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The House met at 10:00.

The Speaker took the Chair and read the prayer.

WESTERN CAPE APPROPRIATION BILL[B 2—2013]

(Debate on Vote 1 – Premier)

†The PREMIER: Mr Speaker, Cabinet members, Leader of the Opposition, leaders of political parties, hon members, Director-General, all the sterling professionals who run the Department of the Premier, colleagues and friends and citizens of the Western Cape, it gives me great pleasure to present the 2013-2014 budget Vote for the Department of the Premier.

I would like to thank the Director-General and his team for their very hard work in finalising our budget for the upcoming financial year and for their dedication in building an efficient, transparent, responsive and corruption-free government in our on-going quest to become the best run regional government in the world.

I would also like to extend a special welcome, in their absence, because they are caught in traffic, to five learners from the Cape Academy of Maths, Science and Technology, otherwise known as Cosat, who will attend this budget Vote as soon as they get here, as special guests. The learners are Mu-Amr Abrahams, Noluthando Honono, Astrid Kuppan-Luke, Lesego Mzondi and Zuko Sifumba.

They were invited to the House today after winning a debating competition on 9 March that focussed on the Brics Initiative and the upcoming 5th Brics Summit that will be hosted by South Africa on 26 and 27 March 2013. The debating competition was facilitated by an organisation known as the Township Debating League and was held in collaboration with the national Department of International Relations and Co-operation with the Department of the Premier.

These remarkable young debaters are a clear example of how individuals can flourish and excel when given an opportunity, such as the quality education at the Cape Academy, which is one of the top schools in the Western Cape, and they may then use their opportunities to pursue a life they value. This is the core essence of Better Together. In their absence, may I hope that they will get a good example of debating in the House and that we will be seen as a yardstick for them, rather than as a deterrent to entering a sphere that is based on professional debating.

During my State of the Province Address, I reiterated the Western Cape government's commitment to playing its part to make the National Development Plan (NDP) work. Building a capable state that is professional, competent and responsive to the needs of citizens, is one of the six pillars on which this plan is built.

Minister Trevor Manuel summed it up best when addressing an economic summit in East London last week. He said that fixing the Public Service was the first step towards future prosperity because no economic policy could succeed if the "engine-room", that is government and the professional Public Service, did not work.

Mr Speaker, this is precisely what the Department of the Premier has focused on over the last four years. We have made a number of changes to our structures and systems in order to create the machinery needed for a clean, accountable administration that fulfils its mandate efficiently and effectively.

The NDP makes a number of proposals for the creation of a capable state, including greater accountability of individual employees, rules restricting the business interests of public servants, a Public Service that is not weakened by cadre deployment and is insulated from political patronage, as well as developing specialist and technical skills and improving operational systems within government.

The Corporate Services Centre based in the department is geared towards achieving many of these recommendations by providing human resource, ICT, legal, forensic, risk management and internal audit services to all provincial departments.

Since its establishment, the centre has focused on becoming the engine-room of internal government processes and ensuring that we root out corruption, appoint the right people in the right places and are at the cutting edge of technology that serves people.

The exponential expansion in the services provided by the Corporate Services Centre to provincial departments, especially IT services, is also the reason why the department's 2013-14 budget of R853,8 million has increased by 14,15% or R105,9 million from last year.

Mr Speaker, it is important to state that this additional funding will be spent solely on new infrastructure and systems that will enable provincial departments to focus on service delivery. The department remains committed to its austerity drive and no “frills” ethos, including closely monitoring and curbing unnecessary expenditure on hotels, cars and catering.

The department’s budget is divided into five programmes, namely Executive and Administrative Support, Provincial-Wide Strategic Management, Human Capital, the Centre for e-Innovation and Corporate Assurance.

I will now go through each programme briefly to explain what has been achieved and what is planned for the coming financial year.

Programme 1: Executive Support

Programme 1 provides back-office administration and assistance for Cabinet engagements and meetings of the provincial top management and for the Department of the Premier. Other critical support functions are also located within this programme, including the Office of the Chief Financial Officer and Departmental Strategy.

The programme receives R62,5 million this financial year, which is a slight increase from last year’s budget of R57,8 million. Some of the targets under this programme include achieving an unqualified audit, spending 99% of the department’s budget and ensuring all required annual strategic plans and annual plans and quarterly reports are submitted.

Programme 1 also supports the Intergovernmental Committee (IGC) which has been established to remove blockages threatening the success of strategic projects that require province or city collaboration.

Programme 2: Provincial Strategic Management

Programme 2 has been allocated R52,1 million for the 2013-14 financial year, an increase of approximately R13 million, and is responsible for a number of key sub programmes. Firstly, it oversees the Provincial Transversal Management System (PTMS), which is focused on achieving the outcomes contained in our 11 strategic objectives through sector committees and working groups that bring together provincial departments, other spheres of government, the private sector and civil society. We currently have 40 working groups working in a number of critical areas, including disability, red tape reduction, road safety, the green economy and youth development.

More importantly, the PTMS will also co-ordinate the implementation of proposals contained in the National Development Plan across provincial departments.

Programme 2 is also responsible for international relations and mainstreaming human rights across all provincial departments.

Mr Speaker, up to now there has been no integrated international relations strategy for the Western Cape government. Instead, provincial departments have been working in silos on an ad hoc basis with little cumulative impact. Many agreements signed in the past have also become out dated and others dormant.

Our government realised the need for a co-ordinated international strategy that focuses on increasing tourism, trade and investment into the province and support for our strategic objectives.

We will be introducing our new International Relations Strategy soon, which will focus on strengthening our strategic partnerships with our traditional markets and specifically with new countries, in particular, the Brics – that is Brazil, Russia, India and China –and emerging markets in Africa, which are a crucial link for South Africa as a whole and the Western Cape in particular.

One of the key aims contained in this new strategy is to position the Western Cape as the green economic hub of Africa by promoting our province's competitive advantage ...

The SPEAKER: Order!

The PREMIER: ... when it comes to its renewable energy capacity ... [Interjections.] ...

†The SPEAKER: Order, hon Ozinsky!

†The PREMIER: ... and its strong financial services sector and innovative design, built environment and manufacturing sectors. [Interjections.]

†The SPEAKER: Hon Ozinsky, Order! Proceed, hon Premier.

†The PREMIER: I will repeat that paragraph, Mr Speaker, because it is an important one.

One of key aims contained in this new strategy is to position the Western Cape as a green economic hub of Africa by promoting our province's competitive advantage when it comes to renewable energy capacity and its strong financial services sector and innovative design, built environment and manufacturing sectors.

My special adviser on these matters, Jenny Cargill, leads the Green Economy theme. One of my priority projects launched last year was 110% Green which offers a platform to organisations – and in particular the private sector – to commit to and act on initiatives that connect Green and the economy. To date, more than 60 flagship projects have joined this platform and we are aiming for 110 by the time we host the first anniversary of 110% Green in June this year.

Mr Speaker, the department will also be presenting a Human Rights Strategy soon, which will be implemented across provincial departments. This strategy will not simply commemorate national days, as important as they are. An issue that is extremely important to me is ensuring that people living with disabilities are not discriminated against and are provided with the opportunities needed to live fulfilling lives that they value. Our key focus areas will be access to assistive devices, education and employment opportunities in this plan.

I am also excited to announce that I will be launching a pilot project on 8 April in Vredenburg and Mfuleni that will focus on identifying children and young people living with disabilities so that we can offer them the opportunities they need. More details on this pilot project will be provided at the launch.

Mr Speaker, another key focus under Programme 2 has been investigating ways to change behaviours in the province. During my State of the Province speech, I made it clear that it is impossible to resolve the many challenges facing our society without everyone playing a role – from individuals through the choices they make, parents through the responsibility they take and the guidance they give to their children, whole communities through the norms they establish, institutions like churches and schools in the leadership they provide, as well as the services offered by the state.

Currently, and I think we have to recognise this fact, many citizens are not playing their part by taking responsibility for their actions, including the continued phenomenon of unprotected sex, and intergenerational sex, that I think we need to stop euphemising about and start calling it by its real name, which borders on paedophilia, unprotected sex with multiple partners, and abusing alcohol and drugs.

Our government has therefore been working with Ideas 42, a Harvard-based behavioural economics think tank, and the University of Cape Town to come up with programmes and campaigns that will incentivise and hopefully enforce behaviour change in the province.

Last month, as part of this initiative, our government ran a HIV-testing campaign in certain districts in the province that was tied to a lottery incentive.

This campaign was a smaller, more localised version of the “Get tested and win” campaign our government ran during the 16 days of Activism for No Violence against Women and Children in 2011.

This smaller campaign ran between 4 and 22 February in a sub district in the Eden, West Coast, Cape Winelands, Overberg and Central Karoo municipalities as well as two sub districts in the Cape Town Metro.

Mr Speaker, the main aim of this campaign was to determine whether a lottery incentive attracts more people than a straightforward information campaign that urges people to get tested, particularly people who haven’t been tested before. This was the indication we got from the results of the “Get tested and win” campaign, which saw a significant increase in the number of people getting tested but we wanted to make sure that this was indeed the case.

The preliminary results show that more people went to get tested as a result of this campaign. I will provide more details during the draw of the winners of the lottery cash prize on 2 April.

Lastly, a number of other key projects fall under Programme 2, including Strategic Communications, support for the 2014 World Design Capital and the implementation of an integrated events strategy that focuses on providing support to intergovernmental engagement and events that aim to leverage economic growth, job creation and increased social inclusion, while also ensuring that they contribute to the growth of the green economy and the creation of jobs which remains our number one priority.

We have also been working in partnership with the national government and the City of Cape Town to redevelop District 6 and restore the rights of residents who were forcibly removed by the apartheid government.

It is wonderful, at last, to be able to report progress and good intergovernmental co-operation from all spheres in this most important venture.

Programme 3: Human Capital

Human Capital under Programme 3 is the first of three programmes that form the Corporate Services Centre. This programme has been allocated R154,4 million and has three facets, namely Human Resource (HR) Management, Organisational Development and the Provincial Training Institute.

Like the NDP, we recognise the critical importance of a competent, qualified, non-partisan Public Service that is not subjected to political patronage. When we talk of employees being fit for purpose we are not referring to public servants who are able to do the bidding of politicians but who have the skills, values and drive needed to realise the outcomes contained in our 11 strategic objectives.

That is why we have invested considerably in putting the right systems and processes in place that will result in the right people being appointed, who are held accountable for their performance and who are developed. All of that has to happen within the law, so accountability is only to the extent that the law enables us to implement it.

During 2012, we rolled out the first phase of the e-Recruitment system, which enables people to access vacancies in all provincial departments – except Education and Health – and apply for them online. We aim to have this entire process online and integrated within our existing systems by the end of the 2014-15 financial year. Integration into the Departments of Health and Education will also take place in the following two years with the entire project scheduled for completion in 2017.

We have also begun automating the selection process through the implementation of the E-Recruitment solution system last December. This web-based system enables the short listing of preferred candidates and the related internal processes to be automated.

We are confident that both systems will considerably reduce the cost and time spent on the filling of vacancies in provincial departments in the future.

Mr Speaker, I would also like to use this opportunity to respond to allegations by the hon Lynne Brown, the Leader of the Opposition, that our government is “purging” public servants who happen to be black. While hon Brown has yet to provide details on specific cases to back up her allegations, I would like to reiterate what I said during my State of the Province reply, which is that there is absolutely no basis for this claim.

I have been provided with a list of officials of all races who were dismissed during the previous financial year. Every single person was taken through the due, fair and independent disciplinary process, and was found guilty of misconduct, which includes sexual harassment, unauthorised expenditure, gross dishonesty and misuse of government resources.

The fact is that any Western Cape government employee, irrespective of their race, who is accused of misconduct, will be investigated and subjected to a disciplinary process which is fair and independent, and if they are found guilty they may face possible dismissal depending on the severity of their transgression.

Their race or political connections are entirely irrelevant. This is because our government is committed to creating a professional, responsive Public Service that has integrity and is corruption-free.

However, we admit that our department also faces challenges when it comes to retaining skills. Of the 66 employees that left the Department of the Premier during the 2011-12 financial year, 17 were African females and 16 were coloured females.

However, 85% of these employees left because of a promotion ...

†The SPEAKER: Order, hon Premier!

†Mr M SKWATSHA: Mr Speaker, is the Premier prepared to take just one small question?

†The PREMIER: No, not during my speech; he has time in the debate afterwards.

†The SPEAKER: Thank you. Take your seat, hon Skwatsha.

†Mr M SKWATSHA: Okay. [Interjections.]

†The SPEAKER: Order, hon members! Order! Premier, proceed.

†The PREMIER: As I was saying, 85% of these employees left because of a promotion, or an offer of better remuneration, which the department could not match. They were not purged, as the hon Leader of the Opposition would like people to believe. The department has, however, increased its focus on recruiting and retaining skilled staff in critical areas.

Under Programme 3 the Department of the Premier will also be focusing on Organisational Development with the aim of transforming the way in which key processes are carried out by provincial departments in order to enhance efficiency and effectiveness.

During the previous financial year, 6 449 employees also participated in training programmes at the Provincial Training Institute in Kromme Rhee, which is an increase of nearly 2 000 employees from the 2011-12 financial year. A total of 3 448 officials also completed a training intervention on anti-corruption which was delivered exclusively on our e-Learning platform. The target for the upcoming financial year is to train 7 718 employees through various learning platforms.

The IT infrastructure at the Provincial Training Institute has also been upgraded with the installation of a wireless (WiFi) access system and the bandwidth has been increased from 1 MB to 2 MB, which has considerably enhanced the capacity of the institute to provide e-Learning interventions. All facilitators have also been provided with training in e-Learning technology through a partnership with the Public Administration Leadership and Management Academy.

Video-conferencing facilities will also be installed in the 2013-14 financial year to enable course facilitators to communicate with learners who are off-site, which will result in significant savings in travelling and subsistence costs and more employees benefitting from learning interventions.

Finally, the development of the new institutional and funding model for the training institute, which is aimed at establishing a more streamlined and modern approach to transversal training in the province, is at an advanced stage and the implementation plan should be finalised by the end of this month.

Mr Speaker, during my State of the Province Address I reported back on the Premier's Advancement of Youth, the Pay Project, and how it has benefitted young people's lives in the province. I am very pleased to report that 750 new interns will be entering this programme at the beginning of next month.

Programme 4: Centre for e-Innovation

Programme 4 is the Centre for e-Innovation, which is responsible for the implementation of the Provincial ICT Delivery Plan and the IT Service Delivery Improvement Plan.

Like the NDP, our government recognises that the development of ICT is critical for increased economic competitiveness and growth, skills development and a more connected society.

It is also crucial when it comes to making government services more accessible, allowing citizens greater access to information and also making government more accountable. This is why the Centre for e-Innovation has been allocated R482,2 million, an increase of R62,4 million.

Broadband implementation at government sites remains a major priority under this programme. Our government will continue building and maintaining Cape Access e-Community Centres, which provide computer and internet facilities in disadvantaged areas. Seven new centres will be built during the 2013-14 financial year in Bredasdorp, Grabouw, Plettenberg Bay, which will get two centres, Worcester, Hawston and Mossel Bay.

The Centre for e-Innovation has also set stringent service delivery targets for the upcoming financial year, despite the fact that the ICT user base has increased from 14 500 to approximately 16 500. These targets include a 99% "systems uptime" and 99% "network uptime" and a 4-day turnaround time at the IT helpdesk.

Overall, a target of level 3 for IT governance maturity in terms of international benchmarks has been set.

Some of the additional funding allocated to Programme 3 will be spent on IT hardware, including:

- R25 million will be spent on refreshing out dated servers, routers and other ICT infrastructure throughout the province, including hospitals and other service delivery points;
- R29 million will be spent on increasing connectivity costs and R9,6 million will be spent specifically on connecting 22 additional health care facilities to the Internet;

- R7 million will also be allocated to supporting the Khanya programme. The Centre for e-Innovation has taken over the provision of support to Khanya laboratories at our schools as part of maintaining the Khanya mainstreaming programme within the Western Cape Education Department.

Mr Speaker, we will also continue implementing the broadband project in partnership with the Department of Finance, Economic Development and Tourism and the City of Cape Town.

Finally, Cabinet also recently approved the Provincial ICT Delivery Plan which aims to implement transversal ICT initiatives, including Business Process Optimisation, Business Intelligence, Electronic Content Management and Performance Management, which includes Enterprise Project Management, across all provincial departments.

This set of initiatives will further embed the gains made through the implementation of the IT Services Blueprint. The funds for the implementation of the Provincial ICT Delivery Plan are currently reserved in Vote 3 – Provincial Treasury – and will be disbursed once Business Plans and Project Initiation documents have been finalised and the documents submitted by respective provincial departments.

Programme 5: Corporate Assurance

Programme 5 is Corporate Assurance, and includes Enterprise Risk Management, the Forensic Investigative Unit (FIU), Internal Audit, Legal Services and Corporate Communication.

All of these are essential support services aimed at strengthening good governance and I believe the programme remains under-resourced, given the critical role it plays. The budget for Corporate Assurance for the coming financial year is R102,7 million.

We agree with Minister Manuel that corruption is the biggest threat to the successful implementation of the NDP. This is why the Western Cape is the only province that has introduced regulations that prevent provincial employees from benefiting from state contracts, which we believe is the root of much of the corruption, and we will be tabling a private member's motion and a private member's Bill to this effect in the National Assembly.

The Department of the Premier has also focused on capacitating and strengthening the FIU considerably over the last few years so that corrupt officials, wherever they are in this Administration, are caught and rooted out, prosecuted and punished if found guilty.

As a result, the case backlog we inherited when taking over the Administration in 2009 has stabilised. As at 1 March, the FIU did not have any cases on its caseload that date back to the financial years preceding 2010 and 2011.

The unit has also been conducting regular follow-ups with provincial departments to ensure the implementation of recommendations made on the completion of investigations, including referring criminal cases to the South African Police Service, taking disciplinary action against employees and improving key controls in departments.

During the 2013-14 financial year, the Department of the Premier will also begin re-establishing the FIU as an internal function.

Members of the ANC opposition have questioned the rationale behind this decision in light of the department partially outsourcing the functions of the unit over a year ago.

Firstly, it was always the intention of the department to re-establish the FIU once problems within the unit had been resolved. However, I believe the following analogy will assist opposition members in understanding the processes we have followed when it comes to the FIU.

Mr Speaker, the unit we inherited when taking over the Administration in 2009 was very similar to a poorly constructed RDP house that hadn't been properly built nor on a proper foundation.

Making cosmetic repairs to this RDP house would mean it would be more likely than ever to fall down within a few years' time. Trying to address the symptoms rather than the root causes of the problems plaguing the FIU would result in exactly the same thing – the unit would never have the capacity to tackle and root out corruption in the province. I believe that the ANC kept it deliberately weak when they were in the government of the province, for obvious reasons. That is why we decided to start from the beginning so that we could build the strong foundation needed for a competent, effective FIU and we wanted to build it from scratch.

By outsourcing some of the FIU's functions to Deloitte – a leading forensic auditing firm in the corporate sector – we have been able to leverage the firm's expertise to reduce the high backlog of cases we inherited and to make progress in capacitating the unit by developing the skills of staff members through skills transfer programmes, which have been very successful.

Now that we have a strong foundation, the department has shifted its focus to finalising the structure of the unit and will be making a number of key appointments, including the Head of the FIU and managers over the next few months. We aim to move towards a fully insourced function by November 2014.

The FIU will also be performing an annual fraud health check to determine the level of fraud awareness in the province and set the basis for preventative initiatives for particular departments.

When it comes to further embedding risk management in the operations of our government, the risk maturity of departments are currently being assessed in line with global standards, and all indications are that the target set for the 2012-13 financial year will be achieved – which is that three provincial departments will achieve a second-level risk and control maturity. Our target for the upcoming financial year is for at least six departments to achieve a minimum of a second-level risk maturity.

Internal Audit has also set itself a target of 90% completion of the approved Departmental Internal Audit Plans. No further financial allocations have been made to Internal Audit Services.

However, we are pursuing an opportunity to assess assurance coverage in a broader perspective through a concept introduced by the King Report on Governance, which aims to optimise assurance coverage obtained from three levels, that is management, internal assurance providers and independent assurance providers on the key risk areas of the province. It involves the mapping of assurance coverage against the key risks and objectives within an organisation, in an attempt to co-ordinate all the assurance activities, thereby ensuring optimal utilisation of assurance spend.

Furthermore, should provincial departments want to achieve an increased internal audit coverage they would be able to fund this from within their allocated budgets with the extent of this coverage and funding being agreed on during the internal audit planning phase.

Mr Speaker, Legal Services also expects to process 1 750 requests during the 2013-14 financial year. A legal compliance unit has also been established in the Chief Directorate: Legal Services, which will ultimately improve governance by offering proactive legal services to all provincial departments, including legal training and proactive assessments of departments' compliance with legislation and the requirements for legally sound decision-making.

Corporate Communications will also be reporting quarterly to Cabinet on the implementation of the provincial communication strategy.

Mr Speaker, in conclusion, there are numerous other interventions that have been introduced by the Department of the Premier to get the machinery of our government working but time constraints mean that I cannot provide all the detail here today.

While there is still much to be done, and we are never complacent in government, I am confident that our initiatives have put us on the right path towards realising the capable state envisioned by the NDP, which can focus on increasing the opportunities available to everyone living in the Western Cape so that everyone has the opportunities and the means they need to improve their lives.

However, I want to reiterate that a capable state cannot tackle the many problems our society faces on its own. Both our government and the NDP recognise the crucial role an active citizenry must play in partnership with the state.

The Department of the Premier is committed to realising the provincial strategic objective of "building the best-run regional government in the world", which attracts investments and creates an enabling environment for economic growth and job creation.

I call on every citizen to take personal responsibility for using the opportunities provided to them and for making the right lifestyle choices so that they can contribute to a society that enables every single individual to live a meaningful life and add value to society.

†Ms J L HARTNICK: Mr Speaker, as spokesperson for the DA on the Premier, Youth, Gender and People with Disabilities in the Western Cape, I support the allocation of R853,8 million to the Department of the Premier for the 2013-14 financial year.

With this budget, together with the Standing Committee on Premier, Youth, Gender and People with Disabilities, I will be holding the Department of the Premier accountable for providing strategic and operational support to the Premier and the provincial Cabinet in order for them to exercise their provincial executive authority. This entails the transversal co-ordination of the functions of the Provincial Administration and its departments, through the development and implementation of legislation and policy.

The oversight role that we as Members of Provincial Parliament and the standing committee play over this department is of pivotal importance as this department functions to provide executive governance support services, to professionally support the Premier and Cabinet to effectively perform their executive authority in respect of provincial strategic matters and to render transversal corporate services on a shared service basis. If the Department of the Premier fulfils these functions, and we hold them responsible for it, we will indeed be assisting them and the Western Cape as a whole in becoming the best-run regional government in the world.

I commend the Premier and the department for the transparency displayed by noting the budget decisions in the Estimates of Provincial Revenue and Expenditure 2013 budget.

The fact that it is made clear that the higher than anticipated salary increases and the constrained international and national financial situation placed significant pressure on the budget available for service delivery, reveals the transparency within the Department of the Premier. In my oversight role I will also be monitoring whether the austerity measures mentioned are upheld.

Mr Speaker, with the dire need of youth upliftment programmes in the province, I also commend the Department of the Premier for the Career Fair and Expo held on Youth Day on 16 June 2012. This event drew attention to the challenges young people continue to face with regard to assessing employment opportunities. What made this event especially significant was that it provided a platform for youth with disabilities to network with potential employers.

On 28 June 2012, a seminar to deepen the consciousness of the youth on challenges of human trafficking was also held. I urge the Premier and her department to use the allocated R62,5 million and R52,065 million for executive support and provincial strategic management, respectively, on more events like these as it will redress the issues our youth is faced with.

I wish the Department of the Premier extended success in its efforts to be the best-run regional government in the world, and that the transversal management of the provincial government will run smoothly.

I am especially enthusiastic about the development of the automated and integrated provincial-wide monitoring and evaluation system to improve the management of performance across the departments.

Mr Speaker, in addition to the Premier's priority projects, I welcome the following priorities as identified by the Department of the Premier as they are proactive efforts in order to foster a caring society in which people can live lives they value.

These include: Green economy initiatives; the 2014 World Design Capital; a review of the Integrated Events Strategy adopted by Cabinet in 2011 to ensure synergy with the national and city strategies; event-related research and impact studies; support given to events with socioeconomic growth and inclusivity potential; a web-based portal to support the events industry in their interaction with the public sector; and area-based initiatives responding to communities in distress.

*Mr Speaker, in conclusion, I hope that all priorities will be completed during the 2014-15 oversight year and that goals will even be exceeded.

I'm especially interested to observe how the targets and goals of the various programmes will be reached, therefore I want to wish the Premier and her department all the best in their pursuit to create an open opportunity-driven society and by doing that give the residents of the Western Cape freedom they can use.

†The LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION: Mr Speaker, thank you very much. Madam Premier, good morning. I almost called you comrade! Members ... [Interjections.] Comrade Carlisle, stop it! I acknowledge the members of the House, including the MEC, the Director-General and your top management.

I just want to correct the Premier; the department has fully outsourced the FIU – not partially. There is only one staff member employed at the moment, besides Ms Robson, and that's the secretary. They were telling us ... [Interjections.] Either you lied, or somebody else did. They were telling us that they would be appointing management this year.

Let me say before I start, Mr Speaker, that I want to use this opportunity to commend the hon MEC Meyer who represented the province – and it's probably one of the first times that I felt really proud – and committed all of us to the social cohesion programme of the province. You committed the province to be fully behind social cohesion. The meta text for me is to build a united Western Cape. So I really want to commend you for having represented the province well yesterday.

That's unlike what happens in the House, unfortunately, where the unfortunate chauvinism from the front row occurs, ... [Interjections.] ... when you guffaw, when there is a little insult spoken to somebody in the opposition and so on. I think it was very commendable. In fact, I actually want to use this opportunity to commend the Mayor as well. The Mayor has renamed streets in the province after many, many great leaders. I am just a bit worried that she has excluded F W de Klerk.

The Department of the Premier's budget has grown by almost 100% since the 2009-10 financial year when the DA came into power. This non-delivery department has almost reached the R1 billion mark; it is short of about R150 million. It has almost reached the R1 billion mark. It receives almost R500 million more than Community Safety; R200 million more than Agriculture; and many, many millions of rand more than Economic Development. [Interjections.] Yes, it is right to fix the Public Service, as the Premier says, but it must be balanced by taking care of the dire socioeconomic fallout in our province at the moment. We cannot pretend that while we fix the machines, and get the fit for purpose and do all of that, that those things can happen outside there, this skewed allocation in a province that has been branded, not by us, but internationally as the rape capital of the world.

It has the highest levels of TB in the world. It is the capital of fetal alcohol syndrome. All these are socioeconomic diseases focused on the poor and in poor communities – really poor communities on the Cape Flats, in African townships and rural areas. I would have imagined that of the almost R20 million that will be spent on strategic projects in the 2013-14 financial year, the department would have prioritised spending on what the Premier calls “an holistic approach” to fighting the scourge of violent deaths and rape among women.

It is the Premier who said that we should have a holistic response to deal with the devastating damage of abuse and murder that the women and children experience in the Western Cape. This has to be led by the First Citizen of the province; this must be led by the Premier. There is a Social Development department, there is a Health department and there’s an Education department, but in her portfolio she carries women, children and people living with disabilities. She should lead it because it is affecting the people in her province now.

This should really have spurred the DA on to hear the cry of our people, to experience the hardship of a mother losing a daughter in such a gruesome manner, and many other parents experiencing loss and pain, and just the fear that our children are not safe.

In fact, two weeks ago, the body of 13-year-old Charlene Williams was found in Bredasdorp just after the death of Anene Booysen.

It is because we haven’t acted, we haven’t put in place the kind of processes that helps a community to respond to this holistic approach. Not everybody went to a Model C school and had parents who were at home, mothers who were at home to take care of their children. Most children actually have parents who are absent because their mothers must work. Forty per cent of the households in the province are led by mothers, and they are hardly home to take care of their children.

I really object to the fact that you think you are the best regional government, and that you want to create this best regional government ...

†The PREMIER: Best-run.

†The LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION: ... in the world. You cannot operate as a First World province with Third World treatment of the poor. The rich cannot experience First World luxury when the poor suffers Third World damnation because of poverty, inequality and joblessness.

