and political barriers that stifle the development of our people.”

But in order for this to be achieved, we must embrace diversity as a unique feature of human existence that will ultimately lead to maximum citizen impact.

†Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, hierdie Departement speel so 'n belangrike rol in die samelewing. Die Departement van Kultuursake en Sport is vir die 2019/2020 finansiële jaar R820 miljoen toegeken. Dis 'n effense toename vanaf die vorige finansiële jaar, Minister, wat sy bydrae tot die verdere bevordering van die departementele strategiese temas wat hoofsaaklik sosiale insluiting sal verbeter en die invloed van die burger en die gemeenskap sal maksimaliseer.

Die departementele strategiese temas word ondersteun deur drie sleutelbenaderings:

- Innovasie;
- Stedelike en landelike diensverskaffing; en
- Verslags=[Onhoorbaar.]

Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, die Kunsontwikkelingseenheid het sy rol in die ontwikkelingsprogram versterk deur samewerking met die munisipaliteite en organisasies. Die program het ontwikkel op maniere waarop burgers se impak gemaksimiseer word in landelike gemeenskappe waar kuns- en kultuurontwikkelings dikwels verwaarloos word.

Die eenheid se projek sal in die Sentraal-Karoo-distrik uitrol. Hulle steun die verbintenis tot die Departement se visie wat vennootskappe en hulpbronne benut het ten spyte van die finansiële hulpbronne.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[Mr Deputy Speaker, this Department plays such an important role in society. The Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport has been allocated R820 million for the 2019/2020 financial year. It is a slight increase from the previous financial year, Minister, which will maximise its contribution to the further advancement of the departmental strategic themes that will mainly improve social inclusion and the influence of the citizen and the community.]

The departmental strategic themes are supported by three key approaches:

- Innovation;
- Urban and rural service provision; and
- Report [Inaudible.]

Mr Deputy Speaker, the Art Development Unit has strengthened its role in the development programme through cooperation with the municipalities and organisations. The programme has developed in ways in which the citizens' impact is maximised in rural communities where art and cultural developments are often neglected.

The unit's project will be rolled out in the Central Karoo District. They support the commitment to the Department's vision utilising partnerships and resources in spite of the financial resources.]

Over the last year, Mr Deputy Speaker, the Arts Development Unit has implemented the Heritage Dance Workshop and Heritage Day Festivities in partnership with Dance For All and the Prince Albert Community Trust within Prince Albert. This laid the foundation for the Heritage Day Festival where youth musicians were able to showcase their talent. Not only did the festival provide the platform for upcoming artists, but it also provided an opportunity for communities to celebrate the national common identity.

In addition to this, Mr Deputy Speaker, the Department has partnered with Dance For All, Eastern Acoustics and the Geeta Glass Photography, to provide training to youth and students on various dance styles, technical sound and videography, and, hon member Dugmore, I said "various dance styles". We have seen the clip of you on YouTube where you were dancing, and I think you will benefit from this workshop. [Interjections.]

The opportunities derived from this training have seen three parties involved in the *Woordfees* [Interjections.] and two trainees received coaching at the International Jazz Festival and, hon members, tonight there is a free concert on Green Market Square, so please attend. Hon member Dugmore, you are welcome to showcase your skills there as well.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Where are the tickets? [Interjections.]

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Mr Deputy Speaker - it is for free, hon member Dugmore, it is for free.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the Minister talked about the online booking system, and I must say, in conjunction with Minister Fritz and Youth [Inaudible.] from Mitchells Plain was a beneficiary recently of that online camping booking system, where one can go online and we book the system online and, Minister, it worked very well.

Mr Deputy Speaker, it is welcome to see in the workshop that the Minister has also funded and continue to fund, was the workshop on the efforts of script and production workshop. These workshops will develop young writers, directors and actors to create new narratives for their communities, but it has to be said that there is a script that cannot be written, and that script is South Africa.

The PREMIER: Mmm-hmm.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: And I would be failing to say in this week, the last week we have received load shedding miraculously. This week there is no load shedding while Moody's are in town and none of these scriptwriters, Minister, not one of the training that ...[Interjections.]

Mr D JOSEPH: Oh my word.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: ... were given to these scriptwriters, would have scripted this. [Interjections.] And as soon as Moody's get on that plane - and I hope they stay ...[Interjections.]

Mr D JOSEPH: Ja.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: ... as soon as they get on that plane ...[Interjections.]

†n AGB LID: Is daar weer *load shedding*.

[An HON MEMBER: There will be load shedding again.]

Mr R D MACKENZIE: ... I am sure load shedding stage 10 will kick in. [Interjections.]

So, Minister, you talked about the oral history and last year, hon members, we visited the George Museum ...[Interjections.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: Story telling [Inaudible.]

Mr R D MACKENZIE: And indeed, hon member, you must visit George Museum, because there they have the oral history, funded by the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport, where it is a very innovative approach to storytelling, hon member Tyatyam [Interjections.], where the Museum of [Inaudible.] History is from Tembaletu, from ...

Mr S G TYATYAM: True story.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Exactly. [Interjections.] Packelsdorp, Packelsdorp, Pacaltsdorp sorry - and individuals can - the stories obviously were fact - and corroborate it, showcase in the museum, and that is funded by the Department and we want to welcome and thank the Department [Interjections.] for the innovation - yes, hon member - for the innovation and ensuring that our stories get told and make additional funding available for the 2019/2020 financial year.

Mr Deputy Speaker, often too many people underestimate the importance of affording the space for self-improvement, or receiving services in one's mother-tongue. Everyone deserves the environment to communicate and be communicated with in a mother-tongue that they can understand.

It is for this reason that the Department will continue to promote the three official languages and the South African sign language. They will accelerate their efforts to facilitate meetings with the Western Cape Language Forum. This body comprises of the six language practitioners and they meet six times a year to support the professional development of language practitioners in the Western Cape, to ensure that services is made available in all departments in all three official languages, as well as marginalised languages, such as the Nama, the Khoi and the San language.

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

Mr R D MACKENZIE: In addition, the forum engages with terminology development and its active attempt to revise, update the existing autography for isiXhosa.

Mr Deputy Speaker, with just over R4,9 billion appropriated to the Department's Language Services, they will continue to provide language support in all three languages to all the departments in the Western Cape.

The newly elected Western Cape Language Committee was inducted this year. This public entity will monitor the implementation of the Western Cape Language Policy in all Western Cape Government departments and this entity will also promote previously marginalised languages, as I earlier indicated, in their three year term.

Mr Deputy Speaker, a new commission was also appointed on 15 October 2018, consisted of 14 members over a three year term. The induction session was held by the Department to gradually introduce them to the key roles and pivotal responsibility. Through the work of the Cultural Commission they will further capacitate the 24 registered Cultural Councils through supporting compliant applications for research, conferences and projects.

The Heritage Western Cape Public Entity seeks to develop, identify and conserve the rich history and diverse heritage resources of the Western Cape. There are landscape sites, artefacts, buildings and structures that are of significance to the people of the Western Cape, and I must say, Mr Deputy Speaker, recently members of this side of the House visited the Cradle of Humankind, and we could see the rich history and the importance of preserving culture, and the Minister earlier alluded to it, and I leave that big announcement to her to talk about the route that I know they are launching soon in April.

As the Chairperson of the Standing Committee, I am delighted that together 51% of the Department's budget is allocated to Library and Archives Services. This DA led Government prides itself in providing an aid services that will develop our communities, because - this is very important - without access to learning materials and internet services, we cannot expect citizens to develop and I have to make an example to compare us to other provinces.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I was actually embarrassed, and I have to say embarrassed. When I did research to compare our libraries in the Western Cape to our sister province, the Eastern Cape.

The PREMIER: Shame [Inaudible.]

Mr R D MACKENZIE: And it is actually - Premier, it is actually shameful.

The PREMIER: It is.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: It is shameful.

The PREMIER: It is shameful.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: And last year, Mr Deputy Speaker, 15 libraries were shut down because they did not have access to water and electricity.

†n AGB LID: Skande! [Tussenwerpsels.]
[An HON MEMBER: Disgrace! [Interjections.]]

Mr R D MACKENZIE: I mean this is an embarrassment. [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: It is your province.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: The students could not do their homework, they could not type up CVs, they could not have [Interjections.] access to the internet.

The PREMIER: Disgrace!

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Because something as basic as water and electricity [Interjections.] ...[Interjections.]

The PREMIER: Disgrace.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: ... and there was not even load shedding [Interjections.]. You can imagine what those students went through last week when there was load shedding. [Interjections.] And what is even more [Interjections.] - and apologies for the word, Mr Deputy Speaker - what is more disgusting, Mr Deputy Speaker, that eight out of those libraries had no material on the shelves. [Interjections.]

Now how ...[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Are you sure? [Interjections.]

Mr R D MACKENZIE: I am coming to you now, I am coming, I am coming.

Now how disgusting [Interjections.] do you have to be to steal library material from the libraries - and I am going to tell you now, hon member Tyatyam, do not worry, I am coming [Interjections.] - to steal books.

- Eight of the libraries were in OR Tambo;
- Three Alfred Nzo;
- Two in Sarah Baartman; and
- Two in Amatole.

I mean this is a disgrace. You can do further [Interjections.] - I cannot do your work for you further [Interjections.].

So when we talk about good governance, Mr Deputy Speaker, [Interjections.] this - when we talk about good governance, Mr Deputy Speaker, we are talking about - when we say the Government [Interjections.] has spent the R820 million of last year [Interjections.] - wait ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: ... wait.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You may continue.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Ja. Mr Deputy Speaker, hon member Tyatyam knows exactly where these places are.

An HON MEMBER: Mmm.

An HON MEMBER: Ja, he knows exactly.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: But if he - and after this Parliament he will have enough time to go and visit them, and hopefully use his skills [Interjections.] to provide them with training. [Interjections.]

So when we talk about good governance in the Western Cape ...[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: You are losing books.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: ... this is what we are talking about, because the money that we spend in library services, the libraries get built on time, the material gets delivered and they are on the shelf, and the students [Interjections.] are able to go and sit and study.

So when we are talking about bad governance we talk ANC Government.

An HON MEMBER: ANC!

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Where eight libraries are non-functional, three in Alfred Nzo is closed, two in Sarah Baartman is closed, two in Amatole is closed and even those that are open, there is no material on the shelves.

An HON MEMBER: It is a shame!

†Mnr R D MACKENZIE: Wat 'n skande.
[Mr R D MACKENZIE: What a disgrace.]

Mr Deputy Speaker, so when we talk about the Western Cape holds the highest library membership in the country [Interjections.] and by far the highest library book circulation, we are not just bragging. We are talking facts, because it allows the individuals in those communities to access the library so they can apply for something as simple as a job.

Mr K E MAGAXA: What is that to do with you?

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Mr Deputy Speaker - everything. Because inevitably we must budget for your failure in the Eastern Cape. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: The Western Cape Government [Interjections.] must budget for the failure of the ANC in the Eastern Cape.

Mr D JOSEPH: Yes, yes!

Mr S G TYATYAM: This province [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Mr Deputy Speaker, it is very good to see that under the leadership of Minister Marais the new library that is opening in Du Noon and, hon member Magaxa, we will invite you to the opening, there will be items on the shelves, there will be water, there will be electricity, there will even be some snacks for you. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Mr Deputy Speaker, the libraries in the Western Cape are some of the most utilised in the country. [Interjections.] The Brackenfell Library ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr R D MACKENZIE: ... has over 630 ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Just [Interjections.] - order! [Interjections.] Order! Hon member Magaxa, please come to order. Hon member Tyatyam also. You cannot comment on each and every sentence that the member makes. Please, continue. [Interjections.]

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Mr Deputy Speaker, in Somerset West [Interjections.] 488 and 900 and - sorry, 488,000 books - I nearly pulled a Zuma there - [Interjections.] and currently in Khayelitsha, as it stands, the highest usage of non-fiction books is in Khayelitsha. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Ja!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Mr Deputy Speaker, these pictures are indicative ...[Interjections.]

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

An HON MEMBER: Quiet.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: ... I have already spoken to you, please. [Interjections.] Contain yourself.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Oh, sorry.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please continue.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Mr Deputy Speaker, these figures are indicative of this Government's investments in community learning. [Interjections.]

The Western Cape Government will continue to invest in community libraries across the province. [Interjections.] The proof is in the pudding. Where we have increased our funding to libraries in the Eastern District Municipality and also an additional R10 million was made available for infrastructure of [Interjections.] libraries in the Metro.

Mr Deputy Speaker, our After-School Game-Changer is without fail the best in the country. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Department has now, with the assistance of Treasury after the stoppage of the funding from the Germans, made available R40 million to ensure the After-School Game-Changer continues.

It goes without saying that this Department has made significant increase in achieving their goals and, Mr Deputy Speaker, with the recent announcement of the Netball World Cup, it really says something about this Western Cape Government.

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

Mr R D MACKENZIE: The National Government says, "We do not want to go to Gauteng, we do not want to go to the Eastern Cape, we do not want to go to KZN, let us take the Netball World Cup to the Western Cape [Interjections.] because they are the best run in the country."

Mr K E MAGAXA: So they say.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: That is what they say and those are the facts, and your own President has confirmed that. [Interjections.]

Mr Deputy Speaker, and hon member Magaxa, thank you. We are not going to see you. [Interjections.]

Mr Deputy Speaker, please protect me from ...[Interjections.]

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

Mr K E MAGAXA: Tomorrow jumps the ANC. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Mr Deputy Speaker, I can see ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! [Interjections.] Hon member Magaxa, you are running the risk of having your term ending very quickly.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Oh, sorry, sorry, Mr Deputy Speaker. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Before the end of the five year term. [Interjections.]

†Mnr R D MACKENZIE: Mnr Adjunkspeaker, die waarheid maak seer.
[Mr R D MACKENZIE: Mr Deputy Speaker, the truth hurts.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, just one second. [Interjections.] Minister Madikizela?

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Mr Deputy Speaker, I think honestly now it is high time that Rule 42 and Rule 44 must apply to this hon member. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. I will consider that myself. [Interjections.] Hon member Mackenzie, you may finish off. [Interjections.]

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Mr Deputy Speaker, it really has been - despite what hon member Magaxa says and we are going to miss him and hon member Davids as they go over the other side of the road - it has been a pleasure serving this Parliament, and the last five years and working with this Department, and I would like to take the opportunity to thank the Premier, the Chief Whip, the leadership of the caucus, provincial leader, Minister Madikizela, for giving me an opportunity to serve this Department as Chairperson of Cultural Affairs and Sport.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Do not forget to thank us too.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: I would like to thank my colleagues, hon member Mireille Wenger, hon member Daylin Mitchell [Interjections.], hon member Lorraine Botha [Interjections.], hon - Mr Deputy Speaker ...

An HON MEMBER: First.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Mr Deputy Speaker, like peaches and herbs ...

An HON MEMBER: Ja?

Mr R D MACKENZIE: ... noise and hon member Magaxa go together, and we are not going to miss him. [Interjections.]

Mr Deputy Speaker, so to hon member Theo Olivier in his absentia and to hon member Dorothea Gopie, thank you very much, it was a pleasure serving with you and I will definitely miss you, and hon member Makeleni also in her absentia, thank you very much, and at times, hon member Dugmore, for the contribution over the last five years. [Interjections.]

Mr Deputy Speaker, sometimes political party processes do not do justice to the quality of their members, and we are going to miss some of their members.

An HON MEMBER: Ooh!

Mr R D MACKENZIE: I want to thank [Laughs.] - and I want to thank the staff in the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport ...[Interjections.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: Hear-hear!

Mr R D MACKENZIE: ... is the most underfunded department.

An HON MEMBER: And the MEC.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: And the value that they have played over the last five years and the information and contactability, I really want to thank you. This Department, it is the most underfunded. Not only in this Government, but in the country and probably worldwide, but you really do have an immense value.

Mr C M DUGMORE: You must do some research.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Hon member Dugmore, thank you very much. Will you please allow me to finish? [Interjections.]

So thank you very much for all of you. From the HOD, the chief director, Advocate Mr Tutu - all of you thank you very much. It has been a pleasure working with you and I am sure, I know we will see you after 8 February - sorry, 8 May [Interjections.], where we will not see some members of this House on the other side [Interjections.], and I want to thank the research team [Interjections.] ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr R D MACKENZIE: ... and the Committee Team, and the Parliamentary Team that has worked with us during the last five years. Mr Mario Sassman and Mr Ben Daza, Ms Lizette Cloete and Mr Waseem [Inaudible.], our researcher, and to the DA staff on the fifth floor; Ms Tammy Jackson, Mr Leo, who is not here with us anymore, he is in the City. I

t was really a pleasure serving this Parliament, and to the Minister, thank you for leading this Parliament the last few years, I know it has not been easy, and we are looking forward to coming back after 8 May and installing Mr Alan Winde for Premier, thank you. [Interjections.] [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The hon member Gopie. [Interjections.]

Ms D GOPIE: No [Interjections.] [Inaudible.] the books.

Mr K E MAGAXA: This is our leadership. [Interjections.]

Ms D GOPIE: Thank you [Interjections.] ... Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Mr Deputy Speaker, this is my last speech in the House. I will forever be grateful ... [Interjections.] for the opportunity I was granted to represent my people in this Legislature.

I was responsible for a constituency that was ravaged by gangsterism, drugs and substance abuse. My only regret will be leaving this Legislature without having resolved their problems.

As part of the Committee on Cultural Affairs and Sport, it has been humbling to work with the indigenous people and their kings. A lot of the kings who engage me in the past were crying for not being recognised by the Government. Kings in the Western Cape have asked me to ask the MEC for support to grow and develop their language cultures. As my last message to the MEC I make that call for the support of the indigenous people in the province.

Unfortunately for the MEC's Government as she already alluded when she spoke earlier to say that it is her government, DA Government, and the party, they do not take them seriously. This was made clear when the party objected to the passing of the Traditional Khoi and San Leadership Bill. [Interjections.]

Mr M MNQASELA: No, that is not true. [Interjections.]

Ms D GOPIE: This is what I will tell them when I see them [Interjections.] next time.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I want to thank the MEC and members of the committee for the way [Interjections.] they worked over the years. It was very fruitful.

Now, Mr Deputy Speaker, coming to the budget. My view is that there is no reason to pass the budget at this time. It is being fast-tracked because the six administrative ... [Interjections.]

Mr D JOSEPH: It is normal procedure.

Ms D GOPIE: ... will not ... [Interjections.]

Mr D JOSEPH: Oh my word [Inaudible.]

Ms D GOPIE: ... enjoy majority in this House. The MEC is there, in her foreword said that she ... will remain committed to create an enabling environment and needed to increase access, mass participation, talent identification and skills development to realise our vision of socio-creative, active, connect Western Cape. I do not think the MEC meant what she said there.

I say this because there is nothing that her Department is doing to support transformation in sport at grass roots level. [Interjections.] Cricket, rugby and soccer clubs are desperately looking for funding. Yet, Mr Deputy Speaker, the number of affiliated clubs supported by the Department dropped from 415 in 2014/2015 to only 230 in 2017/2018. This year the Department is taking ...[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Numbers do not lie.

Ms D GOPIE: ... about only 180 clubs that have been supported. When you look at the number of clubs that we have in the province, this 180 is very little. The budget for sport and recreation has increased by over 12,95%. This increase is welcomed, but the money needs to be sent to the grass roots where it is needed most.

Mr S G TYATYAM: Yes.

Ms D GOPIE: Talent identification is very important, hence I feel like the six district academies supported by the Department should be increased.

Sub-programme 4.5, National Government increases the mass participation in sports development grant over R56 million. This contribution is also welcomed.

Despite the increase from the National Government, the challenges in the MOD Programme are not improving. My concern with the MOD Programme is that the number of employees, employed staff in the programme has been decreased over the years. For instance, according to the Department annual report in 2014/15, 558 people were employed. In 2017/2018 this number decreased to just 470.

My other concern is that the number of MOD Centres remained at 181 since 2014. This is despite the increased demand in the rural communities.

Mr S G TYATYAM: Yes.

Ms D GOPIE: Instead of building MOD Centres in central venues, the Government ought to spend money transporting learners from far distances. Surely this is a costly exercise and it impacts on the distance in these centres.

Moving to Programme 3. I fail to understand some of the decisions, for instance for Sub-programme 3.3, there is an increase of over 123%. This is because during the Budget Adjustment, the Department decreased the budget for the sub-programme from R40 million to just over R80 million. The only explanation is that when they could not use the money, they decided to shift it elsewhere.

It is confusing therefore that the Department allocates over the amount they failed to spend last year. Maybe it will be shifted again later this year.

Programme 3 receives over 50% of this Department's budget. This year it gets R419,6 million. Of this over R368 million is transferred to municipalities for the library services. Library services is the responsibility of the Provincial Government. I do not agree with the move to delegate powers to municipalities. If the province does not have capacity to handle library services, it must ask for assistance.

Of the budget there is R83,6 million that is allocated for municipal replenishment funding and broadband library connection. In the previous year the Department has failed to fully spend its budget for the project, especially on the broadband rural library connectivity project.

In the previous year the Department also failed to achieve some of its planned target, including the one of upgrading existing facilities for public library purposes. We can hope that this budget will be able to build libraries even in the rural communities.

On Programme 2, I am disappointed with the 2% decrease in the allocation for Sub-programme 2.1. Also on Programme 2 you will note that transfers to departmental agencies were decreased by over 23%. These entities were already underfunded, so this decrease should be rejected. The Western Cape Cultural Commission was worst effected with an over 65% decrease. This is wrong and it will impact negatively on the capacity of the entire entity to deliver on its mandate.

Also I want to then oppose the plan by the Department to delegate powers to the Heritage Western Cape to local authority to take the function for the management for local heritage resources. I did mention this during our engagement. This is wrong as it places the independence of the entity at risk as municipalities are controlled by political parties ...[Interjections.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: Yes.

Ms D GOPIE: Secondly there is an ongoing battle, especially in the City of Cape Town, where private property developers are given preference treatment over communities and heritage sites.

Now with this delegation of powers to local authorities it should show you the DA plan to continue prioritising the interest of developers over the people. [Interjections.] Local authorities will approve all ...

Mr S G TYATYAM: Yes.

Ms D GOPIE: ... applications from the developers without asking any questions.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the Department staff and also the coordinator of the committee, committee members for their support during the period I was with them, and I also want to thank ...[Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: The DA Government.

Ms D GOPIE: ... my party for giving me the opportunity to serve this Parliament. I thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker.

An HON MEMBER: And the DA Government. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: In the absence of the ACDP and the EFF, I see Minister Marais to respond.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Just on a point of order. Hon member Wiley normally stands up at this point in time and raises his concern, but ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I notice his absence as well. [Interjections.] Minister Marais, you may respond. [Interjections.]

†Die MINISTER VAN KULTUURSAKE EN SPORT: Baie dankie, mnr die Adjunkspeaker, baie dankie aan die agbare lede wat deelgeneem het.

[The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker, thank you to the hon members who have participated.]

[The Speaker takes the Chair]

†Eerstens wil ek net vir agb lid Gopie sê die harde kopie wat u nou ontvang het, het die meeste van die antwoorde. As u dit deurlees dan sal u sien, want met tyd, omdat daar tyd was wat ek nie kon - my tyd was te min, kon ek nie elke woord sê nie. Laat ek nou so sê.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[Firstly I just want to say to the hon Gopie that the hard copy that you have just received contains most of the answers. If you read it you will see, because there was time where I could not – my time was too short, I could not say every word. Let me say so now.]

The clubs dropped because the National Department decided to alter the amount we can spend on clubs via the conditional grant.

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: And hence - †dis hoekom dit minder geld is, en hierdie geld is toe aangewend vir 'n loodsstudie in Limpopo wat hulle [Tussenwerpsels.] - en in die KZN. [Tussenwerpsels.] Ja. [Tussenwerpsels.] [that is why it is less money, and this money was then applied for a pilot study in Limpopo that they [Interjections.] – and in KZN. [Interjections.] Yes. [Interjections.]]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Excuses, excuses, excuses. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please.

†'n AGB LID: Vir mnr Fikile by Luthuli House.
[An HON MEMBER: For Mr Fikile at Luthuli House.]

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: And then through the Traditional and Khoisan Leadership Act. A commission will be appointed by the President ...[Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: As Mackenzie [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: ... to determine which traditional leaders will be recognised. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: Ask Mackenzie what [Inaudible.]

†Die MINISTER VAN KULTUURSAKE EN SPORT: Dan wil ek net sê baie dankie aan die agb Voorsitter [Tussenwerpsels.] ...
[The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: Then I just want to say thank you to the hon Chairman [Interjections.] ...]

The SPEAKER: Hon members, you are drowning out the speaker on the floor, both sides of the House. [Interjections.] Thank you.

†Die MINISTER VAN KULTUURSAKE EN SPORT: Baie dankie aan agb lid Ricardo Mackenzie [Tussenwerpsels.] vir jou leierskap en professionele manier waarop jy altyd die Staande Komitee hanteer het, en die Staande Komitee, baie dankie vir julle oorsig. Dit was nooit - ons het mekaar verstaan, julle het vir ons in diepte oorsig gegee en ek wil vir julle sê baie dankie daarvoor vir die wyse waarop dit altyd gedoen is.

En dan baie dankie aan al die personeel van die Staande Komitee, vir wat julle elke keer doen - ek weet dit is baie werk wat agter die skerms gebeur. Om net 'n Staande Komitee bymekaar te kry of die jaarprogram of die begrotingstoesprake, of die begrotings wat julle ons oorsig oor doen bymekaar te sit, baie baie dankie daarvoor.

Dan wil ek sê baie dankie aan die Ministerie. Herman, Hannes, Sonja, Charlotte, Shelley, Diane, adv Michael Petersen wat met die moeilike taak te doen het vir Erfenis Wes-Kaap, en Pam.

Dan wil ek sê aan die kollegas, al my kollegas, die DA sowel as die ANC, en in afwesigheid die EFF en die ACDP - ek is eintlik spyt hulle is nie hier nie, want dit is een van die heel belangrikste portefeuljes wat nasiebou betref, en hulle is nie hier nie.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: Thank you to the hon member Ricardo Mackenzie [Interjections.] for your leadership and professional manner in which you have always dealt with the Standing Committee, and to the Standing Committee, thank you for your oversight.

It was never – we understood each other, you gave us in depth oversight and I want to thank you for that, for the manner in which it has always been done.

And then to all the staff of the Standing Committee, for what you do every time – I know it is a lot of work that happens behind the scenes. Just to get a Standing Committee together or to put together the annual programme or the budget speeches, or the budgets you let us do oversight on, thank you very very much for that.

Then I want to say thank you to the Ministry. Herman, Hannes, Sonja, Charlotte, Shelley, Diane, Adv Michael Petersen who is dealing with the difficult task for Heritage Western Cape, and Pam.

Then I want to say to the colleagues, all my colleagues, the DA as well as the ANC, and in the absence of the EFF and the ACDP – I am actually sorry they are not here, because it is one of the most important portfolios with regard to nation building, and they are not here.】

†Mnr D JOSEPH: Ja.

【Mr D JOSEPH: Yes.】

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: To all the stakeholders and guests in the gallery without whom we cannot change the lives of our communities.

†Baie, baie dankie vir elkeen van julle. En dankie dat julle vandag hier is, want dit wys dat julle regtigwaar ons gemeenskappe en Sport en Kultuur op die hart dra.

Dan die Departement en die HOD, baie dankie vir elkeen van julle. Hierdie HOD hou my op die reguit pad. As ek partykeer sê, “HOD, ek dink ons moet dit doen,” dan sê hy, “No-no-no, we must just think about it, think about it. It is your decision, but just think about it.”

Dan wil ek sê aan die *A-team*; dis Japie, Kurt, Pumi. Dis die mense wat elke dag vir my rondry en wat saam met my is, en dan Stacy ...

【Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.】

【Thank you to each of you. And thank you for being here today, because it shows that you really take our communities and Sport and Culture to heart.

Then the Department and the HOD, thank you to each of you. This HOD keeps me on the straight path. If I sometimes say, “HOD, I think we should do this,” then he says, “No-no-no, we must just think about, think about it. It is your decision, but just think about it.”

Then I want to say to the *A-team*; that is Japie, Kurt, Pumi. Those are the people who drive around for me every day and are with me, and then Stacy,】
†my spokesperson there in the corner, for your creativity, innovation and professionalism.

And then lastly to Premier Helen Zille who afforded me this opportunity, thank you so much. [Applause.]

†Mnr D JOSEPH: Hoor-hoor.
[Mr D JOSEPH: Hear-hear.]

†n AGB LID: Hoor-hoor!
[An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!]

†The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: And then I just want to remind you, the CBD and the Western Cape are buzzing. When? When there is a culture event or when there is sport. So please participate tonight in the buzzing of the City at the Green Market Square. It is all free. Thank you so much. [Applause.]

[Debate concluded.]

[Business of the House was suspended at 15:05 and resumed at 15:14]

The SPEAKER: Take your seats please. Good afternoon hon members, guests in the gallery, the Administration. Welcome. We are now going to continue with the business of the day. The Secretary will read the fifth Order of the Day.

WESTERN CAPE APPROPRIATION BILL [B1 – 2019]

(Debate on Vote 3 – Provincial Treasury)

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Thank you, hon Speaker. Madam Speaker, the vision of Provincial Treasury is good financial governance and Provincial Treasury, to execute that vision, is allocated a budget of R357,3 million for the 2019/20 financial year. This represents a 17,42% increase over the 2018/2019 Revised Adjusted Estimates Budget.

Good governance delivers in the Western Cape. This approach has set the Western Cape Province apart from the rest of South Africa. Our good governance record is proof of it. The Provincial Treasury will therefore continue to drive good financial governance in this province. A Good Financial Governance Grant of R30 million is introduced in 2019/20 financial year to reward good performing municipalities.

The objective is to embed a culture of adherence to good financial governance practices as well as optimal performance within the local government sector. This grant will incentivise and support excellence in good financial governance practices and optimal performance culminating in improved service delivery and creation of public value.

In addition, Madam Speaker, R15 million is allocated over the 2019 MTEF to increase the technical capacity within the Provincial Treasury's Infrastructure Unit for infrastructure development. The aim is to give effect to this Government's infrastructure led growth strategy.

Madam Speaker, as highlighted during my Main Budget address, the Western Cape Government's fiscal strategy has enabled the Province to create a long term financing plan to support an infrastructure led growth strategy resulting in an additional investment of R6,8 billion over the ten-year period up to 2028/29.

Given that the Province plans to spend in excess of R28,6 billion on infrastructure over the 2019 MTEF, the Provincial Treasury's Infrastructure Development Unit will play a pivotal role in ensuring that this Government's objectives are met.

Madam Speaker, the 2019/20 departmental budget is therefore allocated as follows:

Administration is allocated an amount of R58,8 million to provide strategic direction and to provide quality financial and other support services. The continuous provision of the Provincial Financial Capacity Building Programme is aimed at improving financial skills within the public sector by creating a pool of talent from which the Provincial Treasury, other provincial departments and municipalities can recruit from.

Madam Speaker, the youth key focus of this Government is also from the Main Budget but also from the various Budget Votes here in this province, and also thank you to all the members or the Chairpersons of the various committees that supported investment in the youth.

The Provincial Treasury's Bursary Programme have appointed 124 bursary graduate interns since 2012. Seven interns are currently permanently appointed in the Provincial Treasury; one intern has been permanently appointed at Mossel Bay Municipality; and 22 have been appointed in other various departments.

In the 2019/2020 a further 12 pay interns will commence duty on 1 April 2019, next week, and 11 new graduates, of which 10 have already commenced their internships since the beginning of this month. Under the auspices of the Office of the Provincial Accountant-General, the Provincial Treasury launched the Chartered Accountants Academy in 2015. The goal of the academy was to contribute to the long term pipeline of the finance professionals in the public service.

As part of its pilot intake in the province, the Chartered Accountant Academy accepted six trainees in 2016, all of whom met the core requirements of their training contract and have successfully concluded their articles in February 2019. Five of the six have since taken up full time employment: three in the public sector and two in the private sector.

Madam Speaker, we are pleased that the academy has produced its first chartered accountant in this Government for public sector accountants. [Applause.] Madam Speaker, his name is Kabelo Mafiri and he has since taken up full time employment in our public entity in the Western Cape – can you please stand. [Applause.]

I think this is the great investment and thank you for your wife that also joined you, and supported him. We, six million people of this Western Cape, is proud of this man, because he is the first public sector accredited chartered accountant in the history of South Africa.

A further 11 trainees are currently in the system and we hope to increase the numbers over time and many of them are also in the gallery. The Provincial Treasury has concluded an evaluation of the academy, and the evaluation confirms that the academy has been appropriately designed and is effective in terms of achieving its mandate. This also creates a sound basis for institutionalising this very important initiative. The Provincial Treasury is also investigating the piloting of a partnership with municipalities to extend the footprint of this public sector Chartered Accountant Academy.

Madam Speaker, the Nedbank, Provincial Treasury and Western Cape Education Department Essay Writing Competition for Grade 11 learners was introduced in 2008/9 and has since attracted entries from across the province. The aim of the Essay Writing Competition is to provide learners interested in studying Economics, Accounting and Mathematics the opportunity to access bursaries in the fields of commerce and in doing so address the scarcity of skills in these sectors.

The Competition offers Grade 11 learners in the province, who take a combination of Economics, Mathematics and Accounting as subjects, the opportunity of obtaining bursaries to further their studies in these fields at an accredited university. Between 12 and 15 bursaries, as well as cash prizes as financial assistance during their Grade 12 year, are awarded to learners who intend obtaining a degree in the specified fields.

A total number of 108 bursaries, 74 females and 34 males, have been awarded since the inception of the competition. We would like to thank and acknowledge those who have collaborated with us to ensure the success of these initiatives, particularly our colleagues from Nedbank and the Department of Education. I have been there myself. I have seen the quality of the learners. Outstanding quality. And I am particularly happy for this great partnership with Nedbank.

In line with the principle of sustainability, Sustainable Resource Management is allocated an amount of R166,3 million. This is to ensure the effective management of provincial and municipal budgets. This includes the following:

- Further support to the Western Cape Gambling and Racing Board (WCGRB) mainly due to the loss of the Limited Pay-out Machine (LPM) operator fees and the provision for a once-off payment which relates to the repayment of the Limited Payout Machines Operator Fees of R37 million
- Priority funding allocations are also ring-fenced for this budget:
 - Improving financial governance – R22,8 million is set aside for Financial Management Support Grant;

- R4,8 million is ring-fenced for Municipal Interventions to assist in strengthening their support interventions together with my colleague, the Minister of Local Government; and
- Capacity Infrastructure Support in delivering infrastructure gets R5 million.

Madam Speaker, Asset Management – very important in this Government, is allocated an amount of R65,7 million. This is to provide policy direction and to facilitate and enforce the management of provincial financial systems, supply chain and moveable asset management within the provincial and municipal spheres.

Key objectives of delivery are the following:

- Improving procurement policy planning to support departments and municipalities to promote budget planning, efficiency in spending,
- Also supporting the development and implementation of an economic procurement policy in conjunction with other departments, in particular the Department of the Premier of the Province that speaks to SMME development through the utilisation of procurement as a lever.

Financial Governance is allocated an amount of R66,4 million. The purpose is to promote accountability and financial governance in departments, entities and municipalities in the Western Cape. The budget makes provision for the following:

- Continuous provision for the Chartered Accountant Academy aimed at creating a pipeline for public sector accounting professionals
- Priority funding allocations that are ring-fenced for:
 - Capacity building support - Financial Management Capacity Grant (R11,39 million);
 - As already mentioned, hon Speaker, also R10 million, R30 million over three years for the Financial Good Governance Grant.

Madam Speaker, in order to achieve its planned objectives the Provincial Treasury has allocated its budget R357,3 million as follows:

Programme 1 – R58,8 million
Programme 2 - R166,3 million
Programme 3 - R65,7 million and
Programme 4 – R66,4 million.

I thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, Minister Meyer. [Applause.] I now see the hon member Joseph.

Mr D JOSEPH: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise as a member of the Standing Committee on Finance and Chairperson, and of the DA caucus to support Vote 3.

Speaker, the Western Cape Government under the leadership of Premier Helen Zille put together a competent Cabinet. Dr Ivan Meyer was given responsibility to serve in his capacity as Minister of Finance to lead the Provincial Treasury as an executive member. An additional responsibility namely the portfolio of international relations is attached to the Ministry of Finance.

Madam Speaker, I had the privilege to attend some of these international diplomatic engagements and these engagements contributed immensely to the fostering of international relations on many fronts, in particular drawing investors to the Western Cape, as well as creating international export opportunities for the Western Cape through business opportunities via Wesgro.

†Agb Speaker, dit is in die demokratiese land waarin ons woon, dat 'n stelsel van goeie regering benodig word en hierdie stelsel word ondersteun deur goeie leierskap. Leierskap met 'n visie. Leierskap in 'n DA-regering, in 'n Provinsiale Regering met entiteite sowel as munisipaliteite en diensverskaffers en organisasies wat die Wes-Kaap se begroting ondersteun. So 'n eienskap van 'n goeie regering is goeie leierskap, en ons het dit in die DA-regering.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[Madam Speaker, it is in a democratic country we are living in that a system of good government is required and this system is supported by good leadership. Leadership with a vision. Leadership in a DA Government, in a Provincial Government with entities as well as municipalities and service providers and organisations supporting the Western Cape's budget. Such a characteristic of a good government is good leadership, and we have that in the DA Government.]

This vision of the DA in government is transferred into an Annual Performance Plan [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: I must speak to you about the question now. [Interjections.]

Mr D JOSEPH: ...with an approved budget. This plan includes financial and non-financial targets. Madam Speaker, this leadership in the Provincial Treasury and the Western Cape Gambling and Racing Board is of the highest professional standard and quality.

Producing quality presentations, budgets, budget books, financial forecast based on evidence based practices and research, contributed to the members' administrative capacity as well as their understanding of financial management in government. Included in Provincial Treasury Annual Performance Plan, is the 2014 to the 2019 Strategic Plan. This refers to the DA Government open opportunity society.

Also included in the Annual Performance Plan is their National Development Plan. This is the policy mandate of the Provincial Government and Provincial Treasury that is adopted, although it is a National Government plan, and one of the aims of this National Development Plan is to build a government that is accountable to its people.

And I think it is about time that this reckless ANC, that just knows corruption and mismanagement and abuse of State money for personal gain, must again go and read their own National Development Plan to understand it.