You espoused the importance of education, but the department has dumped loads of money into section 21 schools before the end of the financial year. We’ll pursue this. You say that you don’t purge black staff. I thanked God this morning that one staff member’s – after I spoke about the purge – disciplinary processes were withdrawn. I will never ever reveal their names for fear that they might not be there the next day. More than 50% ... [Interjections.] I don’t know; maybe you will shoot them, I don’t know. More than 50% of this budget is spent on CEI, computers, broadband and the like. They are nice to have, they are important to have to grow the economy, but what about the poor in the province. They don’t have access to computers. And please don’t tell me that Health and Education is what you do for the poor – you must do that for the poor. That is part of the horizontal and vertical division of revenue in the province. [Interjections.]

†The SPEAKER: Order! Order, hon Minister Carlisle!

†The LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION: I did actually. I spent more money on the budget ... [Interjections.] ...

†The SPEAKER: Order, hon Minister!

†The LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION: ... for Education and Health than I did for any other department, and you know I did it like that. [Interjections.]

†The SPEAKER: Hon Minister, order!

†The LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION: Don't worry. What happened to the computers before corporatisation? Why do you have to spend more than 50% on this area? Or don't you really care?

I think the racism streams forth in the Premier's justification of why farm workers – and she justifies it – are saying now that they earn a living wage, they are going to lose their jobs. She chooses one farm that is BEE compliant, whilst all of the farms are actually run by white farmers.

An HON MEMBER: No, they're not.

The LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION: Well, most of the farms in the province are run by white owners. That BEE or sharing the economy shouldn't work, and couldn't work, because why should black people be the beneficiaries of the economy.

Madam Premier, you must remember that the poor pay the same for baked beans. Corporatisation was sold to the province as a saving of money and having greater efficiency in executing the job. [Interjections.] What has happened since then? [Interjections.] The hon member Carlisle must know that it's the Vote 1 budget speech today, not the ANC's budget speech.

†The SPEAKER: Hon Brown, order! [Interjections.] Order, hon Minister!

†The LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION: The budget has grown by almost 100%.

†The SPEAKER: Hon Brown, order! Please finish your sentence.

†The LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION: The vacancy rate in this department is 28%.

†Ms T N BEVU: Mr Speaker, let me also start by applauding the Mayor of Cape Town for the well-planned human rights event; I was there. It was really touching. I wish members on my left were there so that they can understand where we are coming from.

Mr Speaker, let me start with the budget. In our opinion, we don't think the Premier's department deserved a 14,5% increase to R853,843 million when you consider that on its last audit it had an amount of approximately R22 million in irregular expenditure.

Worse still, the Treasury funding, which is the equitable share, increased its funding to the Premier's department by 25,52% to R620 million. The bulk of this money goes to the programme with the most obscure jargon like Provincial Strategic Management which receives a whopping 33,28% increase to an amount of R52 million.

Why are the machinery and equipment software and other intangibles increasing yearly? Surely many of these have a lifespan of at least three years. Why are they bought and upgraded annually in this department and, even worse, to a revised additional estimate of 174%? How does the department explain this?

We still maintain that we do not see the real value on the funds that are ploughed on the Centre for e-Innovation; it has taken too much time and resources on the planning stage. Almost four years after it was initiated it is still not fully fledged.

We are very unhappy with the vacancy rate of 28% in this department. It boggles the mind when you consider that year-on-year provisions are made to fill these vacancies. The Premier has been shouting in the media that the Western Cape has met and went beyond its employment equity targets. On the other side, her department tells it can't meet its employment equity targets due to scarcity of necessary skills and competencies in the required groups. Sise eyiphi ke komkhulu kanye kanye? What is the actual truth?

The only conclusion is that they want to create more contracts for their pals because, as you can see, the contract workers have been increased from 200 last year to 301 this year.

Even as members of this Parliament we hear of most provincial government programmes through the media. I could not believe when I was asked, the day before it was held, to attend the seminar for young people on 28 June 2012, and I knew nothing about it. There is utter disrespect for us.

We were never asked, for instance, how and where to participate in things like Career Fair that we hear about and the Expo held on Youth Day last year. These are government programmes, not DA programmes, and it is unlawful to discriminate by party-political affiliation in them.

†Ms V HANI: Mr Speaker, this department's review and overview doesn't reflect the truth of what is going on in this budget. No, it does not show how this over bloated centralised and micromanaged control room is burning money on all sorts of shenanigans and even electioneering special projects, now disguised, and under the care of another overpaid DA cadre deployed from the City of Cape Town. More about that later.

The role of the hon Premier is also absent in most of the rehashed cut and paste wording given to us. It does not say much of focus or own targets and priorities.

Clearly it leaves much room for this modern-day Marco Polo to travel the world and electioneer in all corners of the country, and to neglect the province that elected her and which she undertook to serve, especially the vulnerable women, schoolchildren, the youth and people living with disability – not to mention farm labourers.

Where was the Premier when 24 passengers died in the De Doorns bus crash? She was too busy with party politics. [Interjections.]

†The SPEAKER: Order, hon members! Order!

†Ms V HANI: Ask that in the National Assembly; I am in the provincial legislature. [Interjections.]

†The SPEAKER: Order, hon members!

†Ms V HANI: Here I would like to read back a weird and ...

†The SPEAKER: Order, hon members! [Interjections.] Hon Skwatsha, order!

†Ms V HANI: Here I would like to read back a weird and wacky metaphor of the Premier's own rich dictionary straight from Hansard of Thursday, 28 February 2013, and I quote:

... a particular elephant that was definitely not in the room; in fact, she was not even in South Africa.

The versatile use of the word "elephant" is but one in the House with rich coded meaning. Others include examples of prejudice such as refugees, professional black and the old-time favourite "padkos".

Somebody with an eating disorder knows this horrid howling makes for movie popcorn! If the shoe fits, wear it! [Interjections.]

Mr Speaker, let me get back to my point. Just yesterday, with the commemoration of the 21 March 1960 ... [Interjections.] ...

†The SPEAKER: Order, hon members!

†Ms V HANI: ... Sharpeville/Langa massacre we did not see the Premier in this province. In fact, she snubbed the national Human Rights Day celebration in Paarl; she sent a lower order substitute. Where was she? Gogo was yet again on her bicycle off to another cheap shot election drive.

There are more than rats that need to be cleared from the Leeuwenhof Premier's residence. The people need to remove a paternalistic Premier too.

One of the biggest concerns that we as the ANC have is the massive use of consultants in this department, while many in-house functions are outsourced, whereas people are not placed, even now. [Interjections.]

†The SPEAKER: Minister, order!

†Ms V HANI: This is wasteful expenditure for staff with skills and experience not used. Instead, consultants and spin doctors are imported at great expense.

It is also ironical that there are such a large number of vacancies while good people are not put into unfilled posts. It proves this department is not planning properly.

It is also farcical to claim the department needs more money for the 2012-13 financial year when it couldn't spend approximately R1,5 million! It doesn't add up! [Interjections.] Just listen to this: This money could have been put to good use on a dedicated MEC for Women, Youth and People with Disabilities because this department doesn't care about that function.

The chopping and changing of structures and parachuting in new people instead leads to the present predator regime, where people in that department are scared stiff with fear and bully bosses terrorise, purge and intimidate staff. This explains the uncertainty and administration instability that impedes on service delivery. No wonder the DA vulture administration slides and materially regresses more every year.

It is incomprehensible why the hon Zille as a woman and mother ignores the important issues of gender-based violence, women, youth and people living with disability. She doesn't come up with sustainable projects, nor does she champion raising awareness. She prefers watered-down lucky draws.

This brings me to the real reason behind the re-deployment of DA cadre, Mike Richardson.

Did he need a second soft landing for services to the scavenger DA in the City of Cape Town, after he was kicked out by the ID masked top raider Patricia de Lille? I suspect something more sinister, and that is that he will drive DA election campaigns right from the Premier's office and department. More improper DA cadre deployment!

The poor people of the Western Cape ...

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: [Inaudible.]

Ms V HANI: Listen to this, Minister Carlisle.

†The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: I am.

†Ms V HANI: The poor people of the Western Cape need service delivery, not to be robbed blind by the ID hyenas and then corruptively covered up by the DA, ...

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Ms V HANI: ... like in the Swellendam and Eden Municipalities.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: [Inaudible.]

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order, hon Minister Carlisle! Order, hon Tingwe. I'm sitting here.

Ms M TINGWE: [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No, no, no! Don't tell me what to do. [Interjections.] Order, hon Tingwe! Hon Carlisle, order!

†Ms V HANI: We have to hear this: The poor people of the Western Cape need service delivery, not to be robbed blind by the ID hyenas and then corruptively covered up by the DA, like in the Swellendam and Eden Municipalities.

Mnu A M FIGLAN: Somlomo, ndibanexhala kakhulu ingakumbi xa kuphakama abantu abapha ngaphesheya kuba okukuqala eyona nto ibalulekileyo kubo likhadi lobuhlanga ngaphezu kweenkonzo zohanjiso zoluntu. Lonke ixesha siphakama sithetha ngekhadi lobuhlanga ngalo lonke ixesha. Izolo besithetha ngamalungelo oluntu, sonke singabantu ingakumbi apha eNtshona Koloni noba siyohluka ngokweelwimi esizithethayo kodwa ke sibanye.

[Translation of isiXhosa paragraph follows.]

[Mr A M FIGLAN: Speaker, I just become so scared especially when people from that side rise because, first of all, what is important to them is the race card more than service delivery to the people. All the time they rise they play the race card. Yesterday we were talking about human rights. All of us as people especially here in the Western Cape differ in terms of the languages we speak but we are one.][Interjections.]

†The SPEAKER: Order, hon members!

†Mr A M FIGLAN: Allow me, Mr Speaker, as a proud member of the DA and an even prouder member of the Western Cape provincial government, it is an honour for me to support ... [Interjections.] ...

†The SPEAKER: Hon members, order!

†Mr A M FIGLAN: ... hon Premier Helen Zille's 2013-14 Budget of the Department of the Premier and Youth, Gender and People with Disabilities.

For the House to function optimally and be the success we all want it to be, each member of this provincial Parliament has to make positive contributions to each session. We have to be present, on time, prepared ...

Mr M SKWATSHA: [Inaudible.]

†The SPEAKER: Hon Skwatsha ...

†Mr A M FIGLAN: ... and fit for purpose in order to function better together.

Mr M SKWATSHA: [Inaudible.]

†The SPEAKER: Hon Skwatsha, the running commentary is totally ...

Mnu A M FIGLAN: Izolo bendise Kanana, mhlekazi. [Mr A M FIGLAN: Yesterday I was in Kanana, sir.]

Mr M SKWATSHA: [Inaudible.]

†The SPEAKER: Hon Skwatsha ...

Mnu A M FIGLAN: Izolo bendise Kanana, mhlekazi bendingekho kwaLanga.[Mr A M FIGLAN: Yesterday I was in Kanana,sir,not in Langa.]

†The SPEAKER: Hon Figlan, please address the Chair.

†Mr A M FIGLAN: Thank you, Mr Speaker. I was in Kanana yesterday, Mr Speaker.

†The SPEAKER: Please address the Chair. [Interjections.] Hon Skwatsha ...

†Mr A M FIGLAN: Having Human Rights Day ... [Interjections.]

†The SPEAKER: Hon Skwatsha, your running commentary is very loud. Order!

Mnu A M FIGLAN: Ndibuhlungu namhlanje Somlomo, into yokuba kukho uceba ozakususwa pha kwa-40 ngenxa yeenkonzo ezingahanjiswayo. Izitalato zimdakaniza kulo rhulumente.[Mr A M FIGLAN: Speaker, I am hurt today because of the councillor who is going to be removed in ward 40 because of services not delivered. The streets are dirty and you are going to this government.]

†The hon Premier is an excellent leader and under her direction this province, the Western Cape, has stepped to the fore and is now the leading regional government in South Africa. Of that I am proud.

Mr Speaker, the surge in rapes and murders, especially that of our communities' young girls, children, babies, mothers and grandmothers, forced us to look at our society as a whole. Lo ke umcimbi usiquka xa sisonke kuba intlungu yodlwengulo nokubulawa koomakhulu bethu ithetha ngathi sonke.[This matter affects all of us because the pain of rape and the murder of our grandmothers speak about all of us.]That is why it is better to work together.

We each have to take responsibility for our lives, and with the necessary discipline, teach our children to be able to make good choices. The state, schools and churches should also be involved in this quest to instil the following values: Yilaa nto ke besidibene nesifundisi izolo Mnu Skwatsha ohloniphekileyo.[That is why we met with the clergy yesterday, hon Mr Skwatsha.]

†The SPEAKER: Please address the Chair, hon Figlan.

Mnu A M FIGLAN: Uxolo Mnu Somlomo.[Mr A M FIGLAN: I apologise, Mr Speaker.]

†Mr Speaker, the values are: competence, accountability, integrity, responsiveness and caring. We therefore welcome the increased budget of R17,7 million to finance the important Victim Empowerment Programme.

The Western Cape appreciates the Premier's ability to facilitate strategic international relationships. Her excellent leadership has brought additional funding to this province and, amongst others, the German Development Bank which has made it possible for the Violence Prevention through Urban Upgrading programme to be implemented.

It is especially heartening that the Premier has instructed a multi sect oral task team to change the strategy on disability.

The Western Cape is working with municipalities to determine which regulations and bylaws are making it difficult for economic development to progress, and to streamline procedures for the approval of building plans in municipalities. Therefore we welcome the establishment of Regulatory Impact Assessments which will address regulations which hamper growth opportunities.

We also commend the Premier for the foresight and endeavour to make the Provincial Training Institute self-sustainable. This will meet the critical vacancy demands, and not only in the Premier's Department as this service will be extended to other departments too.

Mr Speaker, the Premier's Department has also initiated units to strengthen and extend the department's functionality: The expansion of the Legal Compliance Unit to provide functional training will assist with legal litigation cases and provide administrative support to professional staff and assist in the eradication of corruption.

The re-establishment of the Forensic Investigative Unit will deliver much-needed forensic services to all departments. The backlog of grievances, disputes and disciplinary cases inherited from departments has been dramatically reduced due to the intervention strategy.

The Directorate Legislation will assist with two critical labour relations policies and will be consulted on the absconding and precautionary suspensions. The Cape Land Use Planning Bill will also be introduced later during this financial year.

The campaign, "Know your rights and responsibilities", will empower all levels of employees within the Western Cape Government and will be well complimented by the effective, efficient and professional corporate services with excellent people, processes and technology to optimise service delivery by the Western Cape Government.

Mr Speaker, the vast improvement of broadband being rolled out to all the provincial departments and satellite offices will readily provide access to information, conclusion and provincial legislative processes. These functions will extend quality services to client-orientated departments.

Mr Speaker, we also welcome the implementation of a uniform e-filing system which will consolidate software licences, central support and maintenance services. By providing accurate data and information, performance monitoring of provincial performance will be supported.

Mr Speaker, it is my honour to support the Budget of the Premier's Department. The excellent leadership of the Premier, supported by each member of this Parliament, will, with the necessary oversight by each member, ensure that all the set targets will be met and make this province better together.

†The PREMIER: Mr Speaker, I thank all who participated in this debate, especially the hon Hartnick, who chairs the standing committee with such dedication and commitment and indeed is committed to the concept of accountability which is very, very important to us as a government because it is central to our quest to become the best run regional government in the world, which is a work in progress. We've never claimed to be that. For the best run regional government in the world, and we get the engine-room right, as Minister Manuel has spoken about, we will get a long way towards creating the context in which there can be investment and economic growth and decent education and good skills so that people can get jobs and move out of poverty. That is what we are all about.

I would very much like to thank hon Hartnick for elucidating some key points that I have raised in my speech, especially the performance management aspect which is so central to accountability.

Then let me get to the hon Brown. First of all, to deal with the transversal aspects of what the hon Brown said – and many other speakers in this debate raised it – let me say that the growth in the budget is almost entirely due to the establishment and integration of the corporate services sector, which has taken away many functions from other departments so that we have consistency, reliability and predictability across the system as a whole.

That integration is absolutely essential for good, predictable and sound management of all of the departments together in one government so that you don't get random and arbitrary decisions taken in different places in different ways that are contradictory to each other. That is particularly important in human resources. That is particularly important in the FIU and all the other things that we do in order to get one set of corporate rules and a corporate culture that strives towards service delivery, roots out corruption, and appoints the right people in the right positions and holds them accountable in various ways.

That is where most of the money has gone. Of course, out of that money, the bulk has gone to the Centre for e-Innovation. The Centre for e-Innovation, if I can use a metaphor, is like starting a road network in a country. The Internet and connectivity has become the road network of the information age. Unless you have that network working well, efficiently, at speed and internationally competitively, your nation will lag further and further behind and fail to be able to keep up, let alone compete, with the global knowledge economy.

As we move into the global knowledge economy, we need the network that will connect us to that economy, which is as important to the future economy as our roads, railways, harbours and aircraft are important to our current economy. They will remain important, but the econ activity is the new transport network of knowledge, information, access, efficiency and effectiveness. If we fail to build that we will do great harm to South Africa, to the Western Cape and to future generations who will have to be able to function in the global knowledge economy. If we have not opened up the highways and connected them to the byways, these young people, to find their way in this new economy, will not be able to do so in South Africa.

This investment is therefore absolutely essential. It's an investment that is recognised by Minister Manuel and the National Development Plan. In fact, that is why the number one focus and emphasis of the national government has been on building the right infrastructure, including connectivity, in order to make South Africa globally competitive.

We neglect that at our peril, and that is why we have invested so much in the Centre for e-Innovation. I must say that remarkable progress has been achieved.

Mr Speaker, let me simply say, in terms of the vacancy rate, that it is a lot lower than the 28%. We've appointed many contractors against these vacancies to do the job, but it is important to have contractors as opposed to consultants. We don't do what the ANC does in the governments that it runs, which is, because the people who are appointed to posts are often unable to fulfil the functions of them you have permanent consultants running the job of government. We appoint contractors with a fixed beginning and a fixed end, often against vacancies to do a specific project from start to finish. The curtain rises and the curtain closes, and that is a much more efficient way of dealing with projects and programmes than of simply hiring the work of government out to consultants or employing new fulltime staff simply to run a single project.

Let me say this: If there are two people in the FIU, it's not fully outsourced, is it?

†Mr M OZINSKY: It is. [Inaudible.]

†The PREMIER: In fact, we will increasingly establish the capacity that you deliberately destroyed in order to ensure ...

†The LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION: Prove that! Prove that!

†The PREMIER: The proof of the pudding was in the eating. [Interjections.]

†The SPEAKER: Order! Order, hon members!

†The PREMIER: How come we inherited such a whole lot of incompetent staff unable to run an FIU, and nothing was prosecutable when we came into office – none of them?

†The LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION: And one of them won a big award last year or two years ago.

†The SPEAKER: Hon Brown, order!

†The PREMIER: Let me join the hon Brown in commending Minister Meyer. I've had very, very good reports of his speech and I am very grateful to him for representing me at very short notice. [Interjections.]

The big problem is that every time we get an invitation from the national government, it happens to be just a few days before the event actually takes place. [Interjections.] In this case, it was just more than a week. [Interjections.]

†The SPEAKER: Order, hon members!

†The PREMIER: As my programme is planned a great deal of time in advance, I already had been organised to go to Sharpeville, where I spent Human Rights Day yesterday in a very, very moving event. [Interjections.] Mr Speaker, I'm therefore very grateful to Minister Meyer for filling in for me and for doing such a good job ...

†The LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION: We're also happy for you.

†The SPEAKER: Order, hon members! Hon Brown ...

†The PREMIER: ... and for articulating ... [Interjections.] Great! I'm glad you're as happy with him as I am. I am grateful to him for articulating our vision of social cohesion and social inclusion, which is one of the key strategic objectives of this government.

The LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION: [Inaudible.]

†The SPEAKER: Hon Brown, order!

†The PREMIER: I am also delighted to support the Mayor in her very successful function yesterday. [Interjections.]

It is this government's policy, with the exception of former President Nelson Mandela, not to name places and streets after living politicians. That is this government's policy.

†Mr M OZINSKY: So why do we have Nelson Mandela Drive?

†The PREMIER: I said "with the exception of former President Nelson Mandela". [Interjections.]

The hon Brown ... [Interjections.]

†The SPEAKER: Order, hon members!

†The PREMIER: The hon Brown focused on the tragic fact that the Western Cape is known as the Rape Capital of the world, the capital of fetal alcohol syndrome and the TB capital. These are tragic facts that we have ... [Interjections.] ...

†The SPEAKER: Order, hon members!

†The PREMIER: ... seriously addressed, but what the hon Brown failed to mention is that we have the highest TB cure rate as well and that this government is working relentlessly towards achieving the outcomes that we need.

Let me say to you, Mr Speaker, that we have done an enormous amount of getting to the root cause of the extent of the brutal rape and maltreatment of women and children in our province. It is a fact, whether people want to acknowledge it or not, that most of these brutal acts ... [Interjections.] ...

†The SPEAKER: Hon Ozinsky and hon Minister Winde, order!

†The PREMIER: ... are the result of alcohol and drug abuse. No person in their right mind behaves worse than any animal, and yet when humans' minds get distorted by substances such as excessive alcohol and drugs, they are capable of indulging in the most brutal acts, as we have seen. Almost every single one of these instances has its roots in either alcohol or drug abuse, and that is what we have to focus on, and we've put an enormous amount of energy into this government to transversely in the Department of the Premier and in other departments come to grips with that.

This is an horrific feature and every individual, knowing what the consequence of drug and alcohol abuse is, has personal responsibility to help deal with it.

There are many other very shocking things about the challenges that we face. The Anene Booysen case, as I wrote before, has all of these features and it is quite extraordinary that we wait for a rape and murder as brutal and as barbaric as that committed on Anene Booysen before there is an appropriate outcry in our society.

Mr Speaker, unless we can come to grips with the statutory rapes that have become part of everyday culture in South Africa and the Western Cape, the extent to which older men have sex with young children as if it was routine, which I have called by its name – which I say is paedophilia and not intergenerational sex – we are not going to solve a lot of these problems.

There was shock and horror all over the world, except in South Africa, at the outcome of an official government research report based in KwaZulu-Natal that found that 28% of school girls were HIV positive and in terms of their counterparts, which was school boys, only 4% were HIV positive. This demonstrates that young girls at school are not being infected with HIV through peer sex.

They are being infected by older men who have sex with children, unprotected sex. The definition of a child is “up to the age of 18 years old”. They are having unprotected sex with our children and making them HIV positive at a very early age.

This kind of abuse is something that the government can point out, it is certainly something that we should prosecute very, very vigorously across the system and it is something that we should provide a collective effort to address.

However, Mr Speaker, unless there is an outcry in society about this kind of behaviour, and unless there is a massive stigma attached to it, and unless every individual takes responsibility for stopping it, it is going to be very hard to get to the root cause of this problem. The tragedy as well is that according to the latest government research, 70% of black children grow up without a stable father figure. I know that the history of apartheid has a lot to do with that, but we are now almost in the 20th year of our democracy and surely it is time that a democracy can expect fathers to take responsibility for their children. Surely we are able to run a system which requires fathers to be accountable for the maintenance and wellbeing of their children, but when we tried to introduce that most critical of programmes through the Department of the Premier in the Western Cape, we were blocked from doing so by the national Department of Justice and the Director of Justice in the Western Cape, Mr Hishaam Mohamed, who is a well-known ANC cadre and member of the Provincial Executive Committee.

These are some of the core problems. To suggest, Mr Speaker, as the hon Brown did, that these kinds of brutal acts of rape and murder are a result of poverty is to insult poor people the world over. Ninety per cent of poor people, 99% of poor people, 100% of poor people are as horrified as 90%, 99% and 100% of any other kind of people.

†The LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION: Shocking! Shocking!

†The PREMIER: And you implied that. That's exactly what you implied.

†The LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION: It is shocking what you are saying.

†The PREMIER: You implied that 40% ...

†The LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION: You are shocking!

†The PREMIER: You implied that all of this ...

†The LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION: Shocking!

†The PREMIER: What you said was shocking.

†The LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION: Shocking!

†The SPEAKER: Order, hon Brown! [Interjections.] Order, members!

†The PREMIER: You know, Mr Speaker, ...

†The LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION: Order, hon Mark Wiley! Yes!

Mr M G E WILEY: [Inaudible.]

†The SPEAKER: Order, hon Mark Wiley!

†The PREMIER: The tragic thing about the ANC is that they always blame poverty on the middle class. In fact, the eradication of poverty is premised on a strong and growing middle class. Unless there is a strong and growing middle class, we can't eradicate poverty. For example, all of the free basic services that are delivered to the tune of R1,5 billion in the City of Cape Town a year are the result of the fact that many people pay very high rates in order to achieve those outcomes. We need a strong and growing middle class in order to provide the opportunities to poor people to be able to improve their lives and move out of poverty and to grow the economy so that people can get jobs. That is what we have to do, and that's simply a fact.

Let me simply say, in regard to farm workers, Mr Speaker, that it is a fact that the problem started in August last year on a farm called Keurboschkloof. [Interjections.] It is a fact that Keurboschkloof was run in such a way that workers were paid significantly above the minimum wage and when a BEE consortium took over their wages were cut. That's a fact. That is where the problem started. [Interjections.] In fact, ANC councillors and former ANC councillors provide scab labour.

The fact is that the ANC would do very, very well to read my analysis, which doesn't in any way justify starvation wages. It's quite the opposite and acknowledges absolutely how difficult the life of seasonal farm workers are but also recognises how critical it is to keep viable farms going in one of the very few provinces when there are still viable farms left.

Let me also say that many black farmers were profoundly affected by the unrest last year, and far from the hon Brown's claim that all the farmers in the Western Cape are white only, let me tell her that 80% of deciduous fruit farmers who are black are based in the Western Cape out of the whole of South Africa.

The only land reform programmes that have worked in the entire country are those in the Western Cape. [Interjections.]

Mr Speaker, I would like to agree with the hon Bevu when I say that ... [Interjections.]

†The SPEAKER: Order, hon members!

†The PREMIER: I join her in applauding the Mayor of Cape Town. I'm glad she went to the function and I'm glad she was moved by it. I've answered all her other questions in my comprehensive answer to the hon Brown.

Coming to the hon Hani, I love this description of the modern-day Marco Polo. I'll tell you we will pioneer a system in which government can change through the ballot-box in a far shorter order than it's happened in any other African democracy, and we are delighted to be the pioneers in that venture.

It's bizarre that the hon Hani said I snubbed the national celebrations. In fact, the objection should be coming directly from us, Mr Speaker, in that we've got an invitation so late in the day that it was impossible to change.

†The LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION: How can we believe that? [Interjections.]

†The PREMIER: Because I tell the truth, that's why.

†The LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION: [Inaudible.] ... people in this province. That's what you said.

†The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: [Inaudible.] ... when you were the Premier as well.

†The LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION: That's what ... [Inaudible.]

†The SPEAKER: Order, hon Brown! Hon Carlisle, order!

†The PREMIER: All I can say about ...

The LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION: [Inaudible.]

†The SPEAKER: Hon Brown, order!

†The PREMIER: All I can say about the hon Hani's accusations against Mr Mike Richardson is that he knows a great deal about finance but absolutely nothing about politics, and if I were to put him into running a political campaign, I can guarantee you we would lose. Apart from anything else, I wouldn't dare to use and abuse a public official and a professional for party-political purposes. We don't do that. We completely reject that approach and I would never ask any of the professionals in the Public Service to do that.

May I simply say, in relation to the hon Figlan, thank you very much for teasing out many of the points that I have mentioned in my speech. I appreciate that very much indeed. I would also like to say that if anybody talks about intimidation and victimisation, you can see what happens to the hon Figlan when a black South African decides to exercise his right of choice and join a political party that is different from the ANC.

What I want to say is congratulations to all of those who are as courageous as the hon Figlan for not being intimidated and victimised by the ANC and for standing up for what they believe. Thank you very much, Mr Speaker.

Debate concluded.

WESTERN CAPE APPROPRIATION BILL [B 2—2013]

(Debate on Vote 3 – Provincial Treasury)

†The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Mr Speaker; hon Premier; Cabinet colleagues; Leader of the Opposition, in her absence; members of the House; all of the officials of Treasury, who I presume will be coming in shortly; and the citizens of this province, I am honoured to stand before you today to table the 2013-14 Budget for the Western Cape Provincial Treasury.

Mr Speaker, over the past year, this department, led by Dr J C Stegmann, and his expert team have simultaneously simplified and strengthened the manner in which they provide support to the departments and municipalities within this province in pursuit of diligent financial management.