Provincial Treasury is faced with the difficult task preparing the budget and appropriating sufficient allocations to each department in the province, within the fiscal policies without prejudice. It then needs to promote transparency and show effective management of revenue and expenditure of provincial departments and entities. [Interjections.] For the 2019 financial year, Provincial Treasury, as the Minister has said, has been allocated R357,3 million to execute their functions and here I must note that the staff in this Provincial Treasury exercise their duties across the province by travelling regularly to municipalities and to Government departments.

It must further intervene and investigate matters of financial concern within municipalities and these departments. Ironically these tasks have become increasingly difficult as the National Treasury is busy with service debt as its main form of work because of the ANC's bad policies, within the ANC that put up coffers under pressure, where the money could be better used for public value.

The public entity in the Western Cape, the Western Cape Gambling and Racing Board [Interjections.] will again receive the necessary funding from Provincial Treasury. In this financial year we also note that the new office is almost completed and we want to thank the Provincial Treasury and the Minister for pursuing on this point. The Gambling and Racing Board also have responsibility to ensure that the industry remains socially responsible by encouraging and supporting social corporate investment initiatives for the benefit of the poor communities.

Madam Speaker, for the record, the Standing Committee on Finance recently rejected the proposed amendments of the National Gambling Bill. This Bill was proposed in the interest of ANC leadership and it is very clear that it did not work this time, because three of the provinces in the ANC supported the DA [Interjections.] which means [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order.

Mr D JOSEPH: ...four ANC provinces rejected the Bill supporting the Western Cape [Interjections.] and two provinces were absent and the Bill could not even be passed. It has been referred to the next Parliament. [Interjections.] I support Sub programme 2 and Sub programme 3. We support all the allocations as referred and mentioned to the departments and to the Treasury as mentioned by the Minister.

A further responsibility of the Department is to promote the values of the Western Cape Government in showing responsiveness and caring to the most deserving departments and people that are pro-poor. This is done through a competent administration, when it allocates the funding for training, internship programmes as mentioned by the Minister and making sure that programmes are effectively implemented.

The Department takes care of schemes development and financial capacity.

Speaker, the Provincial Treasury thus offers a viable plan for the 2019 Budget, hence my reason for supporting Vote 3. We are dependent on taxpayers' money and through SARS, National Treasury, Provincial Treasury, we will ensure that this budget is the budget for the people.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the Minister for his leadership. I would like to thank the members of the Standing Committee on Finance, including the Opposition leaders, in specifically member Beerwinkel and member Uys for their assistance, for their guidance in promoting these values and overseeing plans of the Department throughout the term.

I commend all staff in Provincial Treasury, particularly our HOD, Mr Zacharia Hoossain, our DDG – Deputy Director General, Mr Harry Malila. All senior staff and all the staff in fulfilling their role in achieving good financial governance in our province. I would also like to thank all members in the various respective committees that Provincial Treasury has dealt with including the Western Cape Provincial Parliament support staff and the staff in the Ministry of Finance.

Madam Speaker, I take this opportunity to thank all the coordinators who have served this Committee of Finance over the last five years. This high standard of work in the Administration includes Dian Cronje, Dr Anneke Clark and Sameez Jones, the current coordinator. Your service is highly appreciated.

Madam Speaker, I think in the absence of member Ferlon Christians I would like to take this opportunity just to mention the work of the committee of SCOPA. I think it is one of the committees that is not mentioned as part of the 14 committees and I would like to thank Dustin, the coordinator of SCOPA and all the staff that served SCOPA and assisted us in this committee, member Tyatyam [Interjections.] and particularly the Chairperson, member Ferlon Christians, in his absence.

An HON MEMBER: Unbelievable!

Mr D JOSEPH: We would like to thank them for their service and their contribution in making this Government a good government serving the people of the Western Cape. I thank you, Speaker. [Interjections.] [Applause.]

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

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Thank you, Madam Speaker. In this graveyard session I do not really want to say much. I have said over the years, I have said so much to MEC and to the Treasury. There is nothing really much more I can say to them about what I think about the work they have done. How I appreciate the work that they have done. Maybe today I just want to touch on a few things that I would like to remind you about, advise on going forward, because I will not be here, but also for you [Interjections.] and your monitoring systems that you have in place.

Besides you being the “allocator”, if I can use a very simple word, of the budget, or distributor of the budget, to the other 14 departments. Your transversal role is of such importance that one does not have enough words to explain just how important and how difficult your role is. You have to distribute and you have to monitor. You have to train. You have to monitor. You have to supply. You have to monitor. So monitoring seems to be that core word amongst you [Interjections.] But we also need to take [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon members.

An HON MEMBER: You are really playing the Chair now [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: You may proceed, member Beerwinkel [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Put them out, Madam Speaker.

An HON MEMBER: Ah, you have to be put out first.

An HON MEMBER: I know this [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: I saw that. Thank you. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Bla-bla-bla – you see what they were doing?

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Madam Speaker ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: That is hon Botha.

An HON MEMBER: But it is not [Interjection.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Madam Speaker, the big Blue Book that gets put in front of us, Treasury does not suck that information from the air. It comes from somewhere. And it comes from the Division of Revenue Bill. This book is their Bible and it is supposed to be our Bible too, and so it becomes quite disconcerting when grandstanding happens about an instruction that is given regardless of who the national government is. It could be the DA one of these days. It could be. They are dreaming of that. But if it is [Interjections.] and the different spheres that – and I’m saying spheres, not levels – to whom they then distribute the funds cannot grandstand about the projects that they then implement, because this book tells you, equitable share, you can give [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: We should, if we are doing it better than other provinces, we should.

An HON MEMBER: Ja, we should.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Equitable share is distributed via Treasury. Conditional Grants are distributed via Treasury with a distinct instruction, Madam Speaker.

An HON MEMBER: No condition, not instruction [Interjection.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: I will give you – I am going to make a simple example. If MEC Meyer gives me R1 million, he writes me a note and he tells me, “I am giving you R1 million, but of that R1 million [Interjections.] I want you to take R1000 for instance, and go and buy chocolates for each and every street person out there”, and I go and do that. Can I now grandstand that I, Carol has given chocolates to the people?

An HON MEMBER: Yes!

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Or is it MEC? [Interjections.] Is it the MEC who gave me [Interjection.]

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

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: You are missing the point completely! [Interjections.] You are missing the point completely. [Interjections.] You are missing the point completely [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: You are missing the point!

The SPEAKER: Minister Madikizela, order please. [Interjections.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Never mind whether it is who [Interjections.] we all know it is taxpayers' money. That sing-song we must now stop. [Interjections.] The money does not fall out of the air. We all know it is taxpayers' money. It is taxpayers' money that you receive. It is taxpayers' money that you distribute [Interjections.] It is taxpayers' money that you do the projects with that you do. Let me remind you what I'm talking about because you maintain that you know what you are talking about and I am going to prove to you that you do not. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Amen!

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: On page 8 of this book, Speaker, it spells out, Chapter 3 and Section 7 speaks about [Interjections.] conditional grants to provinces. 7(a) says, (b) Part A of Schedule 5, specifying specific purpose allocations to provinces. Then you go to that specific page, on page 50. It says specific purpose – remember I said, specific purpose allocations to Province. [Interjections.] Human Settlements. What does it say? Title deed restoration grant.

An HON MEMBER: What is your point?

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Specific purpose!

An HON MEMBER: What is your point?

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Listen! [Interjections.] To provide funding for the eradication of title deeds registration. Where did the money come from? [Interjections.] From national taxpayers' money! [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Fiscus! [Interjections.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: I am not disputing that [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order please!

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: I am not disputing that. [Interjections.] The point is [Interjections.] the point is, National Government gave taxpayers' money to the Western Cape to carry out a function. [Interjections.] They were told to do it.

The SPEAKER: Order please.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: So do not grandstand. It is not you. [Interjections.] Do not grandstand!

The SPEAKER: Members [Interjection.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: You have an instruction! [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon members, I have [Interjections.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: It is an instruction. You have to carry it out. [Interjections.] Carry it out.

The SPEAKER: Order please.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Nobody is talking about stealing [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon members, let there be a condition. I have duty to protect the speaker on the floor, that is unconditional from my perspective, hon Mitchell. So, yes, interjections are allowed, but can we please afford the member the opportunity [Interjections.]. Hon Magaxa, it is quite interesting, because normally the howling comes from this side of the House [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: We object.

The SPEAKER: So maybe just seeing it coming from the other side is a little bit painful. You may proceed, hon Beerwinkel.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Madam Speaker, they can howl as much as they want about stealing and whatever. [Interjections.] The point is a conditional grant has a specific purpose and it is given to them for a specific purpose [Interjections.] it is not their initiative. That is the point I am making. [Interjections.] They stand and say "the DA did this and the DA did that ..." – it is not their initiative [Interjections.] it is a specific purpose. So stop your nonsense about lies and stealing and all of that. I am talking facts here. These are facts [Interjections.] These are facts. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, order please [Interjection.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Excuse me, excuse me. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Minister Madikizela [Interjections.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Can I please read [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Member Beerwinkel, can you just take your seat please? [Interjections.] Members there are questions but we cannot [Interjections.] Member Davids, I am speaking.

An HON MEMBER: The truth hurts!

The SPEAKER: We cannot engage with questions across the floor whilst there is someone [Interjections.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: I do know. You do not [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Magaxa [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: We cannot hear you because of that [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Maybe you should continue reading your book.

An HON MEMBER: I cannot even read my book with the noise from that [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Is the member reading a book?

The SPEAKER: Oh shame, man, okay. So please members, the member is reading his book and it keeps him focused and calm. Thank you. You may proceed member Beerwinkel [Interjections.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: I want to emphasise some more points about this condition of grants, Speaker.

An HON MEMBER: Yes, Carol.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: What is the purpose of that goal? The strategic goal. Is the eradication of security of tenure and [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: That is unnecessary member Davids [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: But we know that! We know that.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: ...to provide for the funding [Interjections.] of the eradication of pre-2014 title deed registration. Pre-2014! So, what is this? Government is saying, we did not do it. Now we are giving you the funds to do it. Not your initiation.

An HON MEMBER: After we [Interjection.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Not your initiation! Not yours!

An HON MEMBER: It was our initiative.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Not yours. Not even [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order please!

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: I have made my point. I have made my point.

An HON MEMBER: Yes. [Interjections.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: I have made my point. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order! Minister Madikizela. You are allowed interjections but not a running commentary please. Kindly compose yourself. Thank you.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Speaker [Interjection.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: [Inaudible.] I have been exempt.

The SPEAKER: Hon Magaxa, I gave you some good advice. Thank you.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: I want to remind Treasury about some of the important things that they function on. Their mission to enhance accountability, create public value, enabling delivery of quality services, capacity building, public sector finance, promote accountability within departments and municipalities and I want to stick with municipalities and this thing that is called “citizenry” and “whole of society” issue that the DA keeps talking about.

An HON MEMBER: One South Africa for all!

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Public participation does not exist. It does not. So I am asking Treasury [Interjections.] in their capacity of their oversight role to departments to ensure that public participation becomes part of every department’s programme more seriously. You cannot dump a 14 department book on the table in front of us when you present budgets. Nobody has an insight into it. Nobody has seen it. At municipalities there is a month’s opportunity for people to comment. They can comment and then – what happens here? Nothing. Public participation please.

An HON MEMBER: Nothing.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Citizenry centered you say. It is no secret. Now I want to ask you something about local government and what you say how local government fools people about their audit opinions. I want to read something to you. [Interjections.] This is a report of a municipality.

“During the audit of the appointment of a service provider for the provision of debt collection, the municipality did not have a strategy of policy for outsourcing services to consultants or contractors or service providers. The municipality does not have a strategy or policy indicating the processes determining when services can be outsourced.”

And then, the management does not agree with the Auditor-General. The municipality did not conduct [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Member Beerwinkel, I am sorry to have to interrupt you but if you could finish your sentence. Your time is up. I have just been alerted by the Table staff.

An HON MEMBER: They were making noise [Interjection.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: And all the noise that they were making, Chair?

The SPEAKER: No that is not included, member Beerwinkel. Thank you.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Madam Speaker this whole – let me, can I just finish with, I just want to use these two pages [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: I have given you leeway to finish your sentence, member Beerwinkel [Interjection.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Most of what is here are findings by the Auditor-General where processes and policies and SEM prescripts were not followed, then it says,

“We are extremely proud of maintaining this excellent record of a clean audit...”

Bearing in mind all the things that are in here. What is a clean audit?

The SPEAKER: Time to finish up member Beerwinkel [Interjections.] Your time has expired.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: ...by the statements of three from material misstatements. It is a total mess happening in local government. Treasury, please pay more attention to what is happening in local government, but thank you very much anyway, for over the years, what you have done for me as a person to grow in my understanding, in my financial growth, in my understanding of how a budget is put together and what is in it and where it comes from and where it goes to. I am eternally grateful to you. All of you and those behind the scenes, who are not here today. Please express my gratitude to them, thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, member Beerwinkel. So the Chief Whip will not have to say it. I will say in the absence of the EFF and the ACDP, I now see the hon, the Minister, Minister Meyer. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Thank you, Madam Speaker, and thank you for the participation in this debate, Vote 3, but I would like to thank the Premier for giving me this opportunity to serve in this position as both the Minister of Finance and the Minister of International Relations. I have learnt a lot under her leadership and want to thank her for this opportunity to serve in her Executive.

The Provincial Treasury is central in the financial governance architecture of this Government. Under most difficult circumstances this Cabinet, each member, worked well to keep the fiscal line and protect the provincial revenue fund. Because of the skills and the competencies of the Provincial Treasury and the Budget Office we are able to hand over to the next Premier a stable and a balanced budget. This budget of 2019/2020 will allow you to continue on 9 May 2019, the day after the election.

This Cabinet executed a good financial governance declaration and a good fiscal framework. Premier, none of your Ministers have appeared or will appear at the Zonde Commission. I want to thank the head official, Mr Hoossain, the DDG Fiscal and Economic Services, Mr Harry Malila, Julinda Kantana and the Acting DDG, Mr Isaac Smith and the Provincial Accountant-General, Mr Aziz Harding and all the senior managers in the Provincial Treasury.

I have also met this morning, Madam Speaker, with the CEO and the Chairperson of the Western Cape Gambling and Racing Board and I also want to thank them for promoting good financial governance within the Gambling Board. Thank you also for increasing our domestic resource mobilisation to almost R3 billion here in the Western Cape. I would also like to thank all the accounting officers in the whole of this Government and the public entities and all the CFO's of both the Government departments and in the Western Cape and in the entities for good financial governance.

†Die Begrotingspos 3 Provinsiale Tesourie is 'n bewys van die omvattende voortgesette ondersteuning vir die programme om finansiële regeerkunde van 'n hoë standaard te handhaaf. Dit geld nie alleen vir goeie regeringsmaatstawwe in die Provinsiale Regering en sy openbare entiteite nie, maar waar ons betrokke is by ander regeringsvlakke hou ons by die voorskrifte en poog om in alle opsigte finansiële regeerpraktyke van 'n hoë gehalte te lewer. In hierdie opsig is ons opleidingsprogramme besig om 'n nuwe poel van die jong finansiële kundiges te lewer. Daardeur versterk ons die finansiële kundigheid oor 'n breë terrein en dit vorm 'n belangrike skakel in ons strewe om die openbare finansiële bestuurswetgewing nougeset maar sinvol toe te pas. Op hierdie wyse bou ons in die Wes-Kaap daaraan om die regstaat verder te versterk.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[The Budget Vote 3 Provincial Treasury is proof of the extensive continued support for the programmes to maintain financial governance of a high standard. It does not only apply to good government measures in the Provincial Government and its public entities, but where we are involved with the other levels of government we keep to the directives and try to deliver financial governance practices of high quality in all respects. In this regard our training programmes are delivering a new pool of young financial experts. Through that we strengthen the financial expertise across a broad area and it forms an important link in our striving to apply the public financial governance legislation strictly but sensibly. In this manner, we in the Western Cape are building towards further strengthening the legal state.]

†Agb Speaker, my spesiale dank ook aan die Voorsitter van die Begrotingskomitee en Voorsitter van die Staande Komitee oor Finansies, mnr Dennis Joseph. Dank aan al die lede van sy Komitee aan beide kante, maar ek kan nie veel praat van daardie twee lede wat nie hier is nie, hulle het geen bydrae gelewer nie.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[Madam Speaker, my special thanks to the Chairman of the Budget Committee and Chairman of the Standing Committee on Finance, Mr Dennis Joseph. Thank you to all the members of his Committee on both sides, but I cannot say too much of those two members who are not here, they have made no contribution.]

†'n AGB LID: Skitterend!

[An HON MEMBER: Excellent!]

†Die MINISTER VAN FINANSIES: Dankie. Ek het wel 'n bydrae gekry uit die Opposisie en baie dankie daarvoor. Dankie ook vir die erkenning dat die DA eendag die Nasionale Regering sal wees. Ek waardeer dit. Dis op die rekord van die Hansard en ook dankie aan al die lede van die onderskeie komitees vir die wetgewende oorsig wat u gedoen het. Die lede van die Kabinet respekteer belastingbetalers se geld. Dankie vir almal se insette. [Applous.]

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Thank you. I did get a contribution from the Opposition and thank you for that. Also thank you for acknowledging that one day the DA will be the National Government. I appreciate that. It is on the record of the Hansard, and thank you to all the members of the various committees for the legislative oversight you have conducted. The members of the Cabinet respect taxpayers' money. Thank you to all for your input. [Applause.]]

†'n AGB LID: Mooi.

[An HON MEMBER: Good.]

[Debate concluded.]

[Business of the House was suspended at 15:50 and resumed at 15:54]

WESTERN CAPE APPROPRIATION BILL [B1 – 2019]

(Debate on Vote 9 – Environmental Affairs)

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Baie dankie. Agb Adjunkspeaker, agb Premier in haar afwesigheid, sowel as my agb kollegas van die Kabinet, [The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Thank you. Hon Deputy Speaker, hon Premier in absentia, as well as my colleagues of the Cabinet,] †the Head of the Department, the CEO of CapeNature, all the officials [Interjections.] Thank you. Members of the Parliament, thank you for being here and for the opportunity.

I first of all want to thank the Department and CapeNature for the summary. I think it is a very good idea because in one page you can see our budget.

Mr Deputy Speaker, let me start by thanking the Department under the leadership of Piet van Zyl and Dr Omar for a job well done. Hon Deputy Speaker, at a time when the country is in a crisis we meet to discuss the budget for the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning.

We are in a crisis because of gross mismanagement and incredible corruption that has ripped our moral fabric apart. Some independent experts are stating that state capture has cost South Africa hundreds of billions. It has cost Eskom an estimated R500 billion and the bulk of this money has gone to a handful of families that have been enriched at the cost of everyone else.

†Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, ons in die Wes-Kaap staan hier skaamteloos want die rekord wys hierdie Provinsie was nog nooit gekoop nie, of enige van sy entiteite nie. Elke jaar word die verskillende munisipaliteite en die staatsentiteite se jaarstate geoudit en gepubliseer. Elke jaar lewer die Ouditeur-Generaal verslag oor die uitkomst van al hierdie entiteite se finansiële bestuursvermoë.

Elke jaar vir die afgelope tien jaar hoor ons hoe dinge versleg en hoe entiteite en munisipaliteite en ander provinsiale departemente bankrot is en hoe honderde miljarde onregmatig verkwis word. Dieselfde tyd hoor ons hoe die Wes-Kaap soos 'n paal bo water uitstaan. Ons het in 2018/19, 83% skoon oudits ontvang vir ons provinsiale departemente en entiteite.

Die provinsie wat die naaste gekom het was Gauteng met 52%. Elke jaar het die Wes-Kaap verbeter. In 2009 was daar geen munisipaliteit in die Wes-Kaap wat skoon oudits gekry het nie. 10 jaar later het ons 21 skoon oudits uit 30 munisipaliteite. Dit is waarom die Wes-Kaap daarin kon slaag om 75% van alle werksgeleenthede wat in Suid-Afrika geskep is, in die Wes-Kaap te skep. Die rede is agb Adjunkspeaker, want ons steel nie van ons mense nie. Ons bestee die geld waar ons belowe het om dit te doen.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[Mr Deputy Speaker, we in the Western Cape stand here without shame because the record shows that this Province has never been captured, neither any of its entities. Every year the various municipalities' and the state entities' annual statements are audited and published. Every year the Auditor-General reports on the outcomes of all these entities' financial management ability.

Every year for the past ten years we have been hearing how things are getting worse and how entities and municipalities and other provincial departments are bankrupt and how hundreds of billions are wasted irregularly. At the same time we hear how the Western Cape stands out like a pole above water. In 2018/19 we received 83% clean audits for our provincial departments and entities.

The province that came the closest was Gauteng with 52%. Every year the Western Cape has improved. In 2009 there were no municipalities in the Western Cape that received clean audits.

10 years later we have 21 clean audits out of 33 municipalities. That is why the Western Cape succeeded to create 75% of all job opportunities that were created in South Africa, in the Western Cape. The reason, Mr Deputy Speaker, is that we do not steal from our people. We spend the money where we promised to spend it.]

Mr Deputy Speaker, the Western Cape Government's budget demonstrates a commitment of maximum citizen impact. There are seven themes around which the Provincial Budget has been built. [Interjections.] These seven themes are Jobs, Safety, Service Delivery, Youth, Infrastructure, Good Governance and Climate Change.

This is truly a budget for good governance and climate change. We have been hit by so many disasters over the last couple of years and we are trying to play catch up all the time. We are reactive and we need to be more proactive.

Mr Deputy Speaker, you will see in this budget that we try to get ahead of this curb. If we want to make real change in people's lives we need to be three steps ahead. We need a quantum leap. It is a difficult thing because we are also in the middle of a national government economic meltdown. A government where the national electricity grid is under severe pressure and Eskom is at risk of falling apart. This province is a giant province – 129 000 square kilometers in size. And every community in this huge province is important to us.

We look at the needs across our province and we spend the people's budget accordingly. Around 75% of our budget is aimed at the rural areas outside the city of Cape Town. In addition, the province understands the importance of building and maintaining infrastructure. Therefore over the MTEF period nearly R28 billion across all departments will be spent on infrastructure. This includes new houses, roads, schools, hospitals, waste water and sewerage works.

Mr Deputy Speaker, this year the Department has been allocated R639,6 million for the 2019/2020 financial year. The bulk of this has been allocated to biodiversity management entity represented by CapeNature. The Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning can stand up and look back with pride at the last 5 years' accomplishments.

The head of the Department, Mr Piet van Zyl has been awarded with many awards for the work his Department has done and when it comes to good governance there can be surely few departments in the country that can be compared. Another highlight from the Department is the Regional Socio-economic programme known as RSEP.

This is an innovative programme whereby we are making better living spaces in all our communities and where we aim to redress apartheid spatial legacies through better integrated development. Some of the projects that have been completed include building safe walkways in vulnerable communities to multi-purpose sports grounds and youth centres with free access to the internet in the rural communities.

Mr Deputy Speaker, one example is a resource centre focusing on youth development and training in Villiersdorp that cost R10 million rand. In the new budget an amount of R104 million has been allocated for the MTEF period to further address the needs of our poorest communities and to deliver visible service delivery projects.

R83,9 million has been allocated over the 2019 MTEF towards enabling the promotion and stimulation of a greener economy and a more water secure province. In addition, R37,1 million has been allocated to the Department towards the Breede River Environmental Resource Protection Plan, the Berg River Improvement Plan and the Sustainable Water Management Plan. These plans all address the Provincial Strategic Goals.

Mr Deputy Speaker, when it comes to CapeNature, the entity has an overall budget of R396 million for the 2019/20 financial year. Of this, R48,4 million is from own generated revenue. We are very proud of the growth of income generation, largely due to tourism. Many more people are visiting our exclusive and world class nature reserves and bookings are often required many months in advance. We look forward to seeing continued growth in this regard in the coming period.

A major threat to CapeNature's biodiversity conservation work is the risk of the spread of invasive alien species. The entity will continue to focus its efforts on removing alien vegetation in priority catchment areas to help improve water security in our province.

Since 2009, CapeNature has cleared more than 250 000 hectares of water-sapping alien vegetation from its protected areas. CapeNature will continue to implement the Integrated Catchment Management Strategy that will contribute to ensure that clean, healthy mountain catchments yield enough water for the public.

†Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, die Departement en CapeNature se amptenare en hul leierskap het weer eens oor die afgelope tien jaar uitstekende werk onder toenemende druk verrig. Ek wil van hierdie geleentheid gebruik maak om mnr Piet van Zyl en Dr Omar met hulle spanne geluk te wens vir hul werk wat hulle uitstekend verrig het, om die gemeenskap van die Wes-Kaap te dien. Met dit lê ek dan ons begroting aan u voor. Ek dank u. [Applous.]

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[Mr Deputy Speaker, the Department's and CapeNature's officials and their leadership have again done excellent work over the past ten years under increasing pressure. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Mr Piet van Zyl and Dr Omar with their teams on their work that they have performed excellently to serve the community of the Western Cape. With that I submit our budget to you. I thank you. [Applause.]]

†Me W PHILANDER: Dankie, Adjunkspeaker. [Tussenwerpsels.]

[Ms W PHILANDER: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. [Interjections.]] †Mr Deputy Speaker, there are undeniable ecological limits to growth and development.

This is worrying as growth and development have become the buzzwords to alleviate poverty. Thus, crucial buzzwords have to become environmental resilience and sustainability.

Given the strained fiscal framework, the Department receives a small fraction of the 2019 budget. Nonetheless, every cent spent on sustainable development programmes and environmentally sound initiatives promotes the much needed attention to these ecological limitations looming over the province. We thus welcome the R639,6 million allocated to the Department for the 2019 financial year. The 9,2% increase is adequately above inflation, showing commitment in recognising the crucial work performed by this Department. It adopts and adapts policies that will mitigate the effects of climate change, address ecological risks, resource infiniteness and manages rapid urbanisation within a tiny budget.

It is widely known that the province suffered an extensive period of drought and a series of rampant fires. The departmental agency CapeNature will receive 49,2% of the Department's budget, for 2019, which includes an earmarked priority allocation of R10 million for disaster prevention measures, increased to R11 million for the 2021/22 budget year. Should we encounter these natural disasters, this will promote environmental resilience. In addition, water for sustainable growth and development initiatives will receive an earmarked R20,1 million.

The RSEP VPUU programme managed by the Department within the Development Directorate, will receive an earmarked R86 million over the 2019 MTEF. This intergovernmental approach will address the developmental needs of communities by delivering visible service delivery projects in our poor communities.

Additional priority allocations over the 2019 MTEF include R16,9 million for the Bergriver Improvement Plan, which provides a framework for water management. R14,9 million earmarked for greener economy initiatives which includes projects such as Langrug Community work that capacitates communities within their own infrastructure, waste entrepreneurs that receive support for their contribution in resource efficiencies via waste management and the smart air programme, amongst others, which as a whole ensures that we develop within the boundaries of the environment.

This Department will also be the leader in implementing the Western Cape Climate Change Response Strategy, to coordinate responses and to identify opportunities for carbon reduction which will promote resilience in the face of climate change.

†In Suid-Afrika is daar ongeveer 19 beleidstukke wat voorsiening maak vir die interpretasie van volhoubare ontwikkeling, maar navorsing op die gebied toon dat interne onsamehangendheid implementering hinder. 'n Vaagheid omring hierdie beleide, maar soos blyk uit die Wes-Kaap se begroting van 2019 en die prestasies van die afgelope tien jaar in hierdie verband is planne gereed vir implementering deur die Provinsiale Departement om doelbewus in te gryp.

Laat my toe om uit te brei. Deur prioritisering van 'n Groen Ekonomie vind 70% van Suid-Afrika se hernubare energie-vervaardiging in die Wes-Kaap plaas. Dit is nou wettig in 22 munisipaliteite om jou eie sonkrag-energie te produseer. Deur 'n gefokusde veldtog om kragbronne te diversifiseer, loop hierdie provinsie ver voor in terme van energiesekerheid en meer as 250 000 hektaar uitheemse plantegroei is deur CapeNature Reserves uitgewis, wat dan waterveiligheid verseker.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[In South Africa there are about 19 policy documents providing for the interpretation of sustainable development, but research in this field shows that internal incoherency is hindering implementation. A vagueness surrounds these policies, but as can be seen in the Western Cape Budget of 2019 and the achievements of the past ten years in this regard, plans are ready for implementation for the Provincial Department to purposefully intervene.]

Allow me to expand. By prioritising a Green Economy, 70% of South Africa's renewable energy production takes place in the Western Cape. It is now legal in 22 municipalities to produce one's own solar energy. Through a focused campaign to diversify power resources, this province is far ahead in terms of energy security and more than 250 000 hectares of foreign vegetation were destroyed by CapeNature Reserves, which then ensures water safety.]

Meanwhile, Mr Deputy Speaker, Eskom fails us and resorts to the blame game. This ANC endorsed SOE recently blamed the crisis on diesel shortages, but we all know that reliance on diesel extrapolates CO2 emissions which threatens biodiversity. If they would only stop looting public funds and follow the DA-led Government examples of energy diversification, plans and good clean governance, we could have avoided this crisis altogether. [Interjections.]

Nonetheless, Mr Deputy Speaker, there are also seven key documents that signifies the real concerns around climate change, from which one can identify the three most significant changes to mitigate the effects that hinder our development and they include:

- finding methods for renewable energy production;
- finding alternative ways to improve the quality of life by empowering initiatives such as vegetables gardens or re-use and recycling plants; and
- to pursue decoupled growth by using less resources per unit for economic output and so reducing environmental impacts via adaptations of governmental policies along with the necessary technological innovations.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the allocations made in Vote 9 and what the province achieved thus far successfully accounts for these significant changes. It is thus clear that the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning in the Western Cape is embarking on a successful journey to mitigate the negative effects in the environment.

Mr Deputy Speaker, unfortunately the Department faces challenges, one of which is of particular importance, is an unfunded position which slows down the project roll-outs and budgetary constraints that have forced projects to be rescheduled. We thus need to appeal to all citizens to change our behavioural patterns as we have reached the anthropogenic era where our manipulation of the environment and specifically the contribution to climate change have worrying effects on agricultural production, which threaten our very existence in terms of food and water security.

†Ons gemeenskappe speel 'n baie groot rol en ons moet besef dat ons elkeen 'n aandeel en 'n verantwoordelikheid het om ons natuurlike omgewing asook ons omgewingsintegriteit te behou. Dit is en dit bly ons almal se verantwoordelikheid.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[Our communities play a very large role and we have to realise that each of us has a part and responsibility to conserve our natural environment. It is and will remain the responsibility of all of us.]

To conclude, Mr Deputy Speaker, as the Democratic Alliance we welcome this budget and I would like to commend the Department for its crucial engagement and activism in recognising the biophysical limits of the earth and resource infiniteness. Its continued efforts will certainly pay off in the long term.

Deputy Speaker, allow me to thank the hon Minister Anton Bredell for his political leadership as well as his passion, the head of Ministry, the HOD, all chief directors, my colleague and previous Chair, member Simmers for his guidance and direction. Also all my colleagues this side of the benches as well as Opposition colleagues for their inputs during committee meetings. Our entity CapeNature and Dr Omar, Ms Shereen van Niekerk, our committee coordinator and all assistants, our legal staff as well as all staff on the fifth floor. I thank you. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The hon Dijana.

†'n AGBARE LID: Beaufort-Wes. Beaufort-Wes.

[An HON MEMBER: Beaufort West. Beaufort West.]

Ms T M DIJANA: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. [Interjections.]

†'n AGBARE LID: Hou by blou!

[An HON MEMBER: Stick with the blue!]

Ms T M DIJANA: Deputy Speaker, hu-uh, †asseblief [please.] Mr Deputy Speaker, during the SONA in February, our President Ramaphosa highlighted a number of actions and commitments to create jobs and [Interjections.] address the plight of our youth. The National Department has and will continue to create work opportunities through the number of environmental programmes being rolled out.

Amongst the highlights achieved are the creation of 71 948 work opportunities and 28 243 full time equivalents created with more than 60% of these participants being young people and women. 141 lands have been rehabilitated as part of the working for water effort to achieve the goal of land degradation neutrality in South Africa, placing 56 660 hectares of land under rehabilitation and/or restoration providing initial treatment to 171 198 hectares of land invaded by invasive alien plants and undertaking follow-up treatment on 601 944 hectares of land.

The National Government's focus on the youth will be scaled up through education and skills development. For example, the National Government has initiated a mass training programme for youth to improve their skills with accredited environmental training courses and support programmes, targeting 50 000 candidates.

The National Government is working with municipalities, provinces, public entities, science councils and stakeholders in the environmental sector to make this possible. Mr Deputy Speaker, a number of environmental programmes are being undertaken by the National Department and its entities, including the South African National Biodiversity Institute to educate our youth about the environment and to train young people to enter this vital field.

The National Government's youth employment programme is aimed at exposing youth South Africans to the culture of working as a springboard for future employment. We acknowledge the youth support programme, which is a National Government initiative that is implemented by the Provincial Department in partnership with municipalities, wherein young people are placed at Local Government to fulfil environmental functions like waste management and air quality monitoring.

I now need to talk about the Western Cape. During SOPA the hon Premier claimed that her Government worked with municipalities, NGO's and residents to prevent any town from running out of water, even though Beaufort West, Central Karoo and Kannaland remained severely stressed.

Mr Deputy Speaker also mentioned installation of ground water systems. In the SOPA you could see a government which was very concerned with the water crisis in the province, which was a self-orchestrated crisis by the way.

An HON MEMBER: What?!

Ms T M DIJANA: Having looked at the budget decisions [Interjections.] of this Department, you clearly see where its priorities are. For instance, the RSEP programme [Interjections.] is allocated over R86 million over the 2019 MTEF and only R20 million is allocated for water for sustainable growth and development. The Department in this Blue Book tells us that it has coordinated and completed various projects at schools and hospitals to increase water security with ground water supply. It also states that the Western Cape Government assisted many municipalities to install boreholes and appointed underground specialists to assist municipalities.

In Beaufort West, as we speak, many of these boreholes are not working. If this Department is serious about water, it must put in more funding for water projects [Interjections.] Deputy Speaker, the 9,25% increase in the budget for this Department is welcome, however, the challenge remains that this R639 million allocated to the Department is very little and shows that the DA does not take this Department and issues of environment serious.

The decrease in the budget for Goods and Services is really disappointing. Of the R639 million budget only R49 million is used for Goods and Services. Now, to want to decrease that even further is really disappointing. Programme 2 is the only project whose budget was decreased. When you zoom into the summary of payments and estimates for this programme you will be shocked. The functions of Programme 2 include research, departmental strategy, information management and climate change. The sub programme responsible for legislative development has a zero budget for the year. Budget for research and development is decreased by over 9% and that of climate change is reduced by over 20%.

Allow me to voice my concerns over these budget cuts. Firstly, the Provincial Government is taken to court for its failure to appoint an Environmental Commissioner. The legislative development is needed to assist in terms of establishing this office. Secondly, Deputy Speaker, on page 434 of the Blue Book, under the subheading "Climate Change Management" the Department acknowledges that over the last few years the province experienced considerable climate related disasters with the drought and fires being the most far reaching and economically and socially devastating.

On page 435 the Department states that the capacity of the Department to undertake climate change response needs to be substantially upscaled. So, the decrease in the budget for the climate change sub programme is well thought of. Given these realities this budget should be rejected.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the African National Congress is calling on civil society and business to come on board to protect our people against a changing environment with its devastating effects as experienced during extreme weather events like droughts, floods and desertification. We need to continue to work with and educate our communities so that we are all able to adapt to the changes that we are already experiencing and those that lie ahead.

In conclusion, Mr Deputy Speaker, the ANC appreciates that we must work continuously with the people to ensure the detailed implementation of our National Development Plan to eradicate colonialism and apartheid and bring closer the realisation of the broad vision contained in the Freedom Charter.

As ANC we will continue our quest for an environment that is conducive to wellbeing and to the creation of opportunities. Let us grow South Africa! Lastly, Mr Deputy Speaker, I wish to thank the Department for their support and guidance. Equally I would like to thank my colleagues and our partners in the province; the support and cooperation respectively received from the Chairpersons of the Portfolio Committee for Environmental Affairs and Development Planning, hon Wendy Philander, hon Simmers and the former Chairperson, Mr Rodney Lentit. It is appreciated. [Interjections.]

I would also like to thank the Head of Department and his entire team [Interjections.] I would also like to thank the Head of Department [Interjection.]
The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Ms T M DIJANA: ...and his entire team [Interjections.] for always going the extra mile, irrespective of the challenges and budget constraints they are facing as this Department [Interjections.] I owe my gratitude to my political home, the African National Congress for entrusting me with the privilege of contributing to our vision of achieving radical economic transformation. My utmost gratitude is reserved for my mother, my son, uThando, and my entire family for their continued support and sacrifice, particularly during those long periods of absence from home caused by the call to bring about economic freedom to our people. I thank you. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, member. Minister Bredell to reply.

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSACE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Ja. Baie dankie, agb Adjunkspeaker.
[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Yes. Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker.]
†Thank you very much. [Interjections.] Again let me start off by thanking Mr Piet van Zyl and Dr Omar and their teams [Interjections.] they ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Where is the EFF and the ACDP?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSACE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Jy het mos jou kans gehad. [Tussenwerpsels.]
[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: You have had your chance. [Interjections.]]

†'n AGB LID: Mag hy nie eers daai sê dan nie?
[An HON MEMBER: May he not even say that?]

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSACE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Jy het mos nou jou kans gehad. [Tussenwerpsels.]
[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: You have had your chance just now. [Interjections.]]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSACE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Ek het baie tyd.
[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: I have a lot of time.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. The smaller parties are not here, Mr Bredell, you may continue.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: I have got lots of time, hon Deputy Speaker. [Interjections.] Hon Deputy Speaker, it is important for me to thank Mr Piet van Zyl and Dr Omar and their teams. This is a Department where we have got a lot of professional staff and we really appreciate the intellect and the professionalism within CapeNature as well as the Department. †Ek wil ook Rudolf en die media-departement bedank. Baie dankie. Dis min dat 'n mens 'n begroting op een bladsy opsom dat almal dit kan verstaan en ek weet dit is jou inisiatief. So baie dankie, Rudolf. †Well done! [Applause.]