This approach is encapsulated in the new vision that the staff of the Provincial Treasury have set for themselves: Effective governance that delivers a better life for our people.

While the processes may have altered, our goal remains the same: To play an integral role in the delivery of the 12th strategic objective of the Western Cape – becoming the best run regional government in the world. Through this goal, we aim to ensure that the money government spends delivers better results for all the people of this province.

Mr Speaker, in the year ahead, our contributions to the above goal come together in four initiatives:

- The Corporate Governance Review and Outlook (CGRO);
- the Municipal Governance Review and Outlook (MGRO);
- the Provincial Medium-Term Review and Expenditure Assessments; and
- the Municipal Medium-Term Review and Expenditure Assessments.

The above initiatives will be driven through the four programmes under this department, each of which plays a vital role in ensuring the best possible financial governance for our departments and municipalities.

In total, the Provincial Treasury receives a budget of R446,205 million in the 2013-14 financial year. This amount includes R252,598 million which is being housed within the department for the distribution to special projects undertaken across the government in support of its transversal goals. This money will be disbursed once the implementation plans for these projects have received final approval. In essence, Mr Speaker, the budget for the programmatic work of the Provincial Treasury therefore escalates from R164,962 million in the adjusted appropriation last year to R193,607 million, an increase of 17%.

At the heart of the Provincial Treasury is a strong administrative team that provides leadership and guidance to the staff members of the department so that they are enabled to best deliver upon their objectives.

In the 2013-14 financial year, Programme 1: Administration, receives R45,476 million. The key outcomes of this allocation include the delivery of strategic support to my office and the Head of Department, operational and human resources support to all the staff members of the department, including the optimisation of the working relationship with the Corporate Services Centre, and the provision of effective financial management in pursuit of a clean audit outcome.

In the 2013-14 financial year, Programme 2: Sustainable Resource Management, continues to receive the largest allocation of the department, an amount of R336,111 million, which includes R252,598 million for the transversal Special Projects being housed within the Provincial Treasury.

With its allocation, the Sustainable Resource Management team plays a crucial role in informing the budget of the provincial government through the thorough analysis of the most pressing socioeconomic needs facing our citizens and the allocation of resources to best meet this need. This team also monitors the implementation of the province's budget, and the budgets of Western Cape municipalities and public entities, throughout the year, providing strategic guidance to these administrations to ensure that resources are utilised effectively.

Mr Speaker, in the year ahead, this programme will conduct research into the national transfer system with a specific focus on the funding formula that underpins provincial and municipal allocations. This research will form the basis of our engagement with our National Treasury colleagues with regard to the fiscal framework. We will also research new ways to raise own revenue and review our research regarding casino exclusivity. It is also within this programme that the MGRO process is undertaken in support of improved municipal financial governance.

Mr Speaker, in the 2013-14 financial year, the Programme 3: Asset Management team will continue to play a vital role in enforcing the effective and efficient management of financial systems, supply chain and moveable asset management across the provincial and municipal spheres to ensure that loopholes for corrupt activity are closed.

With its allocation of R39,811 million in the 2013-14 financial year, this programme will focus on enforcing compliance with the supply chain and asset management regulatory regime by ensuring data integrity and transparency in reporting and by training the staff who deal with government financial transactions. Its major focus is on ensuring that our financial systems perform optimally.

This programme will also undertake research to encourage better procurement planning through strategic sourcing, and will increase opportunities for small and emerging businesses to receive government tenders by ensuring that they are duly registered on our supplier database.

Mr Speaker, we will continue with, I think, a very effective programme – the supplier open days – that will help our companies become more efficient and help them with their competitiveness.

In the 2013-14 financial year, Programme 4: Financial Governance, receives an allocation of R24,807 million to develop stringent accounting and financial management control practices within provincial and local government. This will contribute towards higher levels of governance.

At a municipal level, in the coming year the primary tasks of this programme are to improve the application of GRAP accounting standards and financial reporting within municipalities so that by 2015 full compliance to minimum standards is achieved and to strengthen the internal control environment within municipalities through the development, implementation and enforcement of a generic set of corporate governance norms and standards.

Mr Speaker, within the Western Cape Government, this programme aims to improve the understanding of the provincial accounting reporting framework by departments and public entities, drive the functioning of provincial internal control units, and improve financial management through the development and rigorous monitoring of bespoke departmental Governance Action Plans.

Put together, Mr Speaker, the work of the above four programmes will contribute towards achieving the Provincial Treasury's vision of effective governance that delivers a better life for all our people and, ultimately, towards the achievement of the Western Cape Government's 12th Strategic Objective: Becoming the best run regional government in the world.

Mr Speaker, before I conclude, I would like to elaborate on the allocation of Special Projects housed within this department. This year, for the first time, the Provincial Treasury held a series of mini-MTEC sessions aimed at obtaining input from relevant departments as to how they planned to support the Western Cape Government's transversal policy priorities as outlined in its strategic objectives.

These projects have been identified as such because they are complex, transcend departmental boundaries and, if executed with maximum effectiveness, will have far-reaching impacts for the citizens of our province.

The envisaged allocations toward these Special Projects are as follows:

- Mr Speaker, in the 2013-14 financial year, in support of our Broadband Initiative, an amount of R86,189 million has been allocated in support of the Provincial-Wide Area Network (PWAN). A further amount of R34,667 million has been allocated for E-Education hardware and R6,882 million has been set aside for Broadband Library services.
- In the 2013-14 financial year, R6 million has been set aside to drive investment by the private sector in the province's green economy, the completion of the Green Economy Framework and the 110% Green programme.
- An amount of just under R104 million has been earmarked for the development of systems and processes that will professionalise the public service in the Western Cape, strengthen accountability and the management of content, improve coordination and reduce instances of corruption. Under this allocation, funding has been earmarked for the roll out of a biometric fingerprinting device for those staff members designated to handle government's money.
- Lastly, Mr Speaker, an amount of R15 million in the 2013-14 financial year and R75 million over the three- year medium term expenditure framework (MTEF) period, has been set aside to kick-start four regional socioeconomic pilot projects in Witzenberg, George, Drakenstein and Nyanga in Cape Town to realise the unique development potential of these selected areas. It is envisaged that these projects will be along the lines of the VPUU Programme that has already been rolled out in Khayelitsha by the City of Cape Town.

These allocations will be disbursed following the approval of implementation plans which are due to be received ahead of the adjustments budget period.

Mr Speaker, I would like to issue my heartfelt appreciation to Dr JC Stegmann and his team for their expert guidance over the provincial budget process, the management of government resources in the Western Cape and for the forward-thinking manner in which he and his team are tackling this province's biggest challenges.

We also know that we cannot meet our challenges without the dedication and joint effort of Cabinet, the Chief Financial Officers and Accounting Officers throughout this government and our entities. Through the guidance and leadership of this department, and through all of our efforts, we will make the lives of the Western Cape residents Better, Together.

Mr Speaker, I hereby table the 2013-14 Budget of the Provincial Treasury for the consideration of the House.

*Mr E J VON BRANDIS: Mr Speaker, I support the Budget of the Provincial Treasury of R446,205million for the 2013-14 financial year. The significant increase in the allocation to the Treasury should however be seen in the context of the department's mandate.

The key function of the Provincial Treasury is to apply better financial management by adhering to all relevant financial management requirements, as well as guaranteeing improved fiscal performance.

Minister Pravin Gordhan in his national Budget Speech referred to the realities South Africa is facing and which have to be addressed. One of these is economic competitiveness – the need to investigate infrastructure, to increase productivity, to diversify the economy and thereby create job opportunities and increase the standard of living.

Mr Speaker, one of the biggest focus areas of the 2013 MTEF is to bring about greater efficiency in the services rendered by the provincial government by concentrating on performance and accountability.

Financial management in the province's departments, entities and municipalities is a prerequisite for effective and efficient spending by the government to reach economic and social development objectives.

The Auditor-General, Terence Nombembe, recently announced that countrywide only 117 of the 536 entities received a clean audit opinion for the 2011-2012 financial year. Seventy four per cent of the entities received a poor audit opinion because they could not adhere to the relevant, basic laws in managing their administrations.

The Auditor-General mentioned the Western Cape Provincial Treasury as one of the entities who effectively addressed shortcomings in the audit reports of the previous year. Both the Provincial Treasury and the Western Cape Gambling and Racing Board received clean audits last year. This is evidence that the Treasury's own house is in order.

†Not as in Gauteng, the Department of Health had unauthorised expenditure in excess of R4,7 billion over the past four years, but with a Premier who refused to pay a R5 million court order of the South Gauteng High Court, dated 3 October 2012, it is no surprise.

In Mpumalanga, according to the Auditor-General, uncompetitive procurement increased from 29% to 63%, and 77% of departments and 50% of public entities achieved less than 80% of their service delivery targets. Furthermore, any hopes of Operation Clean Audit 2014 were shattered by the Auditor-General's presentation to the North-West Provincial Legislature. The Auditor-General stated that not a single North-West municipality or department could achieve a clean audit.

*The Auditor-General did mention last year that the stagnation of the audit reports will demand an increased level in oversight by leadership to show further improvements.

All departments in the Western Cape committed themselves to working towards clean audit opinions in 2014-15. It is the pursuit of these objectives that demands in-depth, increased oversight by the Treasury.

Mr Speaker, I'm glad to see how the Provincial Treasury is working on improving the capacity in the province as a whole. An additional R29 million for developing the financial management capacity in support of departments and municipalities is welcomed.

The development of a generic system of good government norms and standards for departments, municipalities and entities is appreciated, which is at the same time reacting to and complying with the relevant financial legislative framework.

An important increase in the Provincial Treasury's budget is under Programme 2, namely Sustainable Resource Management. This directly addresses the fiscal management and puts emphasis on the management and monitoring of the implementation of provincial, municipal and entity budgets. Special emphasis is placed on local government's financial reports and provision management, as well as the sophistication of the desired financial information. The necessary on-going support to municipalities is important to keep up with the increased implementation of requirements as stated in the Municipal Finance Management Act.

One should ask, however, if the work of the Red Flag Unit also increases as the requirements demanded from our departments, municipalities and entities increase.

However, Mr Speaker, the most exciting allocation is the R252,6 million under the new Sub-programme 2.5: Special Projects. Many of the special projects are existing strategies such as the Green Economy and Broadband Strategy. The R15 millional ready made available in the 2013-14 financial year for the improvement of internal controls over all the departments is also a positive contribution.

The Gambling and Racing Board is doing an important job in the Western Cape in improving public confidence in gambling. This should be done in an honest manner, free of corruption and taking social responsibilities into account. The Western Cape Eighteenth Gambling and Racing Amendment Bill move that the tax as well as percentage of taxable income be raised.

This Amendment, when approved, could add an additional R25 million to the Provincial Income Fund and is welcomed in principle.

Mr Speaker, the goal of reaching a level 3 and higher financial competency level is a job that has to be tackled every day. The development of capacity, the improvement of financial management as well as the improved fiscal management will realise these goals.

I thank the Minister and his department, Dr Stegmann and all the officials for their continuous commitment to transparency, accountability, efficiency and effectiveness when spending public funds.

†Ms T N BEVU: Mr Speaker, as Cope, we are actually pleased with the professional manner the Treasury of the province is run. We know and understand that the budget of R446,205 million means that things are still going to have to be conducted in a tight and efficient way.

If it were up to us, we would have allocated some of the big chunks going to the Premier's Department to Treasury, since we know that we will at least get value for that money instead of endless planning that hardly goes anywhere. I am sure, though, that you will be comforted with the recent increase of 107,49% to R281,243 million, an equitable share allocation that amounts to R370,658 million, since almost all of it is going to the Premier's Department. Don't ask me why. Perhaps he would also advise the Premier that the phenomena of people moving to economic provinces like Gauteng and the Western Cape is not all gloom. The refugees do bring some tax.

I'm not sure what causes the decrease of tax received from R310,850 million to R308,588 million for this current year. Perhaps you could enlighten us on that at a later stage. We urge you to urgently utilise the additional R29 million for building management, institutional capacity of municipalities, especially those outside the metro and do not fall under districts.

The recent AGM report is showing that they are in serious decline, especially on the supply chain management. We also urge you to supply us with the MGRO when it is finalised. We are also expecting, at the end of year, a detailed breakdown of how the funds allocated to special projects and programmes were spent. We would advise you to adjust your pay progression provisions if you want to remain competitive with the salaries you pay.

A 105,52% capital increase to provide for the increase in staff members might seem a lot, but considering the needs of the department and the fact that it now has to play the role of nanny in helping municipalities with finance governance, it is understandable. Cope definitely supports the budget.

†Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Mr Deputy Speaker, MEC Winde, Cabinet members and the House, I rise to address Vote 3 – Treasury, a department from which I've learnt much and which I, because of my convictions, also have the freedom to criticise. I hope it will be accepted in the spirit in which it is intended.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I want to continue my debate where I left off on Wednesday as it is relevant to the department, which plays both a support and oversight role over departments and municipalities.

I also want to continue with this notion of a best-run region in the world and the support for the NDP and prove how the departments through their delivery are failing this dream.

All those departments should read no further than the first few pages of the NDP, which spells out its vision statement. It would be a rude awakening for them just to see how far off they really are. To those who wanted to know from me the other day whether I know it, here's the document – I've read it. The first few pages of the NDP document will give you a whole host of reasons for why you are not in step with it. It will actually shock you to read what's in there. [Interjections.] No, actually, it's the NDP.

Mr Deputy Speaker, let me come back to Treasury. This department has given itself a whopping 170,5% increase from R164 million in the 2012-13 budget period to R446,2 million in the 2013-14 financial year, because it is holding reserves for special projects. I will touch on that later in some more detail.

Mr Deputy Speaker, if you read through the main services that Treasury wants to and should render – if I counted correctly there are 21 responsibilities – only one deals with a national issue, two deal with provincial matters and the rest are about provincial and municipality support and monitoring services. The other issue that jumps out at one on basically every page is the never-ending SCM, or supply chain management issue, both here and in municipalities, because of changing legislation and conflicting interpretations thereof. The transversal knock-on effect of what other departments do and the overall image of the DA government flies in the face of what Treasury is saying it wants to achieve.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the biggest embarrassment, I suppose, must be the education department that got a qualified report simply because they couldn't account for mobile classrooms. They're in and out of court and even on Wednesday, when the judgment on the school closures was handed down, that same MEC made comments like "watch me". The Premier says it wasn't a damning judgment. This is the province, Mr Deputy Speaker, that wants to be the best-run region in the world.

Worse still, I want to show you again: The APP, the review and the outlook of that department looks like this. Then, when I showed it to MEC Winde he said it's about content. He's right, Mr Deputy Speaker, it is about content because the budget of Education is close to R200 million less than the budget of Health and that's the content of Health's APP. [Interjections.]

Why then, Treasury, when you are wanting to create this best-run region in the world do you accept such shocking work from a department that is supposed to look after the future of the country and your future best-run region in the world?

Human settlements, Mr Deputy Speaker, is a similar culprit. They are supposed to house the poor and give them decent living conditions in your best-run region in the world, but they fail to meet their targets year after year to the extent that Treasury has had to put in place a special unit to monitor and investigate why they and other departments are not spending their infrastructure budget. Also look at their APP – it's the same, Mr Deputy Speaker.

This is the plan for the province in terms of looking after the poor in this best-run region in the world. Then, again, you need to ask yourself who is this best-run region in the world meant for and by whose standards is it measured?

So when Treasury writes that it is required to strengthen its monitoring and support role, I think Treasury should also reconsider its pleas, when they go to national government, to discuss the Dora and to put some punitive measures in place for departments that don't deliver. This is because it doesn't speak to the PSO12 or National Outcome 12, which refers ... [Interjections.] I'm speaking about the Western Cape now, which refers to creating an efficient and effective development-orientated public service and an empowered, fair and inclusive citizenship.

Mr Deputy Speaker, Treasury's review and outlook speaks about its failures, but it also speaks about its challenges and that the outlook for the coming year has many of them. However, I want to address an issue that doesn't gel and that is Treasury's responsibility to municipalities, as I mentioned earlier. A local government finance unit has been established to improve reporting and financial assistance to selected municipalities and, I assume, struggling municipalities. Now herein lies the problem, Mr Deputy Speaker.

If I look at the allocations as they were given to these municipalities, something doesn't make sense. If you look at Beaufort West, at Langebaan and at Kannaland, a municipality that we're always hearing about, we see Kannaland's allocation has been reduced by 91,61%, and Prince Albert's has been increased by 489,36%.

You can go down that list and then ask yourself who controls those municipalities and why does the Auditor-General's report look the way it does. You can break down those allocations to municipalities further, but I don't want to spend much time on doing that – you can read it.

Mr Deputy Speaker, how does this relate to proper service delivery or fair and equitable distribution of resources to create this best-run region in the world? Is it any wonder then that the Auditor-General's report comes to us with the shocking information it contains, because one of the main causes, as identified by the Auditor-General, is the lack of leadership. [Interjections.] How can anyone be expected to lead a municipality into a successful audit opinion if the resources to be able to do so are not there?

So, Treasury, I think that you are shooting yourself in the foot, unless there's some political agenda behind the total disregard for problems in areas such as Kannaland, for instance, and the allocation to them. [Interjections.] Huge amounts are given to Western Cape and Swartland when they are standing on their own feet, and their audit opinions have proved that.

All of the above, Mr Deputy Speaker, rests in what I would assume is the most important programme of this Vote, and that is Programme 2. By that I'm not taking away anything of importance from the other programmes, but this programme, I believe, is the core or the spine of the department and this Vote. You have already heard the breakdown per programme from other speakers.

Mr Deputy Speaker, Programme 2 in the APP of Treasury speaks about very important issues.

It speaks about programme support; it speaks about the fiscal policy – the programme is actually called “Sustainable Resource Management” – it speaks about budget management and it breaks it down into provincial government and local government. It speaks about public finance and again it also breaks that down into government and local finance groups and infrastructure and business information.

An issue to take note of here, Mr Deputy Speaker, is the provincial own revenue that will be affected by the Casino Exclusivity Amendment. The explanation given is that instead of renewing an exclusivity right, which would have meant an amendment to legislation, an increase in tax is proposed. This is purported to be less than the licence fee, which would have been increased, anyway, on a sliding scale. At this stage it also means that no casino will close, but tax revenue to the province will increase considerably.

What also resides here, Mr Deputy Speaker, is the successful and responsible monitoring of the Western Cape Gambling and Racing Board. Here one is always torn in two because of the evils of gambling, on the one hand, and the creation of employment, on the other hand. Responsible, effective and efficient regulation is part of this mandate.

The other important component of Programme 2 is the budget management – Programme 2.3 and Programme 2.4 – that speaks mostly to the core function of Treasury. It is here where some of these departments and municipalities get into a mess and connect unrealistic targets to the budget, which causes the unhappiness when we discuss these Votes. You also then realise how transversal these programmes, targets and outcomes are. It strengthens my point again that the responsibility rests on Treasury to ensure that the Attorney-General’s report shows an improvement in the red colour overall and that it will not be that easy.

Now again, Mr Deputy Speaker, let me compare ...

†Mr M G E WILEY: What’s your point?

†The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Have you lost your place?

†Ms C F BEERINKEL: No, I haven’t. [Interjections.] Relax.

†The LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION: Stop trying to bully her. Stop it, just relax. [Interjections.] Schoolyard bully!

†The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: What?

†The LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION: Schoolyard bullies.

†Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Mr Deputy Speaker, I want to speak about the content that is surely lacking in education and human resources if you consider the importance and the size of their budget. Now I want to speak about the special projects that I earlier referred to. The slush fund that’s been created just makes no sense. [Interjections.]

The allocation reserved is R1,053 billion over the MTEF period and its objective is to promote effective and efficient management, co-ordination and intergovernmental co-operation.

The funds will be made available to departments once they've done the costing, the roll-out and the prioritisation and have made credible implementation plans. These allocations will then be made at the adjustment budget time. Why?

†The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Why not?

†Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Remember, by the time the Adjustments Appropriation comes around we're basically at the third term and then all the allocations still need to be spent. Alternatively, the funds will be transferred to Local Government whose financial year has more stretch because it's an election year.

†The LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION: Or to the section 21 ... [Inaudible.]

†Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Why are departments not requested to do the planning and then it can be implemented in the next financial year? These projects don't sit in any specific Vote, so at adjustment time the funds can be allocated differently. Is there no other more pressing need in any other department or municipality? [Interjections.] Since when does Treasury reserve funds for projects they know about but for which the plans are not yet in place? I'm sorry, Treasury, but you have set yourself up for that one.

Treasury also shows a marked increase in employment figures across all of its programmes – in the case of some, I guess, justifiably so. The strangest thing, however, is that in infrastructure spend, which is such a problem transversally, that position is vacant.

MEC, it would really enhance your adherence to your PSO12 if those culprit departments and the respective MECs learnt that they are here to serve and give credence to the principles and visions of the NDP in a practical way and stopped the sarcastic, personal insults shouted across the floor when criticism comes their way. [Interjections.]

You also need to make up your mind if you really want Comrade Max to take part in a debate. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Which Max?

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Max Ozinsky, because when he doesn't speak you try to divide this side of the House by giving the impression that those who do are not worthy of their right to debate. Yet when he does speak your side of the House goes out of its way to drown him out, shouting insults at national government and members who are not even here and are totally unrelated to the issues being discussed. But you want to be a best-run region in the world. [Interjections.]

Exactly! Ask yourselves those questions when you talk about the national government. This is about here and what's happening here. [Interjections.] I'm talking about what's happening in this House. [Interjections.] You purport to support the NDP. The people whom you serve are watching this. Lead by example.

Thank you again, MEC, Treasury and all of your members for accepting concerns raised and running to assist when requested to do so as well as assisting us with understanding difficult things about how the province is run. It is appreciated and it is also appreciated that some of the suggestions coming from us are taken into account when it matters.

†The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Thank you very much, Mr Deputy Speaker, and thank you very much to all the members who took part in this debate. I will endeavour to get to all the questions you've raised and the matters that you've dealt with.

Hon Von Brandis, the chairperson of the standing committee, thank you very much for chairing the committee in the way you do and making sure that those interactions are run professionally, specifically at this time when we load you, not only with the budget, but with other pieces of legislation. Thank you very much for making sure that we deal with all of these other pieces of legislation at the same time. We really do appreciate it.

You raised a couple of issues about the CGRO-MGRO process. As I said in my speech, it's about how we're doing things slightly differently and at the end of the day it's really about good governance. You also spoke about audit outcomes.

However, if we get the governance right and how we run our organisations – whether they be departments, entities or municipalities – and if we run them properly, we will find you will not only get good audit outcomes, but you'll also make a difference, more importantly, I would say, in delivering the services that we need to within each of those departments to the people of the province.

Thank you very much for mentioning that the department itself got a clean audit. Well done to them. It's very important in the role that we play that we also manage this within our own department. We have to make sure we do things, and continue to do them, to stay there whether it's in our own department or all of the CGRO-MGRO work.

It's about how we use these tools, like audit outcomes, as a mechanism to see how we are doing and then make sure we have the right practices, the right mechanisms, the right rules and the right habits in place to continue with the good governance that keeps the good audit outcomes coming.

You also spoke about municipal support and I can ensure you that for this team it is a major focus. You know, we have just finished the budget process and then the team's off to go and interact with the local authorities. The team is permanently on the go, making sure that in all of these departments to which we offer services, whether they be at a provincial or local government level, we are continually interacting and making sure that we are working towards that SO12, to improve and get better year on year.

You spoke about the special projects, as did hon Beerwinkel. I think I'll answer that in my reply to the hon Beerwinkel, but it's really about avoiding underspending and making sure that the systems and plans are in place.

You spoke about Level 3 and going forward. It's about that everyday mechanism; it's about doing things right, continually, every single day and making sure that we build them into habit-forming mechanisms.

It doesn't matter what you do in life, if you create habits out of the good practices you will reap the rewards thereof. Thank you very much for your input.

Hon Bevu, thank you very much, first of all, for supporting the budget and for commending the department on what they do and how they're running things. You also brought in some other issues and spoke about refugees, or people coming into the province. I can assure you that the census shows a 30% increase in people coming into the province to look for opportunities.

We know that, primarily, people who come to the province are risk takers and these are the people who really help make a difference to the economy. There are people who come here to look for opportunities, and if, at the same time, we're able to create opportunities for them as well as for the people who live here, we will see a marked difference in how things change in the years to come.

You spoke about extra support for municipalities and I can assure you that it takes up a lot of the department's time to make sure that we give the municipalities that support. You also spoke about the extra funding that's going to different projects. I will talk about that again in replying to hon Beerwinkel, but it's about putting the plans in place.

You also mentioned that we need to make more provision for staff salaries. I didn't look up to see what the gallery was doing at that stage, whether there was a nodding or shaking of heads. Of course, it is about creating opportunities to attract the right people. However, I can say one thing about this department: albeit it an area where people work extremely hard and they put in long hours and lots of effort, I can assure you that we do seem to retain our good people. So I think through strong leadership and commitment to the kind of work that they do, we do manage to keep people. We also have a whole lot of new faces and I'm sure that we will create the right environment so that they will stay with us for some time to come to make these changes, which you and the others in this debate talked about, in order to make this a far better place and a far better province.

Hon Beerwinkel, thank you very much for your varied input, starting off with the PSO12 and the National Development Plan and the vision. Whether it's the national vision or the regional vision, it's the plan itself that outlines the status quo of where we are as a region, where we are as an NDP and as a country.

When you read the NDP it really shows a frank understanding of our problems in South Africa and it sets a clear vision and a clear path of where we want to go to. That exact same thing applies to us and that's why we want to make sure that we understand the status quo, our position and where the plan will take us. That's why we try to align our provincial strategic objectives and, specifically, PSO12, with our vision of where we want to go to.

When we say something like the best-run regional government in the world, it's a vision up there somewhere. I don't know if any government in the world ever achieves something like that. There are benchmarks that measure countries on how well and efficiently they are run, but I don't think that any country, even if it obtained the top position, can say it is where it would like to be. It is a vision; it is something we need to aspire to and to continue working towards and it is about continual improvement.

You spoke about the supply chain management. That is an area that has received a lot of attention in the last while and I can assure you it's going to receive a lot of attention going forward. It's something that's spoken about in the NDP. We know that in South Africa – and it's something I spoke about the other day – we run a huge risk of corruption becoming part of our brand.

It's through supply chain management that we've got to make sure we have the right rules, whether they're National Treasury instructions or our own instructions, and that they're aligned and the systems work efficiently and effectively so that we actually use our systems.

We spoke earlier about the supply open days to educate businesses out there on how to be competitive, how to give great service in the expenditure of our public money and how to use that as a leg-up in their businesses. But at the same time we must ensure that government is getting great value so that we can, through that great value, procure more services.

We need to ensure that the team that's working with supply chain management is continually improving and, as we've said, moving towards a paperless system, an e-procurement system and one that we can all be very proud of as it does give rise to those good supply chain processes and through that creates those opportunities for our businesses and, of course, our supplying.

You spoke about infrastructure spending. I can assure you, first of all, the mechanism, the infrastructure delivery plan and the pilot that we're running here, isn't only for our own province, but more importantly it's also for South Africa and the way in which National Treasury works with us on that plan. We've got to make sure that we deliver correctly and properly on that infrastructure plan because it's for South Africa.

You've seen in the budget expenditure how infrastructure spending has really grown tremendously. The growth in infrastructure spending has really increased tremendously year on year, so we have to make sure that the expenditure on that plan is in place. Sure, that's why you get the monitoring numbers on a quarterly basis so that you as an oversight body can make sure that the departments are spending it in the right place – but also not wasting it – and making sure that we stick to the plan.

You know with infrastructure spend sometimes a big project might be delayed through an EIA process or a planning process or whatever that might be. You might take a long time to reach a rock-bed. I was speaking to the Minister the other day about people asking questions about the road between Robertson and Swellendam and that wash away. You know, you can't plan for these things. [Interjections.] They had to move 300 000 cubic metres of soil to get to a rock-bed to actually start building the road.

You might think that we can fix a road within a couple of months, but when you actually get into infrastructure projects it doesn't always go according to plan. You have to make sure your overall plan is in place, that you can deal with those unexpected problems which come your way and move forward as quickly as you can, because we all know that this kind of infrastructure is what we're basing everything on at the moment to create a platform for economic growth going forward.

You spoke about the funding of municipalities. That's also about programmes and what kinds of programmes are in place, what municipalities need in support and also if they're able to spend the money. You can't transfer money to a municipality if it can't spend the money.

You mentioned some of these municipalities and there's something I'm sure the standing committee will be interested in. One of our municipalities that received a clean audit – Swartland Municipality – was asked that the municipality should get together to find out if they could create an improvement plan, because they did certain things well. How do we use those lessons and give them to the other municipalities? So the other day we were given the Swartland Municipality Setting of Financial Standards for Municipalities benchmark.

It's very interesting. When you go through this you'll see that municipalities don't even have their names put there, because it's not about naming and shaming municipalities. It's about making sure that we know what the averages are of expenditure, income and various areas of financial management, and what the ideal situation would be so that when you as a municipality receive this report you will only have one name, your municipality's name.

You will see the other municipalities there and you won't know who they are, but you will see where those bar graphs are and you can then say to yourselves, as a management team in that municipality, we are way too high or way too low, depending on what is needed, and what is our plan, then, to get to a better place. That's an area where Treasury works with the municipalities to continually find those improvements.

You spoke about our own revenue and, specifically, the change now that we've separated the moving of a casino, which we'll deal with later on in the year, and the expiry of the exclusivity. If you remember, last year you mentioned that in actual fact we are losing money because that exclusivity income has ended. So we've abandoned the exclusivity altogether.

We know that that period has ended with one more casino still to go in the province, but that's why we have changed that tax regime. It doesn't say we'll put another window period of a further 10 years in place; it's saying we actually don't need it at all anymore. It'll just be dealt with through taxation, so it's about creating a mechanism for that own revenue generation income.

You spoke about the balance of job creation and, perhaps, the negative side. But what I can say is that although gambling has the same traits as substance abuse and the same mechanisms for dealing with it, where people are really hooked on gambling and the abuses that come with gambling, one thing our Gambling Board has always been strong on is in making sure that we actually do manage that side. It is a problem that I also really am concerned about, but I think that they do a very good job with managing it.

We also at the same time call upon the general public to say that if you know of a family member or someone who is really battling with an addiction to gambling you need to make sure that you come forward and deal with it. You can have that person's name put on a database and I can assure you those casinos will very quickly turn them away and make sure that they are not allowed on the premises.

Now let's talk about what you called the "slush fund". It's interesting that you call it a "slush fund", because you will see in all the documentation that all of that money has exact programmes or plans for where it will go to. However, it doesn't have the full plan.

You will know that leading up to the end of the process last year, in our process of putting the budget together, we were actually cutting across all departments, because we didn't really know how much money we were going to get. The census had not been finalised and completed and we didn't know whether we were going to get any more money through the census. In actual fact, with the economy that the world and our country still find itself in, there are huge pressures on revenue generation in South Africa, which has major implications for our budget.

Then right at the end of this process we actually got a whole lot more money. The departments have lots of ideas, lots of areas they want to move into and lots of policy options. The policy committee then has to have a look at these options, but if a department does not have a proper plan on how they want to spend that money it would be reckless to give them the money without that plan.

That is why you will see – and I also dealt with it in my speech – that there are specific areas to which all that money has been allocated, but a firm plan for exactly how every rand and cent is going to be spent is not there yet. The departments have been tasked and already many of those plans are starting to gel.

I know that they will be adjusted at the Adjustments Estimate, but if they come up with their plan within the next month or two we can already start finding ways to actually start spending that money and correct it in the adjustment.

However, if they don't come up with a plan then at the adjustment we will have to see where that money will go. You will have to judge us at that stage on whether it was a slush fund or not, but I can assure you, from my side we will not allow it to be branded in that way. We will make sure that it goes into plans that deliver for the people of the province, because that's part of how good financial governance and good financial management must be run.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I want to respond to one or two of the other questions. We did speak about the municipalities and the audit outcomes and, specifically, about our municipalities that have good outcomes. I spoke about the benchmarking. We need our good municipalities and we've used them extensively in the MGRO process.

It's not only about Treasury going to the municipality and saying, like a big brother, this is what you need to do. Rather, we ask them what their problems are. At the same time we ask the municipal managers from the municipalities that get the good outcomes and have good programmes to sit in and actually put their programmes on the table, so that we know that, together, we can find solutions. We actually sit down together with those well-run municipalities, the departments and this Treasury and craft plans for how that MGRO process is going to improve the lives of people in those specific municipalities.

I think I am going to leave it at that. I'm going to say thank you once again to all of those members who took part in this Budget Vote debate. Once again, to the department, thank you very, very much for all that you do and for helping us proudly hold our heads high. When we go to our national counterparts at National Treasury we get asked by them to deliver on some of these pilot projects and we work very closely with them.

Thank you very much for the hours and hours of dedication that you put in to help us move towards the SO12 that we all would like to reach one day. Perhaps those that follow us will continue on that path to reach it. So, from me, thank you very much.

Debate concluded.

WESTERN CAPE APPROPRIATION BILL[B 2—2013]

(Debate on Vote 12 — Economic Development and Tourism)

†The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Mr Deputy Speaker, I see we're picking up some speed here.

Mr Deputy Speaker, hon members of the House, Cabinet colleagues, members of the Opposition, the Department Head – I presume they're on their way and hopefully they've been notified that we've moved a bit forward – it's an honour to address you today on the Western Cape Department of Economic Development and Tourism's budget for the 2013-14 financial year.

Before I begin, I would like to tell you the story of a young woman named Nontwenhle Mchunu. She was born in Nkandla in rural KwaZulu-Natal. Nontwenhle's parents, recognising the importance of providing their daughter with a good education, made sure that she made sure made full use of her opportunity to get an education.

After matric, Nontwenhle managed to find a job. While she was working she also took another bold step. She made a bold move to start her own chocolate-making business in her spare time. It was then that her future took a drastic turn. Inspired by a passion for baking and a love of chocolate, which her products exuded, she began to sell large quantities to locals from her community, and it wasn't long before she was running a thriving business from her home.

Three years later, she was noticed by the Raymond Ackerman Academy of Entrepreneurial Development which invited her to attend their small business development programme. It was then that she took her next big step; she moved to Cape Town to take up the opportunity to empower herself. She also sensed that it was here that her product would sell best.

Within a few years, Nontwenhle had made a name for herself by training further with international chocolatiers in the United Kingdom and Switzerland, and by winning several prestigious prizes and awards, including the Africa Entrepreneur of the Year award.

*Mr H P GEYER: Good!

†The MINISTER: She recently achieved her biggest award yet – a tender to supply her products to Pick ‘n Pay stores across the whole of our country.

Mr Deputy Speaker, Nontwenhle is not lucky; she worked very, very hard to get where she is today. She also seized each and every opportunity that she was given. Whether it was a state opportunity or a private sector opportunity, she used those opportunities to better herself.

It is for residents like Nontwenhle that we are building the open opportunity society in the Western Cape, a society that is able to provide jobs to each and every citizen who is willing to work hard and play a meaningful role in growing our economy so that we all live better lives.

I would like to thank her for her passion and wish her all the very best as she grows her business and helps us with our Strategic Objective 1 for growth and jobs. As her business grows she will employ more and more people.

Mr Deputy Speaker, while we understand that the policies we have put in place will only bring widespread benefits over the long term, growth and jobs remain our core objective. According to the latest *Statistics South Africa Quarterly Labour Force Survey*, in the fourth quarter of 2012, the Western Cape created 18 000 employment opportunities, as opposed to a net loss of 68 000 in South Africa as a whole.

There are currently 573 000 people who are unemployed in our province. It is because of these people that I wake up in the morning and it is for them that we need to do things differently.

Mr Deputy Speaker, it is simple. Our government is actively driving the establishment of a demand-led, private-sector-driven economy and, in turn, creating employment opportunities for the people of our province – our number one Strategic Objective. The Western Cape Department of Economic Development and Tourism is integral in this regard. The department's key agenda is to deliver a Western Cape that is a better place for everyone to invest in, to do business in and to get a job and earn a living.

In the 2013-14 financial year, the Department of Economic Development and Tourism has been allocated R389,451 million, a 23,41% increase on the adjusted budget of last year, to achieve the goals we have set for ourselves in our seven programme areas.

Mr Deputy Speaker, in the coming year **Programme 1: Administration**, which houses the office of the head of department and chief financial officer, is being allocated R31,972 million to provide strong, innovative leadership to the Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism team, and to deliver clean, efficient, cost-effective, transparent and responsive corporate governance to the department.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the most sustainable and inclusive way to grow our economy is to create an enabling environment so that new and emerging businesses can flourish. In South Africa, SMMEs are the backbone of our economy. However, South Africa's entrepreneurial rate is far below the average of comparable economies around the world.

According to the Global Entrepreneurship Monitor, entrepreneurship involvement among people between the ages of 18 and 24 and 25 and 35 in South Africa is very worrisome. This is an untenable situation when one considers the very high levels of unemployment amongst our youth.

To foster an enabling business environment that supports the development of enterprises and the reduction of business-blocking red tape, **Programme 2: Integrated Economic Development Services**, receives an allocation of R48,634 million. More than half of this funding will be devoted to the delivery of comprehensive business support services through, amongst other things, 20 economic development centres located across our province in areas such as George, Saldanha Bay, Atlantis, Piketberg, Khayelitsha, Oudtshoorn and many more.

This amount excludes the more than R46 million that we have leveraged from the private sector, local and national government partners, who have joined hands with us in the roll out of these services. We thank these partners for their willingness to play a role in growing opportunities for Western Cape SMMEs to thrive.

This year, to stimulate innovative business ideas amongst our youth, we have partnered with Stellenbosch University and the University of the Western Cape to launch a programme called “Innovative Western Cape”. Innovative Western Cape will provide students with opportunities to conceptualise and even commercialise their ideas by pitching them to fellow entrepreneurs and angel investors. In the coming year, R1,4 million will be allocated to this pilot project.

Another national first to be launched this year is our very own entrepreneurship monitoring along the lines of the Global Entrepreneurship Monitor.

In partnership with the UCT Graduate School of Business and the London School of Economics, entrepreneurship levels in the Western Cape will be monitored. This measure will compare entrepreneurial levels on a provincial and district level with the rest of South Africa and the over 34 countries participating in this annual survey.

Through this exercise, we will also investigate and, where possible, eradicate the blockages faced by our entrepreneurs. More importantly, we will be able to measure the impact of our efforts on growing local SMMEs.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the reduction of red tape in all spheres of our economy is crucial if we are to build a Western Cape in which it is cheaper, faster and easier to do business and R8,895 million has been allocated for the 2013-14 financial year to our Red Tape Reduction Programme. For the 2013-14 financial year businesses in the Western Cape will continue to have access to a business support helpline. In addition, the unit will roll out two new projects:

- The Provincial Red Tape Challenge: This project will seek to involve Western Cape government employees in themselves becoming innovative in finding ways to reduce red tape and at the same time encouraging behavioural change in how we do things as a government.
- Provincial Economic Index: Conducted in partnership with the Western Cape Economic Development Partnership (EDP), the index will not only measure

our progress towards becoming a resilient, inclusive and competitive economy, but the extent to which we are making it easier, cheaper and faster to do business in the Western Cape.

Mr Deputy Speaker, other critical aspects to growing our economy is industry development, trade stimulation and investment promotion. For this very purpose, **Programme 3: Trade and Sector Development**, will this year receive an increase in their budget of 40% from R103,269 million in the revised estimate of the 2012-13 financial year to R145,306 million in the 2013-14 financial year.

The department will continue to focus the support it offers to four sectors of our economy: business process outsourcing (BPO); information and communication technology (ICT); oil and gas; and the green economy. In addition to these, other sectors that we will support include the clothing and textile industry, agri and aqua-processing and the creative and design sectors. By placing our strategic focus on these sectors, we aim to facilitate 400 000 new jobs by 2025.

Mr Deputy Speaker, Wesgro has received an increase in budget of R18,864 million for trade and investment promotion. This reflects its expanded role as the region's Trade and Investment Promotion Agency. In respect of investment promotion, Wesgro achieved R1,8 billion of new investments into the Western Cape in the 2012-13 financial year and far exceeded its targets. Well done to them for that.

The international trade environment has been challenging, with a slow-down across the economies of our major trading partners and in the EU. In the upcoming financial year, Wesgro will focus on providing support to emerging and existing exporters by assisting them in accessing new and dynamic markets. This will include a major strategic focus on Africa and our fellow Brics countries.

Infrastructure plays an important role in promoting growth. A lack of adequate infrastructure can hinder potential growth, weaken international competitiveness and adversely affect poverty reduction rates. That is why, in the year ahead, we will enhance strategic infrastructure in our province with an allocation of R78,826 million. This amount includes earmarked allocations of R52,746 million for the Broadband Initiative and R5,280 million for the establishment of the Saldanha Bay IDZ.

Our other infrastructure development projects are steadily progressing. The department has completed a Western Cape Design Strategy and will use this to formulate a design policy framework for the province. Following an agreed-upon common vision for the Port of Cape Town and surrounds, business cases will be developed during the 2013-14 financial year in order to determine the viability and sustainability of any infrastructure projects related to this vision.

Mr Deputy Speaker, final decisions will be made on the Cape Health Technology Hub, for which we hope funding will be secured this year from national government and that land transfers will be initiated to allow for construction of the hub in the Pinelands/Oude Molen area.

Also, the construction for the expansion of the Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC) will begin in earnest this year.

Mr Deputy Speaker, **Programme 4: Business Regulation and Governance**, has a critical role to play in economic development by ensuring the realisation of an equitable and socially responsible business environment. This programme aims to ensure that legal liquor traders operate according to the laws of the province and consumers are educated on their rights.

The need for the extension of consumer education campaigns has become even more necessary with the implementation of the Consumer Protection Act. The Act has altered the manner in which business transactions are concluded in our country both for consumers and business and, as such, the need to educate all relevant parties on this legislation is critical. The Western Cape Office of the Consumer Protector receives R840 000 in the 2013-14 financial year for this purpose.

The Western Cape Liquor Authority is now a fully-fledged and independent entity and R30,936 million will be allocated in the 2013-14 financial year to this Authority for the purposes of overseeing the provincial liquor industry, administering liquor applications and monitoring compliance with the liquor licence legislation and regulations.

Mr Deputy Speaker, **Programme 5: Economic Planning** provides strategic support to the department in facilitating and promoting integrated economic development planning. The programme receives R34,151 million in the 2013-14 financial year.

A new element has been added to Programme 5: Economic Development Integration. This subprogramme will primarily house all interventions related to the green economy. An allocation amounting to R8,325 million has been earmarked for these interventions.

Last year, we launched the Western Cape Economic Development Partnership (EDP).

To date, the EDP has the support of the input from 134 organisations and partners across six sectors of the regional economy. Over the past year, the EDP has driven the formation of the One Cape 2040 Vision, a policy document aimed at developing—

... a resilient, inclusive and competitive Western Cape with higher rates of employment producing growing incomes, greater equality and an improved quality of life.

To implement this vision, the department is already involved in a number of key EDP projects and programmes focusing on employment, investment, enterprise and innovation.

Mr Deputy Speaker, in the 2013-14 financial year **Programme 6: Tourism, Arts and Entertainment** receives an allocation of R48,981 million for tourism marketing, development and regulation and film and craft. Through this programme, we aim to increase visitor arrivals and spending in the Western Cape by maximising international and domestic marketing opportunities. The function of marketing the Western Cape as a tourist and film destination lies with Wesgro.

For the 2013-14 financial year Wesgro's strategic focus on increasing tourism numbers will be:

- Significant tourism destination marketing campaigns focused on service offerings to outbound operators;
- dedicated engagement with airlines for direct flights to Cape Town International Airport – at this stage can I also use this opportunity to congratulate them for winning the award for the Best Airport in Africa the third year in a row;
- emphasis on business tourism; and we know that business tourism per spend definitely fits in perfectly with our emphasis on job creation as those tourists spend markedly more money than leisure tourists; and
- events: We're in the middle of the events season and these events aim the focus of the international world on us. They create a huge opportunity for our businesses to grow their enterprises in our economy and they bring large amounts of money into our economy.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the Convention Bureau will prepare 20 bids for conferences and conventions worth an estimated economic value of R360 million. During the same period, three joint marketing agreements will be secured, and support will be provided to 27 events with an estimated economic value of R1,2 billion.

Through these initiatives we aim to increase international tourist arrivals to 1,300 million and domestic arrivals to 2 million, resulting in direct spending of between R8 billion and R13 billion in our region. This increase in direct spending will benefit the people of our province in general, including service providers, providers of meals, accommodation, shopping, tourist attractions and vendors.

Mr Deputy Speaker, a growing economy requires skills. In the year ahead, **Programme 7: Skills Development and Innovation** receives R37,987 million, a 40,67% increase from the 2012-13 financial year, to drive skills development so that supply meets demand in our province. The department's skills development programme will be co-ordinated in a three-pronged strategy.

Firstly, the Provincial Skills Forum (PSF) will co-ordinate stakeholders within the national, provincial and local skills ecosystem to overcome the fragmented manner in which skills development has been managed in the past. The skills environment is highly complex and a meaningful co-ordination of the wide variety of role-players is very necessary.

Secondly, to facilitate support for access to employment opportunities for our youth the Work and Skills Programme will continue to facilitate youth employment, especially in rural areas of our province. An amount of R50 million has been leveraged over three years towards the Work and Skills Programme in partnership with the Jobs Fund for 3 000 youths to gain work experience. In the 2013-14 financial year, the programme will accommodate 1 000 learners in manufacturing, hospitality, wholesale, retail as well as in sectors where there is a demand for appropriate skills.

Thirdly, Mr Deputy Speaker, in terms of the Artisan Development Programme, 200 trainee artisans will be placed with host employers for 18 months to gain workplace experience. Through this budget we aim to create a Western Cape in which every person can realise her or his true potential, escape poverty and live a better life.

This Budget also requires every single person to roll up their sleeves and build a Western Cape we can all be very proud of. As Nontwenhle recently remarked, in order to succeed, one needs to give 110%.

I would like express my sincere gratitude to the head of the department, Mr Solly Fourie, as well as all his chief directors and staff for consistently working hard to create a Western Cape that is a better place to invest, to do business, to get a job and earn a living for everyone.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I thank them for the hours and hours of dedication that they give to the 573 000 people that I spoke about when I started this speech. It's those people that keep not only me awake, but keep all of them awake and rightly so because we need to make this place a different place so that we can all have hope when we wake up in the morning.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I hereby table the Department of Economic Development and Tourism's 2013-14 budget for the consideration of the House.

*Mr E J VON BRANDIS: Mr Deputy Speaker, I support the Department of Economic Development and Tourism Budget of R389,451million for the 2013-14 financial year. It's good to see that the Western Cape is still maintaining a higher economic growth rate when compared to the rest of South Africa, as reflected by the 3% GDP-growth in the province compared to the national growth of 2,4% in 2012. President Zuma announced in his address to the nation that economic growth of at least 5% is necessary to stimulate job creation.

The provincial budget takes the National Development Plan (NDP) into account as starting point when addressing the threat of poverty, inequality and unemployment. One of the priorities to be addressed that was identified by the NDP is to be economically competitive.

In the Western Cape economic competitiveness is addressed and supported by the strategic objectives of the department. This includes the establishment and maintenance of a climate and environment where businesses can flourish, as well as government support driven by the private sector to sectors, industries and businesses, according to demand.

Mr Deputy Speaker, to improve competitiveness, the NDP stresses the importance of keeping costs to businesses as low as possible. The success the Western Cape has had regarding the implementation of the Red Tape Reduction Unit is therefore the reason why this province was selected to launch the Red Tape NDP Project.

The climate of empowerment that the Red Tape to Red Carpet Programme has created, with its success rate of 90% in reported problems, has led to enough confidence in the unit's capability. The increased focus of the unit in the 2013-2014 financial year to do impact studies on regulating requirements on various government levels is welcomed.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the Broadband Initiative is an attempt to provide high-speed, affordable internet connections to the Western Cape. The additional R501,931 million over the medium term for this Broadband Initiative will this year bring the "wireless mesh" to Khayelitsha, Mitchells Plain and Saldanha baai. Thus, for example, the possibility exists that the entrepreneurs from Khayelitsha, who since October 2012 exhibit their products on a monthly basis at Lookout Hill, can market their products and their community to the world.

The Economic Development Partnership (EDP) and its vision, OneCape 2040, is the creation of an empowered environment where businesses can flourish and the R8,696 million made available to the EDP for the 2013-14 financial year is a milestone.

The functioning and further development of the Partnership Network should be held up as one of the direct entries any government can make to support SMMEs. The support of entrepreneurs and small businesses plays a key role in the development of our economy and job creation.

Mr Deputy Speaker, March is National Energy Awareness Month and the green economy is an excellent example of the effective functioning of the EDP. Great potential that can be realised exists in the green economy for the Western Cape; something the EDP-report has long ago indicated. The national government has already signed off programmes for renewable energy to the amount of R47 billion which will help 28 projects regarding wind, sun and small-hydro energy.

Funds of more than R400 million was approved by the Green Fund that was established in 2012. In 2010 this sector in the Western Cape supported 3 000 job opportunities and this is expected to increase to 12 000 job opportunities in 2015, 16 000 in 2020 and 20 000 in 2025.

Private sector driven government support to sectors, industries and businesses – as led by economic demand – is for the greater part the mandate of Wesgro. The broader focus of the trade, investment and destination marketing agent includes important possibilities for the agri-processing and creative sectors. In this regard the amount of R1,3 million for aquaculture and R2 million for the Cape Town Partnership is seen as a positive outcome.

The export of abalone as product of aquaculture from the Western Cape has reached R379 million in 2011 and 1 219 job opportunities were created. The Cape Town Partnership, on the other hand, is actively involved in The Cape Town World Design Capital 2014 Project, as well as projects associated with that, namely the East City Design Project or The Fringe.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the programmes of the Department of Economic Development and Tourism are focused on developing the skills of our youth. These programmes, the Work and Skills Programme, the Artisan Programme, and the Capaciti 1 000 Program annually deliver competent young people who could be employed and who are ready and capable to enter the economy. We are grateful for the amount of R112 million for these projects.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I support the acknowledgement that the tourism industry is not just an industry contributing to various sectors of the economy, but is also a labour-intensive industry and can therefore create jobs. Despite the decrease in direct flights to and from Cape Town International Airport and the continuous international economic pressure, the Western Cape still showed positive tourism statistics.

However, continuous innovation in the tourism industry is of key importance. The establishment of eco-tourism in the Western Cape is one possibility. According to the World Tourism Organisation eco-tourism is the fastest growing segment. The combination of fauna and flora in the Overstrand holds the possibility that this area could in future become a jewel in the eco-tourism sector.

Other promising possibilities in tourism are event hosting – the hosting of sports, cultural and business events – and the Minister also referred to that. The Cape-Epic is taking place now. This is an unparalleled cycle race where the Western Cape gets the chance to showcase the beauty of nature and the professionalism of the province. Only last year the Cape Argus Cycle Tour brought R450 million to the province.

Mr Deputy Speaker, in conclusion, the Western Cape Liquor Authority has an important task at hand. It has to promote the effective regulation of trade in liquor products in our province as well as to assist in addressing the social problems linked to alcohol abuse. Sixty seven per cent of domestic violence in the Cape Metropolis and 76% in the South-western Cape are linked to alcohol abuse. I thank the authority for its unwavering commitment to applying the Liquor Act.

Mr Deputy Speaker, because of all the above-mentioned reasons, I support the Budget of the Department of Economic Development and Tourism, and I thank the Minister, Mr Fourie, the department and all the officials. Thank you for your hard work and cooperation.

†Ms T N BEVU: Mr Deputy Speaker, Cope accepts the reasons and agrees with the increase of 11,78% in the revised estimate from R377,209 million to R421,648 million for this financial year.

We note with concern the increase in both compensation of employees – this is the department's major expenditure consuming 83% of the total MTEF budget – and consultants by 20,71% and 26% respectively. The common trend is that when compensation of employees increases consultancy costs should decrease; unless there's duplication, and the consultants are doing work that should perhaps have been done by employees.

We support investment on the fast Internet infrastructure and all that goes with it. Hence we are happy with the investment in the broadband project. We hope it will indeed deliver high-speed Internet to government buildings, schools and public libraries. We also hope that the province will hurry up in rolling out its pilot Wireless Mesh Network project to Khayelitsha, Mitchells Plain and Saldanha Bay. Our concern is about whether there are support programmes, such as training or start-up capital, for businesses and people in these areas to drive economic growth and development.

Gauteng has recently recorded the biggest decrease in the unemployment rate, namely 25,4% in the second quarter of 2012, and it has since fallen to 23,7% in the first quarter of 2013. This is because they are concentrating on supporting small businesses, in particular the second economy, through what they call the Gauteng Enterprise Propeller (GEP).

The GEP provides tailor-made support and training to many SMMEs and co-operatives. It also provides financial support to businesses in the second economy. As a result, construction, wholesale and retail, agriculture, manufacturing and even information and communications technology businesses are mushrooming in the townships there.

They have a special bias towards businesses owned by people with disabilities or women.

The financial assistance provided to these businesses is what is leading to the creation of job opportunities. As we know, financial assistance is a lifeline for small businesses, especially given the hurdles they encounter in accessing funding from private financial institutions.

Can we say the same thing about our own EDP? Do our people, who hardly have access to government information, know about it? If so, what has it done to improve their lives, since I see one of its objectives is for an inclusive and competitive Western Cape?

The amount set aside for work and skills programmes is to be applauded, but the question is: Will this money go where it is needed most? Are we committed enough to non-discriminatory economic upgrading of our disadvantaged areas, or do we just pay lip service to social upgrading and everything else?

Mr Deputy Speaker, Cope supports this Vote.

BUSINESS SUSPENDED AT 13:00 AND RESUMED AT 14:00.

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! We continue with the debate. I see the hon Beerwinkel.

†The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: It's a long day.

†Ms C F BEERWINKEL: You are going to have a heart attack, Robin.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to speak on Vote 12, which has an overall increase in allocation of 23,41% from R315,5 million in the previous budget to R389,4 million in the 2013-14 financial year.

Mr Deputy Speaker, this is a delivery Vote where you are supposed to see and feel the difference in economic growth and people's security in terms of job creation; livelihoods and living conditions improving due to better financial security and sustainability; growth in the built, green and brown environment, because of the increased economic activity; an environment created conducive to investors flocking to develop our vast open spaces and rural areas; consumers' rights being protected; small businesses growing in visible leaps and bounds with activities visible in poorer communities; information readily available; new businesses and small businesses within close proximity; and market share of the greater world economy being pumped into the province because of its marketability, but also because of the manner in which it is marketed; infrastructure being rolled out so that investors find it a pleasure to do business and come back; and the shortest possible route for all to do and register business in the province, because, Mr Deputy Speaker, herein lies the core of any best-run region and a real tangible and visible support of the NDP.

If this, Mr Deputy Speaker, is the DA's vision, I urge them all to read the vision statement of the NDP. It will drive some of them to tears as they realise how far they still need to go ... [Interjections.] ... and more than that, the honesty the authors ... [Interjections.]

Mr Deputy Speaker, I just wonder how many of them who are commenting continuously have a copy of this document.

†The LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION: Or can read it.

†Ms C F BEERWINKEL: It will drive some of them to tears as they realise how far they still need to go and, more than that, the honesty the authors, who wrote this vision statement, felt at the time.

The different programmes, as you've heard earlier, Mr Deputy Speaker, are as follows: Administration – an allocation of R31,9 million; Programme 2 – R46,8 million, and that is for integrated economic development – the budget allocation is up, but the employment figures are down; Programme 3: Trade and Sector Development is up by 40,71% and the employment figures are also up by 5,9%; and Programme 4: Consumer protection – the allocation is up by 22,2% to R42,2 million and the employment figures are 17,6% up. Programme 5: Economic planning is 42,2% more, but at 6,87% the employment figures have decreased. Please note in which department that is. Programme 6: Tourism, Arts and Entertainment – 4,53% up and also employment figures are up by 21,43%; Programme 7: Skills development and innovation – 40,6% up to R37,9 million and again the employment figures are up by 38,8%.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the real picture of this department is that it holds in its hands the wherewithal to change the lives of the poor for the better, especially in the rural, poor areas. Also worth mentioning is the closing down of the CTRU for incorporation into Wesgro, which now seems to want to be everything to everyone from film-making to SMME development, but time will show the folly of this decision.

The EDP was also launched, but, Mr Deputy Speaker, if you compare the plans the EDP wants to roll out over the next seven years, you wonder what the department is going to be doing, because in essence the aims and objectives are the same.