†Agb Adjunkspeaker, laat my toe om – ja, ek moet dit sê. Tien jaar gelede toe ek hier ingekom het was Ayu se baard baie meer swart. Hy het baie gryser geraak en ek het 'n baard bygekry, maar ons weet waar ons vandaan kom, altwee van ons, maar dis rêrig 'n voorreg gewees om met hierdie Departement oor die laaste tien jaar te werk en saam met hulle te kon groei en saam met hulle deel te kon wees van die span.

Aan Tertius, die vorige voorsitter, baie dankie vir jou rol. Wendy, baie dankie. Kollegas vir julle rolle wat julle vervul het in die Staande Komitee.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[I also want to thank Rudolf and the media department. Thank you. It is seldom that one can summarise a budget on one page so that everyone can understand it and I know this is your initiative. So thank you, Rudolf. *Well done!* [Applause.]

Hon Deputy Speaker, allow me to – yes, I have to say it. Ten years ago when I came in here, Ayu's beard was more black. He has become more grey and I have grown a beard, but we know where we are coming from, both of us, but it has really been a privilege to work with this Department over the past ten years and grow with them and along with them be part of the team.

To Tertius, the previous Chairman, thank you for your role. Wendy, thank you. Colleagues for your roles you have fulfilled in the Standing Committee.] †To do oversight is not easy but it is a crucial cornerstone of democracy. If we do not have oversight there will not be a democracy †en daardie rol moet ons nooit onderskat nie [and that role we must never underestimate.]

I also want to thank the ANC for their oversight role, especially member Carol Beerwinkel. We have know one another for years. Thank you for your role there and member Dijana. You have got a beautiful dress on today, but a weak speech, but in any case, thank you for your oversight role [Interjections.] I really want to just mention two things because I really think [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Blue Wednesday.
The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: I really think it is in the province's interest that we do not play around with the water crisis. Anybody who thinks that this was a made up story is blind. They must just go and visit the dams. I mean I do not know how you make up that story and I also want to say to the member Dijana that business and civil society [Interjections.] business and civil society will not join and will not come to the table while the ANC is in control, because they cannot trust them. It is as simple as that. They will just not join. They will not come to the table [Interjections.] and by ending I want to thank my Ministry [Interjections.] under the leadership of Marius du Randt and Magdaleen Griessel for their roles and their support over the years. I thank you very much. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. That concludes the debate on this vote. That also concludes the business of the day. The House is adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow morning. The House is adjourned.

The House adjourned at 16:25

ANNOUNCEMENTS, TABLINGS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

WEDNESDAY, 27 MARCH 2019

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Report of the Standing Committee on Economic Opportunities, Tourism and Agriculture on the Western Cape Special Economic Development Infrastructure Company Bill [B 3–2019], dated 25 March 2019.

The Standing Committee on Economic Opportunities, Tourism and Agriculture, having considered the subject of the Western Cape Special Economic Development Infrastructure Company Bill [B 3–2019] referred to it in accordance with Standing Rule 171, reports the Bill with an amendment [B 3A–2019] and [B 3B–2019].

2. **(Final mandate stage)** Report of the Standing Committee on Economic Opportunities, Tourism and Agriculture on the Property Practitioners Bill [B 21B–2018] (NCOP), dated 25 March 2019, as follows:

The Standing Committee on Economic Opportunities, Tourism and Agriculture, having considered the subject of the Property Practitioners Bill [B 21B–2018] (NCOP) referred to the Committee in accordance with Standing Rule 220, recommends that the House confers on the Western Cape's delegation in the National Council of Provinces the authority to support the Bill.

3. **(Final mandate stage)** Report of the Budget Committee on the Division of Revenue Bill [B 5–2019] (NCOP), dated 26 March 2019.

The Budget Committee, having considered the subject of the Division of Revenue Bill [B 5–2019] (NCOP) referred to it in accordance with Standing Rule 220, recommends that House confers on the Western Cape's delegation in the National Council of Provinces the authority not to support the Bill.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT

The House met at 10:00.

The Speaker took the Chair and read the prayer.

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The SPEAKER: You may be seated. Good morning, hon members, good morning to our guests in the gallery, welcome. Good morning to the Administration. It is a privilege and an honour for me to welcome you here today. However, to our guests, I do need to draw your attention to the rules of the gallery. You are not allowed to participate in the debate in any way. That includes interjection, heckling or clapping. Similarly, please kindly ensure that all your cell phones are placed on silent at this point in time.

WESTERN CAPE APPROPRIATION BILL [B1 – 2019]

(Debate on Vote 11 – Agriculture)

The SPEAKER: I now see the hon the Minister for Agriculture, Minister Beverley Schäfer. [Applause.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Hon Speaker, hon Premier, hon members of the Provincial Legislature, heads of Provincial Departments, special guests in the gallery, members of the public, ladies and gentlemen and to our emerging black farmers who are here this morning, a very good morning.

Madam Speaker, last year, as a result of the additional funds allocated for disaster management, this Department received over R1 billion in funding for one year for the first time ever, and this is what we have to show for it. [Holds up an apple.]

Now you may look at this apple and see nothing more than a healthy snack, but for the Department of Agriculture and all of our farmers, our partners, this apple is the fruit of our combined labour.

This apple represents economic growth, and it represents our export potential. Thousands of hours have gone into growing this apple. Each of the operational programmes within the Western Cape Department of Agriculture have played a role in how this apple comes into this room today.

Madam Speaker, when Minister Winde delivered his Department's budget speech last year, the outlook was grim. The province was in the grip of one of the worst droughts in history and avian influenza almost decimated our poultry industry.

We have, however, weathered the storms and the agricultural sector is showing new shoots for recovery.

The most recent employment numbers released by Statistics South Africa (StatsSA) show that the agriculture and agri-processing sectors have started their recovery, adding about 35 000 jobs between the 3rd and 4th quarter of 2018.

Despite the difficulties, the sector showed resilience and in 2018/2019 exports still increased by 1,4%. This sector is critical to the Western Cape economy and in 10 years between 2007 and 2017, agricultural exports increased from R20,9 billion to more than R63,8 billion in 2017.

The agricultural sector produced 51% of all exported goods from this province and 45% of South Africa's total agricultural exports come from this province.

So, when someone in Malaysia bites into a South African Granny Smith apple, it is most likely grown on the Western Cape soil.

Our allocation of R911,131 million is divided as follows:

Programme 1: Administration will receive R132,754 million.

Programme 2: Sustainable resource management will receive R84,753 million.

Programme 3: Farmer Support and Development will be allocated the bulk of the budget, with R315,655 million.

Our Veterinary Services, Programme 4, will receive R106,381 million.

In Programme 5, Research and Technology, there has been an allocation of R140,710 million.

Programme 6, Agricultural Economic Services will receive R36,007 million.

Programme 7, Structured Education and Training, receives an allocation of R67,336 million; and

Programme 8, Rural Development, will receive R27,535 million.

This year's budget receives R33 million in new funding for the 2019/2020 year and we will be allocating R30 million of this towards developing economic opportunities in agri-processing, export promotion, market access, rural development, land reform and in building our competencies and new technologies to respond to the challenges of the Fourth Industrial Revolution.

The remaining R3 million will be allocated to the Expanded Public Works Programme in agriculture.

Madam Speaker, the Sustainable Resource Management Directorate, which deals with disaster response, land care and land use, have been pushed to their limits over the past year, providing support to farmers who have not only been impacted by the drought, but also fallen victim to floods and fires.

The drought continues to be a major concern in certain regions of the province, including the Central Karoo, the Eden District and the West Coast and the disaster management sub-programme continues to provide disaster relief in the form of fodder vouchers every month.

Madam Speaker, earlier this year I met with some farmers from the Central Karoo who showed me the impact the drought has had on their farming operations.

Farmers in the region have battled against personal and economic losses, depression and the anxiety of not knowing how long it will be before the rains come.

In many areas, no natural vegetation has survived and planted pastures and fodder banks have long been exhausted. Surplus animals have been culled and farmers are confronted with selling their breeding stock.

The farmers told me how the fodder support we have been able to provide has provided a lifeline, allowing them to continue farming when they would not have been able to continue.

In Kannaland, the situation is certainly dire and farmers are doing all that they can just to keep their businesses afloat. It is a tragedy that disaster relief funding can only be used to assist livestock farmers, as our fruit and vegetable crop farmers in this region are also really struggling.

Last year the Department of Agriculture received a total of R170 million towards fodder support efforts at adjusted estimate time. This is part of the departmental submission for drought support until September 2019.

Our Farmer Support and Development Programme has received the biggest bite of the apple this year as we focus on providing support, funding and extension services to our black farmers.

Over the MTEF, the Department has allocated over R1 billion towards successful land reform and related activities.

Madam Speaker, over the weekend I attended the handover of title deeds for the Western Cape's oldest and largest outstanding agricultural restitution claim at Ebenhaeser with the Premier. This claim has stretched out over a period of 22 years, which is far too long. The pace of land reform must be improved if we are going to be able to transform this sector.

The Department of Agriculture will continue to support the farmers of Ebenhaeser, Beeswater and Vaalplaas to ensure that they get on their way to becoming commercial agricultural producers. To date, R14 million has already been invested in their bulk water supply system already.

Madam Speaker and hon members, each of you will have received a brown paper bag today on your tables, which you are welcome to fill with produce from our harvest table outside. [Interjections.] And it is not the brown envelope. This produce has been procured from André Cloete, one of our smallholder farmers in our province. Can I ask if André is here? [Applause.] André has had quite a difficult time, so thank you, André, for doing this and we would like to share the fruit of their labour with all of you.

The PREMIER: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: We are proud to say that the fruit of our labour in this sector is evident in the results of a new independent study released last month, which showed that 72% of the land reform projects that receive support from our Department are successful.

This is 10 percentage points higher than the figure achieved five years ago, and higher than our targeted 70%.

The reason we and our black farmers are able to achieve this success lies in the comprehensive package of support offered to farmers which ranges from financial and infrastructure support, right down to training in how effectively to run a business and how to produce the best apples and the support of 11 commodity organisations.

Madam Speaker, 15 of those successful black farmers are here today and if they can just stand up so that we can actually acknowledge where they are ... [Applause.] Among them is Leandre Mitchley, a young woman from the Swartland region who started her farm with just two pigs in 2010. She now supplies the Roelcor and the Cartol abattoirs. Leandre also won the Western Cape and National Female Entrepreneur Awards last year in the smallholder category, setting her on the path to achieve her dream of becoming a commercial farmer. [Applause.]

Madam Speaker, it is vital that we promote agriculture as a career choice amongst young people like Leandre.

The PREMIER: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: We need to ensure that the youth are taking advantage of opportunities in the agricultural sector in order to tackle youth unemployment and to introduce new blood to this sector.

Someone who did exactly that is Renshia Manual from Hanover Park. I think she is here. Being unemployed for two years, she was forced to consider her options and she started GrowBox, a compact system for growing your own vegetables, which can be set up anywhere, no matter the space constraints or the soil quality.

GrowBox is also part of an exciting exhibition currently on at the Zeitz MOCAA Museum in Cape Town, in which Renshia's boxes are displayed along with ten commissioned artworks.

Madam Speaker, given the success we have achieved so far, the Department will continue with the commodity approach as a strategy for farmer support and development in the province in 2019/2020.

We are the only province in South Africa that has perfected the commodity approach and the results can be seen in the development of the success of our projects we have supported. Since 2014, over 200 mentors have been appointed by the commodity organisations to support smallholder farmers at no cost to the farmers themselves or to the Department.

This year marks the end of the Jobs Fund's Commercialisation Programme within the deciduous fruit sector. I am happy to report that over 210 hectares of fruit, including this apple, have been planted since 2016 for black producers.

I will oversee the signing of the MOUs with the industry partners tomorrow, for the continuation of the existing arrangements.

Madam Speaker, in the past decade, our veterinary services have had to deal with outbreaks of Rift Valley fever, African horse sickness, Malta fever, rabies, distemper and in 2017, a devastating outbreak of avian influenza.

Working with a small, dedicated team, our vets have managed each of the outbreaks together with the increased demand for clinical services to attend to sick animals.

The work that this programme does plays a vital role in the ability to export to other countries. Unfortunately though, there was an export ban initially emanating from the avian influenza outbreak which affected the ostrich industry which has also been heavily impacted by the drought.

We are proud to say that the Provincial Veterinary Lab was the first veterinary lab in the country to attain SANAS accreditation and as an ISO 17052 compliant laboratory. This has assured international acceptance of our lab results, and they have maintained the accreditation resulting in a more than 300% increase in requests for services.

In addition, they have obtained accreditation for a rapid test for African horse sickness, which means that test results are quicker and cheaper to obtain which will help with the growth of our province's equine industry.

Madam Speaker, the Fourth Industrial Revolution is upon us and the Western Cape Department of Agriculture is leading the pack in terms of its adoption into this sector.

Given the extreme risk presented by climate change, the Research and Technology Directorate will continue their focus on conservation agriculture and our Smart Agriclimate Change plan. In the coming year, conservation agriculture will be expanded into small grains, potatoes and planted pastures.

We have already seen excellent uptake of the conservation agriculture which plays an important role in us being able to withstand the worst of the drought in this sector.

The Western Cape has the highest adoption of conservation agriculture in the country, with about 70% of grain farmers practising reduced tillage.

You will find a lot more detail in the Market Intelligence Report here on your tables today, prepared by GreenCape, which you will receive, which shows that farmers in this province have invested in sustainable technologies such as:

- Undercover farming infrastructure and tunnels and shade netting valued at an estimated R1 billion;
- No-till planting machinery which does not degrade soil as much and valued at an estimated R350 million.

Madam Speaker, energy certainty is critical to our economy, and the agricultural sector should be looking at ways to increase its resilience in this regard. This year, I visited a farm which not only helps generate additional electricity capacity but also helps to prevent evaporation from the dam.

I urge all farmers and agricultural producers to look into the viability of alternative energy forms for their businesses to protect themselves from energy shortages which impact their bottom line and their ability to create jobs.

The sixth call for proposals for the Alternative Crops Fund will commence in 2019/2020. These smaller industries which include berries, cherries, figs, honeybush, guavas, pecan nuts, pomegranates, olives, and Cape flora have been benefitting tremendously on the research front with the support of this Fund. This is excellent growth in this area and has seen increased exports of these crops and the creation of new job opportunities.

Last year, we commissioned research into the state of readiness of the agricultural sector in the province for 4IR, which recommended that agriculture should be re-branded to attract young people to the industry. We have taken this to heart.

In addition to spatial intelligence technologies like Fruitlook and the Flyover Project, the Department has also recently introduced Sentinel-2 technology. Sentinel-2 is an earth observation satellite mission developed by the European Space Agency which creates state-of-the-art satellite imagery. In agriculture it can be used to study the extent of fire scars and damage and crop conditions and pests, to name a few. Its improved spatial resolution and five-day revisit frequency represents a large improvement from older remote sensing technologies currently in use in the sector.

To show you how exciting new technology can be, each of you will have received a small blue device here today, along with a water bottle. Feel free to drink the water and then to attach the plastic device to the top of the bottle to create a small insect trap. [Interjections.]

These insect traps were produced at Elsenburg using a 3D printer. [Interjections.] Each of them took roughly one hour and 15 minutes to print and consists of 306 microfine layers. We have used polylactic acid or PLA to ensure that these traps are entirely biodegradable. This means that we are printing using an organic material that can be used as compost when it is disposed. [Applause.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: PLA can last hundreds of years at room conditions, yet when exposed to the correct humidity and temperature and micro-organisms in soil, it will biodegrade within a year to compost.

Madam Speaker, our Agricultural Economics Unit will be increasing the focus on creating economic opportunities.

The Agri-Processing Unit at Wesgro will receive R2,5 million in 2019/2020. In the past ten years, this partnership with Wesgro has generated projects valued at R2,3 billion and created around 2 600 jobs.

Market Access and exports is one of the key priorities for this Department. As a result, an amount of R3,5 million has been allocated to the 2019/2020 ... [Interjection.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ... in addition to the amounts allocated for various market access programmes like SIZA, WIETA and others.

We are also making good progress in achieving Project Khulisa's objectives. Since 2014, employment in agri-processing has recorded a 16,8% increase, despite the drought conditions and gross value added increased by 2,6% in the same period.

Madam Speaker, in 2017, we achieved our goal of doubling wine exports to China, recording 109% growth. In 2018, due to the changing market conditions, we saw a decline in this market. However, the good news is that we saw a 17% increase in packaged wine volume and a 33% increase in the value in this market. Packaged wine sales, as opposed to bulk wine sales, are an important factor for wine makers, as it allows them to market their brand and fetch higher prices for their product.

In 2018, we invested more than R5,3 million in market development initiatives that have thus far benefited 113 companies.

Many of the farmers I have highlighted today have been passionate young people who are driven to reap the fruits of their labour. We need to encourage more young people to enter the agricultural industry.

And that is why I am proud to announce today that the Western Cape and Cape Town will host the annual African Youth Agripreneur Forum and AgriPitch Competition between 24 and 28 June.

Under the Feed Africa Strategy and the Jobs for Youth in Africa Strategy, the African Development Bank is implementing the Enable Youth Programme to demonstrate that with greater access to agribusiness enterprise, youth can become the driving force of agricultural transformation in Africa.

Mr C M DUGMORE: You are much better than Alan ... [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: And to date, the African Development Bank has committed over US\$350 million to Enable Youth investments on this continent.

With the right skills, technologies and improved access to finance, young African men and women can become the owners of profitable agri-processing business enterprises.

The theme of this year's event is Climate Smart Agriculture: Business and Employment for Africa's Youth and the Western Cape Department of Agriculture will be partnering with the African Development Bank to host the conference which is open to young people from across the continent.

Mr C M DUGMORE: [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Our aim is to encourage young farmers like Richard Myburgh, who won the Toyota South Africa New Harvester award in 2017. He is not here today but he is the farm manager on Cortina Farm near Villiersdorp, which is owned by his parents Richard and Yvette. Richard originally started out as a fruit seller before buying the farm.

Proving that the apple does not fall far from the tree, the couple's three children all participate in the family business. The farm is one of the Jobs Fund's projects aimed at creating commercial farmers and through its involvement in the programme, secured AgriBEE funding to renovate their pack house and install coldrooms. The pack house makes it easier for the farm to store their produce while hedging for favourable market prices and they no longer have to rely on a third party to store their fruit.

Because they have increased capacity to store their produce, they have secured new markets and can supply their existing markets throughout the year.

Madam Speaker, Elsenburg College continues to provide training in the agricultural sector. In line with the recommendations of the Fourth Industrial Revolution research, the college will start to align its curricula to produce young farmers with the skills to take us well into the future.

The college has also established a number of programmes and courses aimed at ensuring that young people in farming communities, and the children of agri workers, are exposed to educational opportunities.

Madam Speaker, the Department of Agriculture in the Western Cape was the first to introduce an agricultural worker census. Over 300 000 men and women work in this sector in this province, and we want to understand how they live and the unique challenges they face in order to better respond.

Our Rural Development Programme has used the findings of this census to inform their work and our focus is going to be, in the next financial year, on substance abuse awareness and the prevention programmes, early childhood development, agri-worker and rural community capacity building and rural youth development and mentorship, with the emphasis on female youth.

Already, the unit has hosted group and individual interventions for 25 teenage girls from rural areas, focusing on building self-esteem, confidence and life skills.

We will also be continuing with the second cycle of the Agricultural Worker Household Census and we hope to use these findings to continue to be responsive to the needs of this sector, by informing the rural development programmes rolled out by the departments of the Western Cape Government.

Each year, the Rural Development Unit hosts the prestige Agri-Worker Awards to find and honour the talent on our province's farms. In 2018, the competition was once again sponsored by Shoprite and Isaac Ntoto from Mossel Bay walked away as the big prize-winner.

Isaac works at Garden of Eden Berries, overseeing the technical aspects of the farm and this young man's passion for farming and drive to succeed is what sets him apart from over 1 300 other entrants in order to win.

We are also pleased to be launching the second edition of tri-lingual Agricultural Dictionary, which the hon members have received.

The PREMIER: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: The first version was originally started as a collaborative project between the three officials of the Department, written in English, Xhosa and Afrikaans, in the late 1990s and this version updates the original. The dictionary allows for everyone working in the sector to effectively communicate with each other.

Madam Speaker, fruit may be one of the biggest agricultural products in this province, but it is not just apples, pears and grapes that are the fruit of this Department's work. Working with all of our partners, we have helped to grow people's dreams ... [Interjection.] improve livelihoods and protect the industry from threats like climate change and disease. We are planting our seeds now for the future - so that we can develop the talent and the technology of the Fourth Industrial Revolution.

Madam Speaker, I would like to thank my predecessor, Minister Alan Winde, for the energy and commitment he has put into this portfolio over the last 10 years. [Interjections.]

I would also like to extend my gratitude to the Department HOD, Joyene Isaacs and her committed team at Elsenburg and all the officials and extension officers stationed around the province who are really doing exceptional work to ensure that we continue to reap the seeds we sow

I would also like to thank my staff in the Ministry and I will talk a little bit more about that in my next speech, but I would like to acknowledge again the hard work of the Standing Committee Chair, hon Simmers, and his committee, who strengthen the sector through accountability and oversight.

And finally, I would like in particular to thank Mr Arie van Rabenswaaij who printed all the flytraps for you today. For those you have not seen them, they are busy printing them outside in the foyer. Thank you very much. [Applause.]

Mr T A SIMMERS: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. Thank you very much, hon Minister. Before I start my formal speech, in Afrikaans we have a saying that: †Agter elke suksesvolle man staan 'n goeie vrou. Vandag is die skoen aan die ander voet. [Gelag.] [Behind every successful man stands a good wife. Today the shoe is on the other foot. [Laughter.]]

Madam Speaker, on 5 March hon Minister Meyer tabled a budget that focused on the following. He said: a budget for jobs, a budget for service delivery, a budget for safety, a budget for youth, a budget for infrastructure, a budget for climate change and, lastly, a budget for good governance.

In the agricultural sector, Madam Speaker, the hope always remains that all State instruments must facilitate a journey of change and have a budget behind it that must encompass the future vision the State envisions for all sectors of society to enable this change.

The MTEF allocation for Vote 11 is a clear sign that this DA-led Government is focused on ensuring positive economic and job opportunity growth and thus creating a more resilient agricultural sector.

To substantiate this and to feed it back into hon Minister Meyer's tabling of the budget, I will now focus on key elements of Vote 11 that will underline the emphasis on job creation, land reform and infrastructure development for the sector, utilising one specific Catalytic Project that is due to happen during the next term of Parliament.

†Agb Voorsitter, watersekerheid en volhoubare voorsiening van hierdie lewens- en sektornoodsaaklike bron is kardinaal vir die landbousektor en die werksgeleenthede wat die sektor skep, tans by hou en beoog om nog te skep elke seisoen.

Dit is daarom welkom om te verneem dat die Brandvleikanaal Walverhogingsprojek weer binne die visier van hierdie Regering is, word om die [Onhoorbaar.] voltooiing van die konstruksiefase daarvan heel moontlik gedurende 2020 sal geskied.

Nou agb Huisvoorsitter, deur hierdie wal met 30 sentimeter te verhoog sal daar 33 miljoen kubieke meter meer water beskikbaar gestel word vir besproeiing. Maar wat beteken dit? Die impak van hierdie addisionele besproeiingskapasiteit, agb Voorsitter, gaan teweegbring dat daar 'n addisionele 4 400 hektaar beskikbare grond sal wees vir landbouverbouing. Maar wat beteken die 4 400 hektaar, agb Voorsitter?

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[Hon Chairman, water security and sustainable supply of this life and sector essential source is cardinal to the agricultural sector and the job opportunities the sector is creating, currently maintain and intend to create every season.

It is therefore welcome to hear that the Brandvlei Channel Wall Raising Project is again in the sights of this Government, to [Inaudible.] of the construction phase that will most probably happen during 2020.

Now hon House Chairman, by raising this wall by 30 centimetres, 33 million cubic metres more water will be made available for irrigation. But what does that mean? The impact of this additional irrigation capacity, Mr Chairman, will make available an additional 4 400 hectares of land for agricultural cultivation. But what do the 4 400 hectares mean, hon Chairman?]

Madam Speaker, an additional 4 400 hectares for agricultural cultivation will, firstly, attract more than R2 billion in capital investment, resulting in the creation of 8 000 primary job opportunities and 6 500 secondary job opportunities, which we all here believe will change the quality of lives for the surrounding communities who will ultimately be the beneficiaries of this life-changing project.

And as this Department already has an excellent land reform success record – †en ja, [and yes,] hon member Dugmore, check †maar dit asseblief ... [it please] [Interjections.] – the Brandvlei Project will unlock an additional R856 million, which equates to 50% of this Department's land reform target. You can fact check that as well, please.

Mr C M DUGMORE: We will.

†Mnr T A SIMMERS: Ja-nee, doen dit maar met liefde.

[Mr T SIMMERS: Yes, do it by all means.] †But, Madam Speaker ... [Interjection.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: Ask Alan Winde to do his stat checks ... [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please. [Interjections.]

Mr T A SIMMERS: But, Madam Speaker, although I have highlighted but one Catalytic Project and its envisaged impact on job creation, land reform, which the ANC has dismally failed at, and infrastructure development for the sector, I am also aware – as our hon Minister has highlighted – that the Fourth Industrial Revolution and climate change is letting Government and sector stakeholders plan and think ahead to ensure the creation of economic opportunities for the agricultural sector.

†Agb Voorsitter, hierdie DA-Regering, anders as die ANC, sit die daad by die woord om te verseker dat, onder andere, daar oor hierdie MTEF-periode 132.75 miljoen begroot word om te verseker dat the Provinsiale Regering sal bydra tot suksesvolle landelike ontwikkeling en hervorming, die Vierde Industriële Revolusie en klimaatsverandering, om die ontsluiting van ekonomiese geleenthede te verwesenlik vir hierdie sektor in ons provinsie.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[Hon Chairman, this DA Government, as opposed to the ANC, walks the talk to ensure that, amongst others, over this MTEF period R132.75 million will be budgeted to ensure that the Provincial Government will contribute to successful land development and reform, the Fourth Industrial Revolution and climate change, to realise the unlocking of economic opportunities for this sector in our province.]

Madam Speaker, over the last decade this DA-led Government, through all of its departments, has competently facilitated a journey of change to bring our residents and sector stakeholders together for the better. And I believe that after 8 May and with a credible budget to fund its strategic objectives further, our incoming Premier, Alan Winde, will lead a DA-led Provincial Government ... [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: Hear-hear!

Mr T A SIMMERS: ... that will ensure all our residents and the agriculture sector go from better to excellent... [Interjections.] [Applause.] in economic and job opportunity growth.

Ms S W DAVIDS: ... people staying out there.

Mr T A SIMMERS: Because, as the hon Premier has stated ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please. Order!

Mr T A SIMMERS: As the hon Premier has stated, this Government has chosen to travel the road less travelled... [Interjections.] and 10 years of success have shown us to do the right thing at the right time, will have an ultimate life-changing impact on the residents of our province and not so much, more even the agricultural sector.

I want to thank the hon Premier and the former Minister of Agriculture and our incumbent Minister for taking the road less travelled – †want die ANC sal dit nooit doen nie. Dankie. [Applous.] [Because the ANC will never do it. Thank you. [Applause.]]

The SPEAKER: Thank you. Can we get some order, please. I now see the hon member Tyatyam. [Interjections.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Let me welcome the speech of the hon Minister. I must say that it is a 360 U-turn from what we have been used to, but in particular in the focus on young people and women in particular. So we must appreciate that. But I must also say ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please.

Mr S G TYATYAM: ... I will not elaborate on some of the issues because the MEC touched on them, in relation to our strength in the export market, our contribution to the GDP and, of course, our robustness and inventiveness as the sector that enables it to withstand the natural challenges that we sometimes get and all the budget constraints that are put upon the industry.

Hon Chair, let us also appreciate the role that the sector is playing, not only in agriculture but also in manufacturing, because plus-70% of the manufacturing industry benefits from the agricultural production.

Hon Chair, let me also take this opportunity to welcome the handing over Ebenaeser restitution claim by President Ramaphosa.

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

Mr S G TYATYAM: It was a good gesture that has long been awaited. We know that some ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Very long.

Mr S G TYATYAM: We know that some of the farmers were unwilling.

An HON MEMBER: They were ... [Inaudible.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: They even went to court to protect their farms. [Interjections.] And we know that at some stage the DA protected and supported them.

An HON MEMBER: Yes. [Interjections.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: So we welcome the hand-over. [Interjections.] Hon Chair, maybe one part that one wants to correct from the hon MEC was that our budget last year did not just arrive to plus R1 billion, over R1 billion; it was due to natural disasters that happened and hence adjustments had to be made in the budget in order to make sure that from the national budget from the National Government they are able to assist the Province to withstand those disasters. So our budget has not just been over R1 billion; we must acknowledge that.

And this current budget has also increased. We have our increase, inflationary increase, which is much higher than what we had last year.

Madam Speaker, I think it is important to say that, as an industry and as a legislature, we must hold our industry in high esteem and we must support them continuously. We must not play politics in the industry because when we play politics, not only the province will be affected but the country and the region as a whole will be affected. But I am going to focus, Madam Speaker, on three issues in terms of this budget: one, on the core functions of the Department; two, on Programme 8 of the Department and the last one, on the allocation to district municipalities.

We must say that the Department has a history of best performance, particularly in the periods of 2011, 2012, 2013 under the leadership of MEC Gerhard van Rensburg. The management of the Department has more than 100 years' combined experience that has helped it to navigate and adjust to challenging times.

The Fifth Session of Parliament was indeed a major setback for the Parliament. Suddenly, the Department could not fulfil its core functions, namely governance, leading to it, in 2016 and 2017, qualified findings under the AGSA, in particular under internal control deficiencies, irregular expenditure and further, leadership not exercising its oversight role on financial matters.

Go again to 2017 and 2018, the Legislature will refuse again to perform its oversight function, not even after Adv Le Roux told the committee that: there are no cockroaches here, perform your duties unreservedly. But the DA had to use its majority vote to run away from accounting. [Interjections.]

The Premier candidate and former MEC Alan Winde was so resolute not to account at all, the current Minister was introduced and instructed by the DA to caution and protect their candidate, not to face the oversight of the weaknesses in leadership during his Department ... [Interjection.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: Is that not corruption?

Mr S G TYATYAM: Exactly. [Interjections.] The current MEC had to play along, as the former pleaded with her during their visit in Italy where she ran away from the committee study tour to probably get the briefing of the new post. So, till today, the committee has not done a proper, proper oversight that deals with the committee matters and also that deals with finances because the Department under the MEC brought about more than 100 questions that must not be asked. And what is the work of the committees ... [Interjections.] if you cannot ask questions that relate to the findings of the AGSA.

Mr C M DUGMORE: And did Zille support ... [Interjection.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: The HOD ... [Interjection.]

The PREMIER: Hon Zille to you.

The SPEAKER: Ja. [Interjections.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: HOD, you are accounting officers and never allow anyone to pressure you to drop the ball.

Mr C M DUGMORE: [Inaudible.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: Always remember, the Legislature is there to support the good work that you have always done before the Fifth Session. We know the work, you know your work, you know that you can deliver but never allow anyone to bulldoze you and do things that are unbecoming. [Interjections.]

Point 2, hon Chair, which I am hoping to hear from the Minister ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please.

Ms P MASEKO: [Inaudible.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: Under Programme 8, Rural Development, under this programme Rural Development ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon members, sorry hon Tyatyam, kindly take your seat, please. There is too much noise and you are drowning out the speaker on the floor. I am addressing both sides of the House. I do need to protect the speaker. You may proceed, hon Tyatyam.

Mr C M DUGMORE: [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Dugmore, we are all hon members. Thank you. You may proceed, hon Tyatyam. [Interjections.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: The programme Rural Development Coordination, Social Facilitation, Farmworker Development are part of this programme which, in my view, is so critical because it also deals with transforming the agricultural landscape in our communities and the economics there. And therefore it empowers the farmworkers in particular, this programme.

But I wonder who the manager of this programme is. Maybe at some stage we will be told. [Interjections.] Maybe the MEC will tell us because the last two, three, financial years, we have seen an exodus of skilled staff leaving the Department. Currently we have about 20, 29 personnel. We used to have more than 30 that were there.

Information at hand speaks to at least 13 staff having left the Department, the last one leaving in December last year. Some of the staff that resigned, giving a minute's notice or no notice at all and not even getting an exit interview in the process. Some of them – we can mention Emma, Presencia, Gill Jacobs, Karin Kleinbooi, Charmaine Sobeyi, even the PA of Angelique Smith, Nolundi, Henry, Wilton September, Erica Manodamons, Eben Sal Danasile, Cindy Beerwinkel, Felicia Cloete, Simphiwe Kute ... [Interjections.] It helps, it helps.

The SPEAKER: Hon Tyatyam, I am very sorry but your time has expired. You may finish your question.

Mr S G TYATYAM: No ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Sorry, you can finish your last sentence. Your time has expired. [Interjections.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: I must say that the information that we have, the head of the Department does not know what to do and does not know how to deal with managers that manage people. That is the reason that even exit interviews were not carried out. [Interjections.] [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Tyatyam.

In the absence of the ACDP and the EFF ...

An HON MEMBER: The Chief Whip ... [Inaudible.]

YGThe SPEAKER: The Chief Whip is in the House. [Interjection.] I now see the hon the Minister, Minister Schäfer.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I think, thank you to hon member Simmers for his comments that he has made but really, hon member Tyatyam, we go back for the last five years and I do not think that was your best attempt at trying to convince me that you were really talking about what you know in agriculture, I have to say.

The PREMIER: Exactly.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: First of all, I would like to raise the fact that the land reform independent study was externally done. It had 39 criteria that were used to determine its success. These criteria cover all three elements of sustainability, which include economic, social and environment. 243 projects were supported between 2014 and 2018 and of those 243 projects, 72% were found to be successful. And what I can say is that Africa Check did not dispute any findings and they did ask us for the details. They did not dispute the findings of the research study.

In terms of the allegations that you are making around the Department possibly being influenced, I find that that is also not fair because it does not matter who stands as Minister, this Department has maintained their integrity, they have had clean audits from 2010/2011, 2012/2013, 2013/2014, 2014/2015, 2015/2016 and so it goes on. So if there is any ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Tyatyam – hon member Schäfer, Minister Schäfer kindly take your seat, please. Hon Tyatyam, you have been afforded 10 minutes to speak. You had your 10 minutes. If you wish to pose a question to the hon Minister you can ask her through the Chair if she wishes to take a question. You are allowed to interject but it cannot become ongoing interruption. Thank you. [Interjections.] So do you wish to pose a question? So I will ask the hon Minister. You kindly take your seat, please. Minister, will you take a question from the hon Tyatyam?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: No.

The SPEAKER: The Minister will not take a question. [Interjections.] Hon Tyatyam, hon Tyatyam, the Minister will not take a question. Please compose yourself. Thank you. You may proceed, Minister.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: I have said to you, hon member Tyatyam, most disappointing today.

I think very important is, and I am not going to go into the court case again, we have discussed this at length ... [Interjections.] human capital development with the focus on youth and women, especially from our designated groups, will remain a high focus and has always been.

CThis Department does not need an instruction from me or anybody else. They know what they have to do.

120 youths, young agricultural graduates, will continue to be supported and mentored by more than 60 farmers and the industry partners from black and white farmers included. It is not a race issue.

About 240 beneficiaries will benefit from our internships, bursary and young professional programmes. Mr Michael Appel is in the audience, he is one such person who has progressed and was supported by this Department. He progressed from our scholarship programme in Grade 11 to Masters in Civil Engineering. [Interjections.] He is now employed in the Department as a candidate engineer. [Applause.] There are many such success stories.

So please, hon member, that is not true. There is no conspiracy theory about people resigning. [Interjections.] This is a department that works for the people on the ground, they do extensive work there. If it was not for them, I know that even Cyril Ramaphosa, the President himself, has acknowledged the work that we do in this province. I thank you. [Applause.]

[Debate concluded.]

[Business of the House was suspended at 10:51 and resumed at 10:57]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please be seated.

WESTERN CAPE APPROPRIATION BILL [B1 – 2019]

(Debate on Vote 12 – Economic Development and Tourism)

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see Minister Schäfer. [Applause.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Hon members of the Provincial Cabinet, hon members of the Provincial Legislature, heads of department, the Department of Economic Development, Wesgro, members of the public, especially guests and business owners, good morning.

Ten years ago, the Western Cape Government identified economic growth and job creation as the number one priority in this Government. Economic growth and job creation are not just numbers and statistics - these two things have the biggest impact on how residents of this province live.

A job is not just a job. It is a window to opportunity. A person with a job has dignity, is able to put food on the table and put their child through school, thereby opening up opportunities for the next generation.

The Department of Economic Development and Tourism, which is tasked with creating the enabling environment in which economic growth and job creation can happen, has a mammoth task.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I would be doing a disservice to the citizens and businesses of this province if I did not open with a series of own goals scored by our national counterparts - not of this province's making, but likely to result in job losses here nonetheless.

This Department has worked tirelessly and successfully in facilitating private sector job creation, but how do we convince a company like Hisense that has plants to nearly double their production of TVs, fridges and white goods, to give effect to that expansion in the Western Cape when the National Energy Utility is unable to keep the lights on?

The PREMIER: Ja!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: How do we convince a company like Foschini, that has demonstrated appetite to bring back thousands of clothing and textile jobs, when there is no guarantee that their electric sewing machines will work?

The PREMIER: Ja!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: We already import too many goods into this province and manufacturing holds the key to our ability to create new jobs.

The PREMIER: Absolutely.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: How do we convince global call centre companies to continue to create thousands of jobs, as they did last year, when they will not be able to even to turn their computers on? [Interjections.]

It is only through the trust and relationships developed by this Government and this Department in particular, that these firms are taking a wait-and-see approach instead of writing off this region completely.

The PREMIER: That is why.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: The energy security risk is not only to job creation, but to sustain current employment and it cannot be overstated.

Added to this, the constraint to productivity that is our poorly functioning rail system. A Cape Chamber of Commerce study found that more than 86% of businesses believe that Metrorail threatened the sustainability of their business, with surveyed firms reporting a decline in profits.

Die PREMIER: Skandalig!

The PREMIER: Disgraceful!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: It is becoming more challenging to persuade [Interjections.] foreign and local investors to commit to expanding. Investment is critical to improving productivity, growing the GDP and creating jobs.

A decline in investment, which is the likely outcome of these two national own-goals, will lead to fewer jobs and exacerbate the feelings of hopelessness.