Mr Deputy Speaker, before I speak on the different programmes, I must say it was like pulling hen's teeth to get this department to understand that the budget cannot be discussed in isolation; that the APP and the budget are interdependent and interrelated, because in the APP lie the measures by which their work, their plans and their targets can be measured. It is not the prerogative of the chairperson to decide how the two should be dealt with; they must be dealt with simultaneously to connect the budget to the plan of action of the department.

Mr Deputy Speaker, here also, if you read the review and outlook of the department, there's very little difference. I guess the excuse will be that programmes need to roll on. Words that jump out in this report on Vote 12 range from entrepreneurship, skills development, infrastructure development and job creation.

A very important sentence from the report reads as follows:

It has recently been noted that big business does not create employment, rather small enterprises account for the lion's share of employment creation.

Mr Deputy Speaker, this is something that we've been saying repeatedly when referring to the unemployment rate in the Western Cape, which has increased by their own admission from 19,7% in the third quarter of 2008 to 25,4% in the third quarter of 2012. They have finally now woken up to the fact that their current model of economic growth is socially, environmentally and economically unsustainable.

In order to achieve greater influence over the regional economy, it is not only about increasing spending on economic programmes, projects and contributions to infrastructure investment, it is also about including and consulting communities and encouraging their participation in those initiatives. How can it work if you say that, in the assessment of financial resources, it was decided that entrepreneurial awareness should be reduced? Now that seems to be a glaring contradiction.

This brings me to the smug notion that 19 centres for information are sufficient and acceptable and also accessible. I have repeatedly pointed out that information about the department and opportunities and services available are not distributed in the communities that need it the most. The workshops that are held do not take into account the audience listening or place where it is supposed to be held.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the IDZ is a national growth node that happens to fall within the Western Cape and we are greatly appreciative of the economic spin-offs and the job creation that will come from that. The implementation of the Western Cape Broadband Initiative, the Fringe Project, the fishing harbours and the Cape Town International Convention Centre expansion are all growth nodes in the metro area. [Interjections.]

When will business, the private sector, be encouraged to decentralise so that the poor can have employment opportunities closer to where they live? Can you imagine how people's lives will really be improved in this aspirant best-run region in the world? [Interjections.]

Mr Deputy Speaker, while the poor remain poor the economic growth cannot be seen and felt where it is needed most. Small business remains on the back foot in this aspirant best-run region. These seven programmes remain unbelievable. The NDP, on its last page, uses a word cloud that puts together words commonly used in this document and I'd like to quote some of them: development, employment, education, government, public policy, leadership, economy. It's the same words that come out in most of the clouds.

†The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: It's the same kind of stuff that we need.

†Ms C F BEERWINKEL: How then can you purport to be in support of the NDP if these principals are lacking throughout? How do you intend to become the best-run region in the world if these basic needs are not addressed?

So, Mr Deputy Speaker, in closing: Unless economic growth, alleviation of poverty, job creation, which is the basis and foundation of the NDP, are really met in this department, the Department of Economic Development with all of its seven programmes will just be a theoretical plan, because we do not see the spin-offs in the community.

†Mr M C WALTERS: Mr Deputy Speaker, the Western Cape has a R43 billion budget. This alone cannot drive growth, as stated by the Minister. The R650 billion in private hands that is not being put back into the South Africa economy must be mobilised and persuaded to provide the sustained growth impetus we require.

We have heard that Brand South Africa is at an all-time low. Brand Western Cape is also suffering as a result.

We, the Parliament of the Western Cape, must do our utmost – all of us – to promote this brand, ensure that investor confidence is restored and opportunities are created for all.

Let us not attempt to score political points that place our brand in jeopardy. An example is the so-called farm worker crisis so ably exposed by the Premier for what it is; a cynical manipulation by the ANC, which bears responsibility for minimum wage determination at national level.

Mr Deputy Speaker, it has been an interesting and satisfying journey to serve on the Standing Committee for Finance, Economic Development and Tourism. Indeed, the oversight role of the committee provided members with a clear indication of the DA policy on economic development in the Western Cape which is in the interest of creating opportunities for all to participate therein.

If the members of the opposition shelved their petty attempts to derail the DA and recognised the merits of the liberal democratic approach to economic development, they too could become part of the solution and not one of the major problems. Minister Grant on Wednesday, after listening to the largely unfounded arguments of the ANC members, remarked very aptly, “It must be hell to be in opposition”. How true.

Hon Ozinsky, seriously hampered by his erstwhile commitment to a failed ideology ...

†Mr M OZINSKY: Mr Deputy Speaker, on a point of order: I’m wondering what the relevance of this is to this debate.

†Mr M C WALTERS: Listen and you will find out.

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! I’m listening very carefully. Hon member, stick to the Vote.

†Mr M C WALTERS: Hon Ozinsky, seriously hampered by his erstwhile commitment to a failed ideology and mistaking volume and emotion for the clarity of logical argument, ranted on about the unemployment rate in the Western Cape – ... [Interjections.] ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr M C WALTERS: ... the lowest of all the provinces – as if the fact that it was nevertheless high, even if better, was the result of the failure of DA policy.

Even the least astute member of the opposition should have realised that if a province, which annually has to absorb many thousands of the unemployed from other provinces and even other countries ... [Interjections.] ... maintains a lower rate than all the other provinces, then it must be doing something right.

The validity of the DA approach has escaped the understanding of the ANC at every level of government from local to national. Perhaps the synergies evident in the National Development Plan indicates a change of direction.

We heard one opposition member referring to Zimbabwe, where production of one commodity – sinful tobacco – has increased, thus vindicating the ill-conceived land reform policies of Robert Mugabe. This is a country that in 1975 produced more maize than any other ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

†Mr M OZINSKY: Mr Deputy Speaker, on a point of order: The member's going on to another point and it's still not on the topic.

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: As far as I can hear it's all about economic development. [Interjections.] Order! Order! As long as the member refers to economic development and he can link it to the Western Cape I'm quite happy for the moment. Please continue.

†Mr M C WALTERS: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. This of a country ... [Interjections.]

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Mr Ozinsky, please. You're giving a running commentary all the time. It's not necessary. Please continue. [Interjections.] Minister Carlisle, the same applies to you.

†Mr M C WALTERS: This is a country that in 1975 produced more maize than any other African country, except South Africa. Mugabe and his henchmen have reduced his countrymen to the verge of starvation. Zimbabwe, once a food exporter, now has to import food from its neighbours in order to guard against hunger and starvation. Its citizens leave the country in droves to seek better opportunities in the Western Cape.

We heard one member, hon Beerwinkel, mumble that comparisons with other provinces did not provide solutions to Western Cape problems. However, she should realise – and to judge by her facial expression when she has to listen to the absurdities articulated by her colleagues, certainly does – that comparisons with other provinces, and closer to home in ANC-governed municipalities, must, even to her, establish beyond doubt that DA policies and their implementation are far superior to all others in South Africa.

Of course, there is room for improvement and this the DA will do. These comparisons, without doubt, will influence the voters of the Western Cape to reduce the number of ANC members even further in 2014.

There was a constant, desperate attempt to pull the National Development Plan into the debate on Wednesday. It was almost the same warped logic that implies that we owe the national government heartfelt thanks for providing us with funds through the Equitable Share Allocation, the funds to which we are constitutionally entitled and which were partially withheld over previous years because of the lack of credible population figures.

The infrastructure development that will result from the overdue increased allocation at provincial and local government level will further promote the economic progress of the province and all its citizens.

The synergies that exist between the NDP and the development programme of our province are obvious to all and the DA thinkers, who devised the latter, deserve our congratulations, as the results of their deliberations certainly seem to have played a very important role in setting the scene for the NDP. The Western Cape still succeeds in determining the detail and substance of significant developments at national level.

Mr Deputy Speaker, a factor which we need to build into external perceptions of our brand and nation is that we are proud of our nation's achievements and wish to eliminate the shortcomings. Visitors to the USA are impressed by the symbolic role played by the Stars and Stripes, both publicly and in schools. In Turkey, huge Turkish banners fly from the tops of all major hills and their presence is ubiquitous.

By following a similar process in the Western Cape, we can start instilling pride and confidence in the very youngest. All can be exposed to the true values and aspirations of the nation and can resonate with the principles of economic development, which we should hold dear and wish to see in the country we love.

An area that must concern us all is the repeated failure of national departments to efficiently deliver on their allocated mandates. A constant theme in most interactions with the public is the extreme inadequacies of the justice system. Court rolls that are many months long, files that are lost, cases which never get heard, because of these and other problems, a shortage of experienced magistrates and court personnel and many others lead to the question as to whether the determination of the equitable share, based largely on population parameters, is reflected at national level in the regional allocation of budgets within departments, such as Justice and others that have to deliver fundamental services at provincial level. This is something I think our Cabinet should follow up in appropriate forums. This failure by national departments certainly impedes economic development in the Western Cape.

The economic development initiatives of the department are exciting, whether they be the activities of Wesgro in investment recruitment, the CTICC and its expansion, the design initiatives, the Western Cape Economic Development Partnership, the targeting and encouragement of new entrepreneurs, the renewable energy initiatives, red tape reduction or partnerships with national government in projects such as the Saldanha Bay IDZ.

The emphasis on skills development and the promotion of entrepreneurship will provide a sound foundation for the creation of the attractive substrate required to encourage foreign and local investment and extend the benefits of economic development to all.

The Vote is supported. Better together, we will succeed.

†The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Thank you very much, Mr Deputy Speaker, and thank you to the members who took part in this debate. First of all, to hon Von Brandis, thank you very much for chairing this committee and also for the support that you have given to this Vote. You spoke about a few things, first of all the red tape programme. I want to add to what you have said and that is – as I said in the earlier discussion – red tape is not just a quick fix, it's a long-term programme. It's also one where particularly those officials involved in the Red Tape Unit are not going to be the favourite friends of everyone in this administration, national or local government.

They have to tread on the toes of those departments or those areas that are not delivering the kind of service that needs to be delivered. We understand that, and they are going to be treading on those toes as we move towards changing behaviour, of how we operate in government, changing rules and changing legislation.

They must actually see themselves as not having the easiest job going forward, but they are change agents so that eventually we can actually have a different regional brand; a brand about which anyone around the world will say if you want to open a business in this region, things work. That is where we need to move towards.

You also mention the Ikhasi experience and I must also applaud this organisation, this group of young entrepreneurs who have really created something. This is in the private sector. This is not, thus far, supported by the department or government. I did go and have a look at it. It happens once a month in Khayelitsha.

They use Look Out Hill and we have actually asked that at the next event that they have, we actually want to come along and I'll invite, through the HOD, some of our officials to come and see what happens where these young entrepreneurs do great things.

I attended their last session. It initially started off a bit slower than they were hoping because of the weather. It rained quite heavily that morning. It's very interesting that here you have a private group of young entrepreneurs, who, without help from us, are starting these little businesses and you can go along.

I just want to mention two. The one little business on that Saturday morning was only doing boerewors rolls at their stall and took R17 000 on that Saturday morning in Khayelitsha.

The other business was one where the person had just got their business going for the second time. They managed to interact with someone from the Thabo Mbeki Foundation and through that process managed to tender and the owner got her first catering contract to do the meals for 3 000 people at a function.

This operation that's been started by these young entrepreneurs is really creating a platform for other businesses to get going, so it's a great initiative and I, too, support that.

You spoke about Bandwidth Barn as one of our initiatives and I want to say to the House that a week and half ago I met with the Minister of Finance from Mauritius, who's also the Vice-President of Mauritius. When he came here he said he wanted to have a look at a couple of things and he went off and had a look at what happens at the Bandwidth Barn.

He was very impressed and at my meeting he said he really would like to be able to have the Bandwidth Barn replicated. I think that was on the Friday and on the Monday a business plan had already been drawn up. We're just waiting for confirmation from the Mauritians. Within two weeks we're going to have a business plan with them.

They're prepared to pay and we're going to be able to sell that initiative to them. They're really excited about it. I know that some of the officials were here earlier, but I want to ask if the HOD can just pass our gratitude on for what they do. We'll be able to showcase this and take it to other parts of the world. Well done!

You also mentioned events. At the moment there are about 650 events that take place in the province. If you want to have a look at them go and look at the event website on Wesgro. It gives a listing of all those events across the whole province and they range from the jazz festival that's coming up, to Jazz on the Rocks up the West Coast, sporting events and cultural events across the whole province. Not all of them are supported by taxpayers' rands, but wherever we can we support them in kind. As you know, 650 events are a large number of events.

At the moment we are in the middle of the cycle season. Right now we have the Cape Epic Cycle Tour, as you mentioned, the Tour de France of mountain biking. This is the most elite mountain biking event in the world and is happening right at the moment. You just have to go and Google the results and you'll see all the international world-class athletes that are taking part in the event. This event also creates the opportunity for our own athletes to compete at a very different level and, in so doing, to really lift their game.

That reminds me of an event that took place about three weeks ago called the Cape Rouleur. In that event there were also internationals taking place – not in a mountain bike event, but in a road-biking event. A young man by the name of Nicholas Dlamini from Capricorn took part in this event. At the end of the three days of racing, Mr Dlamini, on the first day managed at 17 years old to get the yellow jersey. On the third day he got the sprinter's jersey. He was in the top six at all times.

Stephen Roche, one of only two people in the world who have ever won the Tour de Italia, the Tour de France and the world championships in one year, commented that he couldn't believe that this young man was only 17 years' old and that he was always in the right gear and always in the top six.

He wouldn't allow any of these international world champions to push him around. He rode with the maturity of a 25-year-old. This young guy is going to be, I reckon, one of our brand ambassadors going forward. He must still finish school. He has a year-and-a-half of school still to go, but post that Rouleur race we managed to put him in the B Group in the Argus cycle tour. He actually came first in the B Group and that was racing against some really hard-core professionals. So remember this name – Nicholas Dlamini – he's going to do great things for our region and for our country going forward.

You also spoke about the Liquor Authority, which is now fully fledged and operational. Perhaps not all the staff and the systems are in place yet, but as an entity it is really taking the lead in delivering what it has to do. It's not going to be an easy road over the next year or two. We have lots of work to do in that space, but we are now moving forward.

As I said in the budget speech, they've got the wherewithal, they just need to complete the finalisation of all their staff members and go and do exactly what they need to do.

Hon Bevu, thank you very much for your contribution and your support of this Vote. I think there is one thing that I really want to highlight in what you said and I just want to correct you. You spoke about Gauteng. We have met with some of the Gauteng operations and had discussions with them, especially in the formation of the EDP and especially with the Gauteng Propellor.

One thing is very different. The EDP is not an agency that delivers services. It is not an agency that delivers funding. That happens within the department, whether it is the ED fund within the department – specifically targeted in the space you were talking about for helping small companies – or whether it's the work that the department or the office of the National Empowerment Fund, which has now been opened up here, does, or whether it's partnerships with our existing financial institutions, national government and some of their financing institutions to find, specifically that big issue, which is availability of funding for small businesses.

But, also, as I've said in the past, it's also about finding mechanisms to unlock the R650 billion that was also mentioned by hon Walters, that's in the hands of business people at the moment and not being reinvested in the economy and not being put back into it. So whether it's money that's coming in from government organisations or from the private sector, it's being held back. It's not flowing readily enough and that's primarily what the department does. They find mechanisms of how to get that investment flowing more.

We're doing studies and a lot of focus is specifically on the informal sector, because we know that this economy is based in the SMME space. Small businesses are the backbone of the economy, not only in the province but also countrywide. It's the backbone of our economy, so how do we actually help those businesses grow? That is our focus. If you're employing one person, how do we help you employ two people or three people or four people? How do we get these small businesses to grow? That is the challenge that really exhausts us day in and day out.

Hon Beerwinkel spoke about a number of things, first of all creating the environment for investment. As I said, congratulations to Wesgro. They've exceeded their target for this year with R1,8 billionworth of foreign direct investment into this region from all different areas and all different sectors, but perhaps I should just highlight one that I think in the last while has been pretty significant. Previously we've had the names of companies like Google and the like that have come here.

The latest one, Circo, a Fortune 500 company, is a very big organisation and one of its clients called Shop Direct, a UK-based company, does £11 billion worth of turnover every year. They have four call centres in operation in Europe at the moment and they've made the decision, via their host company, Circo, to move that whole operation to South Africa.

The first call centre is up and running and they've closed two down in Europe. As soon as this one gets more traction and has been running for a couple of months, they will then look at closing down the next two in Europe and bringing all of that capacity here to Cape Town.

That goes on the back of us winning the Global Destination for Back Office Processing Award and so we're finding more and more traction in that investment space. I wrote down here "hen's teeth" but I don't think I'm going to get into the "hen's teeth" space. [Interjections.]

You spoke about workshops and I can assure you, whether or not it's the workshops that I spoke about in the previous debate on our supply databases – and Treasury might be involved with some of those – this department is key in those workshop roll-outs.

Those workshops are held across this province in every single space that's available for entrepreneurs in order to bring them on board to help them in whatever way that we can and we will continue to roll those workshops out across the province.

You spoke about the IDZ. It's quite interesting, this IDZ and how people try to claim the space. I have never, ever, in any opportunity that I've had on any platform said that the IDZ is a Western Cape initiative only. I've always said this is a partnership and I've always used the word "partnership". Of the funding, 50% came from national and 50% came from us when we did the study. It was the preliminary study that in actual fact was done by my predecessor. It was done during the ANC's time. Garth Strachan finalised that preliminary study. When I came into office, we then moved into the next phase, which was a R10 million spend on the study and R5 million came from the DTI and the other R5 million came from our department. It was managed and run through Wesgro and I've never, ever said that it's not a partnership.

Sometimes it's quite interesting. It's 50/50 – that's the IDZ – and it's actually in the interest of this province, it's in the interest of this country, it's in the interest of Africa. It's a major, major investment that could change the economy of this region forever.

I will continue to say that it's a partnership. You don't need to worry about that. You don't need to be concerned. Of course, we will also raise our concerns sometimes when we do have these partnerships and some people find it suitable not to recognise that there are partnerships.

Perhaps one of them I must talk about is when the national Minister, Rob Davies, stands up on a platform, where we actually are launching another office of a partnership where funding from this province comes together with funding from national in a partnership process, and says the Western Cape has closed down the Red Doors and now they're stepping into that same space, but, you know, we're putting half the money into the thing.

†The LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION: Is that true?

†Mr M OZINSKY: You closed the Red Doors.

†The MINISTER: That's exactly what he said and I've got the press statement.

†Mr M OZINSKY: You closed the Red Doors.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: [Inaudible.]

†The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: But we'll take that up at a national level, because I can assure you I don't play politics with that kind of space.

†The LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION: But it's not true.

†Mr M OZINSKY: You closed the Red Door.

†The MINISTER: Yes, we closed it. We did close the Red Door and we closed it after a discussion at Minmec.

†The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: What are they going on about?

†The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: The discussion at Minmec was to get rid of duplication and wastage of taxpayers' money.

†The LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION: They closed and made national give them money in the Western Cape.

†Mr M OZINSKY: You told the House the Red Door wasn't doing it's job.

†The MINISTER: That's exactly what I have always told the House.

†Mr M OZINSKY: No, no, no.

†The MINISTER: The next thing is Strategic Objective 1. The National Development Plan, the work that the EDP does, I can assure you that all of those are well aligned. We worked very closely with the Commissioners from the National Development Plan when we put the EDP together. Strategic Objective 1 aligns perfectly with it and we will continue to use that study for understanding the position that we're in in South Africa and where we've got to move to going forward in the future.

Hon Walters, thank you very much. You also reiterated what we spoke about the other day, namely Brand South Africa. As I said, it's very difficult with what's happening at Brand South Africa to still attract investment into our region. I said there was R1,8 billion worth of investment in the last financial year. It is difficult within that brand and we have to continue to try and change that brand, because we as South Africans are, I think, shooting ourselves in the foot so often. We have to continue trying to change that.

You spoke about the unemployment rate. It's been mentioned a few times. There are different places and different mechanisms of measurement, but as I said in Wednesday's discussion on unemployment, it's very interesting to see the census study now showing unemployment in the Western Cape in the last 10 years going from 26% down to 21%.

This is slightly different to what the BER is putting out but, of course, we'll have a look at those numbers now going forward. Thank you very much also for your contribution in this discussion.

Perhaps to end, I'd like to say thank you to the department officials who are here and I know that some were here before lunch. I said that some of you have lots of work to do and there were many members up in the gallery. If the HOD and those who are here can please just pass my thanks on to them for being here, for the work that they do in trying to make a difference, specifically to those 573 000 people who are unemployed that I spoke about.

You also make a difference to those small businesses that want to grow, those small businesses that really are interested in the dream and the vision of this region and of this country to make sure that we change the unemployment rate, but that at the same time we create a space of prosperity, where people want to come to, where people want to work in and where people want to invest in; and I think through the work that this department does we will be able to achieve what we are setting out to do. Thank you very much.

Debate concluded.

The House adjourned at 14:37.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT

The House met at 10:00.

The Speaker took the Chair and read the prayer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, TABLINGS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS—see p. 7297**WESTERN CAPE ADDITIONAL ADJUSTMENTS
APPROPRIATION BILL [B 5—2013]**

(Introduction and First Reading)

†The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Mr Speaker, I rise to introduce the Western Cape Additional Adjustments Appropriation Bill.

This Bill is an additional appropriation or allocation of R44,5 million received from national resources for national conditional grants for the Devolution of Property Rate Fund Grant. In addition, there is also a small change with regard to the R148 000, which is an allocation that was made for the Mass Participation and Sport Development Grant. That funding will actually be adjusted back by the National Treasury. That money is being taken back by the National Treasury in accordance with section 26(2)(d)(ii) of the 2012 Dora, enabling the National Treasury to transfer that money or to take that money back because the national department had not appropriated it. We will be doing so across almost every single one of the provinces – that R148 000 and then, of course, the R44,5 million that Public Works will then use to pay property rates for national properties within our province.

Mr Speaker, I table the Bill.

Bill read a first time.

The introductory speech, the Bill and all the papers tabled, referred to the relevant committees for deliberation and report.

WESTERN CAPE APPROPRIATION BILL [B 2—2013]

(Debate on Vote 8 – Human Settlements)

†The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Mr Speaker, I acknowledge the hon Premier, the hon Leader of the Opposition, hon members of the House, our partners in Human Settlements, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen.

Mr Speaker, in her State of the Province Address last month, the Premier stated that the only way we can tackle our many challenges is through a whole of society approach. This is especially relevant in Human Settlements, where successful delivery requires partnership between the services offered by the state, the presence of a well capacitated and professional construction sector, the leadership of communities in supporting projects, and the willingness of the individuals to contribute what is reasonably expected towards the initial and on-going success of their housing solutions.

Our approach to human settlements has been endorsed by the National Development Plan (NDP). The impact of the global climate change, particularly on the poor, is acknowledged in the Provincial Strategic Objective 6 through the outcome “optimal and sustainable use of resources”, and the department is proactively enforcing the use of alternate building materials in projects such as the one in Delft.

The provision of quality housing and the building of an asset base is a core element in the eradication of poverty, and “Citizens active in their own development” is another priority area stated in the NDP. The PHP programme encourages the participation of beneficiaries in the provision of the own housing opportunities.

In Human Settlements, much of our focus is on the poorest of the poor. While 76% of the overall provincial budget is spent on the poor, 93% of our budget is spent on those earning less than R3 500 per month. The provision of housing solutions gives them a hand up so they can become part of the “whole-of-society”, becoming contributors to both their own success, and that of greater society. Let me outline two examples of partnership which enable beneficiaries to participate in the whole of society approach.

During April 2012, I handed over a face brick house, in partnership with a private partner, to wheelchair-bound Ms Angela Mzizi of Strand. She had been staying in a one-room shack constructed by her late husband on a serviced site provided by the department. The shack was cold and fire was made inside it in order to keep out the elements of the cold Cape winter, exposing her to smoke and a fire hazard. Through partnership, she can now live with dignity.

During the 16 Days of Activism in 2012, the department committed itself to build homes in Ilitha Park, Khayelitsha, for two families headed by disabled parents. One of the families is headed by Mr Dingiswayo, who was living with his wife and son who was in Matric in a shack erected on the pavement in Khayelitsha. Mr Dingiswayo, who is taken care of by his wife, is wheelchair-bound after having lost a leg and having a stroke, and found it very difficult to access shared sanitation services. The department provided land, and various commitments in the form of building material sponsorships were received that were used, along with a government subsidy, to build houses enhanced for special needs for the two beneficiaries. I am proud to say that I handed over the houses for Mr Dingiswayo and Mr Miggels on Human Rights Day on 21 March 2013, all part of a whole of society approach.

Mr Speaker, we know there are many thousands of people like Mr Dingiswayo, Mr Miggels and Ms Mzizi, and that these are just three examples. They show that the lives of people are changed one life at a time, one house at a time. The business of the department is to change society through changing one life at a time, and through the staying in touch with the needs of all those people who require the support of the state.

In the Department of Human Settlements, we are focusing on creating enabling environments that support people in their journey to economic freedom. This year marks 100 years since the 1913 Land Act, which effectively dispossessed many South Africans of their land, and their right to own land.

Human Settlements has an important role to play in ensuring that people get title deeds to their houses and sites, which helps in redressing the imbalance of the 1913 Land Act.

Under previous administrations in the Western Cape, as in other provinces, many people had received their houses or sites, yet didn't have title deeds, and were thus unable to participate in the property market, or use their homes as collateral to access other financial assistance. This is why in 2011 we initiated a study to find out the extent of this problem, and we found that convincing hadn't been done correctly in numerous projects, and over a third, or 36%, of the beneficiaries in the Western Cape since 1994 fall within this category. We have now reduced this backlog to 28%, through the issuing of 20 400 title deeds that should have previously been issued. With their title deeds, a property is now a freedom that can be used, and is also a contribution towards land reform.

We are also pushing transformation in economic sectors related to Human Settlements. The property sector is worth R4,9 trillion, and in 2009 contributed 8,3% of South Africa's GDP, yet this industry is still dominated by white males between the ages of 55 and 65. There is clearly a need to drive transformation in this sector in a way that is sustainable, and which will allow for opportunities for members of other demographic groups of South Africa.

The Estate Agency Affairs Board (EAAB) was, with effect from 17 May 2012, relocated from the Department of Trade and Industry to the Department of Human Settlements, and the first National EAAB Summit was held on 4 to 5 October 2012 at Gallagher Estate, Midrand. On 25 February 2013, under my leadership, the department hosted the Western Cape Agents Consultative Dialogue. This is enabling us to lead the country by being the first province to host such a summit, which will produce practical steps on how to deliver opportunity, lower barriers to entry and train and capacitate previously disadvantaged individuals in the estate agents sector, so that they may also participate in this very wealthy industry.

Mr Speaker, it is this delivery that changes lives. We are committed to continually improve how we can deliver something for everyone, and we keep our word when we say we will deliver.

Let me outline the deliverable commitments made by Premier Helen Zille in her 2009 State of the Province Address, and the subsequent progress made. Secondly, I will present the performance in the 2012-13 financial year, and the broad range of programmes through which we deliver for our people.

In 2009, we committed to embark on an urgent land audit. The land audit has been completed, and the department-owned property register is now updated annually. The Housing Development Agency (HDA) has been appointed to acquire land for Human Settlements development. Most of these pieces of land have been devolved to the City of Cape Town and other municipalities. By 2014, all properties are expected to have been devolved and the Western Cape Housing Development Fund to be closed.

We committed to transfer land to the City of Cape Town for flood relief. To date, five sites have been identified for flood relief by my department, but unfortunately these sites could not be utilised due to resistance from communities, through what is called NIMBY, or "Not in my back yard", attitudes.

We are committed to increase funding for the People's Housing Process (PHP). To date, allocation for PHP has increased from 25%, for the information of the hon member Ncedana, of the budget in 2010 to 40% in the 2012-13 financial year.

The internal controls we have implemented to curb challenges within this programme are yielding positive results, and we now have much better quality houses and better performance by contractors than before.

We are committed to develop a province-wide plan for *in situ* upgrading. An informal settlement database was compiled in 2010 and completed in 2011, and the Access to Basic Services programme was launched in 2012. More about the Access to Basic Services programme will follow later.

We are committed to work with other spheres of government to reconceptualise the next phase of the N2 Gateway. The target was 14 191 units, and to date 11 228 have been delivered. The current N2 Gateway Projects are managed by the department, and the next phase will be done as ministerial priority projects, which include the areas of Gxagxa, Kanana, Barcelona, Europe, Vukuzenzele and Kosovo along the N2.