It is truly remarkable then, in light of this, that this province created more than 120 000 jobs ...[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear.

Mnr D JOSEPH: Hoor-hoor!

Mr D JOSEPH: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ... it did over the last 15 months. [Applause.]

Mr Deputy Speaker, Economic Development and Tourism has been allocated R1,607 billion over the medium-term, of which R523,367 million will be spent in 2019/2020.

The programme as follows:

- 1 Administration received R67,555 million;
- 2 Integrated Economic Development Services R68,365 million;
- 3 Trade and Sector Development R63,571 million;
- 4 Business Regulation and Governance R9,9 million;
- 5 Economic Planning R189,271 million;
- 6 Tourism, Arts and Entertainment R60,154 million;
- 7 Skills Development and Innovation R64,551 million.

The Western Cape's working age population grew 25% faster than the rest of South Africa, primarily as a result of migration from other provinces. Despite a growing population this province has recorded the lowest broad unemployment rate in the country at 23,1%.

But, this still means that 600,000 people still do not have a job in this province.

Our spending focus over the next year and in the medium-term will continue to drive the creation of an environment for growth and jobs through the reduction of red tape, by boosting our attractiveness as an investment destination and through continued infrastructure-led investment.

Mr Deputy Speaker, South Africa and the Western Cape have a growing youth population. What should be viewed as an opportunity has the potential to easily become a crisis if we do not find solutions to youth unemployment now.

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: By the fourth quarter of 2018 there were 3,9 million unemployed young people in the country, with 382,000 of these living in the Western Cape. If we include these young people not currently searching for work, these numbers rise to 6,2 million and 473,000 respectively.

Since 2010 the Western Cape has reduced youth unemployment by 2,2% and created 122,524 jobs for young people, but our work is not yet done. [Applause.]

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Nobody wins when the youth are unemployed. Young people with no access to economic opportunities start to depend on their aging parents, family members or become reliant on the state for grants and assistance. On the other side of the coin the potential and skills of millions of young, working-aged people, are lost to society.

Mr Deputy Speaker, this month I launched a new initiative called Youth on the Move during a two day roadshow in George. This project, which will be rolled out in partnership with municipalities, aims to connect young people and employers in these areas.

During the event I met with employers and young people to talk about what is standing in the way of young people finding employment. For the employers it was largely a lack of skills. For young people it was about resources: it is expensive to print CVs, to, for example, travel to interviews or to get to work.

I have committed to creating 250,000 new opportunities for young people over the next five years and to do this we need to be finding ways to ensure that these barriers are erased and the uptake of young people into jobs is improved.

I would like to take a moment to acknowledge the matric economics class - who was here a few minutes ago - from St Andrews High School - they are probably looking at the 3D printing, which they find extremely exciting. Over the public holiday I attended an event near the school and found these pupils at school, working towards their future success.

The future economy will be driven by innovation and technology, and please let me state that I have to thank Agriculture for printing out of wood, in 3D printing, my bracelet for today. So I have just actually oversaw that.

The future economy will be driven by innovation and technology. It will need to embrace green technologies and renewable energy, and it is going to require the development of a whole new set of skills and the re-skilling of a large number of people.

DEDAT has allocated R196,555 million towards the coordination, facilitation and implementation of skills development initiatives over the next three years with special focus on youth skills.

These youth skills programmes include artisan development, skills for the digital economy, financial and business sector skills, improving the quality of Maths, Science and engineering qualifications, and developing entrepreneurial skills.

Over the last five years the skills unit placed 5,275 youth with host companies in the Work and Skills Programme, and supported a further 2,895 training opportunities to youth to further skills and improve their employability.

In the coming financial year the Department will invest R11,2 million on the Work and Skills Programme.

The Artisan Development Programme is designed to increase the number of people with technical and vocational skills in the Western Cape. For this purpose an allocation of R12,2 million will be made available in 2019/20 to support over 300 apprentices at host companies to becoming qualified artisans.

The aim of the Entrepreneurship Game-changer has been to achieve sufficient qualified technical and vocationally skilled people to meet the needs of our priority growth areas of tourism, oil and gas, agri-processing, ICT and renewable energy. By December 2018 we had exceeded the target of 10,228 young people entering workplace-based learning programmes with 10,471 learners having started.

These apprenticeships offer windows of opportunity to young people, allowing them to learn new skills that will either get them to that all-important first job, or allow them to start their own businesses one day, which is exactly what Siyabonga Makhatini plans to do one day.

Siyabonga is a construction engineering student specialising in plumbing - in particular solar plumbing installations. He received a bursary for his studies and is currently doing his apprenticeship at Element 4 in Somerset West. He says:

“Within the next five years my goal is to start my own plumbing company that specialises in all kinds of plumbing”.

But in order for apprentices to develop the sufficient level of skill they require mentors. Mentorship in this area is regulated and only two apprentices can be assigned to a qualified artisan at one time.

In the 2019/20 year we will allocate R1 million to train 100 workers as mentors in order to support apprentices on the pathway to becoming qualified artisans.

Another R1 million will help to assist workers use the recognition of prior learning toolkits developed by the Department to be assessed and speed up their access to be trade tested.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I want to tell you the remarkable story of Deon Bennie. Deon dreamed of being able to do his trade test and reached out to several training institutions over the years in a bid to get his official qualification. However, as he only has a Grade 6 and suffers from dyslexia, nobody wanted to help him.

Deon then heard about Africa Skills Village in George and decided to try one last time.

The recognition of prior learning toolkit could be applied to his unique needs and I am pleased to say that Deon successfully completed his trade test in welding about two weeks ago [Applause.] and is now looking for job opportunities in the petroleum industry.

†Mnr D JOSEPH: Mooi.
[Mr D JOSEPH: Good.]

The PREMIER: Fabulous.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Mr Deputy Speaker, the Western Cape has set a new goal of becoming a global tech hub.

The PREMIER: Fabulous.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: We are already home to the most productive tech sector in Africa. In order to control and continue growing this sector and attracting investors, we will be working with partners including the City of Cape Town, BPESA, EOH, Imperial Technical Academy and Citi, who have all contributed towards work readiness and training initiatives in the ICT and business processing sectors.

At the I-CAN centre in Elsies River citizens have taken advantage of over 6,500 digital courses, ranging from basic computer literacy to more advanced ones.

Last year DEDAT secured partnerships with Google and IBM for the digital skills training content and the first set of the new I-CAN delivery sites are being activated in the following communities: Piketberg, Velddrif, Goedverwacht, Porterville, Saldanha Bay and Bredasdorp.

We are using innovation to build our economy and to help grow small business. Starting a business can be really scary and it requires a huge leap of faith. To understand this I took my own leap of faith a few weeks ago out of an aeroplane at 9,000 feet. [Interjections.]

Mr Deputy Speaker, this was part of the launch of Jump, an innovative new mobile app that will help small businesses succeed by allowing them to connect with other businesses, access assistance and mentorship, and other opportunities. Before the app even went live yesterday we had 2,600 businesses sign up and I encourage all small businesses and small business-support organisations to sign up and be part of it.

In addition to being innovative, we also need to be resilient.

In the Western Cape we have allocated R28,4 million to the Green Economy and energy in the current year.

In order to respond to the current and future electricity challenges, as well as to grow economic opportunities around providing renewable sources of energy, the Department has been driving the SmartGrids rooftop photovoltaics project since 2015.

So far we have installed approximately 112 megawatts with a target of 135 megawatts by 2020.

In the 2019/20 year this project is allocated R1,9 million. I urge all businesses and residents to consider solar PV as an alternative energy source, with a battery back-up.

While our focus is currently on energy, water supply and resilience is of equal importance. The drought has shown us the value of water and in the 2019/20 we will be spending R6 million on economic water resilience projects.

Over the past year GreenCape, which is funded by the Department, has worked with businesses to reduce their water consumption. As a result, a major cement manufacturer now uses 50% less water per ton of product produced. Working with GreenCape a soft drink manufacturer now uses 27% less water.

This is the new normal.

The Western Cape has a fast-growing green economy and we intend to drive this growth through the Atlantis Special Economic Zone, which will develop the area into a green manufacturing hub.

In 2019/20 this project is allocated R26,537 million. It has already secured four investors valued at R680 million, creating 300 new jobs.

In the 2019/20 year the Special Economic Development Infrastructure Company will be established. SEDIC will be our holding company that will set up the establishment of the Atlantis Special Economic Zone. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Standing Committee and the House for their amazing support to ensure that the Bill has got this far thus far - this far so far. The establishment - and certainly hope to be passed today. [Interjections.] The establishment of SEDIC will enable us to initiate the Atlantis Special Economic Zone entity which will have representation from the Atlantis community and labour on its board.

Programmes that seek to develop enterprises and skills within the local community and broader Green-Tech ecosystem will also continue to roll out in the new year, with the objective of providing 100 young people with skills development opportunities and supporting local enterprises towards becoming procurement ready.

Mr Deputy Speaker, we recognise that we need to be creating windows of opportunity across the province and in order that people are able to access opportunities where they live.

I am pleased to announce a R30 million stimulus aimed at increasing support to SMMEs and developing the economies in mainly rural areas such as Bredasdorp, Clanwilliam, Hermanus, Riebeek West, Swellendam and Caledon.

In addition Wesgro will be rolling out a "district unit" with the objective of extending Wesgro's services into the regions.

Ms N D NKONDLO: Only now.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: This will help to market business in the district ...[Interjections.]

Ms N D NKONDLO: Only now.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ... increase awareness of investment opportunities and to assist companies to link into the export advancement programme.

Ms N D NKONDLO: Too little, too late.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Our red tape reduction and ease of doing business interventions are showing remarkable results. Earlier this year we reached a targeted R1 billion in economic savings from interventions that cut red tape and make it easier to do business.

One of the biggest wins has been the reduction in the time it takes to consider and approve building plans in municipalities like the City of Cape Town, Drakenstein and Theewaterskloof. For the 2019/20 financial year another 11 municipalities have been identified for improvement of local-business-facing services through building control portals and other digitised improvements in the Municipal Support to Business programme. This will reduce time, costs and complexity while promoting certainty of processes for local businesses.

Our SMME booster programme has been allocated R21 million to support township business and rural SMMEs in order to drive development and to create jobs.

Close to 100 SMMEs will be directly supported, resulting in improved business efficiency, increased turnover and profitability, asset value and new market development.

This programme will focus on providing infrastructure support like trading and storage space to micro enterprises, and identifying women and youth owned businesses with high growth potential.

Small businesses are most impacted by resource shortages like water shortages and load shedding, and as such SMMEs in distress will be offered support in order to protect them and the jobs that they have created.

We will also continue the rollout of our Pick n Pay spaza shop programme, which identifies spaza shops in communities for development into supermarkets. So far we have rolled out three stores in the province with the aim of growing a new generation of modern, retail entrepreneurs.

The Department also directly supports small businesses through its Enterprise Development Unit interventions such as the Agri-Processing Supplier Development Programme.

This programme has helped small businesses across the province in the vital areas of turnover, growth, profitability, market access opportunities and most importantly creating new jobs. At the end of 2017, 22 small, medium and micro enterprises were selected to be part of the programme and received support in various forms.

Mr Deputy Speaker, when Project Khulisa was launched as our sector-specific growth strategy in 2014, it set out a series of specific targets which hold everyone involved to account. I am pleased to say that as we near the end of this term we have achieved a number of these targets, resulting in a positive and quantifiable impact on our economy.

Total employment in the province has grown by 360,000 jobs in the allocated period, against a target of 260,000.

In agri-processing we hosted our first successful Halal Week last year with plans to host the next one later this year. We have also recorded a 12% increase in the dollar value of exports of Halal goods. Exports in this sector are now valued at a total of R14,5 billion annually.

African Equations, a Cape Town based, black woman-owned business producing high quality sparkling juices, has been involved in a number of our Halal promotional outward missions and trade shows, where they have been able to secure new markets and new buyers.

Their Zari juices are a popular, non-alcoholic alternative to champagne and sparkling wine. They have now been served at weddings, banquets and celebrations around the world. The brand is stocked in premium hotels including at Sun City, the One & Only, the Alba, Maresol, Maslow, Michelangelo and passengers on British Airways flights on New Year's Day this year, sipped on our Zari juices.

At the 2018 Halal Week expo, a significant wholesaler from Singapore placed an order within 20 minutes of the trade show opening for activations to gauge interest in the Singapore market.

In tourism we have seen job numbers grow by an average of 5% or 9,512 jobs annually over the duration of our Khulisa interventions. The GVA of this sector also increased by 7,5% between 2016 and 2017.

The Air Access Project, which is a joint venture between various spheres of government and the private sector, has shown remarkable results since its inception.

The success of the project is reflected on the international terminal passenger growth: 16% growth recorded in 2016, 20% growth in 2017 and 9% growth for 2018 in two-way passengers. This has contributed an estimated R6 billion in tourism spend to the Western Cape economy. International air cargo has also seen a phenomenal 52% growth during 2017 due to the added belly-freight capacity.

Khulisa also focused on growing cycle and business tourism to the province. We have now launched four cycle routes across the province and our work to increase business and conferencing is paying off - with the Convention Bureau securing 15 bid conferences which will add R583 million to the economy and bring nearly 22,000 delegates to our province.

In the oil and gas sectors we have seen double digit increases in GVA of 10,6% with the sector contributing R1,382 billion in 2017. It has also created 5,690 direct jobs.

In other sector-specific initiatives our work to grow the film industry continues.

Wesgro holds the film and media promotions mandate from DEDAT and the City of Cape Town. To date the unit has helped attract over R3,8 billion in production value spend and nearly 4,500 full-time equivalent jobs.

In the 2017/2018 financial year, the unit facilitated R1,9 billion in spend and approximately 2,000 full-time equivalent jobs.

The unit is currently focused on encouraging long form TV series such as the HBO Cinemax *Warrior*, which is currently in season two and Sir Ridley Scott's TV series, *Raised by Wolves*, which were both shot here.

Mr Deputy Speaker, over the past year Cape Town and the Western Cape have collected a number of accolades in the tourism sector.

All of these mean very little if our visitors do not feel safe. DEDAT has a dedicated tourism safety and support unit which provides proactive and reactive responses to tourists in distress to ensure that we create a caring environment should the worst happen.

In the 2019/2020 financial year the Department will be launching a comprehensive audit of all existing tourism safety related signage, starting with a pilot programme on a single region in the province. In addition a structured tourism road signage training programme will be developed and training provided to tourism and municipal officials, starting with a pilot in one region this year.

We are also working to develop a database of tourist-related crime and incidents across the Western Cape to track trends and enable DEDAT to focus their efforts based on factual data.

Our existing teams of tourism safety officers will be further equipped with branded equipment and anti-theft backpack covers will be provided for tourists.

Our Journey to Service Excellence programme will also continue in the next financial year.

Each year the programme which includes a workshop component, a phone-in radio competition to nominate businesses giving excellent service and a leadership workshop are offered to businesses in one area.

In 2019/2020 financial year the programme will be offered in the Cape Winelands towns of Paarl and Wellington.

Mr Deputy Speaker, this Department has been tasked with creating an enabling environment for growth and jobs, and it is clear that the work they are doing are paying dividends despite the many headwinds we have had to face. As a result the Western Cape has the least discouraged job seekers, who are the most hopeful of finding work.

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: We are investing in the youth and changing lives through access to opportunities.

Finally, Mr Deputy Speaker, I would like to thank once again my predecessor, Minister Alan Winde, for the last 10 years of his hard work in this portfolio. [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: I would like to extend my thanks to HOD Solly Fourie ...[Interjections.]

The PREMIER: Hear-hear!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ... and his team over there, who are working tirelessly to ensure that we are able to deliver on this massive mandate and with not such a big budget, Solly. I would also like to thank all of the organisations and the private sector companies who share our vision and have partnered with us to help develop and deliver on that vision.

My thanks must also go to hon member Simmers and the committee for their valuable work and oversight over the Department.

And to the businesses out there, thank you for your contribution to the growth in our economy. And to my staff and office, to Vuvu and her team at the Ministry of Economic Opportunities, I am only because we are. Thank you very much. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The hon member Simmers.

The PREMIER: Hear-hear!

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

†Mnr T A SIMMERS: Dankie, mnr die Adjunkspeaker. Eerstens ek wil net die Minister bedank vir haar regtigwaar 'n 360 grade-oorsig oor die suksesse van hierdie Departement, want ons word gemeet nie aan wat ons sê nie, maar aan wat ons doen.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[Mr T A SIMMERS: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Firstly I just want to thank the Minister for her real 360 degrees overview on the successes of this Department, because we are measured not against what we say, but what we do.]

Mr Deputy Speaker, on 5 March Minister Meyer informed this House that the budget he tabled before it was to ensure maximum citizen impact, *†en* gegewe wat die Minister so pas vir ons gesê het, watter groter impak was daar nie oor die afgelope 10 jaar gemaak nie? [and given what the Minister has just told us, what greater impact has not been made over the past 10 years?]

Mr Deputy Speaker, this maximum citizen impact can only be realised if an enabling environment for job creation and skills development is provided for, which is ultimately the duty of all spheres of government.

A Provincial Government that seeks to ensure an enabling environment in the context of the current economic climate - *†en* alle probleme daar aan gekoppel – [and all problems related thereto] - will focus on energy security, skills development, infrastructure development and lastly trade and investment, and this is exactly what this DA led Government has done, and I will now expand on how this Government, through the tabled 2019 MTEF budget, is still going to continue doing it.

Energy security, Mr Deputy Speaker. Over the last few weeks we have really experienced, and I think we can all agree with a lot of frustration, load shedding due to the rapid failure of Eskom. [Interjections.] To ensure that we continue to grow our provincial economy, sustainable energy security is indeed needed now more than ever.

With this National Government and its SOE failing us yet again, this DA led Provincial Government will continue the roll-out of priority initiatives linked to energy security by diversifying the energy mix that is required to ensure our economy is sustained.

These initiatives include the Smart Grid Project which focuses on the development and implementation of tariffs and rules for rooftop photovoltaic units to attract investment through the Green Cape, that will enable the creation of jobs, primarily in the manufacturing sector, through engagements on local content in renewable energy independent power producer procurement programme.

†Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, deur te verseker dat die ligte aan bly kan ons dan begin praat van vaardigheidsontwikkeling, dan word dit moontlik gemaak. Vaardigheidsontwikkeling: hierdie Departement het R196,555 miljoen oor die 2019 MTEF begroot wat primêr fokus op die koördinerende, fasiliterende en implimenterende van vaardigheidsinisiatiewe in ons provinsie.

Van hierdie inisiatiewe sluit in die gefokusde vakleerlingskap-programme, ambagsman-ontwikkeling, wat broodnodig is veral in ons ekonomiese ontwikkelingsones, vaardighede vir die digitale ekonomie, die kwaliteitverbetering van Wiskunde en Wetenskap, en die ontwikkeling van entrepreneurskapsvaardighede. Daar word ook 'n verdere R210,455 miljoen oor die MTEF-periode geallokeer vir ons gestruktureerde landbou- en onderrig- en opleidingsprogram.

Met die ligte wat aan bly en die sistematiese vaardigheidsvlakverbetering en toevoeging van bekwame ambagsmanne tot die arbeidsmark, kan ons nou werklikwaar fokus op infrastruktuurontwikkeling wat nog meer werksgeleenthede verseker vir die plaaslike gemeenskap, waar dit ook al sal geskied.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[Mr Deputy Speaker, by ensuring that the lights stay on we can then start talking about skills development, then it is made possible. Skills development: this Department has budgeted R196,555 million over the 2019 MTEF that primarily focusses on the coordination, facilitation and implementation of skills initiatives in our province.

Some of these initiatives include the focussed apprenticeship programmes, tradesman development, which is essential especially in our economic development zones, skills for the digital economy, the improvement of quality of Maths and Science, and the development of entrepreneurial skills. A further R210,455 million over the MTEF period is also allocated for our structured agricultural and education and training programmes.

With the lights staying on and the systematic improvement of skills levels and addition of competent tradesmen to the labour market, we can now really focus on infrastructure development which ensures even more job opportunities for the local community, wherever it may happen.]

Mr Deputy Speaker, over the 2019 METF an amount of R156,8 million has been allocated towards the Saldanha IDZ as a key catalytic driver for economic growth within the West Coast District. A further R96,562 million has also been allocated towards the Atlantis Special Economic Zone for the manufacturing of green technologies and related services.

†Mnr die Adjunkspeaker, oor die 2019 MTEF is R197,274 miljoen geallokeer vir die promosie van handel- en beleggingsaktiwiteite in die provinsie wat fokus op die Afrika-mark as kernbelegging en handelsbestemming. Wesgro gaan ook hierdie beleggingspromosie verder dryf deur die vestiging van die munisipale distrikseenheid en Projek Hoop.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[Mr Deputy Speaker, over the 2019 MTEF R197,274 million is allocated for the promotion of trade and investment activities in the province that focus on the Africa market as core investment and trade destination.

Wesgro is also going to further drive this investment promotion through the establishment of the municipal district unit and Project Hope.]

Mr Deputy Speaker, over the last decade all our residents from Koffiehoek - which is in Minister Grant's constituency - to Lutzville in the West Coast, have experienced service delivery which was and still remains focused on maximising the impact for our end-users, and this has greatly been accomplished and made possible by a competent DA led Government, and our province is full of unlimited potential, Mr Deputy Speaker. We have communities which I have visited over the last three weeks, that continue to not lose hope, and we have youth that are truly experiencing the opportunities made available to them, which is driven by an active DA led Government that truly cares and will still care after 8 May under our new Premier, who will expand on its successes, because as I said in the speech before ...[Interjections.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: Do not count your chickens before [Inaudible.]

An HON MEMBER: When you can, you can, you can. [Interjections.]

Mr T A SIMMERS: ... we have opted to choose the road less travelled. If this is the successes that one province [Interjections.] can achieve in 10 years, imagine the change that this province will further experience, and hopefully this country, over the next 10 years. Thank you very much. That is why the DA supports this Vote. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see the hon member Nkondlo.

Ms N D NKONDLO: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. [Interjections.] I may greet you and the colleagues in the House [Interjections.] occasioned by this debate on the allocation and distribution of State resources to deliver services to our people in communities.

We gather here a week later, post a reminder of our painful past of injustice, which we all journeyed into and resolved to never repeat. We are agreed to reconfirm this day in correcting and redressing this past as Human Rights Day. As a month of human rights it is proper for us as public reps ...[Interjections.]

The PREMIER: The ANC violates human rights [Inaudible.]

Ms N D NKONDLO: ... to pause and ask how a task of resource distribution and allocation befits the character of a human rights culture.

South Africa accepted a Bill of Rights in sync with such [Interjections.] a spirit, included that in there are socio-economic rights. Socio-economic rights, as defined by one of the Human Rights Institute are defined as:

“Rights that give people access to certain basic things: resources, opportunities and services needed to live a dignified life.”

How then does this budget rate in terms of its duty to protect, to respect, promote and fulfil all the rights in the Bill of Rights fairly and equitably?

In the Department of Economic Development and Tourism's five year Strategic Plan 2015 to 2020, the Department commits to expand 550 small businesses through financial and non-financial support measures by 2020. Minister, perhaps you will answer better about the 22 small businesses that were selected that you are mentioning in participating in the agri-processing, because as part of that strategic outcome is the Department; one of the commitments that you make is to in particular bring in small businesses in the agri-processing, particularly to ensure strong linkage, both upstream in terms of primary agriculture, and downstream in terms of the wholesale, retail and restaurant.

So one is asking acknowledging Liandra, who was in the House, if she is still here and the other SMMEs that were brought into the House. How many in as far as the target that was set by the Department that have been delivered? How far has the Department realised its own strategic objective and intent?

In as far as access to finance. The same Department mentions, amongst others, to provide guarantee mechanisms beyond it, which is what we have observed of being a middleman between the National Government grants or loan schemes. What guarantee mechanisms or any innovative funding models for SMME have been produced by this Department?

One of the things that is also included in the strategic plan is access to local and export markets. Beyond the shows by Wesgro, show evidence of SMMEs with contracts from both local and international markets. We await to date significant interventions of this Department to women in wine - women that are producing wine under the treasure chest and others to help in securing orders in the international fairs as part of their venture to promote local wines.

How also in your partnership that you pride yourself with, Minister, of Pick n Pay have you managed to ensure that you encourage Pick n Pay, as also your partner, to boost local economies, to include these local wines in their shelves, and how much sales, if any, were registered from that venture?

One of the things also included in the strat plan is lowering regulatory burdens. Minister Winde, who is your predecessor and now a Minister of Community Safety, over the couple of days [Interjections.], a week was handed a memorandum by local liquor traders from townships here in the streets of Wale Street on the regulatory burdens and red tape in accessing liquor licences, let alone that this particular function has been moved from this Department, DEDAT, to the Department of Community Safety, and as part of the delegation you also had street vendors and informal traders who were complaining about the lack of support from the Department, and instead finding themselves to be chased through law enforcement agencies instead of being recognised as small businesses who are also trying, like any other business, to firm and build their own economies.

So the question once again is what do these contrasting socio-economic realities mean for a human rights based Government of the Western Cape?

As we answer that particular question, one also wants to ask yourself, Minister, that if we talk about the local economic development function, one of the things in the strategic objective, I quote once again:

“That the Department has committed to support growth of regional economies and ensure, amongst others, to increase by 6% annually the LED maturity index.”

How far are you in so far as that commitment that was made by the Department itself?

One of the interesting things when one reads on the economy of the Western Cape; it is important to not only live with optics, and also the lamentations about immigration and inability to ensure urbanisation, it is actually embraced by this particular Government.

If one actually looks at some of the reports that are in the [Inaudible.] which I think I always take my hat off for the Minister of Finance about that particular report that he presents, to give also the reflection of the regional economies in this particular province.

If you were to link the growth of this provincial economy also to its sub-parts, which are the six regions of this province; on page 50 of the MERO, one of the things that it highlights is unemployment rate that has been on the upward trend since 2013 in the Cape Metro, which has actually increased from 20,3% in 2016 to 21,1% in 2017, and this is mainly in Khayelitsha, Mitchells Plain at 31%, Cape Flats at 24,2%, Tygerberg at 18,3%.

On page 55 of that MERO Report again it says in as far as SMMEs, there remain serious challenges of SMMEs in the same districts or areas that I have just mentioned of Cape Flats and Khayelitsha.

Again it also speaks about challenges of skills and training in as far as those communities are concerned, which then questions their ability to participate in the economic opportunities and the growth potential presented by the provincial economy.

Interesting also in the same report, if one looks at page 153, contrasting to a non-Metro municipality, if you look at the West Coast District. On page 153 the report once again informs us that most workers in this district are low-skilled workers which are therefore susceptible to be laid off with dire socio-economic implications for that particular district, given the volatile economic environment that we live in.

These are what in one judgment by the courts on the socio-economic rights refer to as people in desperate circumstances, which I believe when we talk about the growth potential and we talk about the successes, we must always be able to measure ourselves with the most vulnerable people in our economy and also in our province.

As we do that also on page 184, it actually mentions Matzikama as one of the most unequal areas in the West Coast, with a Gini coefficient that is actually above all the other areas in that particular district.

So the question once again is how do we then read the growth and celebrate this economic growth of the Western Cape in contrast to its sub-parts, which are these local economies. I think in the committee we have made the necessary noise every time we meet, even at the time you were a Chairperson, to raise this particular matter of the integration of the economy. So that you do not only see a 71% contribution of the Metro economy in the provincial economy, but you also work on ramping up the other economies so that you can actually deal with also in-migration where people are looking for opportunities in the City. One also welcomes I think what you have just mentioned about the SMMEs stimulus, the district unit that will be at Wesgro, and also I think the initiative that was reported by the Department on trying to bring in townships and regions into the tourism approach of the Department.

Those are welcomed and actually give credit also to the members of this committee for the work that they have done in the lobbying of the Department, to really try and move beyond optics and we get to the real business of the Department.

Having said that, Mr Deputy Speaker, one of the things that I think is very important for us as we debate here, is that when we talk about these socio-economic rights, these rights are given strong protection in our Constitution, and South Africa has committed to redressing the past wrongs and improving the quality of life of its people.

So that remains ...[Interjections.]

The PREMIER: Oh really?

Ms N D NKONDLO: ... a responsibility that we all ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Ms N D NKONDLO: ... must take very serious as the different spheres of government.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon member, your time has expired, but just finish off your last sentence.

Ms N D NKONDLO: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. As I conclude then, it is important also to note that we caution the use of consultants as on page 683 of our Blue Book. In Programme 2 there is about 204% increase in Goods and Services from R10,4 million to R31,6 million. Again on page 687 in Programme 3 there is ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member, you are going too far now.

Ms N D NKONDLO: ... about R1,2 million increase on Goods and Services from one ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please conclude now.

Ms N D NKONDLO: ... to R3,2 million.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Your time has really expired.

Ms N D NKONDLO: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. The next speaker is the hon member Reagan Allen.

The PREMIER: Hear-hear!

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear! [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: My apology, it is actually the [Interjections. - laughter] Minister [Laughs] ... the Minister to respond. [Applause.] [Interjections.]

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

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You may take your seat, you may take your seat. [Interjections.] Minister Schäfer, Minister [Laughs.] [Interjections.] ... Order! Chief Whip? [Interjections.] Chief Whip?

Mr M G E WILEY: Mr Deputy Speaker, I must object. You have frightened my member so badly [Interjections.] he is going to have to take a toilet break now [Laughter.] and we may lose our quorum but I do want to object again - this is the fourteenth vote over three days where neither the ACDP nor the EFF have fulfilled their responsibility to their voters to represent their interests ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member.

Mr M G E WILEY: ... as far as the Budget is concerned.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you ...[Interjections.]

Mr M G E WILEY: It is an absolute disgrace. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! The Minister to respond, Minister Schäfer. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Thank you very much, Mr Deputy Speaker. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Do you want hon member Allan to speak?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: So, Mr Deputy Speaker, thank you very much to the hon members who have made their contributions here today, but I think really important, let us not forget this: this is a report card of this Western Cape Government, and it basically states - and these stats can be proved - 82% of the 2018 budget is for indigent communities. This is an 82% pro-poor budget. This is an 82% pro-poor budget.

So when we talk about economic development, let us [Interjections.] not forget 0,78% of the total budget. They do a whole lot more above their weight ...[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes! [Applause.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ... than what they have.

An HON MEMBER: Which is what exactly?

Mr R D MACKENZIE: If you read the book you will understand. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Well, just look at our stats, our employment ...[Interjections.]

The PREMIER: What a disgrace.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ... stats to understand and to look at the work that we are doing on the youth [Interjections.] and skills programmes to understand.

An HON MEMBER: No, man.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: But I think what is really important is of the 22 agri-processing companies, amongst the successes [Interjections.] the group recorded.

- 73% of the businesses have acquired new clients and have increased the number of customers [Interjections.] that they have had.
- 68% of the businesses have launched and commercialised ...[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Order!

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ... new projects into the market.

- 36% have entered new market segments and to reach new and more customers.
- 55% of companies [Interjections.] are now represented in new geographic market and regions.

And also 12 of the companies surveyed can provide mid-year sales information; of these 75% indicated that their sales figures have increased.

Of the business Natural Beauty, for example, has seen an increase in sales of its teen range through its online platforms, and while this is seen as an increase in their order book, the increase still needs to be quantified. [Interjections.]

So however its brands geared at the adult skincare market [Interjections.] we have seen an increase of 33% in in-store sales through the Wellness Warehouse chain.

The programme has also helped brands enter the market in Gauteng and in three new Wellness Warehouse stores across South Africa. Eight of the companies could provide data on profit performance and of these 75% of the - both businesses indicated that their profitability had improved.

At Herbal View Hydroponics, for example - because you asked me to talk about these 22 businesses - the migration from primary agriculture produced to value added process items, created an estimated, an increase of around 20% in sales while maintaining a steady cash flow due to the margins attained.

So thus far 28 new jobs have been created with more confidence that they will be employing more people within the next six months.

So really these companies that we are talking about really are benefitting from the programmes that we have.

In terms of our funding models. We partner with the NEF to provide fast loans. The Small Enterprise Financing Agency is a national function and we have a small grant system for equipment and plant, and then at our funding fair opportunity is also available, and remember that the kiosks across in Long Street are operating at no rental costs.

We can also say that we have got an investment readiness programme [Interjections.] as well as those for companies who are ready to take their next step and expanding their businesses. [Interjections.]

Also I want to say that in my 10 years as Chair, or as the Standing Committee, I ensured that Wesgro presented on their programmes to assist businesses in all areas. I am not sure if you attended those sessions, or perhaps, hon member Nkondlo, but you have been very much part of this programme. There is not an isolation of small business or small SMMEs or the informal traders.

In terms of the informal trading, I want to talk about that. That is a key focus area in the next term [Interjections.]. What I must emphasise there really and it is the research that is coming out, it has been done in collaboration with the City of Cape Town [Interjections.], and independent partners, and ourselves to the informal trading sector, but really I cannot vouch for information traders getting fines by law enforcement officers, because they are possibly trading illegally. I mean at the end of the day ...[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: You do not know that.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ... I am not quite sure what the merits ...[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: You do not know that.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: ... of that story is but the point of the matter is we do not overlook any informal traders. We believe that the informal market and the informal economy is a huge and valuable market in contributing [Interjections.] and particularly securing the poorest of the poor with jobs.

Remember we want to make sure that in every house there is at least one person earning work and earning income.

In terms of [Interjections.] ...

Mr Q R DYANTYI: So it is so bad for us [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: In terms of your socio-economic rights [Interjections.] ... I really think at the end of the day and at the final point, hon member Nkondlo, while you continue to have a conversation with our members across the House here [Interjections.], this committee that you sit on, has always done great oversight work over the Department of Economic Development and Tourism. We know that this Department is doing a whole lot more as I have stated, and I really do [Interjections.] actually in the interest of all of them, want to thank them for the work they do. I have been working obviously as the new Minister very closely with them, really understanding the skills that they have and I have to say that I appreciated the work that this Department churns out, because without them and their relationship with business out there, we would not have the numbers we have today. Thank you very much. [Applause.]

The PREMIER: Hear-hear!

[Debate concluded.]

[Business of the House was suspended at 11:49 and resumed at 11:52]

WESTERN CAPE APPROPRIATION BILL [B1 – 2019]

(Consideration of Votes and Schedules)

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Before I put to vote separately, can I enquire from the ANC – are they going to do one declaration up front? I see the hon Davids. Declaration of Vote.

Ms S W DAVIDS: Thank you, Deputy Speaker [Interjections.] Ag, Premier, I do not take note of you. You ...[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: ...are just a rude person [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: The ANC welcomes the money and compulsory programs of the national ANC in budget 2019 [Interjections.] but not the DA's distortion. We do differ with this DA Provincial Government in how it handles discretionary expenditure [Interjections.] yet it is still rooted in inequality and poverty. The DA is not doing enough to assist the poor and ordinary people's plight. It is especially evident in how it favours big businesses and gives rich developers priority instead of deciding in favour of the poor. The DA could not offer us any alternative. It is only driven by hate and fear. [Interjections.] It is a party torn apart and internally eaten by its own. The DA showed its hands openly [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Ms S W DAVIDS: ...by [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Allow the member please to continue. [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: The DA shows its hands openly by not integrating communities and building social cohesion on vast tracks of public land. The land was sold to the "haves" and the "have nots" are again overlooked. The ANC prepares for the new dawn of [Interjections.] of President Ramaphosa to lead the ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order [Interjections.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: ...whole of South Africa, including the Western Cape. †Die ANC kan nie hierdie begroting ondersteun nie [Tussenwerpsels.] want die mense by die hospitale wag nog steeds ... [Tussenwerpsels.] The ANC cannot support this budget [Interjections.] because the people at the hospitals are still waiting ... [Interjections.]]

†'n AGBARE LID: Is dit Carol se mense?

[An HON MEMBER: Are they Carol's people?]

†Me S W DAVIDS: ...drie dae voor hulle gehelp word. Hulle kan met 'n piekniekmandjie ... [Tussenwerpsels.]

[Ms S W DAVIDS: ...three days before they are being helped. They can go to the hospitals ... [Interjections.]]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

†Me S W DAVIDS: ...na die hospitale gaan. 'n Vrou in die hospitaal in die Kaap het 'n maand [Tussenwerpsels.] in Mitchells Plain, het 'n maand haar ma gesoek nadat sy haar ma in die hospitaal gelos het en toe kry sy haar ma in die doodshuis. [Tussenwerpsels.] Daar is vuil areas orals in die arm gemeenskappe. Sosiale probleme wat [Tussenwerpsels.] wat nie aangespreek word nie [Tussenwerpsels.]

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[Ms S W DAVIDS: ... with a picnic basket. A woman in the hospital in the Cape had looked for a month [Interjections.] in Mitchells Plain, looked for her mother after she had left her at the hospital, and then she found her mother in the mortuary. [Interjections.] There are dirty areas everywhere in the poor communities. Social problems that [Interjections.] are not being addressed [Interjections.]]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order.

†Me S W DAVIDS: ...soos alkohol en dwelmmisbruik; plaaswerkers wat nog steeds soos gister teen die pad gesit sonder 'n uitsettingsbevel in die Paarl; huise wat gebou is in Foreshore, in die Stad Kaapstad, sonder krag aansluitings; paaie wat nog steeds onveilig is vir voetgangers; apartheid *spatial plan* wat nog steeds gevolg word; informele handelaars wat nog steeds geen ondersteuning kry nie; plaaswerkers wat sit sonder water, sanitasie en wat in die bos hulself moet gaan verlig. Informele nedersettings wat opgegradeer word, maar die groter persentasie van hulle moet nog steeds van kanne gebruik maak om hulself te verlos en vuil water drink. [Tussenwerpsels.] Geen publieke deelname nie en daarom spreek hierdie begroting nie tot die invloed en die nood van die mense in die Wes-Kaap nie. Hoeveel kinders tussen die ouderdom van 3 en 6 hardloop nog in die strate rond wat nie in *ECD's* is nie? Die gemeenskap [Tussenwerpsels.] het nie 'n toelaag nie en kan dit nie bekostig nie. Ongelykheid en armoede [Tussenwerpsels.] is aan die orde van die dag [Tussenwerpsels.]