We are committed to work with the City and the HDA to develop Joe Slovo Phase 2 in a manner which will not require mass evictions. To date, development is continuing without mass evictions. The project is an *in situ* development with high density units, and despite numerous challenges, 588 houses have been delivered out of a target of 2 639. The challenges include the refusal of seven shack dwellers to relocate to make way for construction, and we'll file an eviction order, unfortunately. There are also delays with the construction of Delft 3 and 5 to house extra beneficiaries from Joe Slovo and there is resistance of communities to allow the construction of TRA5 and TRA3 in Delft, which would house Joe Slovo residents while construction is under way.

We are committed to introduce a municipal housing demand database support programme to ensure that accurate, tamper-proof data is used to select beneficiaries for human settlements projects. To date, the Western Cape Housing Demand Database has been developed, and by 31 March 2013 all 24 non-metro municipalities' data will have been included in the provincial database.

We are committed to develop clear guidelines which set out the minimum densities for low-cost and GAP housing projects. The Provincial Special Development Framework density guidelines were applied, and a Provincial Strategic Objective 6 Target for a minimum of 60 units per hectare for new developments on well-located land was set. Projects with densities greater than 60 units per hectare include all social housing projects, like Bothasig, Steenberg, Drommedaris, Happy Valley, Pelican Park, Nuwe Begin, Our Pride, Joe Slovo and Delft Symphony 3 and 5.

We are committed to increase the percentage of units built using energy-efficient methods. Through the 1 953 unit Delft Symphony 3 and 5 development, the department is making use of alternative building technologies aimed at higher efficiencies. All social housing projects use energy-efficiency systems. Several municipalities have also raised funding for the provision of solar water heaters. We are also committed to greening our developments. The Witsands Eco Housing Beneficiary Support Organisation (WEHBSO) project, which delivered 500 units at a cost of R37,1 million, was completed in June 2012.

Some of these units were built by women contractors. In partnership with an NGO, Green Communities, the City of Cape Town provided each household with a choice of indigenous trees, bushes, flowers, herbs and vegetables for their own gardens.

We are committed to formalise backyard shacks, by upgrading existing informal settlements. In the Upgrading of Informal Settlement Programme, informal settlements for upgrading are identified as part of municipal Human Settlement Plans. Some examples of provision for backyarders include services which have been provided to backyarders in some City of Cape Town projects, such as Factreton, where 270 backyarders are accommodated, and the projects at Hanover Park and Langa, which are in process. The provincial projects of Our Pride and Nuwe Begin have accommodated 600 and 300 backyarders respectively.

We are committed to provide affordable housing through market mechanisms and densifying suburbs. Our Pride, in the Blue Downs areas of Cape Town, is a completed affordable housing development with Gap Market housing options. Planning for social housing includes restructuring zones being developed for Oudtshoorn, Knysna, George, Bitou and Mossel Bay. High density projects have been previously detailed.

We are committed to the appointment of five Professional Resource Teams (PRTs) to ensure that municipalities can plan and manage long and complex pipelines. To date, seven PRTs have been appointed – one each for Eden, West Coast, Winelands and Central Karoo districts, two for the City of Cape Town and one PHP. The appointment for Overberg is being finalised. The PRTs are actively assisting with planning and implementation of projects, and the impact on planning is to have all business plans specified in the 2013-14 business plan approved and ready for construction before April 2013.

Furthermore, from April 2009 to 31 March 2013, 53 758 houses and 40 470 sites will be delivered, at a cost of R5,12 billion.

Mr Speaker, this department has clearly delivered for a wide spectrum of our people, over a wide range of outcomes. I think it is important to emphasise the fact that the department is not just about houses or sites; we have about 16 programmes within our housing code, where we deliver as a department.

Our strategic approach to human settlements delivery is in line with the National Outcome 8 for national Human Settlements, especially with our focus to ensure that everyone living in informal settlements, backyards and overcrowded families in the Western Cape has access to basic services by 2014.

The national target for improving the quality of life of informal settlements by 2014 is 400 000, and the Western Cape's share of the national target is 45 360. Although the Western Cape already leads the country with 99,1% of households having access to piped water and 96,9% to toilet facilities, we are aiming for 100% in both categories.

To ensure that everyone has access to basic services, the Access to Basic Services Programme was launched in January 2012 and by December 2012, the programme had ensured that a further 405 standpipes and 634 toilets had been delivered.

This means that an extra 4 185 households, or 10 995 people, have benefited from access to clean water, and an extra 3 170 households, or 8 225 people, have benefited from access to sanitation, according to the national minimum requirements.

Mr Speaker, in the 2012-13 financial year, the department spent its budget of R1,988 billion and we are currently sitting at 99% of that budget. I wish to reiterate the point that we do far more than just building houses.

The department has three broad categories of programmes, namely Incremental Housing, Social and Rental Housing and Financial Interventions. An amount of R1,137 billion, or 64% of the budget, is allocated to Incremental Housing; R426 million, or 24% of the budget, to Social and Rental Housing; and R211 million, or 12%, to financial interventions.

Under Incremental Housing, we spent R198 million on the Integrated Residential Development programme, delivering 3 781 sites. We spent R479 million on house subsidies, delivering 7 940 houses. We spent R42 million on the Emergency Housing Programme. We spent R316 million on the Enhanced People's Housing Process (EPHP), delivering 5 229 houses. We spent R102 million on the Upgrading of Informal Settlements Programme, delivering 3 974 sites.

Under Social and Rental Housing, we spent R358 million on community residential upgrades, predominantly in the City of Cape Town, ensuring that people in community housing can have homes they can be proud of. We spent R15 million on Institutional and Social Housing, and a total of R53 million on individual subsidies, delivering 600 opportunities.

Under Financial Interventions, we spent R13 million on the Enhanced Extended Discount Benefit Scheme (EEDBS). These are people who are renting our houses before 1994, and we are making subsidies available so that these people can become home owners and we issue title deeds to them. We spent R19,3 million on land procurement and a further R12,45 million on the rectification of old RDP houses that were badly built.

Our initial targets for the 2012-13 financial year were 10 615 sites and 15 567 houses. Yet, after the interrogation of projects in the first quarter of the financial year, we set revised targets of 9 325 sites and 15 416 houses, fully briefing the standing committee on the adjustments. These adjustments were brought about by the fact that we could see that some of the municipalities were not ready to deliver on those targets due to some constraints, be it bulk infrastructure or business plans that had not yet been approved by the DEDP(?). Municipalities are our primary developers and implementing agents, and their performance determines whether or not we reach our targets.

In the City of Cape Town, 5 464 houses were targeted, and it is projected to deliver 4 781. This substantial underperformance was mitigated in part by accelerating PHP projects, and we make sure that the funding for the City was spent in the City by doing so. The city services sites from their USDG grant and these sites are therefore not included in the provincial targets, because the USDG is disbursed directly from the National Treasury to the City.

In the Winelands District, 2 329 sites were planned, and 1 847 delivered. A total of 2 440 houses were planned, and 2 324 delivered. Difficulties included the halting of construction in the Breede Valley due to farm worker strikes, a delay in the appointments of contractors and the issuing of a water license. An amount of R220 million was allocated, and R194 million, or 88%, was spent.

In the Overberg District, 1 591 sites were planned, and 1 512 delivered. A total of 557 houses were planned, and 541 delivered. Challenges lay with contractor appointments and staff capacity. An amount of R93 million was allocated, and R91 million, or 98%, was spent.

In the Central Karoo District, 570 sites were planned, and 589 delivered. A total of 287 houses were planned, and 240 delivered. Laingsburg and Prince Albert did not plan to build any houses, again due to bulk infrastructure constraints. An amount of R34 million was allocated, and R33 million, or 95%, was spent.

In the Eden District, 2 395 sites were planned, and 2 024 delivered. A total of 2 104 houses were planned, and 1 813 delivered. Delays were experienced in Mossel Bay due to contractor appointments. An amount of R214 million was allocated, and R201 million, or 94%, was spent.

In the West Coast District, 1 162 sites were planned, and 1 002 delivered. A total of 656 houses were planned, and 1 107 delivered. Delays lay in appointment of contractors. Projects at Graafwater, Doringbaai and Vredendal were accelerated. An amount of R89 million was allocated, and R75 million, or 84%, was spent.

The department spent additional funding from under expenditure in the regions on provincial projects.

The department continues to develop its business model to ensure continuous improvement in all areas of the delivery of human settlements.

An area that has been overlooked has been the issue of farm worker housing, and the department works to improve access to basic services and shelter amongst farm workers and farm residents in two broad settlement contexts, namely in towns and on or near farms.

Firstly, because many farms are within commuting distance of towns, it often makes sense for farm workers to live in towns where social services are more readily available and municipal services are more cost-effective to supply. However, in a number of our municipalities, many farm workers have not been registered on databases in order to benefit in our housing projects. The department is strongly encouraging municipalities to go on special registration drives in its farm areas.

Furthermore, the department's Beneficiary Selection Framework states that municipalities must take special account of farm workers and residents who have lived on farms for many years and have not been registered or have recent housing database registration dates and therefore have to wait for a long time for a town-based housing opportunity.

Secondly, the national Farm Resident's Housing Programme allows the department to direct public money to subsidise the provision of rental accommodation, which in some cases can lead to housing owned by farm residents on the farms.

There are, however, many challenges to this approach, and the department is partnering with farmers, farm workers, municipalities and the Department of Agriculture and Land Reform to solve them.

Perhaps the most important challenge is finding viable ways of providing, managing and funding basic municipal services in remote on-farm or near-farm areas. In many cases, farm residents and farmers will need to be part of provisional solutions as grid-based solutions will not be viable.

Challenges also exist with the design of the subsidy as the new minimum wage for farm workers will put many farm worker households over the R3 500 income level for the subsidy.

The department is engaging intensively with stakeholders in the sector to work on developing viable solutions. The aim is to develop a set of viable and useful on-farm or near-farm accommodation options for typical Western Cape rural situations. These options could then be used as a basis for human settlement planning. Municipalities will play a critical role in implementing these projects, as their funding will come out of their housing grant allocation.

A key challenge in the development of human settlements is integrated planning and implementation between, and within, the three spheres of government. To this end, the department had adopted a revised macro-organisational structure emphasising enhanced regional support. This involved appointing dedicated departmental regional directors, tasked to provide direct support to municipalities as well as to the City of Cape Town.

Regional directors are, in turn, supported by dedicated teams comprising of regional technical managers, project managers, inspectors as well as administrative support. Combined with the introduction of professional resource teams, the capacity of the department to support and monitor long-term municipal planning, project packaging and implementation has significantly improved because we are moving away from the previous approach of being transactional. We are more hands-on and we are putting our own people in so that they can support those municipalities that are struggling to come up with credible plans.

In late 2012 the department adopted a framework of norms and standards for municipalities to select beneficiaries from housing waiting-lists for subsidy projects. The purpose of the framework is to enhance fairness and transparency in the allocation of housing opportunities. The framework policy defines core principles of mechanisms for selection. Some of the core elements of the framework include:

- The need for municipal policy to be systematically inclusive and to avoid unfair discrimination.
- The need to prioritise the elderly and those longest on the waiting-list.
- The need to balance green field project opportunities against opportunities created in informal settlement upgrade projects.
- The need for verification of beneficiary information by way of independent information sources.

The department will continue to engage with municipalities on the implementation of the framework and provide support to them on the design of their selection policies in 2013.

The Portfolio Management Office (PMO) continued to mature in the 2012-13 financial year, with further refinement of standard operating procedures relating to project information. Particular attention was paid to the findings of the Auditor-General on predetermined objectives for the 2011-12 financial year, as well as the roles, responsibilities and time management of different role-players in the department that are involved with human settlement projects. The next financial year will see a transition from an outsourced PMO to the establishment of capacity within the department to manage and fulfil the functions of the PMO.

A big advantage of the PMO is that there is one central repository for all project-related information which means that officials don't have to track down the project file to look something up. They can go to the system and download an electronic copy of the document they are looking for. This means that project information can be accessed by more than one person at the same time.

On 4 March 2011, the City of Cape Town received their compliance certificate for Levels 1 and 2 municipal accreditation.

The provincial Department of Human Settlements and the City of Cape Town developed an implementation protocol which was signed by me and the Mayor of Cape Town on 14 June 2012. The implementation protocol governs the roles and responsibilities of the relevant parties to the Levels 1 and 2 mandates, as contained in the accreditation framework as well as the delegation of powers.

The provincial government and the City of Cape Town now have to enter into an executive assignment agreement which needs to address the roles and responsibilities of each party. It is anticipated that the executive assignment agreement, effective from 1 July 2013, will be signed by 30 June 2013.

Since the municipalities in the Western Cape are already performing the function of human settlements developer, the provincial Department of Human Settlements is of the opinion that most of the municipalities should qualify for at least Level 1 accreditation. A select few should qualify for both Levels 1 and 2 accreditation. The department has decided to broaden the scope of the original tenders of the professional resource teams (PRTs) to include the municipal accreditation process in two of the regions, namely Eden and Cape Winelands, and have requested them to assist with the drafting of the accreditation business plans.

During the period 1 April 2012 to 28 February 2013, 101 housing consumer education sessions were held in various municipalities and 2 974 consumers attended these sessions. During the month of January 2013, 41 staff members from various departments and private companies were trained as housing consumer education trainers through an accredited training programme.

Training is organised to transfer technical skills to the unemployed in communities. The aim of the training is to enable the community members to participate actively in the construction process through the process of job creation. It is with this in mind that the department entered into discussions with the Construction Education and Training Authority (CETA), to fund a request by the City of Cape Town for assistance to train 80 apprenticeships in the different disciplines of bricklaying, plastering, plumbing and electrical work, and 30 skills programmes in carpentry, painting and decorating.

An amount of R10 million has been allocated to the department by CETA to fund the above training. The training in the Ocean View project is calculated to cost under R4 million, and is scheduled to commence on 1 April 2013.

The Women in the Human Settlements Programme encompasses a programme aimed at targeting women involved in construction or related activities to assist them through capacity-building and employment opportunities. In one of the initiatives the People's Housing and Empowerment Process (PHEP) directorate identified a number of women to assist in a People's Housing Process (PHP) project. These women were work shopped and trained to prepare them for the rigours of the construction industry, and they were earmarked to build 10 houses each in a project that was approved in Wits and, Atlantis.

By the end of the last financial year all the women had completed their allocation and have now been earmarked to assist in the construction of units in a new project being approved in the same area. The quality of their construction was highlighted during a special ceremony held to present the female contractors with merit awards for their contribution to the quality of construction in the project. Further opportunities will also be created to assist these women so that they can be awarded larger contracts.

I have on numerous occasions committed to support emerging women-owned contractors through special initiatives and partnerships. In last year's budget speech, I announced that the department would support the proposal by the South African Women in Construction (Sawic) to build 413 units in the Philippi East project. I approved the project in principle, subject to the general condition that the project is a 100% Sawic initiative.

During deliberations the following problems were identified:

- A contract agreement between Sawic and another contractor for the implementation of the Philippi project was based on a 70/30 split, which means Sawic stood to benefit only 30%. This agreement, however, was not in line with the 100% principle of Sawic involvement against which the project was approved. It was also not acceptable to the Sawic members who were not part of the negotiation of the matter.
- It was also indicated that the CEO of the construction company in question was a serving councillor and this represented a conflict of interest.
- Not sufficient beneficiaries were identified for the project.

All of these factors resulted in the department taking a decision to rather wait for Sawic members to come up with another project that would fulfil all of their needs for full-scale empowerment in the construction arena, and at present the department is actively planning with Sawic regarding this matter.

The department has, however, assisted the organisation with obtaining centrally located offices from which to conduct their operations in the City of Cape Town CBD.

The decision to pursue alternative building technologies (ABT) was initiated by the Western Cape Department of Human Settlements, and Delft Symphony Precincts 3 and 5 were identified as the most suitable site for implementation. The technologies have been available for some time, but have not been used in the subsidy market on a large scale before. It is hoped that the experience gained through this project will shape the future ABT product, to offer more affordable products for this market over the coming years.

The use of ABT products is comparable with conventional brick and mortar construction, with the following performance characteristics either equal or superior to conventional structures. These include behaviour in fires, structural performance, acoustic performance, energy usage and durability. The speed of construction is also faster than conventional methods.

It is hoped that in the future similar projects can be undertaken on a large scale. However, the only significant drawback is the current cost of the technology, and the department is therefore paying a premium on Delft 3 and 5 to get experience in this sector and to stimulate the industry to focus on designing affordable ABT products going forward.

Another energy efficiency intervention used is the provision of solar water heating to houses to save on the energy costs to provide warm water. The subsidy does not currently provide funding for this, but limited provision has been made possible through donor funding. An example is Joe Slovo Phase 3 in Cape Town, where funding from the Danish government has meant that the first 500 units of the 2 639 planned units in Joe Slovo Phase 3 have solar water heaters. Should it be decided to go this way, the subsidy would have to be increased by a further R6 000 to R7 000, which is not feasible.

Much negative attention has been focused on the audit disclaimer received by the Western Cape Housing Development Fund (WCDHF) for the 2010-11 financial year. One of the major reasons for this was that a process of conversion had been initiated to a new set of accounting principles, the Generally Recognised Accounting Practice (GRAP). This came about as a result of an instruction issued by the National Treasury to all public entities to adopt GRAP, as part of that department's function to regulate auditing standards in the wider public sector.

The disclaimer was largely based on the fact that the Fund's asset register and debtors system was not GRAP compliant. The system used to administer the Fund, namely the National Debtors System, is more than 30 years old and was developed to administer the pre-1994 housing policies.

In a meeting with the Auditor General, the department and the Provincial Treasury decided not to submit the financial statements by 31 May 2012, as prescribed. It was more important to submit GRAP-compliant financial statements than to comply with the deadline, as non-compliance to the deadline of 31 May 2012 would have only led to a matter of emphasis. Statements were submitted to the Auditor-General on 7 July 2012, after the department felt comfortable with the progress of work done, as well as the independent review by an outside service provider.

The Auditor-General had to perform additional tests and obtain an independent review on the work undertaken.

The final audit report was received on 11 December 2012, followed by a final management letter from the Auditor-General stating the outcome as unqualified. The report, in turn, had to be reviewed by the Audit Committee. This review took place on 15 January 2013, and the committee responded with their final comments a week later. The report containing the unqualified outcome has since been printed and tabled, which is a major achievement from a disclaimer to an unqualified audit outcome.

It should also be noted that the department kept the Standing Committee on Human Settlements, Scopa and the Audit Committee continuously informed of the progress of the audit.

Although the department have been reporting for many years on the delivery of housing opportunities – houses and serviced sites – the independent verification of actual delivery by the Auditor-General was only introduced in the 2009-10 financial year under this administration. Prior to this, there was limited verification of what had actually been delivered on the ground, and thus there was no way of really knowing if the money being spent was actually delivering the reported houses and sites. Since 2009, the Auditor-General has extended its audit to include pre-determined objectives, and now independently verifies the delivery numbers by interrogating performance evidence and visiting a sample of projects. We know now that what is reported is what is really delivered on the ground.

Mr Speaker, the department is also ensuring that it complies with the recommended employment equity (EE) profiles, in order to have a professional and competent public service that reflects the population demographics of our province. The department has an African EE target of 29,6%, and is currently 2,6% under at 27,0%. It has a coloured EE target of 51,3%, and is currently 5,1% over at 56,4%. It has an Indian EE target of 0,9%, and is currently 1% over at 1,9%. I must say that the 1% that's over is only one, which means you must cut him into half. It has a white EE target of 18,2%, and is currently 3,5% understaffed with whites at 14,7%. The department has a male target of 53,9%, and is currently understaffed with men by 4,3% at 49,6%. Finally, it has a female target of 46,1%, and currently overstaffed by 4,3% at 50,4%.

The department faces some unique challenges in the human settlements delivery environment. Major projects, that deliver thousands of opportunities, such as Boys Town, Delft 3 and 5 and Joe Slovo, and which contribute large numbers towards our targets, are repeatedly stopped due to community conflict. Local leaders and steering committees often use these projects to try to force the department to accommodate their agendas, which range from political agendas, to the promotion of self-interest through accessing work or business opportunities, to local forms of nepotism through trying to influence housing lists.

Unfortunately, it is the people who most need houses who suffer as they have to wait longer for their housing opportunities. To mitigate some of the risks, the department and the Ministry have dedicated stakeholder units to deal with potential conflict before it arises, and to engage and communicate with local leadership structures. The department also spends on extra security where needed. At Boys Town, for example, an amount of R500 000 is spent per month funding additional capacity in the City of Cape Town Metro Police in order to make sure that the projects continue uninterrupted. One day's stoppage at the site costs around R100 000.

Bulk infrastructure continues to be a challenge. The challenge is that the national government devolves the responsibility of delivering basic infrastructure to the local municipalities, without providing a commensurate grant allocation. For example, in the Stellenbosch Municipality, R3 billion is needed to spend over the next 10 years, yet based on an extrapolation of the MTEF allocation, only R1,5 billion will be budgeted, which is the case across the province. Many municipalities produce housing plans which are dependent on bulk infrastructure that has not yet been installed and, of course, the projects become blocked until infrastructure is available. That is why, as I was giving the number of areas that were delivering, areas like Laingsburg and Prince Albert were not mentioned because of the problem.

A third major constraint has been the legacy of poor planning, where the department had historically included project plans that still required various approvals, for example rezoning, technical or environmental, in its Annual Business Plan and APP targets. Projects that have not gained the necessary approvals have been mitigated by other projects in pipelines ready to go, and funding reallocated mid-year to municipalities able to over-perform. We have changed our business process to ensure that only projects that have all the approvals in place are included in our business plan and targets for the 2013-14 financial year. Again, this is due to the assistance of the PRTs who have made sure that the business plans that we receive now are credible. This should ensure that there will be a limited need for funding reallocation through the year, and provide a higher degree of confidence for expected delivery.

Finally, Mr Speaker, the subsidy quantum continues to rise, and the budget allocation stays fairly constant. In this financial year, we have a budget R2,148 billion. The new quantum will be in the region of R130 000 per house, as compared to the current average of R100 000. It is obvious that the number of houses we can deliver with the money we have gets less and less each year, while the need grows greater, with the population of the Western Cape having grown by an extra 1,3 million people between 2001 and 2011. It is for this reason that the plans for outer years are uncertain. The provision of housing as we currently do it is simply not sustainable, and looking to the future, we will need a continued focus on rental, institutional and GAP market housing, as well as the leveraging of private funding in the low income and affordable market in order to provide for all of our people.

The budget for the 2013-14 financial year is R2,148 billion. We are projecting that the number of houses that we will be building in the coming financial year will be less because of the fact that the subsidy quantum has increased.

With these words, Mr Speaker, I look forward to engagements with colleagues on this budget.

†Mr A M FIGLAN: Mr Speaker, the Department of Human Settlements is certainly one of the most important departments of any parliament, and that is most certainly the case in the Western Cape.

As the spokesperson for the DA on Human Settlements as well as chairperson of the Standing Committee on Human Settlements, I pledge my support to the Minister and his department for the R2,149 billion in the 2013-14 budget allocation which has been tabled.

The Minister and his department are responsible for the planning, promotion and development of integrated and sustainable human settlements with access to social and economic opportunities for all the citizens of the Western Cape.

The department also has an obligation to sensitise the public to the importance of housing as an important asset and facilitate fair relationships in rental housing – while practicing sound administration and engage all spheres of government and social partners.

The standing committee's main objective is to provide the necessary oversight functions in order for this department to reach its all-important targets. The smaller fiscal allowance to this department will have a serious impact on the financially-challenged citizens of the Western Cape.

Mr Speaker, it is therefore up to the Minister and his department to ensure that they are up to the challenge of the Minister of Finance, Economic Development and Tourism, the hon Alan Winde, when he says that with our limited budget we will have to do more with less.

We are looking towards the development and innovative solutions that will address the realities faced by our residents, especially in the informal settlements.

It is concerning and disheartening that the national Department of Human Settlements has not fully responded to the shifts of population, as witnessed in the Census 2011. The stark increase of 29% to the Western Cape population has contributed to the already tense situations in equally overcrowded informal settlements.

One realises the major financial and time constraints that the department has to deal with when the prices of the various options are analysed: A subsidised stand costs the department R23 403, and the price of a top structure is R58 825. When allowance for wet conditions – such as in the Western Cape – has to be included, the total cost for an average house could amount to R100 000, equalling R10 million per 100 houses.

We commend the Minister for giving back dignity and independence to the wheelchair-bound fathers, Ralph Miggels and Dlamini Mdingiswayo, as part of the celebrations on Freedom Day. In their new houses they would be able to move around freely inside and outside.

Mr Speaker, the department is also enabling women to become involved in construction and building fields by offering them on-site training and consequently building contracts in Witsand, Atlantis. South African Women in Construction (Sawic) are to build 413 units in the Philippi-East project. Other projects are in the making. The department fully supports the empowering of women to be able to stand their turf on any terrain.

We welcome the initiative of the department to make R30 million available to those who earn between R3 500 and R15 000 a month which will enable them to buy a new home. This financial bracket has seen a steady growth and therefore needs suitable assistance. This group also represents those who see a house as a permanent investment for their future and they should be suitably supported. It would be to the benefit of this group to make the broader public aware of this initiative.

We are pleased with the measures to assist with the People's Housing Process (PHP) which actively involves beneficiaries in the decision-making and building of their own homes as it affords them a greater sense of responsibility and ownership.

The mixed residential housing units will have a significant impact in reducing housing needs by increasing the number of social housing rental projects. A total of 450 families will benefit from this initiative which is supported by banks and the private sector.

Mr Speaker, it is very important that municipalities should identify land which could be used for housing as that would dramatically reduce the extensive and lengthy process of finding suitable land. Processes to determine the availability of sufficient water supplies, the capacity of waste water treatment plants, the suitability of land for the implementation of infrastructure such as sewer and water as well as environment impact studies are time-consuming.

Areas that are prone to flooding or areas below the 100-years high water mark might need to be more clearly indicated. We urge municipalities to be proactive in the timeous identifying of suitable land.

Mr Speaker, special attention will be needed to reduce the threat of fire and unhygienic living conditions due to high density constructions, to ensure that informal settlements are not started in areas prone to flooding in the winter and that alternative and greener housing structures are developed.

It is also heartening to hear that the process to determine who qualifies for the subsidies are in progress and title deeds can be handed over in due course. Should there be those who do not qualify for the designated subsidies – EHP and UISP – we urge the municipality to inform the non-qualifiers and make timeous alternative arrangements with them.

Where projects of this nature could take four or more years to conclude, it is important to adequately inform applicants of the specifications of the housing project and alert them to alternative possibilities which are available to them.

We commend the department for appointing the PRT to assist with the solving of the problems of the Elands Bay Municipality. We urge them to execute the 8 outstanding title deeds out of a total of 229 units of the project as soon as possible.

Mr Speaker, the department needs to be commended for their refinement of their business process. All projects in their APP have the required approvals in place for a contractor to commence work. This means that the projected service delivery is tangible and the risks for the stagnation of the project have been considerably reduced, or eliminated. It also means that more targets will be met. For that we commend the Minister and his department.

As all the priorities and targets have been set out for the coming financial year, I wish the hon Minister and his department well and urge them to refine all their business processes in the same efficient manner.

It is important for all of the citizens of the Western Cape that their objectives are realised and that the Minister and his department deliver on what they have set out to do.

Mr Speaker, we all have to pledge our support to this all-important department. As the 2013-14 financial year could poise to be one of the most important years of the Western Cape provincial government, it is time to work together in order to establish the open opportunity society for all in the Western Cape – and South Africa, our beloved country.

†Mr K E MAGAXA: Mr Speaker, as the DA approaches the end of its term in government ... [Laughter.] ... a budget for a delivery department needs to speak directly to the challenges and gains of the department since 2009. It needs to address its weaknesses and build from a solid foundation.

Mr Speaker, unfortunately the performance – or lack thereof – by MEC Madikizela's Department of Human Settlements has been so shameful that there are no real gains and foundation to build from. This budget cannot speak to the proper delivery of houses and decent living conditions to the poor of the province, because the department has failed in this regard since the DA took office in 2009. Further negating the interests of the poor and working class, with full knowledge of their failures, MEC Madikizela's budget does not even set out realistic and workable plans to make up for the failures of his department to deliver.

The ANC nevertheless welcomes the fact that the budget allocation to this department has increased. This increase is due to an overall increase in National Treasury's allocation to the province.