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[Ms S W DAVIDS: ... like alcohol and drug abuse; farm workers who yesterday still were sitting next to the road in Paarl without an eviction order; houses that had been built in Foreshore, in the City of Cape Town, without electricity connections; roads that are still unsafe for pedestrians; apartheid spatial plan that is still followed; informal traders that still do not get support; farm workers who are without water, sanitation and who have to go and relieve themselves in the bush. Informal settlements that are upgraded, but the larger percentage of them still have to use buckets to relieve themselves and drink dirty water. [Interjections.] No public participation, and therefore this budget does not speak to the influence and the need of the people of the Western Cape. How many children between the ages of 3 and 6 are still running around in the streets who are not in *ECD's*? The community [Interjections.] has no allowance and cannot afford it. Inequality and poverty [Interjections.] is at the order of the day. [Interjections.]]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Ms S W DAVIDS: The very ill liberal DA cannot be trusted, and we cannot support a provincial budget [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order member, just finish off, your time has expired. Just finish off. [Interjection.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: ...with the directionless of the DA fingerprints on it. The ANC opposes the entire budget and will after election put in place the real budget for the people of the Western Cape [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Ms S W DAVIDS: ...that will grow South Africa and the province together. I thank you. [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. [Interjections.] Order members, please come to order. [Interjections.] We need to go through the Votes now and it is technical stuff so please bear with us. The ANC will be dissenting on all the Votes? That is the intention. Did I put Votes 1 to 14? No objection.

Mr M G E WILEY: No objection.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Agreed to with the ANC dissenting on all 14 Votes. I will now put the – let me just see where we are now – put 11, 12, 14. We have done 14 Votes. I put the Schedule. Any objection to the Schedule?

Mr M G E WILEY: No.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: There is an objection to the Schedule. The ANC's dissention will be recorded. I then put Clauses 1 to 10. Any objections?

Mr M G E WILEY: No.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: There is an objection. The ANC's objection will be recorded. I put the Short Title. Any objections to that?

Mr M G E WILEY: No.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No objection to that. Short Title is agreed to.

WESTERN CAPE APPROPRIATION BILL [B1 – 2019]

(Finalisation)

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Thank you, hon Deputy Speaker. Premier, and the Leader of Government: Business. The Third Reading concludes the 2019/2020 budget process for the Western Cape Government. This is a process which started in August 2018. It followed many engagements at departmental, ministerial, Budget Policy Committee and at Cabinet level. At the centre of the budget process is the MTEK process and further technical assessments.

The Budget Committee and various standing committees also plays an important and significant role in the Legislature during the passing of the budget. The Ministers, accounting officers, CFO's play a central role in making budget requests, debating the reasons, providing the evidence and displaying innovation in their respective fields.

A theme for this year was a budget for maximum citizen impact. After carefully reading and listening to the various Budget Votes in this Chamber, I am satisfied that this Government's mandate is reflected in the carefully crafted Budget Votes. I therefore submit, hon Deputy Speaker, the Third Reading of the Budget 2019/2020 to the House as per the rules governing money bills in the Western Cape Provincial Parliament.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I now move that the *Western Cape Appropriation Bill* 2019/2020 be finalised and be submitted to the Premier to be assented to. I thank you. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Are there any objections to the Bill being finalised? There is an objection. The ANC's objection will be recorded. The Secretary will read the Bill.

The SECRETARY: *Western Cape Appropriation Bill.*

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Bill will be sent to the Premier for assent. The Secretary will read the fifth Order.

WESTERN CAPE SPECIAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INFRASTRUCTURE COMPANY BILL [B 3 – 2019]

(Consideration and Finalisation)

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: If there is a need for declarations, the parties will be given that opportunity to make declarations if they so wish. No? ANC? Hon Nkondlo.

Ms N D NKONDLO: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. As the ANC we support the Bill and also want to make a note to the House about the issue that we have also raised and discussed in the committee around improving our public participation framework and also support to ensure that we give meaning and effective public voice into the processes of legislation as part of the legislative arm of Government, as the province. I thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Anybody from the DA? Hon Simmers.

Mr T A SIMMERS: Mr Deputy Speaker, as the Democratic Alliance we also support the Bill, given its ultimate impact on the quality of lives of the targeted communities for which it is envisaged. Thank you.

An HON MEMBER: What?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I take it there is no objection to the Bill being finalised? [Interjections.] No objections? The Secretary will read the Bill.

The SECRETARY: *Western Cape Special Economic Development Infrastructure Company Bill.*

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Bill will also be sent to the Premier for her assent.

**REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC
OPPORTUNITIES, TOURISM AND AGRICULTURE ON
THE PROPERTY PRACTITIONERS BILL [B 21B – 2018]**

(Consideration)

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. The Legislature received the report of the Standing Committee on Economic Opportunities, Tourism and Agriculture on the Property Practitioners Bill, conferring authority on the Western Cape delegation in the NCOP to support this Bill. This mandate was then sent to the NCOP. Would parties want to take the opportunity for declarations? Hon Nkondlo first.

Ms N D NKONDLO: Thank you Deputy Speaker. As the ANC once again, we support this piece of legislation, in particular as its intention is to work towards the transformation of the property sector itself and we believe that it will go a long way with the amendments that have been made in the committee, subsequent to inputs of members of the public and some from the industry. I thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. The hon Simmers.

Mr T A SIMMERS: Mr Deputy Speaker, transforming the South African property market, ensuring that it is reflective and inclusive of our country's demographics is one of the main reasons behind the introduction of the Property Practitioners Bill. As the Democratic Alliance we fully support the right to private property and ownership as enshrined in Section 25 of the great Constitution and we welcome any piece of legislation which promotes and protects this right as part of a free market economy and a free, fair and liberal society.

Consequently, we welcome the Property Practitioners Bill as it creates alignment and synergy to the Constitution and other relevant legislation pertaining to the property market; seeks to enhance corporate efficiency and embarks on a drive to professionalise South Africa's real estate industry.

Mr Deputy Speaker, we further support the Property Practitioners Bill for the following reasons: Firstly this Bill will provide a legislative framework to cater to new market conditions which have slowly dictated a paradigm shift from traditional practices within the real estate industry. It is inclusive of all role players and stakeholders. It aligns legislation to new market conditions and constitutional imperatives. It addresses deep seated asperities in respect of the level of participation and representation within the property market and it encourages greater compliance with good corporate governance, ethos and principles.

Mr Deputy Speaker, if property ownership and the handing out of title deeds to previously disadvantaged South Africans is the starting point for economic transformation in our country, the Property Practitioners Bill will only make this process easier, inclusive and more relevant than ever before. It is therefore that the Democratic Alliance supports this Bill as a necessary means to ensure property ownership, which is the only means to truly allow South Africans to generate generational and sustainable wealth.

This is the only solid way of ensuring real economic change to tackle inequality in our country and in our lifetime.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the Democratic Alliance supports this Bill. I thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, there is therefore no objection to the ratification of the conferment of authority on the Western Cape's delegation in the NCOP to support this Bill.

**REPORT OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE ON
THE DIVISION OF REVENUE BILL [B 5 – 2019]**

(Consideration)

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. The House received the report of the Budget Committee on the Division of Revenue Bill, conferring authority on the Western Cape delegation in the NCOP not to support this Bill. This mandate has been sent to the NCOP. I will allow opportunities for declarations. Hon Beerwinkel.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Just yesterday you were witness to the MEC of Human Settlements jumping up and down when I was pointing out where conditional grants come from and where you would find them in the Division of Revenue book [Interjections.] Five minutes ago, exactly five minutes ago the budget of R68,3 billion was accepted by this DA Government. Now, five minutes later they are rejecting the very document [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Object.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: ...in which the budget is made up of – R51 billion of equitable share. R12 billion conditional grants making up 97%, 4,3 is their own revenue. 97% of the budget [Interjections.] comes from this very Bill that they are now rejecting. What absurdity is that, Deputy Speaker? [Interjections.] It is absurd! The very Bill that you are now rejecting is the Bill that forms the very basis of your total budget. We cannot understand this kind of reasoning, thank you [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Is there somebody on the DA's side? Hon Joseph? [Interjections.]

Mr D JOSEPH: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker [Interjection.]

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

Mr D JOSEPH: The Budget Committee voted against the division of revenue in the negotiating and the final mandate [Interjections.] They accept that 93% of the Western Cape Budget is transferred from National Government, but we want to stress again to the ANC – this is the money of all the taxpayers, including the Western Cape [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr D JOSEPH: Mr Deputy Speaker, the reason why the Western Cape [Interjections.] is objecting to this budget coming from national in the division of revenue [Interjections.] is because of the equitable share and we have linked this to the population growth that is faster than the budget – bigger than the budget we are getting that we are struggling to implement the service in the Western Cape in line with the population growth that is in the Western Cape. And that is the challenge – to provide for education, [Interjections.] for roads, for infrastructure and clinics .

And then we have said this in our negotiating mandate and the final mandate that if it not be for National Government to waste the money on State-owned Entities and on Eskom, more money will actually then come to the provinces. [Interjections.] The interesting part of the report from the NCOP is that the ANC provinces also support the budget, they support the division of revenue to the provinces, but they make the same points in saying the equitable share is not fair to them and they link it further to their medical claims submitted to the provinces, for which they do not have enough money to pay out the public in the Health Department. And interestingly enough that, Limpopo is also asking for money to improve their rail services.

So it is not only the Western Cape that has got a problem with the rail services here, that they want to improve [Interjections.] The other provinces are – the NCOP made that same claim years ago. [Interjections.] They want to introduce a better rail service. So, the Western Cape claim is not out of line. It is in line with the other provinces that the ANC also wants to improve the Western Cape as the Western Cape wants to improve rail services. So, Deputy Speaker, we cannot support a budget that come from national, that come from an ANC Government that is not accountable to the people as stated in the National Development Plan. I thank you. We reject. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Order. There is an objection. I therefore put the question: those in favour of the report being adopted and that the mandate conferred to the Western Cape Provincial delegation in the NCOP not to support the Bill be ratified, will say “Aye”.

HON MEMBERS: Aye.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Those against, “No”.

HON MEMBERS: No.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I think the Aye’s have it. The ANC’s dissention will be recorded. [Interjections.] Order. Order. I will suspend business just for a short while for the Speaker to take the chair.

[Business of the House was suspended at 12:10 and resumed at 12:12]

The SPEAKER: You may take your seats. [Interjections.] Order please, members. We had an incident in the House on the day of SOPA and I undertook to come back to the House, and since today is the final sitting before we rise I have a ruling which I need to deliver after which we will go to the eighth Order of the Day.

RULING

During the Premier's State of the Province Address on 15 February 2019, members of the ANC decided to withdraw from the Chamber. On their way out, certain members verbally engaged guests in the Speaker's bay and insults were allegedly hurled. I undertook during the sitting of that day to pursue the matter and peruse the footage of the sitting and I have also consulted with the Table staff on duty that day. I must add, I have received correspondence from the hon member Nkondlo, member Dijana, the Leader of Government Business and also from a member of the public who was present at the sitting on the day.

Responses to the specific issues raised in the correspondence mentioned above will be addressed to the individuals in the next little while. I have had the opportunity to examine the available footage of the proceedings of the House as well as the Hansard transcription of the debate and wish to confirm that this ugly incident took place in a really short space of time, this whilst members of the ANC were exiting the Chamber.

The footage does not provide evidence of a member of the public attending the SOPA at any stage during the proceedings, disrupting the proceedings and therefore no contravention of Rule 6 of the Standing Rules took place. It was also at no stage of the proceedings necessary for me to incur the provisions of Rule 7 related to the conduct of members of the public.

Furthermore, there is no evidence that a member of the public contravened the Powers, Privileges and Immunities of Parliament and Provincial Legislatures Act of 2004, based on the audio and the Hansard transcript. Members holding a different view on the matter are free to lay a charge in terms of the relevant law with the South African Police Services for investigation.

Prof Maree, a guest in the Speaker's bay on that day, admitted to having made remarks to members on their way out of the Chamber saying, that, and I quote "You were very rude and disrespectful". This clearly is not in keeping with the Rules relevant to guests in the gallery. I have since written to Prof Maree in this regard and drawn his attention to this fact.

As for the use of foul language by members, by hon members, I wish to note the following: Footage of the proceedings in the House when members of the ANC were leaving the Chamber did indicate engagement between members and guests, but the sound quality made it impossible to hear what was said during the engagement.

People in close proximity to the Speaker's bay allegedly heard derogatory and insulting remarks and profanities being levelled at guests. The Leader of Government Business in a letter to me, alleged that members Dijana and Nkondlo shouted at guests in the Speaker's bay, using the word, and I will not say it. It says "F*** you".

I am now going to ask the hon member Nkondlo whether such foul language was directed at the guest in the gallery. Member Nkondlo, did you indeed utter those words, "F*** you"?

Ms N D NKONDLO: Speaker, I never uttered those words. So I must never be accused here of something that I did not ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Member Nkondlo I asked, have you said those words? If not, you say "Yes" or "No". If you said "No", I need to accept your word that you have said that in terms of the Rules. [Interjections.] I must though for the record state in the absence of the hon Dijana that when she left the Chamber, I heard her say "Voertsek" and that is totally unacceptable, and it is indeed a sad day for this institution when members choose to resort to language like that whilst the nation is watching. That is the ruling.

REPORT OF THE RULES COMMITTEE ON THE REVIEW OF RULES

(Consideration)

The SPEAKER: Thank you. I have been informed by the Chief Whip that the Programming Authority resolved that there would be no list of speakers and that parties who wish to do so will now be afforded an opportunity to make a declaration on the report for a maximum of three minutes. I recognise if anyone from the ANC is going to do a declaration on Order eight. No declaration. I see the DA.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I gladly support the report of the Rules Committee submitting a set of revised Rules to the House. These Rules are the result of some 12 constructive meetings of the sub-committee on the review of the Rules. Let me say at the outset that our existing Rules have served us well over many years and it was therefore not necessary to amend our Rules left, right and centre, simply for the sake of amending them.

I do, however, believe that the set of Rules that we present today is an improvement on the existing Rules. Rules must never be regarded as cast in stone and final and the Sixth Parliament may well resolve in due course to affect further changes. Some Rules have been amended to bring more clarity without changing procedures at all, while others were amended to improve the procedures of the House and committees.

Let me just briefly refer to a few of the more substantive changes. The Rule providing for members statements has been amended to allow for one Minister at the end of all statements to respond for not longer than five minutes to one or more of the statements. We believe this innovation will make statement time more vibrant and meaningful.

We have also increased the time for an interpellation from 15 minutes to 20 minutes. This will also allow more time for the relevant Minister to respond.

The chapter on definitions has also been included. The procedure for the appointment of Whips has been made clearer.

In future all Standing Committee Chairpersons will be elected from among the members of the committee only and not be appointed simply by tabling a name in the ATC.

In future committees will have the power to decide for themselves if circumstances so require, to meet beyond the seat of Parliament.

The Rules Committee's powers and functions have also been defined more clearly. A rule specifying what would qualify as a point of order has been included. We believe this will assist members and will hopefully lead to fewer frivolous or non-qualifying points of order being raised.

Lastly, we have broken new ground by inserting a rule that the House must adopt a policy providing for leave of absence of members for maternity and other parental and family related purposes.

I wish to thank the members of the sub-committee, the hon Wiley and the hon Uys for their contributions and cooperation in the committee and I am happy to report that we were able to find consensus on all the Rules. I also wish to thank Mr Nkabinde and Adv Le Roux and all the procedural staff who were involved and who gave us invaluable technical and administrative support. We believe the Sixth Parliament will be richer with this set of amended Rules.

Madam Speaker, this is my last opportunity to speak in this House and please allow me to express my gratitude to all members of the House for having made it possible for me over the last seven years to do my work as Deputy Speaker in the way I could. I have tried to be as impartial, fair and objective as possible while presiding. [Interjections.] Whether I succeeded in that goal is not for me to judge, but for the House. All I can say is that when you are criticised by members from your own party for the way you have dealt with them from the Chair, you know you are probably doing something right.

†Agb Speaker, in my tyd in hierdie Huis as Sekretaris en as Adjunkspeaker was hier baie ernstige debatte, maar hier was ook ligter oomblikke. Vergun my om op hierdie laaste dag van die sessie en die einde van die termyn, na net twee van daardie ligter oomblikke te verwys.

Ek sal nooit die dag vergeet toe 'n prominente voorbanker baie opgewerk was en 'n ontstuiimige toespraak hier gelewer het nie. Daar was baie spoeg en baie handgebare. In die proses om sy punt te maak, het sy kunstande met 'n boog deur die lug getrek en die beste van alles was, hy kon dit in een beweging vang en weer terugdruk en verder praat asof niks gebeur het nie!

En dan was daar die onnutsige lid wat altyd poetse gebak het. 'n Nuwe lid moes hier in die Huis ingesweer word en hierdie stout lid wou sy nuwe kollega op sy eie unieke manier verwelkom. Hy het die nuwe lid vertel dat inswering hier by ons anderster is as by enige ander plek.

Hy sê toe vir hom, as die Speaker die eed voorlees en jy aan die einde moet sê "So help my God", dan moet jy op aandag spring, jou hakke teen mekaar skop en in een beweging jouself agter jou kop klap en dis toe presies wat gebeur het! Die lid het die eed mooi herhaal soos wat die Speaker dit aan hom voorgelees het en toe hy by "So help my God" kom, trek hy soos 'n soldaat los en skop sy voete met 'n harde geklap teen mekaar en kap homself met die regterhand teen die agterkop. Die Tafel-amptenare is nie veronderstel om hardop te lag nie, maar daardie dag het hulle saam met die res van die Huis gelag.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[Madam Speaker, in my time in this House as Secretary and as Deputy Speaker there have been some very serious debates, but there have also been lighter moments. Allow me on this last day of the session and at the end of the term to refer to just two of those lighter moments.

I will never forget the day when a prominent front bencher was very excited and delivered a stormy speech here. There was a lot of spit and many hand gestures. In the process of making his point, his false teeth arched through the air and best of all was that he could catch it in one move and put it back and speak further as if nothing had happened!

And then there was the naughty member who always played tricks. A new member had to be sworn in here in the House and this naughty member wanted to welcome his new colleague in his own unique way. He told the new member that swearing-in here with us was different from any other place.

He then said to him, if the Speaker reads the oath and you have to say at the end “So help me God”, you must jump to attention, kick your heels together and in one movement slap yourself behind the head, and that is exactly what then happened! The member repeated the oath nicely as the Speaker read it to him, and when he got to ‘So help me God”, he kicked his heels together with a loud crack like a true soldier and slapped himself behind the head with his right hand. The Table staff are not supposed to laugh out loud but that day they laughed with the rest of the House.]

†Madam Speaker, I end my career in a way I could never have dreamt of when I walked through the doors of the National Parliament – the then National Parliament – for the first time as a young Hansard reporter, 45 years ago. I am grateful for opportunities which came my way in the legislative sector over four decades, including being Secretary to the Senate, Secretary to this House for more than eight years and culminating in serving in the National Assembly for three years and being your Deputy Speaker for the last seven years.

I wish to thank all the staff in this institution for their friendship, for their support and for their dedicated service over many years. You are the backbone of this institution and provide the continuity while members come and go. Keep up the good work!

Lastly I wish every member well in your future endeavours, be it in this House, be it in one of the Houses of National Parliament or be it as a retiree in your private house. And finally, Madam Speaker, I think I have now qualified to also write my name in the drawer of my desk, and I will do so before I leave. I thank you. [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I have allowed the Deputy Speaker some room to move there. We were busy with the eighth Order of the Day and this concludes the debate on this report. I then need to ask, are there any objections to the report being adopted? There are no objections. Agreed to.

Then as is tradition, I will now afford one representative of parties present, unfortunately we do not have the EFF and the ANC [Interjections.] an opportunity – sorry, my apologies, ANC! The ACDP, not ANC, ACDP and EFF. I think the voters are going to be confused with that voters' roll too – an opportunity to address the House on the occasion of the end of the parliamentary term. I see the ANC.

†Me S W DAVIDS: Ek gaan Afrikaans praat.
[Ms S W DAVIDS: I am going to speak Afrikaans.]

†Die SPEAKER: Jy mag, agb Davids.
[The SPEAKER: You may, hon Davids.]

†Me S W DAVIDS: Dankie, Speaker.
[Ms S W DAVIDS: Thank you, Speaker.]

†'n AGBARE LID: Namens Paarl.
[An HON MEMBER: On behalf of Paarl.]

†Me S W DAVIDS: Nee, nie namens Paarl nie. Ek is 'n kind van die Wes-Kaap, nie net Paarl nie. Vanmiddag is dit vir my 'n groot geleentheid om met een en elkeen van ons te praat hier teenwoordig. Ons moet eerstens vir die Hemelse Vader dankie sê vir 'n vyf jaar wat Hy vir ons almal deurgedra het. Niemand van ons is met die hand van die dood of met siekte belas nie. So, daarvoor moet ons vir die Here baie dankie sê en veral ook vir hulle wat later aangesluit het by ons.

Maar vandag wil ek ook dankie sê vir die ANC vir 'n geleentheid wat hy vir ons wat hier aan hierdie kant sit gegee het om die party te verteenwoordig. Ja, ons was die Opposisie, maar ek dink my kollegas, ek wil vir julle sê julle was goed in wat julle gedoen het. Al sien mense dit nie daar buite nie, maar mense hier binne en dié wat hier was het gesien dat julle die ANC goed verteenwoordig en daarvoor sê ons ook vir die Here dankie.

Dan wil ek kom na die DA. Jy weet toe ons die eerste keer hier inkom was ons ook maar nuut. Baie van ons het uit verskillende rigtings uit gekom en ons is in portefeuljes gesit waar ons ook maar moes geswem het, maar ek dink ons het goed geswem, maar ek wil vir julle dankie sê wat aanvaar het dat dit wat ons sê was nie persoonlik teen julle nie. Dit gaan oor die mense daarbuite vir wie ons verteenwoordig en dit gaan veral ook oor ons party, dat ons ons party se beleide moet verteenwoordig. So, ek sê vir julle dankie en ons het baie by julle geleer en ek glo daar is van julle wat kan sê dat julle ook baie by van ons geleer het hier aan die kant.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[Ms S W DAVIDS: No, not on behalf of Paarl. I am a child of the Western Cape, not just Paarl. This afternoon it is a great moment for me to speak to each and everyone present here. First of all we have to thank our Heavenly Father for the five years that He has supported us. Not one of us was struck by the hand of death or illness. So, for that we have to thank the Lord, and also especially for those who have joined us later.]

But today I also want to thank the ANC for the opportunity they have given us sitting on this side to represent the party. Yes, we were Opposition, but I think my colleagues, I want to tell you, you were good in what you have been doing. Even if the people out there do not see it, the people in here and those who have been here have seen that you have represented the ANC well and for that we also thank the Lord.

Then I want to come to the DA. You know, when we came in here for the first time we were new. Many of us had come from different directions and we were placed in portfolios where we just had to swim, but I think we had swum well, but I want to thank you who accepted that what we said was not against you personally. It is about the people out there whom we represent and it is especially also about our party, that we have to represent our party's policies. So, I thank you and we have learnt a lot from you and I believe there are some of you who can say you have also learnt a lot from us on this side.】

†'n AGBARE LID: By *member* Beerwinkel.
[An HON MEMBER: From member Beerwinkel.]

†Me S W DAVIDS: Ja, ek het ook baie by *member* Beerwinkel geleer en by *member* Uys en *member* Cameron, Nkondlo en almal van hulle en selfs by van julle het ek baie geleer en toe ons op Wits was veral. Die mense, van julle wat saam met ons op Wits was – daar het ons ook al as Wes-Kaap saamgestaan teen die ander provinsies. So dis nie aldag dat ons baklei het nie en vir die uitgaande Premier wil ek net sê dat daar was nooit enige harde gevoelens van ons was aan u nie, maar partykeer is dit net hoe u dinge sê wat vir ons opgewarm het, maar in ons harte is daar geen haat vir u nie en u het u werk besonder gedoen en daardeur gaan ons dit nie afstry nie, want u is 'n vrou en ons as vrouens moet vir u bystaan, maar ons moet ook sien hoe ons met mekaar praat want partykeer wil die lelik nie na vore kom nie, maar as ek 'n seer woord kry gaan ek ook myself verdedig teen daai seer woord.

Aan die *Chief Whip* van die DA wil ons dankie sê. Selfs aan ons eie *Whip*. Aan die *Deputy Speaker*, u was kostelik. Ek het baie by u geleer. U was rêrig kostelik. U was nooit *biased* nie. *Speaker*, u was baie *biased* [Gelag.] maar die *Deputy Speaker* was nooit *biased* nie. Hy het altyd vir ons almal dieselfde hanteer en daarvoor sê ek vir u dankie.

Aan my *Chairperson*, Maseko en my vorige *Chairperson*, Beverley, en al ons *Chairpersons* hier, dankie ook vir hoe julle vir ons hanteer het in die komiteevergaderings want al het julle daar met ons verskil, het julle maar altyd ook vir julle *MEC's* kom op-cover. [Lag – Gelag.] So, daarvoor, dit gaan oor julle party, daai verstaan ons, maar moenie dat ons – ons is eerste mense voor ons politieke leiers is. Ons is eerste mense, en dit is wat ons altyd moet onthou. Ons is eerste mense en ons moet mense soos mense hanteer, maar ek het baie geleer. Ek glo my leiers het baie geleer en ek sê vir julle baie, baie dankie.

Dankie vir die wetgewing wat vir ons die geleentheid gegee het om hier te wees. Dankie vir julle wat vir ons altyd so kon reggehelp het. Ek kan onthou die eerste keer toe [Tussenwerpsels.] die *Speaker* vir my 'n briefie stuur, ek moet kom *Chair* toe, daarna toe, julle sal nooit weet hoe het ek gebewe nie!

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[Ms S W DAVIDS: Yes, I have also learnt a lot from member Beerwinkel and from member Uys and member Cameron, Nkondlo and all of them and I have even learnt a lot from you and especially when we were together at Wits. The people, some of you who were with us at Wits – there already we stood together as Western Cape against the other provinces. So it was not often that we fought and to the outgoing Premier I want to say that there never have been any hard feelings from our side toward you, but sometimes it is just how you say things that got us warmed up, but in our hearts there is no hate toward you and you have done your job exceptionally and we are not going to dispute that because you are a woman and we as women should support you, but we also have to look at how we address each other because sometimes the ugly will not come forth, but if I get a hurting word I am going to defend myself against that hurting word.]

To the Chief Whip of the DA we want to say thank you. Even to our own Whip. To the Deputy Speaker, you were precious. I have learnt a lot from you. You were really precious. You were never biased. Speaker, you were very biased [Laughter.] but the Deputy Speaker was never biased. He always treated us all the same and for that I thank you.

To my Chairperson, Maseko and my previous Chairperson, Beverley, and all our Chairpersons here, thank you also for how you treated us in the committee meetings because even if you have differed from us there, you have always just come to cover up for your MEC's [Laughs – Laughter.]. So, for that, it is about your party, that we understand, but do not let us – we are people first before we are political leaders. We are first of all people, and that is what we have to always keep in mind. We are people first and we should treat people like people, but I have learnt a lot. I believe my leaders have learnt a lot and I say to you thank you very, very much.

Thank you for the legislation that gave us the opportunity to be here. Thanks to you who could always help us. I can recall the first time when [Interjections.] the Speaker sent me a note, I must come to the Chair, you will never know how much I was shaking!

The SPEAKER: Oh, okay.

†Me S W DAVIDS: Ek het daar bo gesit maar ek het nog gedink, wat moet ek nou hier maak? Wat sê ek? Hoe maak ek? En hulle het vir my gehelp deur die paar minute wat ek daar gesit het. *Chief Whip*, baie dankie vir alles wat u vir ons almal gedoen het – in die *caucus*, in die sitting, in ons komitees. In die begin toe ons hier kom en nie verstaan het nie, het *Chief Whip* vir ons aan die hand gevat. Comrade Carol, dankie. Ek wil net vir u sê baie dankie. [Applous.]

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

Ms S W DAVIDS: I sat up there and I thought, what must I do here now? What do I say? What do I do? And they helped me through the few minutes I sat there. Chief Whip, thank you for everything you have done for all of us - in the caucus, in the sitting, in our committees.

In the beginning when we came here and did not understand, the Chief Whip took us by the hand. Comrade Carol, thank you. I just want to say to you, thank you. [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, member Davids. [Applause.] Thank you, member Davids. I now see the DA.

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Madam Speaker, let me also take this opportunity to really express my deepest gratitude to the colleagues in the House [Interjection.]

†'n AGBARE LID: Gaan hy ook ... [Onhoorbaar.]

[An HON MEMBER: Is he also going to ... [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: And I think I must say Madam Speaker, that the last five years, I think for me personally, has been a good lesson, but more importantly it clearly demonstrated, even amongst the colleagues in the House, that we are South Africans first before we are members of the political parties who are represented in this House.

And I think of the political maturity that we demonstrated as members of the House, because, to many people's minds, when they see what is happening in the House they think that we are fighting. And each and every colleague on this side, from the ANC, despite many differences in the House, outside these chambers we are colleagues and we are civil to each other.

I was reminded on Monday when we had a debate in Oudtshoorn, I was sitting next to Patricia De Lille. As I walked to the stage, she stood up and then we hugged each other and the person who was moderating [Interjections.] the person who was moderating was actually dumbfounded. You could see in her face that she was surprised and we both said, look we fight a lot, but our fights are not personal. We are first and foremost South Africans and people of the Western Cape. We do everything we do because we want to see our country and our province succeed.

There were a number of low points and there were a number of high points and I certainly hope that from those low points we have learnt to become better South Africans as members of this House. And I want to take this opportunity to say thank you very much to the Premier who has laid a very solid foundation for this Government of the Western Cape. We are still facing many challenges, but I can certainly say that the achievements that we have made under your leadership are undeniable and visible for everyone to see.

I also want to say to those colleagues from both sides, who are retiring, I want to wish you well and to those who are not coming back but not by choice, I want to wish you very well in your future endeavours and I know that you will continue to serve your province and your country wherever you will be. I think as we wrap up this Fifth Parliament, preparing for the Sixth Parliament, I really want to say thank you very much for all the collegiality that we have shown to each other, irrespective of the colours that we were and parties that we represent, and I think we will continue to make sure that we fight for what is right.

We fight to improve the lives of our people in this province because that is exactly what we are here for and I hope to see some of you in the Sixth Parliament, because I will be coming back with almost everyone from this side, who is not leaving by choice and as I said, I wish everyone here, wherever you will be in future, that you will be able to contribute positively to the betterment of our province and our country. Thank you very much. [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you Min Madikizela. Hon members, if you may, allow me to address you. This will be my final address in my capacity as the Speaker. So I would just like to share a few reflections with you.

Undoubtedly the most important honour a legislature can bestow on one of its members is to be elected as its Speaker. It was indeed a privilege and an honour to serve the House in this capacity over the past five years and I wish to thank each and every member for their cooperation and support in this regard.

Legislatures must continuously strive to revitalise their core values as institutions to ensure that they stay relevant as key players in our constitutional democracy and should not be immune to reform and rejuvenation in the way they conduct their business. I am very proud to say that our institution does not have to stand back to any comparable legislature in the country and indeed the Commonwealth, despite having the smallest budget of them all.

If I take stock of the performance of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament over the past five years of the way in which it conducted its core functions as required by the Constitution, I think our report card is pretty darn good. Rigorous oversight and scrutiny of government action, public engagement, robust debates and a thorough consideration of legislation were the order of the day, thanks to the contribution of all our members in whatever capacity they participated in our various processes.

Although not to be the “be all” and “end all” of good governance, the clean audits received by our departments bear testimony to a legislature serious about oversight and accountability. Given the almost impossible timelines imposed upon us often by the NCOP, we played our role in the national sphere to the full and I am immensely proud of our members in this regard.

Furthermore, in all litigation involving the WCPP this term, no adverse findings were made against this institution. That is testimony to solid processes and procedures in the execution of our constitutional mandate, backed up with sound legal and procedural support.

Allow me to share a few key numbers with the members. Over this fifth term of Parliament, WCPP dealt with 1 900 questions and interpellations. There were 33 opportunities for questions to the Premier. 23 pieces of legislation considered and adopted. 1 225 resolutions approved and the 426 hours of debating time in the House. On top of that a total of 1 419 committee activities took place.

While we are busy with the numbers and in a lighter vein, the hon Magaxa was called to order in excess of 100 times with the hon Minister Fritz a close second and the hon member Davids hot on his heels. Indeed a robust and lively legislature at work. Well done and thank you, members.

We have come to the end of the Fifth Parliament and what a journey it has been. Every single face holds a memory. Memories of lessons learnt, and respect earned. Some of us started off with jet black hair that has over the last five years, turned grey. Others have come in as singletons and grown to become spouses and parents. There are of our members and member Davids alluded to it, who have become students in order to enable us to better serve the people of the Western Cape.

One thing is certain, hon members, we have all become wiser by experience of this Fifth Parliament. There were highs and lows during this term. There were even times that were not pleasant for some, but we are not going to elaborate on that now. We had some laughs and entertainment, deserving of applause.

One such occasion was when Mr Winde broke out in song with Shaggy's '*It wasn't me*'. Yet, across political lines members of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament brought their expertise to committee meetings in order to find and agree on best practices for our province and this reminds me of Nelson Mandela's words,

"A real leader uses every issue, no matter how serious and sensitive, to ensure that at the end of the debate we should emerge stronger and more united than ever before."

Allow me to thank the following members without whose support my tenure as Speaker would not have been I dare say, successful. Mr Deputy Speaker Pretorius for your unwavering support and sound procedural knowledge and wisdom, especially during the difficult times. Chief Whip Wiley and the Whippers in general for the smooth functioning of the House as well as to the Leader of Government Business for your support.

To the Premier and her Cabinet for excellent cooperation at all levels, being very mindful of the separation of powers. The Leader of the Official Opposition and his members for their contribution to the fulfilling of the core functions of the institution. To the other parties who are not present here today, their contribution too is valued and noted.

To all our staff without whom we cannot achieve our objective, our stakeholders and service providers, thank you for your hard work, dedication and commitment and last but definitely not least my family and loved ones for their love, support and understanding of the challenges of my chosen career.

To the retiring members and non-returning members, we wish you well with your future endeavours and offer our praises to you for your service to our province and our country. It has been an honour serving alongside you all and your voices will sorely be missed in this House.

Those lucky enough to come back to this institution, I would see you back here in May 2019. Lastly, to every single member, all the best with your campaigning. Fight hard for what you believe in, bearing in mind that our electorate deserves a hard but more importantly a clean campaign. Members are reminded that WCPP has not been dissolved yet and should and could be convened for urgent business, should the need arise. On that note, I would like to invite you to join me for one last lunch in the members' dining room. That concludes the business for the day. The House is adjourned. [Applause.]

The House adjourned at 12:43.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, TABLINGS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

THURSDAY, 28 MARCH 2019

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Speaker:

1. Referral of bill to committee in accordance with Rule 220:

Standing Committee on Community Development

Draft Children's Amendment Bill, 2019 (NCOP) (proposed section 76 Bill).

2. Assent of bill by the Premier

Western Cape Additional Adjustment Appropriation Act (2018/19 Financial Year), 2019 (Act 1 of 2019), assented to and signed by the Premier on 26 March 2019.

FRIDAY, 5 APRIL 2019

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Speaker:

Assent of bills by the Premier

1. Western Cape Commissioner for Children Act, 2019 (Act 2 of 2019), assented to and signed by the Premier on 29 March 2019.
2. Western Cape Special Economic Development Infrastructure Company Act, 2019 (Act 3 of 2019) assented to and signed by the Premier on 3 April 2019.

TABLING

The Speaker:

Tabling of document in terms of section 17 of the Interpretation Act, 1957 (Act 33 of 1957):**Minister of Finance**

Letter: Publication of Provincial Notice 36 – Western Cape Gambling and Racing Act, 1996 (Act 4 of 1996): Western Cape Gambling and Racing Regulations (Fees and Costs), 2016: Amendment, 2019, published in the *Provincial Gazette Extraordinary* 8068, dated 26 March 2019.

FRIDAY, 12 APRIL 2019

TABLINGS

The Speaker:

1. **Tabling of document in terms of section 17 of the Interpretation Act, 1957 (Act 33 of 1957):**

Minister of Health

Letter: Publication of Provincial Notice 37 – Western Cape Department of Health: Uniform Patient Fee Schedule Regulations for Health Care Services Rendered by the Western Cape Department of Health, 2019, published in the *Provincial Gazette Extraordinary* 8069, dated 29 March 2019.

2. **Reports received from municipalities and tabled in terms of section 132(1) and (2) of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act, 2003 (Act 56 of 2003):**

- (a) **City of Cape Town**

- (i) Integrated Annual Report 2017/18.
- (ii) Cape Town International Convention Centre Company (CTICC).
- (iii) Cape Town Stadium (CTS).

- (b) **Drakenstein Municipality**

- (i) Annual Report 2017/18.
- (ii) Oversight Report 2017/18.

- (c) **Hessequa Municipality**

- (i) Annual Report 2017/18.
- (ii) Oversight Report 2017/18.

(d) **Mossel Bay Municipality**

- (i) Annual Report 2017/18.
- (ii) Oversight Report 2017/18.

(e) **Overberg District Municipality**

- (i) Annual Report 2017/18.
- (ii) Oversight Report 2017/18.

(f) **Overstrand Municipality**

- (i) Oversight Report with regard to the Annual Report 2017/18.
- (ii) Oversight Report 2017/18.

(g) **Swartland Municipality**

- (i) Annual Report 2017/18.
- (ii) Oversight Report 2017/18.

(h) **Stellenbosch Municipality**

- (i) Annual Report 2017/18.
- (ii) Oversight Report 2017/18.

WEDNESDAY, 17 APRIL 2019

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Speaker:

Referral of document to committee in terms of section 54(1) and (2) of the Financial Management of Parliament and Provincial Legislatures Act, 2009 (Act 10 of 2009), as amended:

Parliamentary Oversight Committee

Western Cape Provincial Parliament: Monthly financial statements (In-year Monitoring Report) for the period ended 31 March 2019.

TABLING

The Speaker:

Tabling of document in terms of section 54(1) and (2) of the Financial Management of Parliament and Provincial Legislatures Act, 2009 (Act 10 of 2009), as amended:

Western Cape Provincial Parliament: Monthly financial statements (In-year Monitoring Report) for the period ended 31 March 2019.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Annual Report of the Standing Committee on Transport and Public Works for the 2018/19 financial year, dated 14 March 2019, as follows:

Members

The Committee comprises of the following members:

Hinana, NE (Chairperson) (DA)
Dugmore, CM (ANC)
Mackenzie, RD (DA) – until 10 July 2018
Maseko, LM (DA) – from 6 November 2018
Mnqasela, M (DA) – until 16 August 2018
Nkondlo, ND (ANC)
Philander, WF (DA) – from 17 August 2018
Schäfer, BA (DA) – from 11 July 2018 to 5 November 2018

Alternate Members

Lekker, PZ (ANC)
Maseko, LM (DA) – until 5 November 2018
Schäfer, BA (DA) – until 10 July 2018
Simmers, TA (DA)

1. Introduction

The mandate of the Committee is to -

- 1.1 maintain oversight over the Executive Member and the Department and its Entity, of the way in which they perform their responsibilities including the implementation of legislation and to hold them accountable to the Western Cape Provincial Parliament; and
- 1.2 consider and report on legislation, other matters and the Annual Reports referred to it by the Speaker.

In fulfillment of its mandate the Committee -

- 1.3 facilitated public participation and involvement in the legislative and other processes of the Committee;
- 1.4 conducted its business in a fair, open and transparent manner;
- 1.5 promoted co-operative governance; and
- 1.6 reported regularly to the House.

2. Reporting Department(s) and Entities

- 2.1 Department of Transport and Public Works
- 2.2 Government Motor Transport

3. Overview of committee activities

No of Committee Meetings	21
No of Public Hearings	5
No of Oversight Visits	2
No of NCOP Bills considered	1

4. Oversight activities

The 2018/19 year was considered a productive year in which interactions with the Department and the many stakeholders consulted were both cordial and productive and ensured that committee members could approach their oversight functions with objectivity and insight.

The financial year was eventful and several initiatives have resulted in follow-up activities and meetings. The following is a summary of the Committee's activities during the year.

- 4.1 The promotion of employment equity within the Department and Government Motor Transport's organisational structure to correct the imbalance in terms of race and gender was, and continues to be concerning and has consistently been raised by the Committee. Although some measures were taken by the Department to address this issue, more needs to be done. The Committee has actively pursued progress in this regard.
- 4.2 The Kwa-Faku Primary School in Philippi was a flagship project of the Department using alternative building technology. However, many problems were experienced, to such an extent that the parents of learners at the school had denied their children access to the school for fear that the classrooms could collapse. Blocked drains, cracked walls and the fact that the learners and educators had to use buckets to flush the toilets, were among some of the problems that were highlighted to the Committee by the community. This state of affairs at the school resulted in the Committee requesting the Department to brief it on this matter. The feedback from the Department in terms of the time-frames which were presented to the Committee to correct the situation was unacceptable. The Committee further expressed its apprehension with the fact that accountability for the current state of affairs was lacking.

The Committee also extended an invitation to the Standing Committee on Education to accompany it on its oversight visit to the school and subsequent meetings. Members of the community were also afforded an opportunity to raise their concerns.

The defective school had become a derelict building that became a haven for various types of criminal activities. The building was also infested with rodents and reptiles.

An urgent meeting was requested with the Minister of Transport and Public Works and the Minister of Education to discuss the possibility of re-prioritisation in order to yield an earlier completion and delivery date for the replacement school and employing an emergency procurement process if necessary. Unfortunately the Ministers were unable to attend the engagement and the meeting took place with senior officials instead.

It is thus evident that the Committee has relentlessly followed up on this serious state of affairs and is pleased to report that, due to its persistent follow up and vigorous oversight, the derelict building has now been demolished and the main building site as well as the mobile school has been fumigated. The Committee is further pleased to report that the site was handed over to the contractor on 24 August 2018 and that building works have progressed with a contractual practical completion date of 18 December 2019.

The Committee is elated that the Project Steering Committee has a firm grip on community matters and that it is working closely with the business forums in the Philippi area. The community of Philippi has expressed its appreciation to the Committee for their intervention and concern displayed for the well-being of the learners at the school.

- 4.3 The Western Cape Provincial Property Committee was established in terms of Regulation 3(1) of the Western Cape Land Administration Act, 1998 (Act 6 of 1998). The Committee consists of officials from provincial and national government departments and four external members not employed by government with proven property expertise. The Department was challenged on its disposal policy for immovable property as the Provincial Property Committee's Annual Report, as provided for in the Regulations, had never been tabled in the Western Cape Provincial Parliament. The Committee submitted an enquiry to the Department in this regard. The Department has acknowledged that there was non-compliance in terms of providing the necessary reports in terms of legislation and committed to ensure that proper and complete records are maintained in order for this provision to be adhered to. As a result of the Committee's persistence in following up on this important matter, the Department, for the first time, submitted their Provincial Property Annual Reports for the years 2016 and 2017.
- 4.4 Another focus area of the Committee, in terms of the Department's disposal policy, related to the Helen Bowden Nurses Home in Green Point and the state of affairs at the site. Key issues discussed were tension between occupants and the fact that one person had died and another brutally attacked, the amount of money that was spent on security at the site, the process of engaging occupants as well as

the building not having running water and electricity. Several housing activists and occupants of the building were present at the meeting and were allowed to address the Committee. The Committee remains concerned about the state of affairs at the Nurses Home.

- 4.5 As part of the Cluster B Visit Week, the Committee visited the Groot Brakrivier Road Infrastructure Upgrade Project in the Garden Route Municipal area. The Groot Brakrivier Road Infrastructure Upgrade Project, funded by the Department, was undertaken to perform upgrades, maintenance and repair work on the MR344 (R102) between Hartenbos and Groot Brak as well as on the DR1578 between Tergniet and Wolwedans to better accommodate the growth in traffic volumes as a result of the increase in the number of residences in the surrounding area. Although the Committee welcomed the upgrade project it expressed its concern that, although the project allows for the creation of job opportunities in the area, local enterprises were being excluded. The Department has undertaken to address this issue and has since employed various strategies to include emerging contractors and sub-contractors from the surrounding areas.
- 4.6 The state of the taxi industry in the Western Cape was disconcerting to the Committee and it engaged with the Department in this regard in order to understand the nature of the volatility and the root causes thereof. Certain sensitive cases that were under investigation, projects and plans that were in the pipeline with the South African Police Service and the National Prosecuting Authority and statistics received from the South African Police Service were discussed with the Committee. The Department also outlined the regulatory environment for public transport as well as the regulatory challenges and interventions.

The root causes of conflict and violence were highlighted as well as measures to address this. Various applications to the High Court were highlighted as well as various illegal activities linked to specific taxi associations.

The issuing of new operator licences and the renewal of the same, in particular the time-frames associated with this was of concern to the Committee and the Department was requested to remedy this matter. The year under review also saw the election of the new South African National Taxi Council's (SANTACO) leadership.

- 4.7 The specific proposals that the Department made to Provincial Treasury with regards to the utilisation of invested cash reserves that originated from Government Motor Transport was probed by the Committee. The Committee was briefed on this matter where the governance principles relating to retracting the reserves was outlined as well as the impact and approach to investment reserve management.

The funds were invested through Provincial Treasury to attract a higher investment return than was possible in the Entity's bank account. The Committee has received regular updates on the infrastructure development projects that are linked to the utilisation of these investment reserves.

- 4.8 The Department provided the Committee with a briefing on its 2018 Festive Season Road Traffic Safety Plan outlining the operational objectives, critical days, critical data and hazardous routes. Mechanisms to be used over the Festive Season to promote road safety for both drivers and pedestrians were expanded upon as well as monitoring and evaluation tools used to evaluate operational activities to ensure operational compliance. The Department's Communication Strategy, Media Plan and identified operational partners and operational challenges were highlighted.

The Department further provided the Committee with traffic law enforcement focal areas as well as road safety management initiatives. Interprovincial law enforcement activities were expanded upon as well as the impact of evidentiary breath alcohol testing and random alcohol testing on reducing the fatality rate. Fatigue Management was also highlighted and the Department's endeavors to curb this was underlined. The Department also showcased its technological advancements to advance the prosecution of offenders and also to decrease road fatalities. The impact of the Traffic Plan was assessed and operational challenges, successes and achievements were highlighted. The shortage of Traffic Officers in the Western Cape remains of concern to the Committee.

- 4.9 The Western Cape Provincial Road Traffic Administration Amendment Bill [B 3–2017] was referred to the Committee on 15 August 2017. The Department briefed the Committee on the content and impact of the Amendment Bill on 22 August 2017 and three public hearings were held between 31 October and 14 November 2017. The Legal Advisor of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament, Adv le Roux, raised concern that the Amendment Bill purports to give the Provincial Minister of Transport the power to impound vehicles for certain road traffic offences without any structure or guidance in terms of the application of this power. Various case law was expanded upon outlining the constitutional impermissibility for the legislature to assign its own plenary law-making powers to the executive. Based on this legal opinion, the Committee requested the Department to expedite the process of compiling the business case relative to the Amendment Bill so that once it is finalised, the Department could introduce more detailed provisions relating to the impoundment of vehicles. The Committee further resolved that it would suspend its consideration of the Amendment Bill until the Department introduced the more detailed provisions relating to impoundment.

In February 2019, the Department informed the Committee that it had completed its compilation of the business case to determine the scope for the impoundment of vehicles and that this in turn resulted in a substantial redraft of the Amendment Bill. On the advice from the Legal Services Department in the Office of the Premier, the Department announced its withdrawal of the Amendment Bill.

- 4.10 The Committee also evaluated the Annual Reports of the Department of Transport and Public Works and its Trading Entity, Government Motor Transport. The Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill [B 6–2018]: Vote 10 and the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 1–2019]: Vote 10 were the subjects of a public participation exercise and also of intense discussion.

5. Legislation

In the 2018/19 Financial Year, the Committee dealt with the following items of legislation:

5.1 Provincial Bills

- 5.1.1 Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill [B 6–2018]: Vote 10 – Transport and Public Works.

- 5.1.2 Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 1–2019]: Vote 10 – Transport and Public Works.

- 5.1.3 Western Cape Provincial Road Traffic Administration Amendment Bill [B 3–2017].

5.2 NCOP Bills (Section 76)

- 5.2.1 The Administrative Adjudication of Road Traffic Offences (Aarto) Amendment Bill [B 38B–2015] (NCOP) was referred to the Committee on 4 October 2017. In accordance with the NCOP timeframes, the National Department of Transport briefed the Committee on the Amendment Bill on 14 November 2017. After due deliberation and consideration, the Committee then conducted five public hearings on the Amendment Bill. The public hearings took place during the 2017/18 financial year in each of the following areas; Bellville, Khayelitsha, Mossel Bay, Hermanus and Clanwilliam.

The Committee's Negotiating and Final Mandate Reports were submitted to the NCOP during the 2018/19 financial year in accordance with the Mandating Procedures of Provinces Act, 2008 (Act 52 of 2008) and the timeframes as stipulated by the relevant NCOP Select Committee.

- 5.2.2 The National Land Transport Amendment Bill [B 7B–2016] (NCOP) was referred to the Committee on 17 May 2018. After due deliberation and consideration, the Committee then conducted two public hearings, in George and Cape Town.

The Committee's Negotiating and Final Mandate Reports were submitted to the NCOP in accordance with the Mandating Procedures of Provinces Act, 2008 (Act 52 of 2008) and the timeframes as stipulated by the relevant NCOP Select Committee.

6. Facilitation of public involvement and participation

In line with its mandate to facilitate public participation as part of the legislative process, the Committee held two public hearings in consideration of the Provincial Money Bills, one public hearing in consideration of the Department and Entity's Annual Reports and two public hearings on the National Land Transport Amendment Bill [B 7B–2016] (NCOP).

7. Financial particulars

The Committee's actual expenditure for the 2018/19 financial year as at 14 March 2019 was R148 886.19.

2. Annual Report of the Standing Committee on Environmental Affairs and Development Planning for the 2018/19 financial year, dated 14 March 2019, as follows:

Members

The Committee comprised of the following members:

Simmers, TA (DA) – Chairperson until 5 November 2018, Member from 6 November 2018
Philander, WF – Member from 17 August 2018; Chairperson from 6 November 2018
Beerwinkel, CF (ANC)
Dijana, TM (ANC)
Hinana, NE – from 11 July 2018
Mackenzie, RD (DA) – until 10 July 2018
Mnqasela, M (DA – from 6 November 2018
Schäfer, BA (DA) – until 5 November 2018

Alternate Members

Allen, RI (DA) – from 22 January 2019
Hinana, NE (DA) – from 17 August 2018
Maseko, LM (DA)
Mnqasela, M (DA) – until 5 November 2018
Olivier, RT (ANC)

1. Introduction

The mandate of the Committee is to -

- 1.1 maintain oversight over the Executive Member and the Department and its Entity, of the way in which they perform their responsibilities including the implementation of legislation and to hold them accountable to the Western Cape Provincial Parliament; and
- 1.2 consider and report on legislation, other matters and the Annual Reports referred to it by the Speaker.

In fulfillment of its mandate the Committee -

- 1.3 facilitated public participation and involvement in the legislative and other processes of the Committee;
- 1.4 conducted its business in a fair, open and transparent manner;
- 1.5 promoted co-operative governance; and
- 1.6 reported regularly to the House.

2. Reporting Department(s) and Entities

- 2.1 Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning
- 2.2 CapeNature

3. Overview of Committees Activities

No of Committee Meetings	16
No of Public Hearings	6
No of Oversight Visits	2
No of NCOP Bills considered	1

4. Oversight activities

The 2018/19 year was considered a productive year in which interactions with the Department and Entity and the many stakeholders consulted were both cordial and productive and ensured that Committee members could approach their oversight function with objectivity and insight.

The financial year was eventful and several initiatives have resulted in follow-up activities and meetings. The following is a summary of the Committee's activities during the year.

- 4.1 The shortage of landfill sites in South Africa as a whole and more specifically in the Western Cape was and continues to create problems for the country's recycling plans causing a heavy load on the already overburdened system. Landfills are usually designed with a specific life span determined by the volume of waste that can be handled. Once filled to capacity, landfills must be closed and decommissioned.

However, effective landfill remediation poses a challenge for both public and private entities, hence the Committee focusing on the regionalisation of these sites. To this end, the Committee was briefed by the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning and key district municipalities on the subject of regional landfill sites with a core focus on the Eden District, Kalbaskraal and Atlantis sites.

The briefing by the Department focused on Regional Waste Disposal Facilities with specific reference to regionalisation and its benefits, landfill airspace challenges, the compliance status of waste disposal facilities and pending litigation.

The Eden District Municipality, in particular, provided the Committee with information specifying the need for a regional landfill facility with specific reference to the environmental impact assessments undertaken and public-private partnerships that were formed with some municipal councils.

As a follow up to this issue, the Committee, as part of the Cluster B Visit Week that took place in August 2018, visited the the Eden District Municipal Regional Landfill Facilities. The delegation met with the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning and the Eden District Municipality to discuss waste management at the Eden District Municipal Regional Landfill Facility. Focus areas included the financial impact on municipalities, benefits of the project, challenges experienced, public-private partnerships with municipal councils and the private sector that were formed, the possibility of a biofuel plant at the site and waste minimisation initiatives that were in place in the respective category B municipal areas.

- 4.2 The Committee also focused on the rehabilitation of wetland areas, including that of water retention and infiltration within catchment areas. CapeNature provided the Committee with specific information in this regard that focused on the conservation and restoration of wetlands. Due to the water crisis in the Western Cape, the Committee requested and received a comprehensive overview of the Berg River Improvement Plan and Breede River Environmental Resources Protection Plan. The Water Hub in Franschoek was instituted as a project to address the existing challenges in an increasingly volatile and uncertain environment through the application of new ideas, new technology and improved skills. The Committee hopes that the Water Hub will be the catalyst to drive a new paradigm in water management and to develop a water technology cluster.
- 4.3 Proactive planning and adaptive measures, rather than reactive measures, are needed to mitigate the effects of climate change. The Committee focused on the economic impact and opportunities stemming from climate change as well as the results of the Cost-Benefit Analysis on the Climate Change Response Strategy implemented by the Department. The Committee has requested the Department to assist municipalities in drafting their climate change adaptation plans and is pleased to report that all municipalities in the Western Cape now have climate change adaptation plans in place. Interesting to note is that each provincial government department has an annual performance plan indicator linked to a climate change focused project within their respective department.

- 4.4 The fact that biodiversity is CapeNature's core function but is contained within Programme 5 of the Department is of concern to the Committee. Of further concern is that consultants are employed by the Department to do what CapeNature is mandated to do. The Committee is concerned that there appears to be a duplication of reporting within this programme. As CapeNature reports directly to the Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning, the Committee has suggested that these functions should be encapsulated under Programme 1 and encouraged the Department to investigate the possibility thereof.
- 4.5 In order to adequately plan its activities, the Committee received an update from the Department on the readiness of the Western Cape Biodiversity Bill for submission to the Legislature. This Bill seeks to provide the framework and institutions for nature conservation and the protection, management and sustainable use of biodiversity and ecosystems in the province. However, many challenges have been experienced in relation to the drafting of this Bill and it will not be ready for submission before the end of this parliamentary session.
- 4.6 The Committee conducted an oversight visit to the Stony Point and Kogelberg Nature Reserves. The purpose of the visit was to gain an understanding of the biodiversity and conservation issues linked to the respective Reserves and its impact on economic growth and tourism in the areas. The Committee is gratified by the outstanding achievements of CapeNature and the effort and expertise of industry experts who assisted in the development of the Oudebosch facility at the Kogelberg Nature Reserve. The Committee was also impressed with the Community involvement at the "On the Edge Restaurant" as well as the mentorship role performed by CapeNature. The Committee congratulates CapeNature on sterling achievements in this regard.
- 4.7 Spatial planning and land use management was another focus area of the Committee. To this end the Department provided the Committee with an update on the Land Use Planning Regulations, 2015: Draft Amendment 2018, and the recent developments in the domain of the Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act, 2013 (Act 16 of 2013) (SPLUMA).

With regard to the former, the Department briefed the Committee on its background and purpose, the proposed amendments and the public participation process that was followed.

With regard to the latter, the Department provided the Committee with background information relating to the pre-promulgation of SPLUMA, the developments post implementation as well as the challenges and legal issues experienced. The Department further outlined the need for the establishment of various Working Groups and the focus area of each group. The readiness of municipalities in the Western Cape to implement the amendments to SPLUMA were provided to the Committee.

The Committee is concerned about the lack of capacity and knowledge in some municipalities to effect the necessary amendments to their Municipal Spatial Planning Bylaws and the impact that this will have on economic development in the specific municipal areas.

- 4.8 The Committee also evaluated the Annual Reports of the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning and its Entity, CapeNature. The Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill [B 6–2018]: Vote 9 and the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 1–2019]: Vote 9 were the subjects of intense discussion.

5. Legislation

In the 2018/19 Financial Year, the Committee dealt with the following items of legislation:

5.1 Provincial Bills

- 5.1.1 The Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill [B 6–2018]: Vote 9 - Environmental Affairs and Development Planning
5.1.2 Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 1–2019]: Vote 9 – Environmental Affairs and Development Planning

5.2 NCOP Bills (Section 76)

The Marine Spatial Planning Bill [B 9D–2017] (NCOP) was referred to the Committee on 17 May 2018.

After due deliberation and consideration, the Committee conducted three public hearings on the Bill, one hearing in each of the following areas; Saldanha Bay, Mossel Bay and Cape Town.

The Committee's Negotiating and Final Mandate Reports were submitted to the NCOP in accordance with the Mandating Procedures of Provinces Act, 2008 (Act 52 of 2008) and the timeframes as stipulated by the relevant NCOP Select Committee.

6. Facilitation of Public Involvement and Participation

In line with its mandate to facilitate public participation as part of the legislative process, the Committee held two public hearings in consideration of the Provincial Money Bills, one public hearing in consideration of the Department and Entity's Annual Reports and three public hearings on the Marine Spatial Planning Bill [B 9D–2017] (NCOP).

7. Financial Particulars

The Committee's actual expenditure for the 2017/18 financial year as at 12 March 2019 was R169 236.77.

3. Annual Report of the Standing Committee on Local Government for the 2018/19 financial year, dated 15 March 2019, as follows:

Members

The Committee comprised of the following members:

Mnqasela, M (DA) (Chairperson)
Dyantyi, QR (ANC)
Hinana, NE (DA)
Joseph, BD (EFF)
Simmers, TA (DA)

Alternate members

Maseko, LM (DA)
Allen, RI (DA)
Philander, WF (DA)
Olivier, RT (ANC)

1. Introduction

1.1 The mandate of the Committee is to:

- 1.1.1 Maintain oversight over the executive member and his Department, including the implementation of legislation, and to hold them accountable to the Western Cape Provincial Parliament;
- 1.1.2 Consider and report on legislation, other matters and annual reports referred to it by the Speaker;
- 1.1.3 Evaluate the performance of municipalities and municipal entities in the province through the review of:
 - 1.1.3.1 The annual reports submitted to the Provincial Parliament in terms of section 132(1) of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act, 2003 (Act 56 of 2003);
 - 1.1.3.2 The oversight reports adopted by the respective municipal councils on those annual reports;
 - 1.1.3.3 Any reports issued by the Auditor-General on the affairs of any municipality in the province;
 - 1.1.3.4 The consolidated statements on the state of municipalities' budgets referred to in section 71(7) of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act, 2003; and
 - 1.1.3.5 Any other report or statement concerning the affairs of a municipality referred to the committee by the House.

1.2. In fulfilment of its mandate the Committee:

- 1.2.1 facilitated public participation and involvement in the legislative and other processes of the Committee;
- 1.2.2 conducted its business in a fair, open and transparent manner;
- 1.2.3 promoted cooperative governance; and
- 1.2.4 reported regularly to the House.

2. Reporting department

Department of Local Government.

3. Overview of Committee's activities

3.1	Number of committee meetings	13
3.2	Number of oversight visits	1
3.3	Number of provincial bills considered	2
3.4	Number of NCOP bills considered	2
3.5	Number of public hearings	9

4. Oversight activities

- 4.1 During the first quarter the Committee facilitated six public hearings on the Traditional and Khoi-San Leadership Bill [B 23D–2015] (NCOP). The public hearings were well attended by 1 118 members of the public and 69 oral and written submissions were made during these hearings. After due consideration, the Committee submitted its Negotiating Mandate on behalf of the Western Cape to support the Bill with amendments. In light of the Committee's oversight responsibility, the Department briefed the Committee on the raid by the Hawks on the George Municipality and the status update on governance and service delivery at all the other municipalities in the province. There are various Hawk investigations underway and future feedback sessions with the Department need to be programmed.
- 4.2 The Committee considered and adopted the Final Mandate Report on the Traditional Leadership and Governance Framework Amendment Bill [B 8D–2017] (NCOP) and, as part of its oversight function, the Committee visited the Eden District. The Committee, as part of the Service Delivery Cluster, visited the Cango Caves during which it was briefed on the future of the Cango Caves as a major tourist attraction for Oudtshoorn and the greater Eden District. After the briefing, the Committee undertook a guided site visit of the Cango Caves.
- 4.3 The Committee also adopted the Final Mandate Report on the Traditional and Khoi-San Leadership Bill [B 23D–2015] (NCOP). During the adoption of the Final Mandate Report, the Committee recommended that the Western Cape's delegation in the NCOP should not support the Bill. The Committee also considered the Department of Local Government's Annual Report for the 2017/18 financial year and deliberated on Vote 14: Local Government in the Schedule to the Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill [B 6–2018] after which the Committee adopted its report on the Schedule to the Bill.
- 4.4 The Department briefed the Committee on the recent fire disasters in the Western Cape during which they highlighted the impact of the fires on affected communities; the implications on the budgets of municipalities concerned; and the status of disaster declaration by various municipalities.

The Committee also deliberated on Vote 14: Local Government in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 1–2019] after which the Committee adopted its report on the Vote.

5. Legislation

In the 2018/19 financial year, the Committee dealt with the following legislation:

5.1 Provincial bills

5.1.1 Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill [B 6–2018]: Vote 14

5.1.2 Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 1–2019]: Vote 14

5.2 NCOP bills (section 76)

5.2.1 Traditional Leadership and Governance Framework Amendment Bill [B 8D–2017] (NCOP)

5.2.2 Traditional and Khoi-San Leadership Bill [B 23D–2015] (NCOP)

6. Financial particulars

At the close of the 2018/19 financial year, expenditure attributed to the activities of the Committee accumulated to R402 797.

4. Report of the Standing Committee on Community Safety on the recommendation for the appointment of a candidate to the Governing Board of the Western Cape Liquor Authority, dated 14 March 2019, as follows:

1. The Governing Board of the Western Cape Liquor Authority (the Board) had a vacancy that needed to be filled.
2. In accordance with Section 3(1) of the Western Cape Liquor Act (Act 4 of 2008) that stipulates that “(t)he standing committee must make the recommendations referred to in subsection(1) after evaluating all candidates as to their suitability for appointment, the Committee interviewed the shortlisted candidates on 13 March 2019.
3. The Committee resolved to submit the name of its preferred candidate and thereafter list, in ranking order, the names of the remaining candidates, in the event that the preferred candidate declines the appointment.
4. The Committee’s preferred candidate for appointment to the vacancy to the Board is Ms L Venter. The remaining candidates, in ranking order, are Mr RG Nicholls and Mr WB Viljoen.
5. Dr LM Mdunyelwa withdrew from the interview process prior to the Committee meeting of 13 March 2019.

5. Report on the Western Cape South African Police Service's Annual Report for the 2017/18 Financial Year.

The Standing Committee on Community Safety, having considered the Annual Report of the Western Cape South African Police Service (SAPS) for the 2017/18 financial year, reports as follows.

1. Introduction

The Committee, through the provisions afforded by S206(9) and S207(5) of the Constitution (1996), and S67(2) and S67(3) of the Western Cape Constitution, was briefed by the South African Police Service's (SAPS) Western Cape Provincial Commissioner on the 2017/18 Annual Report. Given the Committee's regular engagements with the SAPS, a thorough deliberation on the Crime Statistics for 2017/18 had already been addressed in September 2018. The below therefore reflects largely on the SAPS' performance for the year under review.

2. Salient points from the Western Cape SAPS Annual Report 2017/18

- 2.1 The SAPS achieved 71.3% of its 143 indicators.
- 2.2 The SAPS 103.93% of its R772 598 000 budget allocation. This resulted in an actual expenditure of R802 922 570 for the 2017/2018 financial year.
- 2.3 The fuel expenditure for the year under review was R245 404 894. The reasons for the high expenditure include general marked fuel price increases and the cost of fueling the SAPS' 6228 vehicle fleet, especially the double cab and Nyala vehicles. These two vehicle types are heavily fuel dependent. The monthly spend on fuel for vehicles used for Public Order Policing (POP) and Tactical Response Team (TRT) operations is roughly R20 million.
- 2.4 The SAPS reported that it has an early warning system to monitor the fluctuating fuel costs in relation to its budgetary allowance.
- 2.5 Increased and sporadic protest action incidents influence the fuel spend as well as other related expenses such as travel and subsistence, overtime, additional deployments as well as vehicle maintenance and repair.
- 2.6 Although SAPS vehicles have Automatic Vehicle Locator (AVL) devices, the systems are currently inactive pending the conclusion of a tendering process to procure a new service provider. This matter is currently being addressed by the SAPS National Office.
- 2.7 The SAPS engages with other stakeholders as follow up processes to areas where protest action has occurred. The SAPS reported that theses stakeholder engagements seek to deter recurrence of protest actions by addressing the cause of the initial unrest.
- 2.8 The SAPS provides Employee Health and Wellness support initiatives to immediate family of members who pass on in the line of duty. Some of the support includes covering burial costs, the issuance of death grants close to R250 000, and a bursary fund to assist with educational costs for the deceased members' dependents.

- 2.9 The site for the Tafelsig Police Station will be handed over to the contractor in March 2019.
- 2.10 The SAPS reported that densely populated communities hamper policing methods. The environmental design of many communities, especially informal settlements, cause conventional policing methods to not be effective. There are also outreach programmes conducted to better educate communities. Environmental design adversely impacts policing methods, resources needed, and reaction times due to insufficient street lighting, road infrastructure, street addresses etc.
- 2.11 Persons from whom alcohol is confiscated, specifically in the illegal liquor trade, often have the confiscated alcohol returned to them after paying an admission of guilt fine.
- 2.12 The SAPS briefly explained its role to aid the Department of Correctional Services to implement rehabilitative measures to curb recidivism by prison gang members.
- 2.13 The SAPS is participating in a study to address measures to combat the murder rate in the province guided by the Crime Causation Hypothesis.
- 2.14 A total of 1070 entry level constables are expected to enter into the SAPS College by March 2019, and these constables are expected to graduate in December 2019.
- 2.15 The SAPS also reported that 97 administrative personnel will be added to the staff contingent in the province.
- 2.16 The SAPS have also approved the re-enlistment of former members up until Warrant Officer level.
- 2.17 The SAPS acknowledged that there should be increased appointments of females to senior levels.
- 2.18 In terms of firearm competency training, the SAPS achieved an 88.3% success rate of members who are firearm competent. There are maintenance competency training course, referred to as pistol clinics, to aid members prior to their firearm competency assessments.

3. Resolutions

- 3.1 The Committee resolved to write to the National Minister to raise concern about liquor confiscations returned after payment of the admission of guilt fine; to have this system changed as it is demoralising for officers that have made confiscations and serves as an incentive to continue illegal liquor trading.

4. Requests for information

The Committee REQUESTED that the Western Cape SAPS provides the following information:-

- 4.1 A list of areas where community outreach programmes were held for the 2017/18 financial year.

5. Committee Programme Updates

The Committee added the following items to its Committee Programme.

- 5.1 A briefing by the WC SAPS on the Crime Causation Hypothesis and the implementation thereof.
- 5.2 SAPS mechanisms to combat township gangs as are used to combat gang structures predominantly on the Cape Flats.

6. Considering and Adoption of draft committee documents

The Committee considered and adopted the Draft Minutes of 22 August 2018, 2 November 2018, 14 November 2018 as well as the Draft Report on the Western Cape Police Ombudsman 2017/18 Annual Report and the Cape Town Metropolitan Police Department's 2018/19 Annual Police Plan discussions.

6. The Standing Committee on Community Safety having debated on the 2017/18 Policing Needs and Priorities Report, dated 14 March 2019, reports as follows:

The Committee recommended that:

- 1. With reference to 12.1.3 in the report, the Department should include aspects related to shift management at South African Police Service (SAPS) station level to address absenteeism. Absenteeism can be as a result of sick leave, leave, re-deployment and/or training and all these categories should be considered.
- 2. With reference to 12.1.4 in the report the distribution of resources should be amended to increase personnel at station level rather than at provincial office level.
- 3. With reference to Recommendation 9 in the report, a designated team be allocated to ensure that dockets are court ready. A prosecutor should be assigned to and based close to each police station to ensure that dockets are court-ready. This will promote prosecution-led investigations of all cases as all evidence reports are ready.
- 4. With reference to Recommendations 6 and 8 in the report, more education of officials is needed when dealing with intimate partner, parent-child and teacher-child related violence cases.
- 5. With reference to Recommendation 6 in the report, read with Recommendations 9 and 10, the role of the Forensic Science Laboratory should be considered.
- 6. With reference to Recommendation 13 in the report, that police resources not only be increased in the Western Cape but that the distribution thereof be such that resources are allocated based on the needs of areas affected by the prevalence of serious crimes.
- 7. The report should include a recommendation on School Safety to ensure that learners are safe at school, as well as to and from school.

2. Requests for Information:

The Committee requests the Department of Community Safety to provide:

- 2.1 A list of the Errata of the 2017/18 Policing Needs and Priorities Report submitted to the South African Police Service.

7. Annual Activity Report 2018/19 of the Standing Committee on Community Safety for the Period of 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019.

During the year, the Standing Committee on Community Safety held 16 briefings, conducted three oversight visits both announced and unannounced and participated in a Cluster Oversight Visit Week from 24 to 27 July 2018.

During April 2018 the Committee conducted an oversight visit to the Parow South African Police Service (SAPS) Station which included a briefing from the police station management on resourcing, crime profiles and area-specific concerns. The visit was a platform for various stakeholders, including the local councilor, the Parow Community Police Forum (CPF) and the corresponding Neighbourhood Watch (NHW), to voice concerns and successes about the policing of the Parow precinct, especially the Voortrekker Road corridor.

Also during April, the Office of the SAPS Provincial Commissioner briefed the Committee on matters related to the availability of illegal firearms in the Western Cape. This briefing highlighted the SAPS' operations to clamp down on the availability and use of these firearms. In addition to recovering 38 of the 65 police issued lost/stolen firearms in 2017/18, the SAPS seized 1342 firearms and large quantities of ammunition. These figures underline the serious threats that communities face from the dangers that the availability of such weaponry pose.

During May 2018 the Committee conducted an oversight visit to various Safety Kiosks in the Cape Town Central Business District. The Committee also hosted a briefing by Mr I Lester, the CEO of *Beyond Wireless*, the local implementing agency of the *ShotSpotter* technology in South Africa. He was joined, via Skype, by Mr R Clark, the President and CEO of *ShotSpotter*. Mr Clark is based in San Francisco in the United States of America (USA). The purpose of the briefing was to gain an understanding about the origin, purpose and success rate of the *ShotSpotter* technology. This briefing laid the platform for the Committee's oversight visit in June 2018 to the Transport Management Centre in Goodwood, where the *ShotSpotter* technology is used by the City of Cape Town's Safety and Security Directorate. The *ShotSpotter* technology is basically a system that uses auditory sensors in order to detect and triangulate gunfire sounds and also provide the location from which the sounds emanate. During this oversight visit the Committee engaged with various officials at the TMC and viewed first-hand how the *ShotSpotter* technology worked, as well as inspected the surveillance centre at the TMC.

In July 2018 the Western Cape Liquor Authority presented on its Quarterly Performance Reports for 2017/18 as well as the first quarter of 2018/19. This meeting was followed by a busy month of Committee activities during August. The Public Service Commission (PSC) presented its report on police shortages in the Western Cape. This report was drafted following the Committee's earlier request to the PSC to conduct this investigation. The Committee also considered and approved the appointment of the new of the Western Cape Police Ombudsman (WCPO), Mr J Brand, in terms of the Western Cape Community Safety Act (2013).

Also during August 2018, the Department of Community Safety (Department) presented on its Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) programme and provided an update on the NHW accreditation processes, an update on the progress of the Alcohol Harms Reduction Game

Changer specific to cases related to upstreaming prosecutions and the forfeiture of liquor, and an update on the implementation of the Khayelitsha Commission of Inquiry recommendations. The SAPS briefed the Committee on progress of *Operation Thunder*.

In September 2018, the Committee hosted a delegation from the Hanns Seidel Foundation, and by extension, the Bavarian Police's Central Investigation Office.

The engagement focused on crime analysis. The SAPS also briefed the Committee on the 2017/18 Western Crime statistics as well as the Rapid Rail Unit's challenges and successes in the Province.

The Committee participated in the cyclical Annual Report and Appropriation periods between October and November 2018. Committee activities included the discussion on the Department and WCLA's 2017/18 Annual Report and its Adjustments Appropriation Bill process for 2018/19, the 2017/18 Annual Reports of the Western Cape SAPS and the WCPO, as well as the Cape Town Metropolitan Police Department's (CTMPD) Annual Police Plan for 2019/20.

The Committee was tasked to once again consider the appointment to fill a vacancy on the WCLA's Governing Board. After a meeting with the Department on the role requirements of the vacant position, the Committee submitted its preferred candidate to the Provincial Minister of Community Safety for appointment to the Board.

The Committee also deliberated on the 2017/18 Policing Needs and Priorities report and submitted its comments to the Department for consideration. The Committee deliberated on and finalised its report on Vote 4: Community Safety, in the Schedule of the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 1–2019].

Through its engagements with the Department of Community Safety, the Western Cape Police Ombudsman, the Western Cape Liquor Authority, the South African Police Service and the Cape Town Metropolitan Police

Department, the Committee continued its oversight of the implementation of the Western Cape Liquor Act (Act 4 of 2008); the Western Cape Community Safety Act (Act 3 of 2013), Section 207 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, as well as Sections 66, 67 and 74 of the Constitution Western Cape.

Number of Committee Meetings: 16

Number of Public Hearings: 3

Number of Oversight Visits: 3

Number of Cluster Visit Weeks: 1

Number of International Visits: 0

8. Annual Activity Report 2018/19 of the Standing Committee on Cultural Affairs and Sport for the Period of 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019.

During the year, the Standing Committee on Cultural Affairs and Sport held 11 briefings and participated in a Cluster Oversight Visit Week from 24 to 27 July 2018.

In May 2018 the Zip Zap Circus School briefed the Committee on its social outreach and training programmes, specifically aimed at youth. The Zip Zap Circus School reported on its successes and challenges, especially on its financial sustainability and the increasing number of youth benefitting from the core training and outreach programmes. Immediately after this briefing the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport (the Department) presented its Quarterly Performance Reports for the first three quarters of 2017/18.

Also in May 2018, the Department and its Entity, the Western Cape Cultural Commission (WCCC), presented on the challenges linked to traditional initiation processes in the Western Cape. The Department detailed its role in enabling that traditional initiation rites of passage are respectfully and properly facilitated. Of particular note were the efforts to build sustainable partnerships with all role players, both community based and governmental. Following this engagement the Heritage Western Cape (HWC) on the delegation of responsibilities. This briefing highlighted the inter-governmental structure regarding the delegation of responsibilities to process heritage applications.

In July 2018 the Committee, due to a vacancy of membership, elected Mr RD Mackenzie as the Chairperson, in terms of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament's Standing Rules. Later this quarter, in August, an organisation known as *Street Talk* presented on its work to the Committee. *Street Talk* representatives showcased some of their best work and explained how they use film for social activism and to improve the lives of elderly through sport.

The Committee participated in the Cluster A visit week. In addition to oversight visits to hospitals, clinics, schools and other key locations, the portfolio specific visit was conducted at the Saldanha Bay Sports Stadium.

The briefing by the Department focused largely on updates of the West Coast Sports Academy, its successes, challenges and infrastructural developments. The delegation did a walk-through of the Stadium's facilities.

Between August and October the Committee was tasked to advertise calls for nominations to the Western Cape Cultural Commission (WCCC) and the Western Cape Language Committee (WCLC). The terms of office for these Entities came to an end on 30 September 2018 and 31 October 2018 respectively. The Committee, having deliberated on the nominees for each Entity, furnished the Provincial Minister of Cultural Affairs and Sport with a shortlist for each Entity to appointment members to each body.