Mr Speaker, when we have this budget debate in the medium term and MEC Madikizela has failed to deliver, the House should not again be hearing the MEC speak of lack of funding from national government and in-migration to the Western Cape as excuses for non-delivery. The people of the Western Cape must know that as in-migration to the province has increased so, too, has the budget allocation from the ANC-led national government increased to the province – an increase which the hon Winde is very happy with.

While the ANC welcomes the budget increase, like the vulnerable majority whom we represent, the ANC knows that this department will fail to do justice to this allocation. We know that MEC Madikizela will fail to considerably improve the basic housing and living conditions of the Western Cape's working class and the poor, especially those living in the apartheid-imposed informal settlements.

The failure of this department to deliver to our people has been so immense that the hon MEC Winde has been forced to put a special unit in place to monitor departmental spending. The leadership of the DA in government has very little confidence in MEC Madikizela's ability to properly spend the money allocated for the delivery of housing and decent living conditions.

To rub salt into the wounds of the poor, MEC Madikizela's department has consistently reduced its modest delivery targets since 2009. The 2012-13 financial year is no different.

The Department of Human Settlements has targeted decreases and regression in delivery as its budget increases – that's factual. Since coming into power the DA could not even reach its own modest targets and have failed to equal the ANC's level of delivery in the province. [Interjections.]

Mr Speaker, let's go to the facts. During the 2009-10 financial year ... [Interjections.] ...

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr K E MAGAXA: ... the Department of Human Settlements had a target of building 18 000 houses, but they ended up building 16 566. In the 2010-11 period their target was 16 000 houses – it is dropping – but constructed 14 570 houses. Then again in the 2011-12 period the target decreased ...

†Mr H P GEYER: Mr Speaker, on a point of order: Could you please request the hon Magaxa to address the Chair?

†The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member.

†Mr K E MAGAXA: Then again in the 2011-12 period the target decreased to 12 640 houses, but they could only manage to build 11 065 houses. In the Annual Performance Plan ... [Interjections.] ...

†The SPEAKER: Order, hon members! Order!

†Mr K E MAGAXA: ... we see that the target has been lowered again this year ...

†The SPEAKER: Minister Fritz, order!

†Mr K E MAGAXA: ... to 11 802 houses. Now that they have failed to reach even their modest targets, and have consistently lowered them, MEC Madikizela decides to present a new DA policy for housing development with just about a year left to govern. The MEC tells the public that he is not chasing numbers. [Interjections.] He is not chasing numbers; he likes to say that. [Interjections.]

†The SPEAKER: Order, hon members! Order!

†Mr K E MAGAXA: The ANC built 72 729 houses in the Western Cape from 2004 till 2009 ...

†The SPEAKER: Order! Minister Fritz, please, your interjection is very loud.[Interjections.]

†Mr M OZINSKY: Why don't you put him out?

†Mr K E MAGAXA: The ANC built 72 729 houses in the Western Cape from 2004 till 2009, whilst the DA only built 42 741 houses from April 2009 until 2012. Even if we add their highly unlikely estimated delivery of houses for the 2012-13 financial year, including the 2013-2014 financial year, then the DA would still have delivered less houses than the ANC, namely 70 110. [Interjections.] Given MEC Madikizela's department's failure to reach its own estimates and targets since 2009, it is highly likely that this 70 110 estimated total will be far less at the end of the DA's term.

Whilst MEC Madikizela completely runs away from the need for this government to build more houses for the homeless and displaced of the province, his spokesperson contradicts him in the media. His spokesperson does not say that the department is not chasing numbers, but tells the media that they have failed to reach their targets and have constantly lowered them because they were let down by business plans from municipalities.

An HON MEMBER: That is honesty.

Mr K E MAGAXA: That's what he said. He said that ... [Interjections.] ... the department relies on local municipalities ... [Interjections.] ...

†The SPEAKER: Order, hon members!

†Mr K E MAGAXA: ... to give them business plans and deliver.

†Mr H P GEYER: Mr Speaker, on a point of order: The hon Magaxa is continuously addressing the audience on the other side; he is not addressing the Chair. [Interjections.]

†The SPEAKER: Order! Order, hon members! Order! Hon Magaxa, please address the Chair.

†Mr K E MAGAXA: I think I am addressing you, Mr Speaker. [Interjections.]

†The SPEAKER: Order, hon members! Order!

†Mr K E MAGAXA: He said that the department relies on local municipalities to give them business plans and deliver. Not only does this contradict the MEC's reasoning, but the DA-led department itself is admitting that they have poorly monitored the delivery performances of the majority DA-run municipalities, have failed to get them to deliver, and have not capacitated them to draw up proper business plans. Basically MEC Madikizela's department, with all its budget increases, has become a spectator department – a spectator of the DA's failures to deliver housing to our people.

It is shocking that the budget preview and Annual Performance Plan do not address this stated challenge with municipalities. The department does not present a programme of action to properly monitor the delivery performances of the majority DA-run municipalities, to get them to deliver, and to empower them to draw up proper business plans.

MEC Madikizela's department has also performed badly in terms of the provision of social and rental housing and the budget does not provide us with ways in which the department seeks to improve this situation. Only 26 out of the targeted 180 beneficiaries were approved for institutional subsidies.

Last year, the department said that the decrease in the number of applicants qualifying for subsidies was the reason for them failing to reach the target.

The department failed to make applications known to people. The department did not undertake to empower applicants to qualify.

This is typical of the DA's open opportunity "pull up your own socks" kind of liberal approach to the challenges facing the poor people.

MEC Madikizela's department has failed even more hopelessly with the provision of serviced sites, about which they have been consistently making a noise. In the 2009-10 financial year, only 12 388 serviced sites were delivered. In the 2010-11 financial year, only 3 028 serviced sites got delivered. Then in the 2011-12 financial year, the department increased the delivery slightly to 8 686. It is now estimated that that delivery of serviced sites for the 2012-13 financial year is at 10 615.

The department has now decreased its target for the 2013-14 financial year to 6 642, which is lower than their estimated performance for the 2012-13 financial year.

The DA's record of serviced site provision does not even come close to the delivery achievements of the ANC government in the province from 2004 till 2009. The ANC delivered 84 526 serviced sites, whilst MEC Madikizela only delivered 24 102 serviced sites from 2009 up until today. If we add their estimated delivery of serviced sites for the 2012-13 financial year and the 2013-14 financial year then the DA would still have delivered less serviced sites than the ANC at 41 359.

It is important to keep in mind that the MEC's department has failed to reach its own targets and estimates for serviced sites since 2009. If it were my child who failed four times in a row, I would have met with the principal of the school more than 20 times. It is this likely that when the DA leaves office the serviced sites delivered will be even less. [Interjections.]

†The SPEAKER: Order, hon members!

†Mr K E MAGAXA: Even if we go on to assume that the estimated figures presented by the department in the Annual Performance Plan for the 2012-13 financial year remain as is, the total number of serviced sites delivered by the DA will only be 34 717 in comparison to the ANC's 84 526.

As with housing provision, the budget and Annual Performance Plan do not provide details as to the challenges faced by the department in ensuring delivery nor did they present a plan to address the challenge. Even in the standing committee the department did not explain the challenges and possible plan ahead to increase serviced site provision.

Even the maintenance of serviced sites has been neglected by this DA government, with regression and modest targets being consistently reduced.

We have seen a consistent regression in the amount of new sites connected to basic water and sanitation that are supposed to be serviced as part of the Integrated Residential Development Programme.

In the 2011-12 financial year, only 5 832 new sites were serviced. The department estimates that for the 2012-13 financial year only 2 884 would have been serviced. For the 2013-14 financial year, the Department of Human Settlements has lowered the target to 2 673.

We see a similar pattern with the Informal Settlement Upgrading Programme. After only connecting 9 710 sites to basic services and estimating 7 731 for the 2013-14 financial year, the department gone on to lower the target to 3 969 for the 2013-14 financial year.

MEC Madikizela's department has failed to ensure decent sanitation for the black majority. As with housing, they have been spectators as they have not properly monitored and assisted their own DA municipalities. This MEC comes from the same community that lacked all of these basic needs for survival. [Interjections.]

Many toilets built by the DA-led City of Cape Town in Makhaza, where the MEC is from, are still not equipped with taps and sewer connections. This is despite the order of the Western Cape High Court in May 2011. Yes, Mr Speaker, the DA who define themselves as champions of the judiciary have shown scant regard for a High Court ruling when it comes to the dignity of our people.

It is indeed worrying that in this year's Annual Performance Plan the department describes itself as merely a funder of projects, and they stand there watching the non-delivery of those houses.

The poor in this province are left with no hope that this government will ever improve their living conditions with the increased budget provided by the national government.

Mr Speaker, if the hon Premier is serious about providing houses and basic services to poor people in this province, she would instantly fire MEC Madikizela. [Interjections.] Sadly though, we are mindful that Premier Zille is using the hon Madikizela as part of her "rent a black" strategy. She does not have another black opportunist that she can trust, ... [Interjections.] ...

†The SPEAKER: Order, hon members! Order!

†Mr K E MAGAXA: ... like the hon Madikizela, at her disposal. Hence she will not fire him despite his dismal performance.

However we must also acknowledge the fact that DA policy on human settlements is extremely vague and says almost nothing about the delivery of houses and basic services. This is clear from the DA's 2009 and 2011 election manifestos. It explains the hon Madikizela's and Zille's poor human settlements performance. It is reflective of the non-existence ... [Interjections.] Is she saying I'm lying?

†Mr M OZINSKY: Yes. [Interjections.] Mr Speaker, on a point of order: Is it parliamentary for the Premier to say that the speaker is lying?

†Mr K E MAGAXA: She's insulting me.

The SPEAKER: Order!

The PREMIER: [Inaudible.]

†The SPEAKER: Order, hon Premier! Please address the House. Did you say that? [Interjections.] Order, hon members! Order!

†The PREMIER: I said, “imfungumfungu”. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

†Mr M OZINSKY: Mr Speaker, she said, “uyakoka”.

†The PREMIER: “Uyakoka” does not mean lying. Anybody who understands isiXhosa will know that. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

The PREMIER: “Uyaxoka” means lying. [Interjections.]

†The SPEAKER: Order, hon members! Hon Ozinsky, I will refer the issue to Hansard and make a ruling. [Interjections.] I will make a ruling later on the matter. Thank you very much.

†Mr M OZINSKY: But, Mr Speaker, I’m worried that the Hansard might not have picked it up. The hon Premier has admitted that she said that.

†The SPEAKER: I will check the Hansard, hon members. [Interjections.] Order! You may continue, hon Magaxa. [Interjections.] Order, hon members! Order!

†Mr K E MAGAXA: Mr Speaker, this explains the hon Madikizela’s and hon Premier Zille’s poor human settlements performance. It is reflective of the non-existence of a tangible human settlements policy by the DA.

Unfortunately with the DA at the helm, the Western Cape will continue to record the highest number of service delivery protests in the country. For any party, post the 1994 democratic breakthrough, that intends to contribute towards transforming ... [Interjections.] ...

†The SPEAKER: Order, hon members!

†Mr K E MAGAXA: ... in order for the black majority’s lives to improve, housing becomes a top priority. If you cannot prioritise housing but you are talking about transforming our society from a minority to a majority rule, it means that you are extremely ignorant of the plight of the poor and the consequences of the legacy of the past.

†The SPEAKER: Hon member, please address the Chair.

†Mr K E MAGAXA: Thank you. The DA, as a racist neoliberal party, that is all out to protect the interests of those who benefited from the apartheid regime at the expense of the victims of that system will never take provision of housing to the poor as a serious issue. In fact, hon Madikizela told me, in no uncertain terms, that the provision of free housing is a bad idea that needs to be done away with. [Interjections.] That was a white racist man speaking in a black-skinned skeleton. [Interjections.]

†Mr M NCEDANA: Mr Speaker, I thank the Minister for delivering the speech on the budget.

Seated here, I continued to ask myself: Who is in need of housing and why? It is clear that the majority of the apartheid victims are the black people. The people who are in need of houses are the Africans and coloureds, who are in the majority.

If all agree that the department's core function is to provide houses to improve the living conditions of the people – as it has received about R7 billion extra in the kitty – the question therefore is: Does the budget speak to this matter? [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr M NCEDANA: The Minister told us in the standing committee that there is no increase in the budget of Human Settlements. We know today that there is indeed an increase. [Interjections.]

†The SPEAKER: Order, hon Magwaza! Order!

Mnu M NCEDANA: Ingxaki ke esijongene nayo apha yeyokuba sinorhulumente ongenankathalo ngokwakhela abantu abadinga izindlu. Ukuba bendikwazi ukukuthatha wena Madikizela ndikubeke apha emva kwam xa ndithetha ngale nto ukwenzele ukuba ndithethe neNkulumbuso Hellen Zille ngale nto ngoba ukusukela wathatha iSixeko saseKapa wabuzwa sisitishi Umhlobo Wenene ukuba uzakwenza ntoni ngokuqinisekisa ukuba abantu bayazifumana izindlu ingakumbi ngeprowujekthi yakwaLanga. Wathi ingxaki yabantu abangenazindlu yeyabo, ayiyonto banokuqala ngayo leyo njengombutho we-DA. Le nto yokukusebenza nokujoliswe kuko okuhlayo mihla le azikhombi komnye umntu ngaphezu kokuba zikhomba kwiNkulumbuso yeli Phondo uHellen Zillie.

Ukuba ngaba i-DA isaphethe abantu abamnyama abakazulifumana ithuba lokuba bakhelwe izindlu ngoba lo rhulumente uphetheyo akanamdla wokubakhela zindlu. Ngo-2010 sinike apha ingxelo yokuba siyiKomiti yeSebe sibheke Enyahunyhwin ePhillipi sibheke kwelinye ityeli eBhobhofolo eKaroo apho khona namatyotyombe abo alingana nale tafile, umntu xa engena etyotyombeni lakhe esiyakulala uyagaqa.

[Translation of isiXhosa paragraphs follows.]

[Mr M NCEDANA: The problem we are faced with here is that we have a government which does not care about building houses for those who need them. If I were able to take the hon Madikizela and put him behind me when I am talking about this so that he can speak directly to Premier Hellen Zille about this because when she took over the City of Cape Town she was asked by *Umhlobo Wenene* radio station what she was going to do to ensure that people get houses, especially from the project in Langa. She said that the problem of people who do not have houses is their own; it is not something they would start with as the DA. This issue of performance and targets which we are talking about every day is pointing at the door of the Premier of this Province, Ms Hellen Zille.

As long as the DA is still ruling this province the black people will never get an opportunity to be built houses because the ruling government does not have an interest of building them houses. In 2010 we gave a report that as the Portfolio Committee we went to Enyahunyhwin in Philippi and also to Beaufort West in the Karoo where we found that the shacks were the same size as this table. When someone is getting to their shack to sleep they have to crawl.]

†To date, those people are still living in those conditions, yet this is a caring government. What is the yardstick for a caring government when you have people living in these conditions? You can't provide a simple thing as serviced site. [Interjections.] It's simple!

Unike nje isiza akwazi ukuzakhela ityotyombe lakhe ungekayi nasekubeni uba uqinisekise into yokuba lo mntu unamanzi ngoba aba bantu sithetha ngabo abawufumani amanzi.

Uya eNyhunyhuni namhlanje, besipha ngo2010 abantu sidada pha nomhlekezi isengumhlekezi uVisser esengusihlalo ngoko waleKomiti yePotfolio.

[Translation of isiXhosa paragraph follows.]

[They are just given a site to build shacks themselves without ensuring that these people will have water because the people we are talking about do not get water. One goes to eNyhunyhuni today, we were there in 2010, people were under the floods and even the hon Visser was there when he was still the chairperson of this Portfolio Committee.]

†Today, those people are still living in those conditions. They have not changed, yet this government continues to say: We are a caring government. We are a government that cares for all. You should be clear that you do not care for black people. [Interjections.] You only care for the minority, the white constituents, who you are representing. You don't care about coloured people. You only care about protecting the interests of those who benefited in the apartheid years. [Interjections.]

This Minister says: "We have done the audit in the Western Cape." That audit points to pieces of land that are in the inner city or closer to the city. In this budget there is no plan to build houses on that land that is owned by this department. You are going to talk about the national department that owns land there. I'm talking about the land that you own here. [Interjections.] You have no plan to build houses, because who is going to benefit from those houses? The black and coloured people – and you don't want them to come and stay close to where they work. Inimba ivele apha eNtshona Koloni.[The mercy came here in the Western Cape.]

The biggest Nimby in the Western Cape is the DA. The first Nimby protests in the Western Cape came from Hout Bay. You were refusing people to have serviced sites ...

†The SPEAKER: Order! Your time has expired.

†Mr M NCEDANA: Can I please finish off?

†The SPEAKER: You may finish your sentence.

Mnu M NCEDANA: Xa i-DA isalela abantu base-Imizamo Yethu ukwakha kwiziza kwakunye nenkonzo ukuze bazokufumana izindlu ... [Uphelelwe lixesha esathetha.] [Mr M NCEDANA: When the DA denies the people of Imizamo Yethu to build houses in suites and services so that they get houses ... [Time expired.]

*Mr H P GEYER: Mr Speaker, as a member of the Standing Committee on Human Settlements, it is a privilege for me to support the 2013-14 budget of hon Bonginkosi Madikizela, Minister of Human Settlements, amounting to almost R2 billion that he had tabled.

The Standing Committee on Human Settlements will support the department, and at the same time in our oversight role, will see to it that what the department undertakes in this budget is implemented. In this way we will make sure that the residents of the Western Cape receive the services they are constitutionally entitled to.

This department's function is the one that will make the biggest difference to the man in the street, and that is why it is important that every member of the standing committee must regard his oversight role in a very serious light and hold the Minister and his department responsible for developing and implementing his mandate, as well as for carrying it out professionally.

†Mr Speaker, over the past few days of debate we have experienced the same old story – the ANC does nothing else than merely criticise, brake down and, nationally, just do nothing! When that does not have an impact, they use the race card, as the hon Magaxa has just done. Racism will bring the hon Magaxa nowhere.

Mr Speaker, allow me to elaborate on this statement. The ANC attacks the hon Minister on every occasion for lack of delivery. My colleague, the hon Figlan, has elaborated on factors effecting slow delivery – and the Minister has done so himself – and I need to add to this.

I want to remind the hon Magaxa that in 2009, when the hon Madikizela's term began, there was only one conditional grant – the Human Settlement Development Grant. It was disbursed to the province to fund housing projects.

At the beginning of the 2011-12 financial year, the Urban Settlement Development Grant was created. The result was that the Human Settlement Development Grant was top-sliced by 20%, or R502,2 million, in order to combine it with the Municipal Infrastructure Grant for Cities.

The effect of this, Mr Speaker, equates to approximately 5 000 less serviced sites and 5 000 less houses per year. This is the part the ANC apparently does not or will not understand. Those of them who can make calculations or do simple arithmetic will realise that this is roughly the difference between the 2008-09 and the 2010-11 targets. [Interjections.]

Mr Speaker, this grant is disbursed directly to the City of Cape Town. [Interjections.]

†The SPEAKER: Order! Hon Prins, order!

†Mr H P GEYER: What is more, the Human Settlement Development Grant for the 2011-12 financial year is R1,638 billion ... [Interjections.]

†The SPEAKER: Order, hon Prins!

†Mr H P GEYER: I say again, Mr Speaker, it is R1,638 billion and not R2,141 billion, as was projected in previous MTEFs.

Mr Speaker, when the DA took over the government of the Western Cape in 2009 from the ANC, the backlog on housing needs had already reached the figure of 500 000! I need to remind the hon Magaxa of that. We had to rebuild the poorly constructed houses that were built by the ANC.

Since 2011 the population growth has risen by almost a third, namely 29%. If we take the population growth to date, one could estimate that the backlog for housing could well have reached the 575 000 mark.

With a net in-migration of approximately 130 000 people per year into the Western Cape, and the capacity of 25 000 housing opportunities sought after in a year, there are simply not the resources to provide.

Mr Speaker, this situation places enormous pressure on the Western Cape government. No one will be able to meet the unrealistic expectations of all the housing needs for everyone immediately. This is just not possible for anyone to do. Huge pressure is thus placed on the available budget for service delivery.

However, Mr Speaker, I am pleased to report that the Minister has promised to grant title deeds to the beneficiaries living in the informal settlement of Riverview in Citrusdal. By going this route we at least give beneficiaries acknowledgement that we are serious about their plea for housing. This action gives every inhabitant of that settlement a sense of belonging and security of tenure.

It is also pleasing to note that the needs of disabled people are also taken into consideration when the need arises. During the provincial government's celebrations of Human Rights Day, two people with disabilities received homes from Minister Madikizela. For the past 17 years, 59-year-old Mr Ralph Miggels has had to be helped up and down the stairs of his third-floor flat, due to being disabled from the waist down after an accident in 1996. He is fortunate to have received a new wheelchair-friendly home which makes life much easier for him.

The other recipient is the 71-year-old Mr Dlamini Mdingiswayo, who lives in a shack at Site B's Y Section with his wife and son. His right leg was amputated because of diabetes. Both houses have bathrooms fitted with shower seats and grip rails for toilet use. Minister Madikizela's statement that he wanted to give dignity to persons with disabilities is heart-warming and appreciative! We want to congratulate him and his department for the initiative and the compassion he has shown. Well done!

*Mr Speaker, it is, however, a pity that the residents of Elands Bay have been waiting for years already for the transfer deeds of their properties. The purchase deeds and the signed documents for about 90 transactions have already been sent to the Cape since August 2011 for registration of the transfers. The hinderance concerning 50% of this problem appears to lie in store for the notorious—or should I say famous, ANC controlled municipality, namely Cederberg.

I want to request the hon Minister to put pressure on the Municipalities of Cederberg and Berg River so that this matter can be attended to and so that the beneficiaries can get transfer on their properties.

Mr Speaker, the main mandate of this department is to provide quality housing to those who cannot afford housing for themselves. To prevent poor quality housing being provided – as the ANC had provided in the past – there are a few aspects that will have to be taken into account: firstly, that attention be given to the quality of the houses that are transferred, and what is more, the committee is fully confident that the department's professional teams will be able to pass on the necessary expertise to the assigned developers and building contractors. Secondly, that the available funds be optimally used to be able to build as many houses as possible. Thirdly, that applications for housing be carefully scrutinised to avoid much dissatisfaction and unhappiness that can be brought about while those lists are being compiled.

We can no longer allow municipalities to give preference to their comrades, as with the 34 cases on the Graafwater housing list – and of course it is again the Cederberg Municipality!

Mr Speaker, in the daily newspaper *Son* this morning, the Oudtshoorn Municipality is accused of alleged fraud with the allocation of 24 houses to residents who had not previously lived in Ward 7. [Interjections.] The spark in the powder keg is that some of those houses were allocated to government officials! Houses were also allocated to young people [Interjections.]

†The SPEAKER: Order, hon Prins! Order! That's the last time. I will throw you out of the House; I am being serious.

†Mr H P GEYER: Mr Speaker, municipal officials have also allegedly been accused of selling houses for R650. If this proves to be true, it is an utter shame and the guilty persons should be brought to book.

An HON MEMBER: It's the ANC!

Mr H P GEYER: The sad part of this drama is that the poor, who desperately need housing, do not get it and thousands of rands of damage had been caused to the newly completed houses in Oudtshoorn. Perhaps the members across the floor should sweep in front of their own doors as this is part of the reason why houses are not delivered at a faster rate.

*Mr Speaker, the Minister and his department need everybody's cooperation to achieve what they had set themselves to do in the 2013-14 financial year. This year is also not going to be an easy year, and I don't believe the ANC will necessarily make it easier for us. All the more so, the hon Minister and his department need our support. He definitely has mine.

†The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Mr Speaker, let me take this opportunity and thank hon member Figlan, our chairperson of the standing committee, for his support. I also want to say that I have noted a number of things that he has alluded to, particularly the issue of the flood and fire disasters as we have seen in Kayamandi and the BM Section recently. I am sure the hon member is aware that we are working with those municipalities to make sure that we improve the living conditions of those people there. Indeed, it is a very serious situation that we are faced with in a number of informal settlements where people are living under those conditions.

I am not going to say much, hon member Figlan, because most of the points that you made are points that support the speech regarding the areas that you mentioned.

Let me then come to hon member Magaxa. [Interjections.]

†The SPEAKER: Order, hon members! Order!

†The MINISTER: Sometimes it is very difficult to take this member seriously, especially when you listen to a number of things that he said, but let me try and give facts regarding some of the things that he said.

Hon member Magaxa said that this budget does not speak to the poor, yet in my speech I made it very clear that 93% of our entire budget is spent on the poor, nowhere else. Let me say what the difference is between this party, which is the ANC, and the DA. This is a party of populists – they like to tell people what they want to hear – and the DA is a party of realists. [Interjections.]

†The SPEAKER: Order! Hon members, order!

†The MINISTER: Let me say this on the issue of the sustainability of providing free houses: It is an outrageous statement that should not be made.

The biggest problem that we are facing in this country, hon member, is the failure of your government to create jobs. I am saying this because the situation that we are in now in this country is that we have approximately 7 million taxpayers; we have 17 million people who are receiving grants every month; over and above that we are giving houses for free; people go to clinics for free; and there are no-fee schools. If you look at all that, there will come a time when, as a government, we will have to make a choice as to what it is that we can dish out like Father Christmas to people. [Interjections.]

†The SPEAKER: Order, hon members!

†The MINISTER: The issue of providing free housing is an issue that we are discussing nationally. A number of ANC smart people have actually alluded to that, that we have to look at this issue very seriously because it is not sustainable going forward. We will have to review this issue. It is not a secret. I said this and I am still saying it, that it is not sustainable – the approach that we are using to give houses is not sustainable.

Unfortunately your speech, as I said here, focuses on only two areas. I think you must take some time to learn more about this department and understand the entire picture. This department has about 16 programmes, and if you listened carefully to the speech you would have noticed that we have delivered a range of services in a number of those programmes, but unfortunately you seem to be fixated on houses and sites.

Let me again talk to the fact that we did not meet our targets. It is a fact that we did not meet our targets, but let me say this: Unlike the ANC, we take very conscious decisions based on the situation on the ground.

We cannot allow a situation where we build houses where there is no bulk infrastructure – which was the case during the ANC's time because they don't care. They dish out houses for votes ... [Interjections.] The issue of quality is a non-issue. [Interjections.]

†The SPEAKER: Hon members, order!

†The MINISTER: I would challenge these members that we go now to various projects that they have built and the projects that we have built, and compare the quality of those houses. It is chalk and cheese. [Interjections.] It is chalk and cheese, because during their time the focus was just on chasing numbers. That is why, Mr Speaker, I said in my speech you should look at the amount of money that we have spent on rectification – and we still need to spend more money on rectification – to fix the mess that they have created.

Just recently you saw on national television when the national Minister was demolishing houses in other provinces. We need no less than R50 billion to rectify houses that they are boasting about because they didn't care. They were just dotting the landscape ... [Interjections.] ... just putting down these matchboxes ... [Interjections.] ...

†The SPEAKER: Order! Hon Geyer, you had your chance.

†The MINISTER: ... and then you boast about having delivered more houses. That is an insult to the dignity of our people that you claim to care about. [Interjections.]

Let's look at the issue of title deeds that we are talking about. They did such a rush job that in some instances the planning was not properly done, and irrespective of planning, they just put down houses because their interest was to make sure that they deliver more houses. Now we have a situation where those poor people are locked into that situation, because if subdivision is not properly done and if planning is not properly done, that person will never receive a title deed. That is the mess that we need to clean up. Their interest was never about providing quality services; it was about chasing numbers so that they are seen to be delivering. That's the kind of ANC that cares for poor people, as hon Magaxa says.

I don't think you actually read the budget and understood it properly, because the decrease in houses is inevitable. Let's look at the budget that we received as a department five years ago and compare it to now. The increase that we are talking about is very minimal compared to the number of people that are part of our housing demand database, which clearly shows that if the subsidy quantum keeps on increasing, and the overall budget does not change, it means you will build less and less houses. It has nothing to do with failures, but it has everything to do with due processes that we are following now to make sure that when we build those houses, we build houses where there is infrastructure and where proper planning and proper processes are followed – we make sure that all those processes are followed, unlike during your term.

You spoke about the failures of this department. You are again basing your statement on just two areas. You are not looking at other programmes where we have actually exceeded our target. You are fixated on only these two programmes.

As I said, and I want to emphasise this point, this department is not just about building houses and sites; there are a whole lot of other things that we are doing, which are part of our housing code – the 16 programmes that I spoke about. I think you must read that very carefully.