In September 2018 the Committee engaged with the Robben Island Museum (RIM) executive to discuss the latest developments and heritage programmes for the RIM, its sustainable partnerships with government structures, the public and private sectors, as well as equipment upgrades. The meeting was held at the Nelson Mandela Gateway at the V and A Waterfront due to inclement weather restricting commute between Robben Island and the mainland. Also in September, the National Portfolio Committee on Sports and Recreation invited the Committee to a two day oversight tour of sports facilities in George and Swellendam. These visits provided a platform for inter-governmental and inter-legislative networking and collaboration.

As part of the cyclical oversight process, the Committee participated in and finalised reports on the Department's 2017/18 Annual Report discussion, the Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill [B 6–2018] and the Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill [B 1–2019].

Number of Committee Meetings: 12

Number of Public Hearings: 3

Number of Oversight Visits: 0

Number of Cluster Visit Weeks: 1

Number of International Visits: 0

9. Report of the Standing Committee on Community Development on an Oversight Visit to Tygerberg Hospital on Tuesday 5 February 2019.

The Standing Committee on Community Development (Health), having conducted an oversight visit to Tygerberg Hospital on 5 February 2019, reports as follows:

Delegation

The delegation included the following Members:

Democratic Alliance

Botha, LJ (Chairperson)

Mitchell, DG

African National Congress (ANC)

Makeleni, P

Additional Members

Gopie, D (ANC)

Lekker, PZ (ANC)

Apologies

Gillion MN (ANC)

Wenger, MNM (DA)

Ms N Jamce, Committee Coordinator, accompanied the delegation.

1. Introduction

The Standing Committee, as part of its oversight mandate over the Department of Health and in complying with its programme, resolved to embark on an oversight visit to Tygerberg Hospital.

2. Overview

The delegation visited Tygerberg Hospital on Tuesday 5 February 2019. The purpose of the visit was to assess the ongoing infrastructure projects at Tygerberg Hospital, specifically the challenges experienced by the hospital as a result of the ongoing infrastructure projects, the renovations, the building of the new Tygerberg Hospital and the impact of the project on service delivery.

3. Key points emanating from the visit

- 3.1. Tygerberg Hospital was built in 1972 and it occupies 64 hectares of land.
- 3.2. The hospital delivers specialist and a full suite of subspecialist services and is a large service platform footprint in the Cape metropolitan area and the rural districts.
- 3.3. The operational budget of Tygerberg Hospital in 2017/18 was R2,8 billion. The hospital has a 90% bed occupancy rate, with a total of 1 384 beds of which 310 are allocated to the children's services.
- 3.4. During the 2017/18 financial year, the hospital reported that it had 107 862 admissions, 519 857 outpatient visits, 7 361 caesarean births, 29 289 surgical operations and an emergency centre headcount of 40 161.
- 3.5. The hospital provides a training platform for health professionals in partnership with four institutions of higher education, namely the University of Stellenbosch, the University of Cape Town, the University of the Western Cape and the Cape Peninsula University of Technology.
- 3.6. The aging infrastructure of the hospital poses a risk to the delivery of healthcare service and results in service interruptions, a congested environment, logistical and operational inefficiencies, stressed staff and problems with fire and staff compliances.

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- 3.7. A Mitigation Strategy for the aging and deteriorating infrastructure has been developed for the maintenance and remedial work, with more focus on infrastructure, technology, people and access.
 - 3.8. The Mitigation Strategy aims to address key challenges such as operational inefficiencies, the obsolescence and inflexibility of the current hospital building and the poor environment for providing health care, training and research. There is also the need to accommodate the new service-platform requirements and the future healthcare needs of the population.
 - 3.9. Tygerberg Hospital is busy with a redevelopment project to address the infrastructure challenges. This will provide in the need for an efficient, flexible, well-balanced and fully functional facility.
 - 3.10. The aim of the redevelopment project is to renovate the current Tygerberg Hospital and to turn it into a modern facility with 1 600 beds. A central hospital with a 1 100-bed allocation will also be built on site to cater for level 2, level 3 and quaternary patients.
 - 3.11. The Department of Health reported that a new regional hospital with 550 beds is earmarked to be built behind the University of the Western Cape next to the train station. The new hospital will ease the service pressure on Tygerberg Hospital and will bring the health services closer to the people.
 - 3.12. A 10-year Infrastructure Maintenance and Remedial Work Strategy has been established to address the poor infrastructural conditions which result in severely compromised healthcare service delivery and a poor working environment. The Infrastructure Maintenance Strategy is designed as capital and maintenance projects.
 - 3.13. The Department of Transport and Public Works, which was also in attendance, reported that Tygerberg Hospital's 10-year Infrastructure Maintenance and Remedial Work Strategy has guiding principles and a framework that focus on ensuring that the technical condition is improved, the risk of service-delivery interruption is reduced and that security, fire safety and occupational health and safety are enhanced.
 - 3.14. The implementation of the 10-year Infrastructure Maintenance and Remedial Work Strategy aims to streamline the development and acceptance of the strategic brief and the coordination between planning, design, construction and health technology.
 - 3.15. The Department of Transport and Public Works also reported that it was responsible for the management of contractors to ensure coordination between work packages and the management of specialist subcontractors while the Department of Health was responsible for the health technology.
 - 3.16. The Department of Transport and Public Works informed the Committee that Tygerberg Hospital project will be finalised on the due date. The Department has appointed more staff in 2018 who will monitor the projects strictly. Furthermore, the Department has developed an internal quality assurance document to monitor the performance of contractors.
 - 3.17. The Tygerberg Hospital will be getting a new CT scan (computerised tomography scanner) with the latest technology.

- 3.18. The Committee observed that four operating theatres were renovated and others were under construction.
- 3.19. Two lifts on the west side of the pharmacy have been renovated.
- 3.20. The water boilers have been upgraded and bulk water reticulation and boreholes have been installed.
- 3.21. The entrance 2 of the hospital will be revamped to become a child-friendly entrance.
- 3.22. The paediatric emergency was struggling to keep up with the flow of patients.
- 3.23. The outpatient ward will be converted into paediatric wards with 28 beds.
- 3.24. The Committee visited the Tygerberg laundry that cleans the laundry of the hospital and Lentegour Hospital. On the laundry site, there was a water treatment plant where water is pumped and purified for hospital use.
- 3.25. The emergency ward was filled to capacity with some patients with drips lying in the passageways waiting for beds to become available.

4. Recommendations

The Committee recommended that the Department should install clearly visible signs in all three official languages in the hospital.

5. Acknowledgments

The Committee wishes to express its appreciation to the entire staff of the Tygerberg Hospital, the officials of the Department of Health and the Department of Transport and Public Works for the presentation. Appreciation was also extended to the entire staff of Tygerberg Hospital for their dedication and hard work in providing the communities of the Western Cape with good healthcare services under trying working conditions.

6. Conclusion

The Committee successfully concluded the oversight visit to Tygerberg Hospital.

10. Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Annual Reports of the Department of Agriculture and Cape Agency for Sustainable Integrated Development in Rural Areas (Casidra) for the 2016/17 and 2017/18 Financial Years.

1. Introduction

On 27 February 2019 the Public Accounts Committee (the Committee) conducted oversight over the annual reports of the Department of Agriculture (the Department), including CASIDRA, for the 2016/17 and 2017/18 financial years.

The Committee did not conduct oversight over the aforementioned annual reports of the Department and Entity when the Western Cape Provincial Parliament (WCPP) scheduled meetings during the period of October/ November 2017, due to the fact that the annual reports were not submitted to the legislature for this period; and therefore not tabled.

Furthermore, the Committee was unable to conduct oversight of the annual reports of the Department and Entity when the Western Cape Provincial Parliament (WCPP) scheduled meetings during the period of October/ November 2018. The reason for the delay was that there was a difference of opinion between the Department and the Auditor-General of South Africa (AGSA). The difference of opinion related to the classification of certain expenditure as transfer payments or goods and services.

The Minister of Economic Opportunities in the Western Cape lodged a dispute at the Western Cape High Court on 22 October 2018, with the aim to request the Court to review and set aside the Auditor-General qualified opinion and the following findings:

That the Department of Agriculture did not account for payments in accordance with the Modified Cash Standard;

That the Department incorrectly budgeted for payments as transfers instead of goods and services;

That the Department irregularly entered into contracts with “implementing agents” without applying the National Treasury Regulations; and

That the principal-agent relationships were not disclosed.

Since there was uncertainty as to the scope of the sub judice rule, including the extent to which the Committee could engage with issues being ventilated before a court of law, a meeting was scheduled on 27 February 2019 whereby the Committee conducted oversight over the annual reports of the Department and Entity for the 2017/18 financial years.

This report should be read with the report of the Committee on the audit outcomes of the annual reports of the Western Cape Government [ATC 102 of 2018].¹

The Committee documents its findings in accordance with WCPP Standing rules 98(1)(a)(iii), 98(2) and 98(3), and indicates these findings, recommendations and request for information for each respective year hereunder.

2. Vote 11: Department of Agriculture (2016/17 Financial Year)

¹ Please see ATC 62 of 2017, ATC 80 of 2018 and ATC 102 of 2018 of WCPP which provides a timeline to the subject matter at hand. The ATCs will be attached to the end of this Report.

The Committee noted the audit opinion of the AGSA regarding the annual financial statements of the Department for the 2016/17 financial year, having obtained a qualified audit opinion with findings in relation to internal control deficiencies. This audit opinion represents a regression from the 2015/16 financial year.

2.1 Audit opinion

The AGSA raised findings with the Department on deficiencies in its internal controls.

2.1.1 Qualified opinion

Transfers and subsidies: The Department did not account for payments made to implementing agents in accordance with the requirements of the Modified Cash Standard (MCS), prescribed by the National Treasury. The Department budgeted and accounted for these payments as transfers and subsidies instead of either expenditure for capital assets or goods and services, as required by the MCS. Consequently, transfers and subsidies is overstated by R274, 3 million in the 2016/17 financial year and by R250 million in the 2015/16 financial year and the following components of the financial statements are understated or not disclosed:

- Expenditure for capital assets or goods and services classified according to the nature of the expense incurred.
- Capital assets that belong to the Department acquired or created under these arrangements.
- Prepayments representing advance payments provided to implementing agents that were unspent as at year-end.
- Appropriate adjustments to the appropriation statement to reflect the correct classification of transactions as required by the MCS.

Irregular expenditure: The Department entered into contracts with implementing agents without applying Treasury Regulations. When implementing agents are contracted by the Department, this does not release the Department from ensuring that funds spent on its behalf by the agents comply with the requirement for an appropriate procurement and provisioning system which is fair, equitable, transparent, competitive and cost effective. Supply chain management (SCM) practices utilised by these implementers were not consistent with the principles of the PFMA and the Treasury Regulations. The Department did not identify and disclose any irregular expenditure resulting from non-compliance with applicable SCM prescripts by implementing agents as required by section 40(3)(b)(ii) of the PFMA. Consequently, irregular expenditure is understated. The AGSA was not able to determine the full extent of the understatement as it was impracticable to do so.

Finding related to internal control deficiencies

Leadership: Leadership did not exercise adequate oversight over financial reporting to ensure that there is consistency in how the entities are accounting for funds transferred to them, which consequently resulted in misclassification of the funds transferred by the Department to the entities.

The inadequate oversight by the Department also resulted in non-adherence to SCM prescripts by the entities not being prevented which resulted in irregular expenditure being incurred.

2.2 Financial management

The Department spent R807,7 million of a budget of R815,8 million, resulting in an overall under-expenditure of R8 million (1%). In addition, the total Departmental revenue budget of R28,8 million was over-collected by R11,2 million, which resulted in a Departmental receipt of R40 million.

The revenue over-collection occurred under the following line items:

- Sale of goods and services other than capital assets (R3,6 million);
- Interest, dividends and rent on land (R6,9 million);
- Sale of the Departmental capital assets (R187 000); and
- Financial transactions in assets and liabilities (R368 000).

The Committee noted that the overall under-spending within the Department occurred under the following:

Programmes

- Programme 1: Administration (R2,2 million), and
- Programme 2: Sustainable Resource Management (R5,8 million).

Economic classifications

- Current payments (R8 million);
- Compensation of employees (R5,8 million); and
- Goods and services (R2,2 million).

2.3 Resolutions

BACKGROUND/ CONCERNS	RESOLUTIONS	ACTION DATE
<p><u>Page:</u> 177 of the Annual Report</p> <p><u>Heading:</u> “The Effectiveness of Internal Control”</p> <p><u>Description:</u> The Committee takes note of the following assurance engagements that were approved and completed by Internal Audit during the 2016/17 financial year, as follows:</p>	<p>The Committee requested that the Department includes an explanatory note in all future annual reports, which highlights past assurance engagements of the previous financial year and how these were addressed, including whether any engagement linkages were identified</p>	<p>To be implemented in all future annual reports of the Department.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further Education and Training (FET) & Higher Education and Training (HET) (Assurance Engagement); • Evaluation Plans - Management Improvement Plan (Assurance Engagement); • Transfer Payments – WIETA (Assurance Engagement); and • FRUITLOOK Project (Consulting Engagement). 	between the previous and currently reported assurance engagements.	
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2.4 List of Information Requested

2.4.1 The Committee requested that the Department of Agriculture provides it with the following:

2.4.1.1 The responding filing papers of the AGSA in relation to the dispute that was lodged by the Minister of Economic Opportunities at the Western Cape High Court on 22 October 2018, with the aim to request the Court to review and set aside the Auditor-General's qualified opinions and associated findings; as indicated by the Minister of Economic Opportunities during her opening speech at the Public Accounts Committee meeting on 27 February 2019.

2.4.1.2 A report on the assurance engagements that were undertaken by the Department during the 2016/17 financial year, as indicated on pages 176 and 177 of the Annual Report.

3 Vote 11: Department of Agriculture (2017/18 Financial Year)

The Committee noted the audit opinion of the AGSA regarding the annual financial statements of the Department for the 2017/18 financial year, having obtained a qualified audit opinion with findings on predetermined objectives and internal control deficiencies. This audit opinion represents a regression from the 2016/17 financial year.

3.1 Audit opinion

The AGSA raised findings with the Department on its predetermined objectives, as well as deficiencies in its internal controls.

3.1.1 Qualified opinion

Transfers and subsidies: The Department did not account for payments made to implementing agents in accordance with the requirements of the Modified Cash Standard (MCS) prescribed by the National Treasury. The Department budgeted and accounted for these payments as transfers and subsidies instead of either expenditure for capital assets or goods and services, as required by the MCS. Consequently, transfers and subsidies is overstated by R259,1 million (2017: R274,3 million) and the following components of the financial statements are understated, or not disclosed:

- Expenditure for capital assets or goods and services classified according to the nature of the expense incurred.
- Capital assets that belong to the Department acquired or created under these arrangements.
- Prepayments representing advance payments provided to implementing agents that were unspent as at year-end.
- Appropriate adjustments to the appropriation statement to reflect the correct classification of transactions as required by the MCS.
- Principal-agent relationships were not disclosed.

Irregular expenditure: The Department entered into contracts with implementing agents without applying Treasury Regulations. When implementing agents are contracted by the Department, this does not release the Department from ensuring that funds spent on its behalf by the agents comply with the requirement for an appropriate procurement and provisioning system which is fair, equitable, transparent, competitive and cost effective. Supply chain management (SCM) practices utilised by these implementers were not consistent with the principles of the PFMA and the Treasury Regulations.

The Department did not identify and disclose any irregular expenditure resulting from non-compliance with applicable SCM prescripts by implementing agents as required by section 40(3)(b)(ii) of the PFMA. Consequently, irregular expenditure is understated. The AGSA was not able to determine the full extent of the understatement as it was impracticable to do so. These and the prior year misstatements, remained unresolved.

3.1.2 Findings related to the predetermined objectives

Programme 2 – sustainable resource management

Sub-programme 2.2: LandCare – promote the conservation of the natural agricultural resources.

Indicator P.2.2.4 – number of protection works: The AGSA was unable to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to validate the existence of a system and processes that enable reliable reporting of actual achievement against the indicator.

Sufficient appropriate audit evidence could not be provided in some instances while in other cases, the supporting evidence provided did not agree to the reported achievements in the annual performance report. Based on the supporting evidence provided, the achievements were different from those reported in the annual performance report, but the AGSA was unable to further confirm the reported achievements by alternative means. Consequently, the AGSA was unable to determine whether any further adjustments were required to the reported achievements of the indicator.

Indicator P.2.2.6 – number of veld utilisation works: The AGSA was unable to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to validate the existence of a system and processes that enable reliable reporting of actual achievements against the indicator. Sufficient appropriate audit evidence could not be provided in some instances; while in other cases, the supporting evidence provided did not agree to the reported achievements in the annual performance report. Based on the supporting evidence provided, the achievements were different from those reported in the annual performance report, but the AGSA was unable to further confirm the reported achievements by alternative means. Consequently, the AGSA was unable to determine whether any further adjustments were required to the reported achievements of the indicator.

Indicator P.2.2.10 – number of farm plans updated for sustainable farming purposes: The AGSA was unable to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to validate the existence of a system and processes that enable reliable reporting of actual achievements against the indicator. Sufficient appropriate audit evidence could not be provided in some instances; while in other cases, the supporting evidence provided did not agree to the reported achievements in the annual performance report. Based on the supporting evidence provided, the achievements were different from those reported in the annual performance report, but the AGSA was unable to further confirm the reported achievements by alternative means. Consequently, the AGSA was unable to determine whether any further adjustments were required to the reported achievements of the indicator.

3.1.3 Internal control deficiencies

Leadership: Although leadership exercised adequate oversight over financial reporting, the audit outcome has been modified due to the technical requirement on how entities should be accounting for funds transferred to them, which consequently resulted in the misclassification of the funds transferred by the department to the entities.

Financial and performance management: The annual performance report contained misstatements of material indicators, some of which were corrected. There were also limitations on the evidence provided as per the technical indicator description. This was due to an inadequate system and processes to collate evidence required for those indicators.

3.2 Financial management

The Department spent R866,8 million of a budget of R877,6 million, resulting in an overall under-expenditure of R10,7 million (1,2 %).

In addition, the total Departmental revenue budget of R29,2 million was over-collected by R19, 2 million, which resulted in a Departmental receipt of R48,4 million. The revenue over-collection occurred under the following line items:

- Sale of goods and services other than capital assets (R9,3 million);
- Interest, dividends and rent on land (R8,6 million);
- Sale of the Departmental capital assets (R241 000); and
- Financial transactions in assets and liabilities (R1 million).

The Committee noted that the overall under-spending within the Department occurred under the following:
Programmes

- Programme 1: Administration (R835 000),
- Programme 2: Sustainable Resource Management (R3,5 million);
- Programme 4: Veterinary Services (R2,4 million);
- Programme 5: Research and Development (R724 000);
- Programme 6: Agricultural Economic Services (R311 000);
- Programme 7: Structured Agricultural Education and Training (R2,3 million); and
- Programme 8: Rural Development (R633 000).

Economic classifications

- Current payments (R7,8 million);
- Compensation of employees (R3,7 million).
- Goods and services (R4,1 million).
- Transfers and Subsidies (R1,3 million)
- Public Corporations and Private Enterprises (R1,3 million).
- Payments for Capital Assets
- Buildings and other fixed structures (R1,6 million).

3.3 Resolutions

None

3.4 List of Information Requested

None

4. Vote 11: Cape Agency for Sustainable Integrated Development in Rural Areas (CASIDRA) (2016/17 Financial Year)

The Committee noted the audit opinion of the AGSA regarding the annual financial statements of the Entity for the 2016/17 financial year, having obtained an unqualified audit opinion with no findings on predetermined objectives. This audit opinion remains unchanged from the 2015/16 financial year.

3.5 Audit opinion

The AGSA raised no findings with the Entity on compliance with key legislation, predetermined objectives nor deficiencies in its internal controls.

3.6 Financial management

As disclosed in the detailed financial statements on page 62 of the Entity's Annual Report, CASIDRA spent R34,5 million (2015/16: R29,2 million) on operating expenditure. This excludes project expenditure and salaries of R277,1 million (2015/16: R278 million) as disclosed on page 62 of the Entity's Annual Report.

3.7 Resolutions

BACKGROUND/ CONCERNS	RESOLUTIONS	ACTION DATE
<p><u>Page:</u> 22 of the Annual Report</p> <p><u>Heading:</u> "Linking Performance with Budgets"</p> <p><u>Description:</u> The Committee takes note of the fact that the Entity reported on its appropriated budget, as well as expenditure against all the programmes for the 2016/17 financial year. However, the Committee found that there were no explanatory notes which provided further information</p>	<p>The Committee requested that the Entity, in all future annual reports, provide footnotes which explains the over-and under expenditure of appropriated funds against each of its programmes.</p>	<p>To be implemented in all future annual reports of the Entity.</p>

4.1 List of Information Requested

4.4.1 The Committee requested that CASIDRA provide it with the Memorandum of Agreement that is in place between itself and the Department of Agriculture, and which sets establishes the concept of the Principal-Agent principle.

5. Vote 11: Cape Agency for Sustainable Integrated Development in Rural Areas (CASIDRA) (2017/18 Financial Year)

The Committee noted the audit opinion of the AGSA regarding the annual financial statements of the Entity for the 2017/18 financial year, having obtained an unqualified audit opinion with findings on predetermined objectives. This audit opinion represents a regression from the 2016/17 financial year.

5.1 Audit opinion

The AGSA raised findings with the Entity on compliance with key legislation, predetermined objectives and deficiencies in its internal controls.

5.2 Financial management

As disclosed in the detailed financial statements on page 56 of the Entity's Annual Report, CASIDRA spent R38,3 million (2016/17: R34,4 million) on operating expenditure. This excludes project expenditure and salaries of R309,9 million (2016/17: R277, 1 million) as disclosed in the annexure to the financial statements on page 72 of the Entity's Annual Report.

5.3 Resolutions

None

5.4 List of Information Requested

The Committee requested that CASIDRA provide it with a report which explains the resignations and terminations, as indicated on pages 49 and 50.

WEDNESDAY, 24 APRIL 2019

TABLINGS

The Speaker:

1. **Tabling of document in terms of section 17 of the Interpretation Act, 1957 (Act 33 of 1957):**

Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning

Letter: Publication of Provincial Notice 51 – Western Cape Land Use Planning Act, 2014, (Act 3 of 2014), Western Cape Land Use Planning Regulations, 2015: Amendment, 2019, published in the *Provincial Gazette Extraordinary* 8083, dated 15 April 2019.

2. **Tabling of the provincial intervention in the Kannaland Municipality in terms of section 139(5)(c) of the Constitution of Republic of South Africa, 1996:**

Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning

Letter: Progress Report on the Implementation of the Priority Plan for approved Financial Recovery Plan of the Kannaland Municipality, dated 26 March 2019.

TUESDAY, 30 APRIL 2019

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Speaker:

1. Publication of Act 1 of 2019

Provincial Notice 44 of 2019: Publication of the Western Cape Additional Adjustment Appropriation Act, 2019 (Act 1 of 2019), in the *Provincial Gazette Extraordinary* 8075, dated 8 April 2019.

2. Publication of Act 2 of 2019

Provincial Notice 45 of 2019: Publication of the Western Cape Commissioner for Children Act, 2019 (Act 2 of 2019), in the *Provincial Gazette Extraordinary* 8076, dated 8 April 2019.

3. Publication of Act 3 of 2019

Provincial Notice 46 of 2019: Publication of the Western Cape Special Economic Development Infrastructure Company Act, 2019 (Act 3 of 2019), in the *Provincial Gazette Extraordinary* 8077 dated 8 April 2019.

4. Correction Notice

Provincial Notice 48 of 2019, published in the *Provincial Gazette* 8080, dated 12 April 2019: Western Cape Special Economic Development Infrastructure Company Act, 2019 (Act 3 of 2019). (English text signed by the Premier) (Assented to on 3 April 2019).

TABLING

The Speaker:

Minister of Finance

Provincial Notice 53/2019

Letter: Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act. Quarterly Consolidated Statement: Quarter 3 ending 31 March 2019. (Published in the *Provincial Gazette Extraordinary* 8086, dated 30 April 2019.)

FRIDAY, 3 MAY 2019

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Speaker:

1. Provincial Notice

Provincial Notice 54 of 2019, published in the *Provincial Gazette Extraordinary* 8088, dated 2 May 2019: Publication of the Western Cape Nineteenth Gambling and Racing Board Amendment Bill [B 2–2019] for comment before or on 31 May 2019.

2. Referral of document to committee in terms of section 54(1) and (2) of the Financial Management of Parliament and Provincial Legislatures Act, Act 10 of 2009, as amended:

Parliamentary Oversight Committee

Western Cape Provincial Parliament – Fourth Quarter Performance Report for the period ended 31 March 2019.

TABLING

The Speaker:

Tabling of document in terms of section 54(1) and (2) of the Financial Management of Parliament and Provincial Legislatures Act, Act 10 of 2009, as amended:

Western

Western Cape Provincial Parliament – Fourth Quarter Performance Report for the period ended 31 March 2019.

TUESDAY, 7 MAY 2019

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Speaker:

1. Assent of bill by the Premier

Western Cape Appropriation Act, 2019 (Act 4 of 2019), assented to and signed by the Premier on 6 May 2019.

2. Publication of Act 4 of 2019

Provincial Notice 59 of 2019: Publication of the Western Cape Appropriation Act, 2019 (Act 4 of 2019), in the *Provincial Gazette Extraordinary* 8093, dated 7 May 2019.

TABLING

The Speaker:

Tabling of Annual Report for the period 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019 of the Western Cape Police Ombudsman in terms of section 13(3) of the Western Cape Community Safety Act, 2013 (Act 3 of 2013):

Minister of Community Safety

Annual Report for 2018/19 of the Western Cape Provincial Police Ombudsman.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Annual Committee Report of the Standing Committee on Premier and Constitutional Matters for the 2018/19 financial year, dated 17 April 2019, as follows:

The Committee comprises of the following members:

Democratic Alliance

Mitchell, D G (Chairperson)
Max, L H (up until 30 June 2018)
Mackenzie, R D (from 11 July 2018)
Kivedo, B D

African National Congress

Magaxa, K E
Dugmore, C M

Alternate members

Wenger, M M (DA)
Botha, L J (DA)
Pretorius, P J C (DA)
Gopie, D (ANC)

1. Introduction

The mandate of the Committee is to:

- 1.1 Maintain oversight over the executive member and the Department concerning the way in which they perform their responsibilities, including the implementation of legislation, and to hold them accountable.
- 1.2 Consider and report on legislation, other matters and the annual reports referred to it by the Speaker.

In fulfillment of its mandate the Committee must:

- 1.2.1 Facilitate public participation and involvement in the legislative and other processes of the Committee.

- 1.2.2 Conduct its business in a fair, open and transparent manner.
- 1.2.3 Promote cooperative governance.
- 1.2.4 Report regularly to the House.

2. Reporting department and entities

2.1 Department of the Premier

3. Overview of Committee's activities

Number of Committee Meetings	26 (including public hearings)
Number of Public Hearings	12
Number of International Study Tours	0
Number of Oversight Visits	0
Number of Provincial Bills considered	4
Number of NCOP Bills considered	2
Workshops/conferences attended	0

4. Key activities

The Standing Committee on the Premier and Constitutional Matters dealt with a number of Bills referred to it during the year under review.

The Department of the Premier briefed the Committee on the envisaged programme and proposed timeframe for the appointment of the Western Cape Commissioner for Children in April 2018. During the first quarter of the financial year, two National Council of Provinces (NCOP) bills were referred to the Committee, namely, and the Public Service Commission Amendment Bill [B 21B–2015] (NCOP), where the Committee held one public hearing; and the Protection, Promotion, Development and Management of Indigenous Knowledge Bill [B 6–2016] (NCOP), where the Committee held four public hearings. The final mandates were submitted to the NCOP on these two Bills during the second quarter.

During August 2018, the Western Cape Commissioner for Children Bill [B 4–2018] was referred to the Committee. The Committee resolved to hold four public hearings on this Bill in October and November in Beaufort West, Pacaltzorp, Vredendal and Cape Town. 49 organisations/stakeholders submitted input on the Western Cape Commissioner for Children Bill [B 4–2018]. The Committee also deliberated and considered the 2017/18 Annual Report of the Department of the Premier and deliberated on Vote 1: Premier, in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 1–2019] for the Department of the Premier in November 2018.

In the last quarter, the Committee formally considered and finalised the Western Cape Commissioner for Children Bill [B 4–2018]. The Premier assented the Western Cape Commissioner for Children Act, 2019 [Act 2 of 2019] on 29 March 2019.

In late January 2019, the Department of the Premier briefed the Committee on the Constitution of the Western Cape First Amendment Bill [B 5–2018].

At the meeting of 27 February 2019, the Committee resolved to host seven public hearings in Ladismith, Beaufort West, Mossel Bay, Cape Town, Swellendam, Robertson and Elandsbay on the Constitution of the Western Cape First Amendment Bill [B 5–2018]. However, after deliberating on the Draft Committee Programme for the public hearings on the Constitution of the Western Cape First Amendment Bill [B 5–2018], the Committee unanimously agreed that it would not be able to complete a fair legislative process given the timeframes leading up to the dissolution of the House, dated 4 May 2019. The Committee then resolved on 27 February 2019, to not pursue the legislative process.

5. Legislation

In the 2018/19 financial year, the Committee dealt with the following legislation:

5.1 Provincial Bills

- 5.1.1 Vote 1: Premier in the Schedule to the Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill [B 6–2018]
- 5.1.2 The Western Cape Commissioner for Children Bill [B 4–2018];
- 5.1.3 The Constitution of the Western Cape First Amendment Bill [B 5–2018]; and
- 5.1.4 Vote 1: Premier in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 1–2019].

5.2 NCOP Bills (Section 76)

- 5.2.1 The Public Service Commission Amendment Bill [B 21B–2015] (NCOP) and the Committee held one public hearing; and
- 5.2.2 The Protection, Promotion, Development and Management of Indigenous Knowledge Bill [B 6B–2016] (NCOP) and the Committee held four public hearings.

6. Facilitation of Public Involvement and Participation

In line with its mandate to facilitate public participation as part of the legislative process, the Committee held two public hearings in considering the Provincial Money Bill, one being Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill [B 6–2018] in November 2018 and the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 1–2019] in March 2019. The Committee also held one public hearing on the Public Service Commission Amendment Bill [B 21B–2015] (NCOP), four on the Protection, Promotion, Development and Management of Indigenous Knowledge Bill [B 6B–2016] (NCOP) and four on the Western Cape Commissioner for Children Bill [B 4–2018] (NCOP).

7. Financial particulars

The Committee's actual expenditure for the 2018/19 financial year was R404 232,95 against an adjusted budget allocation of R183 006,00 resulting in an over expenditure of R221 226,95.

WEDNESDAY, 15 MAY 2019

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Secretary

Rules, in terms of item 9 of Part A of Schedule 3 to the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996, for the election of President of the Republic of South Africa; Speaker and Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly; Chairperson and Deputy Chairpersons of the National Council of Provinces; Premier of a province; Speaker and Deputy Speaker of a provincial legislature, as gazetted by the Chief Justice of the Republic of South Africa under Government Notice no 207 in *Government Gazette* no 42386, dated 5 April 2019.

FRIDAY, 17 MAY 2019

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Speaker

Provincial Notice

Provincial Notice 64 of 2019 published in the *Provincial Gazette Extraordinary* 8099, dated 17 May 2019: Western Cape provincial government: First sitting of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Annual Committee Report of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) for the 2018/19 financial year, as follows:

Members

The Committee comprised of the following members:

Christians, F C (ACDP) (Chairperson)
Mitchell, D G (DA)
Joseph, D (DA)
Maseko, L M (DA)
Tyatyam, S G (ANC)

Alternate members

Beerwinkel, CF (ANC)
Joseph, BD (EFF)
Mnqasela, M (DA)
Wenger, MM (DA)
Wiley, MGE (DA)

1. Introduction

The mandate of the PAC, as prescribed by Standing Rules 96-99, is to examine:

- 1.1 The financial statements of all executive organs of the province and other provincial organs of state.
- 1.2 Any audit reports issued on statements.
- 1.3 Any reports issued by the Auditor-General on the affairs of any provincial organs.
- 1.4 Any other financial statements or reports referred to the Committee by the House.

In fulfillment of its mandate the Committee must:

- 1.5 Facilitate public participation and involvement in the legislative and other processes of the Committee.
- 1.6 Conduct its business in a fair, open and transparent manner.
- 1.7 Promote cooperative governance.
- 1.8 Report regularly to the House.

2. Reporting departments

The financial statements that were included in the annual reports of the following provincial departments, for the financial year ending 31 March 2019, were examined:

- 2.1 Department of the Premier.
- 2.2 Provincial Treasury.
- 2.3 Department of Community Safety.
- 2.4 Western Cape Department of Education.
- 2.5 Department of Health.
- 2.6 Department of Social Development.
- 2.7 Department of Human Settlements.
- 2.8 Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning.
- 2.9 Department of Transport and Public Works.
- 2.10 Department of Agriculture.
- 2.11 Department of Economic Development and Tourism.
- 2.12 Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport.
- 2.13 Department of Local Government.

3. Reporting entities

The financial statements included in the annual reports of the following public entities, for the financial year ending 31 March 2019, were examined:

- 3.1 Western Cape Language Committee.
- 3.2 Western Cape Cultural Commission.
- 3.3 CapeNature.
- 3.4 Western Cape Destination Marketing, Investment and Trade Promotion Agency (WESGRO).
- 3.5 Western Cape Housing Development Fund.
- 3.6 Government Motor Transport (GMT).
- 3.7 Cape Agency for Sustainable Integrated Development in Rural Areas (CASIDRA).
- 3.8 Heritage Western Cape.
- 3.9 Western Cape Gambling and Racing Board.
- 3.10 Western Cape Liquor Authority.
- 3.11 Saldanha Bay Industrial Development Zone Licencing Company (SOC) Ltd.

4. Overview of the Committee's activities

Number of Public Hearings	26
Number of International Study Tours	0
Number of Oversight Visits	0
Number of Provincial Bills considered	0
Number of NCOP Bills considered	0
Workshops/conferences attended	1

5. Oversight activities

The Public Accounts Committee satisfactorily conducted oversight over the Provincial Government of the Western Cape during the 2018/19 financial year.

The Committee commenced the 2018/19 financial year by meeting "in-committee" in order to establish its business plan. During the 1st Quarter, the Committee met with the audit committees of the economic-, governance and administration-, health, education and transport and public works clusters in order to ascertain the challenges that were experienced by the clusters, including emerging risks that were identified during the 2017/18 financial year. This would assist the Committee in conducting more robust oversight over the departments and entities of the Western Cape Government during the 2018/19 financial year.

The Committee also met with the Department of Community Safety to conduct oversight over the funds that were spent on the Wolwekloof Academy during the 2014/15 financial year. In addition, the Committee met with the Department of Health in order to receive feedback on the rollout of the electronic filing system, which would assist the Department in the improving the reliability of its reported performance information.

This is due to the fact that the Department has received an unqualified audit opinion from the Auditor-General of South Africa with certain matters. The Department received a finding due to the reporting on its performance information during the 2017/18 financial year. Furthermore, the Committee resolved that the Department develops and implements a mechanism that would avoid a future recurrence of bad debts that were written off by the Department of Health due to salary overpayments; including the challenges that were experienced by the recoverability of the erroneous overpayments.

The Public Accounts Committee met with the Western Cape Department of Education in order to ascertain the progress that was made by the Department in order to address the following challenges that were highlighted during the engagement on the 2016/17 Annual Report of the Department:

- The major areas for improvement, as identified by the Audit Committee;
- The details of the salary overpayments in respect of Policy and procedure on incapacity and ill health cases that were claimed for;
- The accrual payments that were made after 30 days of receipt of invoices;
- The status of the investigations that relates to irregular expenditure, which is being undertaken within the Department, including the design or implementation of a mechanism, which would ensure minimisation of such expenditure; and
- The status of the investigations that relates to fruitless and wasteful expenditure, which is being undertaken by the Department, including the design or implementation of a mechanism, which would ensure a minimisation of such expenditure.

The Committee was satisfied with the progress that was made by the Department in addressing the aforementioned challenges. The Committee also met with the Department of the Premier to evaluate the implementation of Section 43 of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act 1 of 1999), whereby departments and entities shift funds after the conclusion of the annual Adjustments Appropriation period.

Transversally, the Committee met with the Provincial Treasury to be briefed, amongst others, on the following matters:

- The instructional notes that were issued to the Department during the 2016/17 and 2017/18 financial years;
- The pronouncements on the emerging risks which relates to the accounting, performance management/reporting and compliance matters;
- The required disclosure within the financial statements of the departments and entities of the WCG, for the economic classification of “goods and services” and “transfers and subsidies”; and

- The Supply Chain Management regulations that were issued by National- and Provincial Treasury for the 2016/17 financial year.

The aforementioned instructional notes, pronouncements, disclosure notes and supply chain regulations directly impacts on the annual performance and financial reporting of the departments and entities of the WCG.

During the 2nd Quarter of the 2018/19 financial year the Committee met with the Auditor-General of South Africa to be briefed on the following matters:

- The pronouncements on the emerging risks which relates to the accounting, performance management/reporting and compliance matters;
- The mid-year Quarterly Key Control Review; and
- The required disclosure within the financial statements of the departments and entities of the WCG, for the economic classification of “goods and services” and “transfers and subsidies”.

These aforementioned matters were deemed important to the Committee due to the fact that the Committee wanted to understand the pronouncements that would impact on the audit outcomes of the departments and entities of the Western Cape Government. This would set the framework against which the Committee would conduct oversight over the annual reports of the Western Cape Government for the 2017/18 financial year.

The Committee also engaged the Provincial Forensic Services on the investigations that were undertaken during the 1st, 2nd and 3rd quarters of the 2017/18 financial year.

The Committee ended its meetings for the 2018/19 financial year by conducting oversight over the annual reports of the Department of Agriculture and CASIDRA for the 2016/17 and 2017/18 financial years.

6. Legislation

During the 2017/18 financial year, the Committee dealt with no legislation.

7. Facilitation of Public Participation

In line with its mandate to facilitate public participation as part of the legislative process, the Committee held 26 public meetings during the 2018/19 financial year.

8. Financial particulars

The Standing Committee was allocated a budget of 134 364,74 for the 2018/19 financial year. At the close of the financial year, the expenditure which attributed to the activities of the Committee accumulated to an amount of R67 239,37. There was thus an underspending of R67 125,37.

2. Annual Report of the Standing Committee on Education for the 2018/19 financial year, dated 31 March 2019, as follows:

Members

The Committee comprised of the following members:

Kivedo, BD (Chairperson) (DA)
Botha, LJ (DA)
Christians, FC (ACDP)
Max, LH (DA) (until June 2018)
Mitchell, DG (DA) (from June 2018)
Olivier, RT (ANC)

Alternate members:

Dugmore, CM (ANC)
Wenger, MM (DA)
Wiley, MGE (DA)

1. Introduction

The mandate of the Committee is to:

- 1.1 Maintain oversight over the Western Cape Education Department, the way in which the Department performs its responsibilities, including the implementation of legislation and holding the Executive Authority accountable.
- 1.2 Consider and report on legislation, the Annual Reports and matters referred to it by the Speaker.

In fulfilling its mandate the Committee:

- 1.3 Facilitated public participation and involvement in the legislative and other processes of the Committee.
- 1.4 Conducted its business in a fair, open and transparent manner.
- 1.5. Promoted co-operative governance.
- 1.6. Reported regularly to the House.

2. Reporting Department

2.1. Western Cape Education Department

3. Overview of Committee's activities

Number of Committee meetings	12
Number of public hearings	8
Number of oversight visits	2
Number of Provincial bills considered	1

4. Oversight activities

Standing Committee on Education

- 4.1. The year under review was considered to be productive. There were interactions with the Western Cape Education Department (hereafter the WCED) and many stakeholders were consulted to ensure that the Committee could approach its oversight function with objectivity and insight. Several initiatives led to follow-up meetings and oversight visits. The following is a summary of the Committee's activities during the 2018/19 financial year.
- 4.2. The Committee commenced the 2018/19 financial year by examining the 2018 National Senior Certificate results and the pass rate of 2018. A standard start to each year, as this sets the tone for the school year ahead.
- 4.3. The Western Cape Provincial School Education Amendment Bill [B1-2019] was referred to the Committee by the Speaker in January 2018. During the initial meeting on the Bill, the Committee discussed its public participation process on the Bill. The Committee conducted six public hearings in Caledon, Riversdale, Oudsthoorn, Klawer, Paarl and Cape Town. The public hearings were well attended by 493 members of the public and 85 oral and written submissions were received during these hearings. The Committee successfully completed the legislative process. The committee finalised and reported on the Bill on 18 October 2018.
- 4.4. The Standing Committee received an invitation to accompany the Standing Committee on Transport and Public Works on its oversight visit to Kwa-Faku Primary School in Philippi. The school was a flagship project of the Department of Public Works and Transport using alternative technology in building a school.

This school experienced many problems even to such an extent that parents stopped their children from attending school for fear that the classrooms could collapse. The Standing Committee on Transport and Public Works reported that due to its persistent follow-up and vigorous oversight, the derelict building has now been demolished and the main building site, as well as the mobile school, have been fumigated.
- 4.5. The Committee was also briefed in May 2018 by the WCED and the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport on the After School Game Changer.
- 4.6. As part of the Cluster A Visit Week from 23 – 27 July 2018 in the West Coast District, the Committee visited the following sites/schools: West Coast Education District Office in Vredendal, Elizabethfontein Primary School in Clanwilliam, and Darling Primary School in Darling.

- 4.7. The meetings with various schools and officials were a constructive interaction where officials provided an in-depth and honest account of the situation at schools in the West Coast District.
- 4.8. In line with the Committee's oversight function, the Committee conducted two oversight visits, one to Zeekoevlei Primary School in Lotus River. In scheduling this visit, the Committee envisaged an in-depth insight into the situation learners, teachers, and other staff have to deal with on a daily basis and how gang violence and drug abuse by learners affect this school. Mr Ritchie presented to the Committee on, inter alia, the school's history, the demographics of the surrounding community and the effects of these demographics, the effects of trauma on staff and learners, classroom management and staffing, the distances that some learners have to undertake, as well as suggestions to improve the teaching environment at the Zeekoevlei Primary School. The second oversight visit was to Mikro Primary School in Kuils River. The purpose of the visit was to engage with the school given that this school is fully functional and completely integrated. It was also to look at best practices and whether the lessons learned could be shared with other schools.
- 4.9. The Committee also evaluated the Annual Report of the Western Cape Education Department, which was the subjects of intense discussion.

5. Legislation

In the 2018/19 Financial Year, the Committee dealt with the following items of legislation:

- 5.1 Vote 5 – Education in the Schedule to the Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill [B 6–2018]
- 5.2 Western Cape Provincial School Education Amendment Bill [B1 - 2018]
- 5.3 Vote 5 – Education in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 1–2019]

6. Facilitation of public involvement and participation

In line with its mandate to facilitate public participation as part of the legislative and oversight processes, the Committee held two public hearings on the consideration of the provincial money bills, six public hearings on the Western Cape Provincial School Education Amendment Bill [B1- 2019] and one public hearing on the Annual Report of the Department. The dates for the hearings were advertised in the mainstream and community newspapers in the Western Cape.

7. Financial particulars

The Standing Committee was allocated a budget of R122 928. At the close of the 2018/19 financial year, expenditure attributed to the activities of the Committee was R287 821.

3. The Annual Report of the Petitions Committee for the 2018/19 financial year is as follows:

Members

The Committee comprised the following members:

Davids, SW (ANC)
Gillion, MN (ANC)
Hinana, NE (DA)
Kivedo, BD (DA)
Mitchell, DG (DA) (Chairperson from July 2018)
Max, LH (DA) (Chairperson until June 2018)
Mitchell, DG (DA)

Alternate members:

Joseph, D (DA)
Mnqasela, M (DA)
Wenger, MM (DA)

1. Introduction

The mandate of the Petitions Committee is to facilitate public participation and to monitor the oversight function over legislation relating to petitions in conferring with the relevant government and civil society organs. The Petitions Committee must report to the Provincial Parliament on each petition and make appropriate recommendations.

2. Overview of committee's activities

Number of committee meetings	8
Number of public hearings	0
Number of international study tours	0
Number of fact-finding visits	0
Number of cluster visits	0
Number of provincial bills considered	0
Number of NCOP bills considered	0
Workshops or conferences attended	0

3. Oversight activities

- 3.1. In the Petitions Committee's fifth year of the Fifth Parliament, the Committee strove to focus on engaging with communities in order to promote its work.

The Committee commenced the 2018/19 financial year by dealing with three new petitions, namely: Trauma Centre for Survivors of Violence and Torture (hereafter to be called the Centre), Riemvasmaak squatter camp at Ashton and the Dennehof Centre at Villiersdorp. It is the Committee's mandate to investigate all petitions before making insightful recommendations to the House. The Committee discussed all three petitions referred to it and requested an additional session to analyse the information received from each petitioner.

- 3.2. During that first meeting in April 2018 the Committee resolved to conclude the petition from the Citrusdal Community Police Forum as the Committee had resolved the issue of demolishing the Forever Tavern in the Riversview informal settlement at Citrusdal.
- 3.3. During the meeting of 20 April 2018 the Committee engaged with the Centre with regard to its petition. The Director of the Centre, Ms V van Reenen-Le Roux, briefed the Committee on the petition. The Committee resolved and requested the Centre to schedule a meeting or workshop with the Department of Social Development in order to consider and develop an action plan or proposal on the submitted petition. This action plan or proposal should then be presented to the Committee.
- 3.4. In May 2018 the Committee deliberated on documentation received from the Department of Human Settlements and the Langeberg Municipality pertaining to the Riemvasmaak informal settlement at Ashton. The Municipality indicated that an ad-hoc committee of the Municipal Council had resolved to take pro-active steps by providing basic services to the community of Riemvasmaak. The Committee requested further clarity about the timelines for the provisioning of these services and about the duration of the delivery of these services.
- 3.5. At the end of May 2018 the Committee resolved and requested the Centre, the Department of the Premier and the Department of Social Development to reconvene in order to consider an action plan or proposal on the submitted petition, as this was not concluded at the first engagement session with the role-players. The Committee further resolved that it would engage with the Department of Premier on the possibility of new research to be conducted. The research should be conducted in respect of child deaths, murders, violence, and torture in the Western Cape. The Committee also resolved to conduct two public hearings in conjunction with other non-profit organisations (NPOs) and the Centre.
- 3.6. Towards the end of the first quarter of 2018/19 the Committee held meetings with the Mayor of the Langeberg Municipality, Mr HM Jansen, and the Municipal Manager, Mr SA Mokweni.

The Committee took matters a step further and engaged directly with the petitioners and provided them with the recommendations of the AD-Hoc Committee of the Langeberg Municipality.

- 3.7. In September 2018 the Committee resolved to conclude the petition from the community of Riemvasmaak. The Committee further resolved that this petition be referred to the Standing Committee on Local Government as the matter falls within the competence of that Committee and the recommendation was subsequently made in terms of section 5(3)(b) of the Western Cape Petitions Act, 2006 (Act 3 of 2006). The Committee also resolved that when the Standing Committee on Local Government discusses the petition from the Riemvasmaak informal settlement, an invitation should be extended to the Petitions Committee.

4. Financial particulars

The Petitions Committee was allocated an amount of R122 928 for the 2018/19 financial year. At the close of the 2018/19 financial year the expenditure attributed to the activities of the Petitions Committee accumulated to an amount of R8 545.

TUESDAY, 21 MAY 2019

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **Annual Committee Report of the Standing Committee on Economic Opportunities, Tourism and Agriculture for the 2018/19 financial year, dated 6 May 2019, as follows:**

Members

The Committee comprised of the following members:

Schäfer, BA (DA) (Chairperson until 6 November 2018)
Simmers, TA (DA) (Chairperson from 6 November 2018)
Joseph, BD (EFF)
Maseko, LM (DA)
Mnqasela, M (DA)
Nkondlo, ND (ANC)

Alternate Members

Allen, RI (DA) (Member since 22 January 2019)
Hinana, NE (DA)
Philander, WF (DA) (Member since 22 January 2019)
Tyatyam, SG (ANC)

1. Introduction

The mandate of the Committee is to:

- 1.1 Maintain oversight over the executive members and the Departments concerning the way in which they perform their responsibilities, including the implementation of legislation and to hold them accountable; and
- 1.2 Consider and report on legislation, other matters and the annual reports referred to it by the Speaker.

In fulfillment of its mandate the Committee must:

- 1.2.1 Facilitate public participation and involvement in the legislative and other processes of the Committee.
- 1.2.2 Conduct its business in a fair, open and transparent manner.
- 1.2.3 Promote cooperative governance.
- 1.2.4 Report regularly to the House.

2. Reporting Departments and Entities

- 2.1 Department of Agriculture
- 2.2 Cape Agency for Sustainable Integrated Development in Rural Areas (CASIDRA)
- 2.3 Department of Economic Development and Tourism
- 2.4 Western Cape Destination Marketing, Investment and Trade Promotion Agency (WESGRO)
- 2.5 Saldanha Bay Industrial Development Zone Licencing Company SOC Ltd

3. Overview of Committee's activities

Number of Committee Meetings	24
Number of Public Hearings	14
Number of International Study Tours	0
Number of Oversight Visits	2
Number of Provincial Bills considered	3
Number of NCOP Bills considered	3
Workshops/conferences attended	0

4. Oversight activities

The Standing Committee on Economic Opportunities, Tourism and Agriculture conducted its oversight responsibilities and produced a high level of output, holding a total of 24 meetings and 14 public hearings during the 2018/19 financial year.

4.1 Legislation

During the last six months of the 2018/19 financial year, a considerable amount of the Committee's time was spent deliberating on various pieces of legislation that were referred to the Committee.

In November 2018, the Committee held three public hearings on the Communal Property Association Bill [B 12B–2017] (NCOP) and one public hearing on the National Credit Amendment Bill [B 30–2018] (NCOP). The public hearings on the Communal Property Association Bill took place in Ebenhaeser, Mossel Bay and Stellenbosch. The public hearing on the National Credit Amendment Bill took place in Cape Town. Additionally, the Committee also considered Vote 11: Agriculture and Vote 12: Economic Development and Tourism in the schedule to the Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill [B 6–2018], in November.

On 29 November 2018, the Committee resolved not to continue with the processing of the Communal Property Association Bill. The deadlines given by the National Council of

Provinces (NCOP) to submit Negotiating and Final Mandates on the Bill were deemed unreasonable by the Committee, and there were multiple requests from the Committee for the NCOP to grant provinces extensions to submit mandates, which were not responded to by the NCOP.

On 20 February 2019, the Committee conferred on the Western Cape's delegate in the NCOP the authority not to support the National Credit Amendment Bill.

In March 2019, the Committee held three public hearings on the Property Practitioners Bill [B 21B–2018] (NCOP) (S76) in Saldanha Bay, George and Cape Town. The Final Mandate on the Property Practitioners Bill was adopted on 25 March 2019, which conferred on the Western Cape's NCOP delegate to support the Bill.

On 8 March 2019, the Western Cape Special Economic Development Infrastructure Company Bill [B 3–2019] (SEDIC Bill) was referred to the Committee. The SEDIC Bill was deemed urgent by the Premier and had to be processed immediately. The Committee held a public hearing on the Bill in Atlantis on 20 March 2019. Thereafter, Committee met to informally and formally consider the Bill. The Bill was unanimously supported and reported on, on 25 March 2019, and the Bill was debated and passed in the House on 28 March 2019.

On 8 March 2019, the Committee met to deliberate on Vote 11: Agriculture and Vote 12: Economic Development and Tourism in the schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 1–2019]. Both Votes were supported and the Reports on the Votes were adopted on 15 March 2019.

4.2 Committee Meetings

In keeping with previous years committee activities, the Committee held its annual meetings on the seasonal tourism statistics. The Committee held a meeting on 11 April 2018 to consider the 2017/18 seasonal tourism statistics, and another meeting on 27 February 2019, to consider the seasonal tourism statistics for 2018/19. The impact of the drought on tourism as well as on the agricultural sector was of particular interest to the Committee.

During the 2018/19 financial year, the Committee continued with its inquiry in to the Robben Island Ferry incident that occurred on 15 September 2017. The Committee had expressed concern over tourism safety when a ferry transporting passengers from Robben Island had to be evacuated when the ferry started taking on water. The Committee requested that the Department of Economic Development and Tourism investigate the case and report back to the Committee on the potential for “risk of harm” to which passengers on small vessels may be exposed, and how this may pose a risk to tourism in the Western Cape; the standard of safety of passengers/tourists on vessels carrying up to 200 passengers at a time, along the Western Cape coastline; the general state of small vessels for passengers/tourists along the Western Cape coastline; and the standard and quality of service in the Western Cape, regarding small passenger vessel transportation, with specific reference to the capacity and resources available to Robben Island Museum, and how this compares to other port cities/areas of similar tourist demand. The South African Maritime Safety Authority reported back to the Committee on this matter in October 2018. The report was submitted to Members in February 2019.

During the year, the Committee also touched on critical matters including land reform (focusing on the Ebenhaeser land claim), air access and the expansion projects for the Cape Town International Airport, the Energy Game Changer, skills development and the

Apprenticeship Game Changer, the oceans economy, the Philippi Horticultural Area (PHA) study and the challenges faced by farmers located in the PHA, expropriation of land without compensation, and the future of the agricultural sector in the context of the Fourth Industrial Revolution.

In October 2018, the Committee evaluated the 2016/17 and 2017/18 Annual Reports of the Department of Agriculture and its Entity, Casidra. The Committee could not consider the Department of Agriculture’s 2016/17 Annual Report the previous year as there was a dispute between the Department and the Auditor-General of South Africa (AGSA), which resulted in the case being taken to the High Court. The Committee also considered the 2017/18 Annual Report of the Department of Economic Development and Tourism and its Entities; Wesgro and Saldanha Bay IDZ Licencing Company SOC Ltd.

4.3 Oversight Visits

During the 2018/19 financial year the Committee conducted two oversight visits. In May 2018, the Committee conducted an oversight visit to the I-CAN Centre in Elsies River. The purpose of the visit was to receive a briefing by the Department of Economic Development and Tourism on digital skills in the Western Cape, opportunities for youth in the Western Cape, and the I-CAN Centre Proof of Concept.

The Committee also visited the Zoe Incubation Centre (the Centre) in Delft in September 2018. The Centre is a public facility whose mission is to eradicate unemployment, oppression and illiteracy within the Delft community, through skills training and awareness programmes. The Centre aims to provide the community with skills that will allow them to break free from systemic poverty.

The Committee also took part in a Provincial Cluster Visit Week across the West Coast region from 14 to 17 August 2018. As part of the Visit Week, the Committee visited the Outeniqua Research Farm run by the Department of Agriculture. The purpose of the visit was to gain a better understanding of the role and function of research farms in the Western Cape.

5. Legislation

In the 2018/19 financial year, the Committee dealt with the following legislation:

5.1 Provincial Bills

- 5.1.1 Vote 11: Agriculture in the Schedule to the Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill [B 6–2018]
- 5.1.2 Vote 12: Economic Development and Tourism in the Schedule to the Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill [B 6–
- 5.1.3 Vote 11: Agriculture in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 1–2019]
- 5.1.4 Vote 12: Economic Development and Tourism in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 1–2019]
- 5.1.5 Western Cape Special Economic Development Infrastructure Company Bill [B 3–2019]

5.2 NCOP Bills (Section 76)

- 5.2.1 Communal Property Association Bill [B 12B–2017]
- 5.2.2 National Credit Amendment Bill [B 30–2018]
- 5.2.3 Property Practitioners Bill [B 21B–2018]

6. Facilitation of Public Involvement and Participation

In line with its mandate to facilitate public participation as part of the legislative process, the Committee held public hearings on the Bills. To give effect to this, the Committee advertised the Annual Report and Bills such as the Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill [B 6–2018], Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 1–2019], the National Credit Amendment Bill [B 30-2018], the Property Practitioners Bill [B 21B–2018] and the Western Cape Special Economic Development Infrastructure Company Bill [B 3–2019], informing and inviting stakeholders to participate in public hearings.

The Committee adopted a different approach to the Communal Property Association Bill public hearings. It was resolved that the Committee would not advertise in mainstream newspapers, but would rather advertise locally in the areas of interest and would adopt a more aggressive social media approach. The Committee received approximately 230 members of the public overall at the hearings.

7. Financial particulars

The Committee's adjusted budget for the 2018/19 financial year was R122 929.00 and the Committee incurred actual expenditure of R 441 405.45 resulting in an over-expenditure of R318 476.45. The over-expenditure was due to the public hearings held on the three NCOP Bills and the Western Cape Special Economic Development Infrastructure Company Bill.

2. Annual Activity Report of the Standing Committee on Community Development for the 2018/19 financial year.

Members

The Committee comprises the following Members:

Democratic Alliance

Botha, LJ (Chairperson)
Mitchell, DG
Wenger, MM

African National Congress

Gillion, MN
Makeleni, P

Alternate Members

Gopie, D (ANC)
Kivedo, BD (DA)
Lekker, PZ (ANC)

Mackenzie, RD (DA)
 Pretorius, PJC (DA)
 Wiley, MGE (DA)

8. Introduction

The mandate of the Committee is to:

- 8.1 Maintain oversight over the Executive.
- 8.2 To keep the departments of Health and Social Development accountable to it.
- 8.3 To consider and report on legislation and other matters referred to it by the Speaker.
- 8.4 To monitor the implementation of legislation.

In the fulfilment of its mandate, the Committee:

- 8.5 Facilitated public participation in the legislative and other processes of the Committee.
- 8.6 Conducted its business in a fair, open and transparent manner.
- 8.7 Promoted cooperative governance.
- 8.8 Reported regularly to the House.

9. Reporting departments

- 2.1 Department of Health
- 2.2 Department of Social Development

10. Overview of committee activities

Number of committee activities	40
Number of public hearings	9
Number of oversight visits	8
Number of cluster visit weeks	1
Number of international study tours	0
Number of provincial Bills considered	2
Number of NCOP visit weeks	0
Number of NCOP Bills considered	2
Number of committee briefing meetings	17
Workshops or conferences attended	1

During the month of April 2018, the provincial Department of Health briefed the Standing Committee on the regulations of the Western Cape Health Facility Boards and Committees Act, 2016 (Act 4 of 2016), and on the progress made in the implementation of the Act. This is part of the committee mandate of monitoring the implementation of legislation passed by the Provincial Parliament. The Department reported that the Minister signed off the regulations in November 2017. In December 2017 the Act and its regulations came into effect. On 1 January 2018, the Minister signed off on the cluster facilities.

In giving effect to the Act, a call for nominations of clinic committee members was conducted through newspaper advertisements, radio advertisements, the Government Gazette and the departmental website in January 2018. The closing date was 28 February 2018 for rural facilities, and 9 March 2018 for facilities of the City of Cape Town. The Minister extended the closing date for nominations to 15 May 2018 after concerns were received about the complicated nomination form, which has subsequently been revised and made more user-friendly. The appointment of the clinic committee and hospital board members is still ongoing.

Another meeting of interest during the financial year under review was a briefing by the Department of Health and the City of Cape Town (CCT). The aim of the meeting was to discuss the basket of services rendered to the communities of the Western Cape; progress made with the integration of health services of the City of Cape Town with those of the provincial Department of Health; on the District Health Plan for each district on the burden of diseases; and the response strategies of the City of Cape Town and the Department of Health.

During the meeting, the Committee was informed that the aim of City Health is to ensure that the City of Cape Town is a healthier city with adequate and equitable distribution of resources to render quality, comprehensive, cost-effective primary healthcare services.

The CCT delivers primary healthcare services, which comprise both environmental health and personal primary healthcare (PPHC). These services are managed in four areas that are subdivided into eight subdistricts with legislated boundaries, through an extensive infrastructure of 16 environmental health offices, 70 clinics, 16 community day centres, 16 satellite clinics, four specialised service facilities and five mobile clinics. Personal primary healthcare is provided in partnership with the Province as outlined in the service level agreement (SLA) concluded annually with the Western Cape Government. The officials of the City informed the Committee that the transfer payment made by the provincial Department of Health to the City of Cape Town for health services does not cover the total amount of health services provided and the CCT makes a significant contribution to health service delivery.

The service level agreement (SLA) between the City of Cape Town and the provincial Department of Health is signed annually. The SLA Monitoring Committee consisting of senior managers of both City Health and the Department of Health and the Committee monitors the planning, budgeting and expenditure control in line with the SLA. Furthermore, the SLA Monitoring Committee oversees service-delivery decisions that affect the SLA, oversees the information management process in line with the Information Management Framework and oversees infrastructure plans that affect the SLA. The City further reported that an integrated subdistrict management team, consisting of senior and middle managers of both City Health and the Department, jointly oversees service delivery at subdistrict level.

A meeting of the Committee in May 2019 was also a highlight, held to pay attention to the high incidence of missing children in the province. At this meeting, the Committee was briefed by the provincial South African Police Service on its statistics on cases and challenges with regard to the missing children. The SAPS reported that during the 2017/18 financial year, a total of 72 cases for missing children were reported, 44 children were found, while 49 children, who were reported as missing in the previous year, were also found during the 2017/18 financial year. The SAPS highlighted that there is no waiting period to report missing children, or any missing person, to the police. It is critical that communities report all cases of missing children and missing persons at the police station immediately. The SAPS informed the Committee that, when reporting a missing person, people must ensure that a SAPS 55(a) form is completed and that a case number is allocated as a reference. Various NGOs that are in the province – namely the Pink Ladies Organisation for Missing Children, the Identi-Masses, the Child Welfare, Stellenbosch on the Eye on the Child and the Valley Development Project (VDP) – briefed the Committee on their programmes and the challenges that are facing children in the province. One of the major challenge that was raised by various NGOs was the high number of children in the province who were undocumented and who did not have identity documents. This makes it difficult for the children to become part of the schooling system and to apply for government social assistance. At the end of the meeting, the Committee resolved to facilitate a meeting between the Department of Home Affairs and the various NGOs in the province to resolve the challenge of the undocumented children in the province.

Some of the oversight visits that the Committee conducted during the financial year under review include an oversight visit to the Salt River Mortuary in May 2018 to check the admission processes and procedures of the deceased and the security measures that are in place at the Mortuary. The visit was prompted by negative reports in various newspapers about the backlog and theft at the Salt River Mortuary. The Committee also conducted an oversight visit to the Swartland Hospital in Malmesbury. The aim of the visit was to assess the extent of the damage at the hospital, the progress made to repair the hospital and the services that the hospital will offer after the erection of the new hospital.

Furthermore, the Committee conducted an unannounced visit in June 2018 to a SASSA paypoint at Belthorne Community Hall in Athlone. This followed a Committee briefing meeting on 28 February 2016, where SASSA informed the Committee that the contract for grant payments between SASSA and Cash Paymaster Services (CPS) would expire in 2017. SASSA undertook to build its own capacity and insource the grant-payment services once the contract expired in 2017. It is with this reason that the Committee resolved to conduct the unannounced visit to a SASSA paypoint in in Athlone to assess the progress made by the SASSA from outsourcing to insourcing the grant services. Upon arriving at the Belthorne Community Hall in Athlone, the Committee noted with concern the lack of communication between SASSA and the social-grant beneficiaries.

Most of beneficiaries did not clearly understand the process that needed to be followed when renewing their social grants. In addition to this, there was a shortage of SASSA and SAPU officials on site to assist the beneficiaries with the migration process and this resulted in long queues. The Committee raised the concerns with SASSA officials who were on site and a follow-up briefing meeting with SASSA on the progress made was arranged. However, due to unforeseen circumstances, this meeting could not be held in the fifth parliament.

In September 2018, the Committee embarked on a joint oversight visit with the National Assembly Portfolio Committee on Social Development to social development sites at De Doorns. The visit highlighted the challenges faced by the De Doorns community. Issues that were highlighted during the visit included challenges such as substance abuse in the area, high unemployment, poverty and high school dropout rates.

11. Legislation

During the 2018/19 financial year, the Committee dealt with the following items of legislation:

11.1 Provincial bills

- 11.1.1 Vote 6: Health and Vote 7: Social Development in the schedule to the Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill [B 6–2018].
- 11.1.2 Vote 6: Health and Vote 7: Social Development in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 1–2019].

11.2 NCOP bills

- 11.2.1 National Health Laboratory Service Amendment Bill [B 15B–2017] (S76) (NCOP).
- 11.2.2 National Public Health Institute of South Africa Bill [B 16B–2017] (S76) (NCOP).

12. Facilitation of public involvement and participation

In line with the Committee's mandate to facilitate public participation as part of the legislative process, members of the public were invited to participate in the consideration of and deliberations on:

- 12.1 The Annual Report of the Department of Health;
- 12.2 The Annual Report of the Department of Social Development;
- 12.3 The Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill [B 6–2018] on Vote 6: Health;
- 12.4 The Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill [B 6–2018] on Vote 7: Social Development;
- 12.5 The Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 1–2019] on Vote 6: Health;
- 12.6 The Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 1–2019] on Vote 7: Social Development;

- 12.7 The National Health Laboratory Service Amendment Bill [B 15B–2017] (NCOP); and
- 12.8 The National Public Health Institute of South Africa Bill [B 16B–2017] (S76) (NCOP).

13. Financial particulars

The Standing Committee was allocated an amount of R122 929, 00. The budget was spent on public hearings during the consideration of provincial and NCOP Bills, which were referred to the Committee. The Committee advertised extensively in newspapers to notify the public of their democratic responsibility to participate in the law-making processes. Also, costs were incurred for the meetings on the annual reports and the general committee meetings. In addition, the Committee incurred high transport costs as transport was sourced to transport community members to and from public hearings.

3. Annual Committee Report of the Parliamentary Oversight Committee (POC) for the 2018/19 financial year, as follows:

Members

The Committee comprised of the following members:

Wiley, MGE (DA) (Chairperson)
Joseph, BD (EFF)
Joseph, D (DA)
Maseko, LM (DA)
Uys, P (ANC)

Alternate Members

Christians, FC (ACDP)
Dyantyi, QR (ANC)

1. Introduction

The mandate of the POC, as prescribed by the Financial Management of Parliament and Provincial Legislatures Act, 2009 (Act 10 of 2009) (FMPPLA), is to:

- 1.1 Be the oversight mechanism of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament which must maintain oversight of the financial management of Parliament to—
 - (a) Consider instructions issued by the Executive Authority in terms of section 37(5);
 - (b) Consider the annual report submitted to Parliament in terms of section 60;
 - (c) Consider instructions issued by the Executive Authority in terms of section 66; and

- (d) Perform any other functions specified in this Act or by the Rules of Parliament, or consistent with the objects of the FMPPLA.
- 1.2 Require the Accounting Officer and any other official of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament to appear before it.
- 1.3 Exercise the same powers that committees of Parliament have under sections 56 and 69 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa 1996.
- 1.4 Consider the quarterly and mid-year reports of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament.
- 1.5 Consider the Annual Report of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament.
- 1.6 Any audit reports issued by the Auditor-General on the affairs of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament; and
- 1.7 Any other financial statements or reports referred to the Committee by the House.

In fulfillment of its mandate the Committee must:

- 1.8 Facilitate public participation and involvement in the legislative and other processes of the Committee.
- 1.9 Conduct its business in a fair, open and transparent manner.
- 1.10 Promote cooperative governance.
- 1.11 Report regularly to the House.

2. Reporting Institution

The financial statements included in the Annual Report for the financial year ending 31 March 2019 was examined, as follows -

- 2.1 Western Cape Provincial Parliament (WCPP)

3. Overview of committee's activities

Number of Committee Meetings	9
Number of Public Hearings	3
Number of International Study Tours	0
Number of Oversight Visits	0
Number of Provincial Bills considered	2
Number of NCOP Bills considered	0
Workshops/conferences attended	0

4. Oversight activities

The Parliamentary Oversight Committee satisfactorily conducted oversight over the WCPP during the 2018/19 financial year.

During the financial year under consideration, the Parliamentary Oversight Committee conducted oversight mainly over the following information:

- 4.1 The Quarterly Performance reports of the WCPP;
- 4.2 The Financial Statement reports of the WCPP; and
- 4.3 The Annual Report of the WCPP for the 2017/18 financial year.

Besides the aforementioned quarterly briefings from the WCPP, the Committee focussed its attention on receiving regular briefings on the Enterprise Resource Planning Project that was initiated by the WCPP. The other key engagement matter was the Committee's deliberations with the WCPP on the Functional Enhancement Project that funds was also appropriated for and rolled-out by the WCPP in the 2018/19 financial year.

The Committee invited WCPP to brief it on the the specific details in relation to the Disaster Recovery Plan for the Information, Communication and Technology (ICT) Unit, including the specific details with regards to the battlebox of the WCPP, which relates to the Disaster Recovery Plan for the ICT for the 2016/17 financial year.

The Committee took a particular interest in the programmes that were developed by the Public Education and Outreach Unit of the WCPP. In addition, the Committee deliberated with the WCPP on the meetings that were held with the Department of Transport and Public Works, in particular the User Asset Management Plan (UAMP) that was constructed and agreed on from the engagements between the WCPP and Department.

From its engagement on the Annual Report of the 2017/18 financial year, the Committee requested that the WCPP provide it with the value that was derived, as well as the outcomes that were achieved, when the WCPP attended the meetings of the Legislative Sector for the 2017/18 financial year. Furthermore, the Committee resolved that the WCPP develop and implement an advertising strategy policy which relates to the objectives of the Communication and Information Unit, with respect to the broadcasting of all House sittings of the WCPP to the public within the Western Cape.

The Committee also raised a concern that there remained a general concern with regard to the overall safety of the members and staff of the WCPP. The concern arose out of the fact that, although 7 Wale Street is a national key point, the access points to the building still remained to pose a risk to the overall safety of the members and staff of the WCPP.

The Committee finalised its meetings for the 2018/19 financial year by requesting a briefing session by the WCPP on the financial implication and operational impact of the Functional Enhancement exercise; including the member debtors as was reflected in the 2017/18 Annual Report.

5. Legislation

In the 2018/ 19 financial year, the Committee dealt with the following provincial legislation:

- 5.1. Vote 2: Western Cape Provincial Parliament in the Schedule to the Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill [B 6–2018]; and

- 5.2. Vote 2: Western Cape Provincial Parliament in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 1–2019].

6. Facilitation of Public Involvement and Participation

In line with its mandate to facilitate public participation as part of the legislative process, the Committee held one public hearing meeting during the Annual Report period. To give effect to this, the Committee's Annual Report meeting was advertised, informing and inviting the public and stakeholders to participate in public hearings. In addition, the Committee held two public hearing meetings on the following money Bills, the Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation Bill [B 6–2018], and the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 1–2019], respectively, on Vote 2: Western Cape Provincial Parliament.

7. Financial particulars

At the end of the 2018/19 financial year, expenditure which attributed to the activities of the Committee accumulated to an amount of R25 151,29, from an allocated budget of R48 802,58. The expenditure was incurred on catering for the Committee's meetings during the financial year, as well as contributing to the adverts for the Appropriation, Adjustments Appropriation and Annual Report period.

**INTERPELLATIONS,
QUESTIONS AND REPLIES**

Questions and replies as received from departments

QUESTIONS

For written reply

SAPS vehicles

1. Ms M M Wenger asked the Minister of Community Safety:

- (1) What is the (a) granted and (b) actual number of SAPS vehicles for the Western Cape;
- (2) whether there are any vehicle shortages; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) how many vehicles mentioned in 1(b), (a) are in the workshop and (b) have been decommissioned;
- (4) what is the average (a) age and (b) mileage of the operational vehicles?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY:

1. The South African Police Service informed me as follows:

- (1) (a) 5 262
(b) 5 297
- (2) No
- (3) (a) 598
(b) 368 (recommended for boarding)
- (4) (a) 5 ½ years old
(b) 174 000 km

Questions and replies as received from departments

QUESTIONS

For written reply

SAPS vehicles

1. Ms M M Wenger asked the Minister of Community Safety:

Whether the matter relating to allegations about apartheid-era Ministers and Bird Island in the Eastern Cape is being investigated by Western Cape SAPS; if so, (a) by whom have they been tasked, (b) what is their mandate, (c) who is the senior investigating officer, (d) how many officers by rank have been allocated to this investigation, (e) how many times have they gone to (i) Port Elizabeth and (ii) other sites outside the Western Cape and (f) what is the cost to date of this investigation?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY:

1. The South African Police Service informed me as follows:

- (1) (a) Yes. The Deputy Provincial Commissioner Crime Detection, Major General JA Vearey
- (b) To investigate reported allegations.
- (c) The Provincial Head: FCS Unit (Family Child and Sexual Offences), Brigadier Harri
- (d) 3 Officers
- (e) (i) Investigations are ongoing
(ii) Investigations are ongoing
- (f) Investigations are ongoing.

INTERPELLATIONS UNDER NAME OF MEMBER**(as put to relevant Minister)****Beerwinkel, C F –**

Finance.....	3405
Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning	1162
.....	2795

Botha, L J –

Health	4381
Social Development.....	3444, 4317, 5074

Christians, F C –

Transport and Public Works	566
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Davids, S W –

Agriculture, Economic Development and Tourism	1925, 2231
Human Settlements	4703

Dijana, T M –

Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning	2001
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Dugmore, C M –

Human Settlements	3601
Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning	1417

Du Toit Marais, A J –

Health	163, 813
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Dyantyi Q R –

Agriculture, Economic Development and Tourism	1109
Finance.....	313, 728, 1014, 1609, 3740
Health	3703
Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning	75, 553
.....	1478, 3436, 3865, 4547, 5080, 5152, 5319
Premier	1232, 3726, 4686

Fransman, M L –

Agriculture, Economic Development and Tourism	1694
Social Development.....	1698
Transport and Public Works	1703

Gillion, M N –

Health	4386, 4755, 5424
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Gopie, D –

Cultural Affairs and Sport.....	4831
Human Settlements	5259

Hinana, N E –

Social Development	1154
Transport and Public Works	4458, 4483, 5070

Joseph, D –

Cultural Affairs and Sport	3393
Education	2356
Finance	3226, 4750

Kivedo, B D –

Education	158, 735, 1001, 1422, 1613, 5421
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Lekker, P Z –

Cultural Affairs and Sport	3737
Community Safety	234, 4836
Education	3399

Lentit, R B –

Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning	1159
.....	2087

Mackenzie, R D –

Minister of Cultural Affairs and Sport	3252, 5163
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Magaxa, K E –

Health	1857
Human Settlements	390, 802, 1115, 1617

Makeleni, P –

Social Development	2007
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Maseko, L M –

Community Safety	80
Education	1247
Human Settlements	1241, 1579, 2353, 2359, 2788, 4214

Max, L H –

Cultural Affairs and Sport	4220
Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning	1008
Transport and Public Works	2181

Mnqasela, M –

Finance	301
Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning	2075
.....	2080, 3310, 3485, 4601, 5159
Transport and Public Works	742

Nkondlo, N D –

Agriculture, Economic Development and Tourism	2674, 3246, 3607
Transport and Public Works	2666, 2785

Olivier, R T –

Education..... 1937, 3873, 4145, 4462, 5330

Paulsen, M N –

Education..... 644

Health 153

Schäfer, B A –

Agriculture, Economic Development and Tourism 225, 379, 558, 795, 1932

..... 1933, 2129, 3491

Tyatyam, S G –

Agriculture, Economic Development and Tourism 1583, 3303, 5340

Community Safety 2466, 2471

Education..... 2187

Health 2004

Human Settlements 4696

Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning 1473

..... 2227

Premier 2175

Uys, P –

Premier 634

Wenger, M M –

Community Safety 1943

Social Development..... 308

Wiley, M G E –

Community Safety 2670

QUESTIONS

(Oral and Written: as put to relevant Minister under name of Member)

Beerwinkel, C F –

Community Safety 57, 2031, 2032, 3260, 3261

Cultural Affairs and Sport..... 42, 474, 488, 500, 501

Education..... 444, 2821

Finance..... 3134, 3332, 4437, 4646

Health 35, 443, 3909

Human Settlements 55, 448, 472, 474

Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning 58, 941

..... 2687, 2690, 2708, 2765, 2766, 2816

Transport and Public Works 26

Botha, L J –

Agriculture, Economic Development and Tourism 621, 658, 2073

Community Safety 1626, 2780, 2877, 3361, 3642, 3723, 4683

Cultural Affairs and Sport..... 919

Education	661, 1193, 1194, 2877, 3896, 4105, 4106, 4336, 4468, 4596
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Finance	857
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