Mr Speaker, the key issue that I want to raise is again on the provision of basic services, which is exactly what the NDP says. The statement that you are making that the approach of providing houses in this manner is not sustainable is shared by many people – it is shared by many people.

The NDP says we must focus on upgrading informal settlements, which we have done on a very large scale, and the provision of basic services is very much part of that. He quotes figures, the additional figures, but the figures that he is quoting are over and above the work that is being done by municipalities because we are now using our own budget as well to augment what already exists. That is why the province is performing much better than any of the ANC-led provinces when it comes to basic services. The figures that you are quoting are actually additional to the work that is already being done.

Mr Speaker, I spoke about the issue of challenges, especially with regard to bulk infrastructure. This is not only a Western Cape problem. In fact, I would urge you, sir, to look at other provinces in terms of bulk infrastructure challenges. I said to you that this country is facing a R1,2 trillion infrastructure backlog because we have neglected to invest in infrastructure. That is why, for example, we have a situation where some areas are still living without basic services because of a lack of bulk infrastructure.

In an area like Khayelitsha, for example, which was meant for only 250 000 people, there are now about 1 million people residing there and the bulk infrastructure is under pressure. In the City of Town, for example, three years ago they could not build any houses because their sewerage treatment plant had reached its capacity. These are the real issues in terms of bulk infrastructure challenges that we are talking about.

When you speak about these challenges and the areas that you mention and you blame the DA, these areas did not mushroom just three or four years ago when the DA took over. These areas were there when you were in power for eight years in the province. Now the question is: What did you do? Then, of course, in some of those areas you just built these houses without any consideration of the consequences, which is why we have to rectify them, and some of them we have to demolish completely. Some of the people do not have title deeds, and will never have title deeds, because you didn't do the planning processes correctly.

You talked about the manner in which this department is managed. If you look at the Auditor-General's report, that will at least give you a clear indication. I have been the Minister of this department for four years and for four consecutive years this department has received unqualified audits, which is a clear indication that the status of the department is very good. It is a well-managed department in a number of areas and there are very clear reasons why we face some of the challenges that we face. We had a choice here; we had a choice to build houses with no infrastructure and end up with the same situation we are in today, or we had a choice of saying we can't build houses in these areas.

Therefore we run the risk of not making our targets rather than building houses where proper planning was not done.

You spoke about lack of planning to capacitate municipalities. I am surprised; which speech were you listening to? In fact, I spent a great deal of time outlining the plans that we've put in place to capacitate municipalities. We even went beyond our own scope of work as a department. Planning processes are the responsibility of municipalities, but when we realised that municipalities are struggling here we went over and above our own mandate as a department. We have directors there who are working hand-in-hand with municipalities to ensure that the planning processes are done correctly. Over and above that we have appointed professional resource teams who must make sure that these plans are credible, so that when these plans get to us we make sure that they are ready to hit the ground.

One of the challenges that we have been facing in the past, even during your time, is that we rely on municipalities to put their business plans together. Then they send them to us only to realise that these business plans are not credible because some of the planning processes have not been followed. Obviously, if the EIA approval is still outstanding on a business plan there is nothing you can do, so you are stuck.

You said there is nothing we are doing to assist municipalities. We have done a lot to make sure that those business plans have been taken through all the planning processes, so that when they get to us they are ready to hit the ground. That is why I am saying you should look at the work of the Professional Research Teams (PRTs); they are now starting to yield results, the targets of this financial year and the next financial year and the business plans. These are the business plans that are ready to hit the ground from April next month, where the contractors have been appointed, where all the planning processes have been approved, and this is largely due to the assistance of the PRTs.

I would want to urge you then, sir, that you must be realistic. When you read our Performance Plan, just take the holistic picture instead of concentrating on just two areas, which are sites and houses, because we are doing a lot more than just that.

Mr Speaker, let me come to hon member Ncedana. I get very surprised when people make such outrageous statements because this member was a member of the ruling party just a few years before we took power. He was a subcouncil chairperson in the area where most of these informal settlements are. The question is: What did you do? The challenges that we are facing ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER: No, no, let me say this. I know that there is always this temptation from this side of the House to politicise each and everything. The challenges that we are facing when it comes to informal settlements cannot be attributed to a particular party; these are national challenges that we are facing. The reason why we have so many informal settlements is because of the failures in the provinces, like in the Eastern Cape. You keep on making reference to eNyhunyhwinini. The reality is this: We have more than 500 000 families ... [Interjections.]

†The SPEAKER: Order! Order, hon member!

†The MINISTER: Yes. [Interjections.] Yes, yes.[Interjections.]

†The SPEAKER: Order, hon member!

†The MINISTER: We have more than 500 000 families. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER: We have more than 500 000 families who are still waiting for houses. [Interjections.]

†Mr K E MAGAXA: How old are you?

†The SPEAKER: Order, hon Minister! Order, hon Magaxa!

†The MINISTER: These people are living in different informal settlements and we must never ever make this mistake of thinking that everybody is going to get a house tomorrow and then blame this government, which is 3½ years old, for the failures of your government that you were part of. The area of eNyhunyhwinini has been there for more than 15 years. This government came into power three and a half years ago and now you want to blame us for the situation in eNyhunyhwinini.

You were also saying that this government has no interest in the poor. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER: Yet we have made it very clear here when I started presenting this budget that our entire grant actually – because the 7% is used for other interventions – of this budget is spent on the poor. For your information, there is a difference between not meeting targets and expenditure. This department has consistently spent 100% of its budget over the past four years. There is not even a cent that was taken back to the national coffers because of failure to spend. The reality is that we have different programmes, where if we hit a snag in one area we shift it to another area where there is also a need to spend that budget there.

Our whole budget for the last four years has been spent on poor areas. We have never spent any money in any other areas but in poor areas. I think we must be really factual when we make these accusations.

I am yet to see one project that the ANC did in the so-called affluent areas – there isn't. Yet you politicise this and make it as if the DA has no interest to build in affluent areas. In fact, if you look at the plans that we have you will see that they are very different from the ANC era. [Interjections.] No, no, I would want you to show me one project that you built in affluent areas during your time, because you are saying the Nimby issue is a DA issue and yet you have never done anything to make sure that you identify land in affluent areas and build there. The reason for that is this: Most of the land in affluent areas is privately owned land; it is not owned by the government. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER: We have then assembled those pieces of land with the help of the Housing Development Agency (HDA) and we have very clear plans on what we are going to do on those pieces of land.

For example, we have just negotiated with the Minister of Transport and Public Works who is going to give us the Government Garage precincts to build houses there for the poor. These are the kind of initiatives that we have embarked upon to make sure that we transform these areas, the meaningful transformation that we are talking about. We have areas in Woodstock that have been identified for development. The Government Garage is right at the centre of the CBD. The ANC cannot mention one piece of land in an affluent area that they identified in order to develop for our people.

I spoke about the land issues. I want to thank hon member Geyer. He touched on the racist remark by hon Magaxa. I chose not to really respond on that. I think hon member Magaxa has yet to understand the difference between addressing an SACP rally and speaking in Parliament, which are two different things. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER: When you speak in Parliament ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER: When you speak in Parliament you must be factual, you must research and you must get your facts straight, but all he does is he rambles on and says all sorts of things that are irrelevant to what we are talking about here. [Interjections.] I agree with you. That is what we are talking about. Instead of just dotting the landscape and building these matchboxes that the ANC built, we need to make sure, as I said, that we embark on a programme where we really transfer the ownership of land to people. That is what we are going to do. It is part of our programme that we have started so that the people of Cederberg and many other areas get the transfer of their land.

Mr Speaker, the hon member did give me a list, which is very concerning, of people allegedly involved in housing corruption in that municipality. We will be following that very closely. That is why, as a department, one of our programmes is to ensure that the manner in which people are selected for houses is very clear and it is corruption-free. It is true that corruption does exist particularly in the selection of people to get into houses. The housing demand database improvement programme which we've rolled out to all municipalities is aimed at addressing that particular programme, and it is one of many other programmes that we have introduced to make sure that we deal with this problem and many other problems.

I want to say, lastly, that this department has experienced a number of challenges, and we continue to experience those challenges. I also want to touch on the issue that was raised by hon member Magaxa that this province has experienced more service delivery protests than any other province. That might be true, but I can tell you that in each and every area where there was a protest there is a development. These are not non-service delivery protests; they are exactly what they are called – service delivery protests.

People are not demonstrating or protesting because of lack of services; people are protesting because they are competing for limited resources in those areas.

I can tell you now that in almost all the areas where I have intervened, it's areas where there is development and people are competing for limited resources, like in the TR Section, Malawi camp, Freedom Farm and the N2 Gateway Projects. But there are also areas where people have demonstrated where there are no services, and those areas, by and large, are areas where people are living on private land. The municipalities in those areas, particularly in the City of Cape Town, are doing a lot to engage private owners to buy those pieces of land.

Mr Speaker, one of the elements about these service delivery protests – and I know now that they will intensify as we are moving towards the elections – is that they are politically motivated. We are on the ground, we know this, and this is not just a thumb suck. We know that the call by the ANC to make the province ungovernable has become very clear, when you look at those service delivery protests.

We know that those protests are going to intensify because they want to give the impression, as some of the members have said, that this province does not care about the poor which is, indeed, nonsensical. If you look at the evidence, it points to a completely different picture to what is said here.

No money has been sent to affluent areas which could not be spent in poor areas. The reality of the situation here is this hon member Ncedana: We can never have enough money to provide services for everybody who needs those services, and that's a reality.

That is a national challenge. We can try to politicise it as much as we want to, but the important thing is that all the money that we get as a province we spend it where it is meant to be spent.

The PREMIER: Hear, hear!

The MINISTER: There is no money that goes into the back pocket and there is no money that is sent back, but the reality is that the challenge is far bigger than any political party. For us to start politicising this is really a concern. [Applause.]

Debate concluded.

†The SPEAKER: Order! That concludes the debate on this Vote. The Secretary will read the second order of the day.

*Ms A ROSSOUW: Mr Speaker, on a point of order: There are quite a number of guests that have to go out. May I request that we adjourn for a while so that the department's guests can leave the House with as little disturbance as possible?

†The SPEAKER: That's fine. I will suspend the House for five minutes so that the guests of hon Meyer can enter the House.

WESTERN CAPE APPROPRIATION BILL [B 2—2013]

(Debate on Vote 13 – Cultural Affairs and Sport)

†The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: Mr Speaker, Mr Deputy Speaker, hon Premier, Cabinet colleagues, Leader of the Official Opposition in her absence, hon members, chairpersons of the three public entities present here in the House, presidents of the various regional sports councils, presidents of sports federations and clubs, ladies and gentlemen, thank you for your presence here today.

Mr Speaker, when Premier Helen Zille delivered her State of the Province Address on 22 February 2013, she stated, and I quote:

...the State has a crucial role to play in combating these social ills and in protecting our young people. But it is impossible to resolve any of them without everyone playing a role: individuals through the choices they make, parents through the responsibility they take and the guidance they give, whole communities through the norms they establish, institutions like (places of worship) and schools in the leadership they provide, as well as the services offered by the state. That is why (this government) speaks of a “whole-of-society” approach.

The budget of R445,3 million which has been allocated to the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport is aligned with the Premier’s statement that it aims to help create a Western Cape in which its inhabitants, in particular our youth, feel empowered to realise that they have options and that they can confidently take responsibility for the decisions they take.

Mr Speaker, a democracy guarantees freedom, a cornerstone of a liberal democracy. It is important that we provide people with freedoms they can use. My department:

- Provides libraries so that users can use their freedom to read, to reflect, to learn and to access the global village through information and communication technology (ICT), whether they live in urban or in rural areas;
- provides heritage services so that the people of the province can use their freedom to celebrate their heritage and cultural assets;
- provides museum services so that local people can use their freedom to write their own local history and build local narratives of what that history means to them;
- provides cultural services so that cultural groups can use their freedom to register cultural councils and take other measures to promote and preserve indigenous and cultural rights; and
- provides sport and recreation services so that sports people and the sports federations and the sports clubs can use their freedom to choose the sport codes they want to participate in and promote.

Mr Speaker, the theme, “The freedom you can use”, is my narrative for the rest of this term of office as we have realised that freedom means very little if people cannot use it. When people use their freedom they become active citizens. Government provides leadership when it creates an enabling environment. Active citizenship, leadership and a capable state are the instruments that promote freedom you can use.

This budget is aimed at delivering on our commitment to increasing participation, particularly amongst our youth, in sport, recreation, arts and culture. This remains the cornerstone of our work.

An amount of R187,8 million is allocated to enhancing our library services in the Western Cape Province. Access to libraries and archives as instruments and information resources across cultures, is fundamental to a thriving culture, economy and democracy. Libraries and archives connect people to information, to knowledge, to people and to opportunities. Libraries give access to freedom you can use.

Mr Speaker, the recent launch of Library Week 2013 under the theme “Educate Yourself @ Your Library”, highlighted the pivotal role libraries play in the lives of our communities. Libraries build social inclusion by providing public space where communities can work together at an interpersonal and community level.

An amount of R102 million will be transferred to municipalities. This funding will address the unfunded mandate in category B3 vulnerable municipalities; contribute towards the completion also of the kwaNonqaba Library in Mossel Bay and the Nkqubela Library in Robertson.

This government will also contribute to the first phase of the construction of a library building in Prince Alfred Hamlet and the upgrading of the Knysna Library, for the information of Minister Winde. It will also contribute towards the remuneration of approximately 331 staff appointed at public libraries and the installation of book detection systems for securing library assets.

Mr Speaker, the provision of Internet access at public libraries has seen an average of 20 libraries per annum benefiting from the department’s Rural ICT Project. This number will increase significantly with the roll out of the Western Cape’s broadband initiative, defined by the Premier, and will result in 87 new rural sites being connected during this financial year.

Mr Speaker, the recent incident involving the auctioning in London of documents dating back to the days of Jan van Riebeeck is worrying as we believe that they might have been stolen from our Provincial Archives a few years ago, dating back to 1989.

I have instructed my department to pursue every legal avenue to ensure that the documents in question are returned as they are a critical part of our history and our country, and must therefore be preserved and protected for the benefit of current and future generations.

National Archives Week will be celebrated in the week of 6 to 10 May 2013 at the Western Cape Archives and Records Services under the theme “Looking into the Past, Connecting with the Future”. The event will include exhibitions about various cultural communities in the Western Cape.

Mr Speaker, 2013 also marks the 175th commemoration of the abolition of slavery in 1838.

Our Museum Service will contribute to commemorating this historic event by developing a travelling exhibition which will be taken into the hinterland and along the coastal areas of our province, where it can stimulate dialogue and reconciliation through the acknowledgement of this important formative element of our past and the way slavery continues to shape our lives.

The central challenge of our Museum Service is to lead museums towards ensuring that they remain relevant to contemporary society. In the 2013-14 financial year we must take every opportunity to do so, guided by this year's theme for International Museum Day: "Museums, memory and creativity equals social change".

Museums received an allocation of R43,4 million. Progress has been made in the ongoing work of transforming exhibition displays to be more representative of all the components of the local communities within which they are located. To this end, new permanent exhibitions are being installed at the Hout Bay Museum, at the C P Nel Museum in Oudtshoorn, as well as at the Wheat Industry Museum in Moorreesburg.

Furthermore, the Togryers Museum in Ceres secured R2,5 million through a partnership between the local museum, the Department of Transport and Public Works, the National Lottery Distribution Trust Fund and my department. The funds will be used for upgrading the museum infrastructure and for adding much-needed facilities at Togryers Museum.

The ongoing research to nominate sites related to the Struggle, including the Rex True form Building in Salt River, Cape Town and the Rocklands Community Hall site in Mitchells Plain, reflects our resolve to promote social inclusion in the identification of heritage sites.

Mr Speaker, language is one of the vital elements underpinning the development of cultural warmth and social inclusion. The Translating, Editing and Interpreting Unit will continue providing language support services to all the departments of the provincial government in order that every inhabitant of this province can be served in the official language of his or her choice.

The Language Policy Implementation Unit and the Western Cape Language Committee are continuing to implement a programme to enable parents, carers and teachers of deaf children to learn South African sign language. The sign language training sessions in Khayelitsha are aimed at building social inclusion, particularly giving the parents of deaf children participating in the training, a sense of belonging and social inclusion.

The XhosAfrika Network is aimed at increasing the footprint of isiXhosa and Afrikaans in the public domain. A pocket-size English-isiXhosa terminology booklet will be developed and launched to mark International Translation Day in September 2013. This booklet will provide standardised isiXhosa terminology for language practitioners in the Western Cape. We are doing this to promote cultural warmth by fostering an appreciation for the isiXhosa language.

Mr Speaker, a great concern is the way in which certain leading South African banks are failing to offer their clients service in isiXhosa at Western Cape ATMs.

This is a flagrant disregard for the language rights enshrined in our Constitution and the Western Cape Language Policy. IsiXhosa must enjoy the same rights as English and Afrikaans, and I am duty-bound to ensure that this happens. I will therefore be taking this matter up with the banks concerned.

Now that the Use of Official Languages Act 2012 has become a national law, I will closely follow the process of drafting language policies in terms of the Act to ensure that they provide for the particular language requirements of the province. It is my intention to ensure that the three languages of the Western Cape maintain their rightful place as official languages as per the Western Cape Provincial Languages Act and the provincial language policy.

Mr Speaker, creating an environment in which the people of the Western Cape are able to preserve, develop and promote their culture creates a space and a freedom that you can use.

During the 2012-13 financial year the initiation framework was conceptualised and approved. It has been translated and it is now available in the three official languages of the Western Cape, and in addition it has also been translated into Sesotho.

At the end of May 2013 the department will, in partnership with the Department of Health, host an Initiation Summit. At that event we will embark on expanding our work beyond health and facilitation aspects and enter into a dialogue with communities in order to better appreciate this cultural practice. We expect to learn how best we as government can support the preservation of this important rite of passage within the context of a dignified and safe environment for all.

The department will roll out training for using the National Anthem Toolkit, developed by the Arts and Culture component in collaboration with Lungile Jacobs and Voices of Cape Town.

The department has contributed to remembering the legacy of our jazz artists by commissioning the Jazz Legends mural in the Artscape theatre complex. We will launch the booklet about the artists depicted in the artwork against the background of their music as part of our Youth Month programme at Artscape during June 2013.

The annual Arts Week event will be held in the Cape Winelands during September 2013, and will promote cultural warmth as it will focus on diverse aspects of our culture, including a focus on rites of passage as a means of nation-building and promoting a sense of belonging.

Mr Speaker, I use this opportunity to announce that I will soon be launching the "My culture, Your culture, Our heritage" programme during the month of September. I do this because all the cultures must be respected in the Western Cape. This notion of Your Culture, My Culture must become our heritage in the Western Cape.

The budget for the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) for Cultural Affairs has been increased to R6,8 million in the 2013-14 financial year following the successful creation of 122 work opportunities throughout the Western Cape in the current financial year.

The budgetary increase in the new financial year will provide 170 full-time meaningful work opportunities in a wide range of programmes, from culture and heritage tourism projects at affiliated museums to maintenance of infrastructure at cultural and heritage institutions, to digitisation of archival and heritage records.

My department has seen and experienced the power and potential of the arts as a unifying force within communities. We must take advantage of the many opportunities available to us. Our objective is to create socially just and inclusive communities in which all individuals have the opportunity to develop their talents and use them to make a productive contribution to society.

Mr Speaker, R104,9 million is allocated to Sport and Recreation in this department. The innovative MOD Sport Centres Programme will continue to be the foundation of our After-School Programme.

The beneficial impact of these MOD Centres was recently captured in a storytelling competition about the value of sport and development in communities. The competition was initiated in partnership with the Interdisciplinary Centre of Excellence for Sport Science and Development at the University of the Western Cape as part of a major research study entitled "The Case for Sport in the Western Cape: The Socioeconomic Benefits of Sport and Recreation".

The focus of the competition was on the positive impact of sport and recreation in various communities all over the province, in rural and in urban areas. After an invitation was widely distributed, we received stories from primary and secondary schools, university students and MOD Centres across the Western Cape.

Two MOD Centre participants submitted stories that were in the Top 10: Nicole Barends from White City in Saldanha and Nosipho Engelbrecht from Esselenpark High School in Worcester.

Nosipho Engelbrecht wrote, and I quote:

In Worcester at the moment there is so much gang violence that people are not even shocked anymore when they find a dead body lying on the pavement, because it has become a common thing. These young gangsters have so much anger inside them. If only they could use that anger in a good way. Just imagine if they could express that anger through kicking a ball; no goalkeeper would be able to catch that ball. If they could dodge rugby players on the field like they dodge bullets, they would score tries and not even the scoreboard would be able to keep up with the team. Legends would be born and crime buried. It would be so great if gangsters could solve problems with a rugby match. No one would be killed but the winning team would earn their respect. I could already picture it – the JCYs vs Outlaws. The crime rate would rapidly decrease and the youth would have a brighter future to concentrate on.

Everything starts with a dream and through hard work and determination. That dream could be turned into a reality. A child in sport is a child out of court. That is the dream and us (the youth) can make it possible.

That is the story of Nosipho.

Another story is by Nicole Barends. She writes this about the MOD Centres, and I quote:

Sport and recreation can help my community especially the youth to start believing in themselves and in their talents. With their programmes they can bring back positive influences to change the behaviour of disbelief in my community. My community, Saldanha on the West Coast, is a very beautiful place with lots of talented people and tourist attractions. Sadly we are struggling with a lot of social problems like drug abuse, teenage pregnancy, alcoholism and a lack of entertainment for the youth.

Since the start of the sport and recreation programme there has been a huge change in the behaviour of the youth. They started believing in themselves again and the message has been sent out that anything is possible if you just believe in yourself no matter what your circumstances are.

Sports and recreation also helped a lot of the youth who never participated in any activities before. They started living a healthier lifestyle and started to act as role models in the community. Many of them, who never communicated with each other before, have learned to bond and work as a team.

For myself, sport and recreation really gave me more self-confidence, because I'm not really a social person.

I love dancing and acting, but I've never shown my full potential, because I am a very shy person. Through the sport programme I practise daily and built up a lot of confidence to perform in front of a lot of people.

I have a friend who had a drug addiction for almost four months now, but after I invited her to join me for a sporting activity one day, she enjoyed it so much that she built enough trust in one of the sport and recreation co-ordinators to share her story of drug abuse. They told her and gave her advice on how she should deal with this. The attention she received made her become a different person. She has been away from drugs for almost 2 months.

Mr Speaker, these are the stories of children in the MOD Centres.

*The PREMIER: Good.

†The MINISTER: Mr Speaker, well-resourced and well-managed MOD Centres impact positively on communities and the youth enjoy freedom they can use. The department will give the MOD Centre programme an additional boost of R22 million over the 2013 Medium Term Expenditure Framework to provide more after-school sport, recreation, life skills programmes for school-going youth and dedicated facilities for them to complete their school homework.

The product offering at these MOD Centres has been reviewed and greater emphasis will be placed on variety and quality as a means of increasing participation.

The partnership with sister departments such as the Department of Social Development, the Western Cape Education Department, the Department of Health and the Department of Community Safety, including Chrysalis, will be further strengthened and leveraged to enrich the MOD Centre experience for our learners. In the coming financial year, we will strengthen 32 of the Western Cape's best performing MOD Centres with additional staff.

*The PREMIER: Good.

†The MINISTER: Mr Speaker, last year this time, on 26 March, I announced a “chess revolution” in the House.

The following highlights are worth noting:

- Last year, on 21 March, Human Rights Day, we had a visit from former Grandmaster, Gary Kasparov to Khayelitsha, who played at OR Tambo against 26 of our chess players in the Western Cape.
- Over 2 000 young chess players participated in the SA Chess Championships at the University of Cape Town in December 2012.
- Dantelle Joubert winning a sport bursary for chess following her outstanding performance at the 2012 National Top School Championships.

Of course, a major highlight is South Africa’s first Grandmaster-Elect, Kenny Solomon. Kenny is my special guest today.

The PREMIER: Hear, hear! [Applause.]

The MINISTER: Thank you Kenny. He flew all the way from Italy to be here in the House today. He is accompanied by Andre Baard, sitting immediately next to him. He is the Managing Director of SA Bunking & Trading which has generously sponsored Kenny’s efforts over the last four years.

*The PREMIER: Good.

†The MINISTER: Kenny was born in Mitchells Plain in 1979. In 1999, at the age of 19, he won the SA Open Championships in Cape Town and has since won the prestigious competition four times. He has represented South Africa at every Chess Olympiad since 1998. He tied for first place at the Dover International tournament in Italy, becoming the first South African to do so.

He became the SA Closed Champion in 2003. In the same year he came 2nd in the African Individual Championships in 2003 and received International Master status. In 2012, he scored two Grandmaster norms at the Olympiad in Turkey and thus became South Africa’s first ever Grandmaster-Elect.[Applause.]

At a local level he has represented his club, Mitchells Plain, and the club has won the Western Province League. He has played Board One for Western Province at the Inter-Union Championships on numerous occasions and Western Province won the event for 10 consecutive years. We also have present in the House the President of the Western Province Chess Confederation. Thank you for joining us here today.

Kenny is a symbol of what can be achieved. He has shown that South Africans from Mitchells Plain, Cape Town, can compete with the best in the world.

An HON MEMBER: Hear, hear!

The MINISTER: From the soil of Mitchells Plain, Kenny Solomon received freedom and Kenny Solomon used that freedom. Thanks to you, Kenny, and your family – your father, your mother and your brothers.

Mr Speaker, chess teaches us personal responsibility and consequences for individual choices. It is well-documented that chess does have a positive influence on your maths and science ability at school. It is also well-documented that our economy needs a workforce that has the necessary science and maths competencies that will ensure that we are able to compete effectively in the rest of the world.

The success of the chess revolution over the past year will be given further impetus in 2013. Kenny Solomon will give a demonstration in his home town, Mitchells Plain, tomorrow. The next day he will be delivering a lecture at the University of the Western Cape. During his visit to Cape Town, Kenny will also be at the Western Province High Performance Training Camp where he will be presenting a lecture to 50 players who will represent Western Province at the SA Junior Closed Championships.

It is our intention to over the next few months to install chess sets in public open spaces such as the Sea Point Promenade, the Waterfront as well as in many museums.

Mr Speaker, chess is more than just a game. It remains one of the cheapest options that we have to equip our youth with life-changing skills, while at the same time enhancing maths and science and their ability to prosper and make a meaningful contribution to society. Last year I announced a chess revolution and we are seeing the fruits of this revolution.

Today I am announcing another revolution. Today I announce a “netball revolution” in the Western Cape. This will be driven through increased and accelerated support to netball federations through our club development, MOD Centres and farm worker sport programmes. We are going to see netball on a big scale in the province.

Fifty netball clubs are currently part of the club development programme and this number will significantly increase in the next financial year. I am happy that the presidents of the federations are here so that they can hear my determination to start the netball revolution in the Western Cape.

I will also be encouraging municipalities with the view of upgrading netball infrastructure in the regions. Our farm worker sport programme will also be ensuring that viable netball leagues are introduced as part of our farm worker sport initiative.

Mr Speaker, netball is growing rapidly and the advent of professional netball will no doubt give further stimulus to this. I believe that through greater support we will be able to change the lives of many young girls in urban areas as well as in the rural parts of the Western Cape.

This budget takes cognisance of the fact that greater participation and access is only possible through the formation of effective partnerships to generate opportunity, enable redress, and ensure much improved, efficient, equitable and accessible service delivery.

It is further mindful that the rural regions of the Western Cape must receive a fair share of the opportunities that the province has to offer.

For the 2013-14 financial year the budget will be providing an amount of R1,73 million for eight municipalities to implement a total of 11 sport projects. These municipalities are: Berg River, Prince Albert, Cape Winelands, Overstrand, Oudtshoorn, Langeberg, Swartland and Cederberg. The projects include a cricket pitch, netball fields, BMX tracks, extension of a gymnasium, rugby and football fields and an athletic track. An amount of R100 000 has also been made available for a feasibility study for a cycling track in Oudtshoorn. This is in response to a request that we received from SWD Cycling that consideration be given for the development of a competition track in Oudtshoorn.

*Mr Speaker, Last year, I was privileged to see how children of the SWD Cycling Federation practised on a gravel track. Those cyclists have excelled nationally, and I was sad to see that cyclists have to practise on a gravel track while our national colleagues compete on a proper cycle track. For that reason, I am determined that we establish a professional cycle track in Oudtshoorn.

†SWD Cycling is currently the top cycling federation in South Africa and has been pivotal in growing the sport in the greater Oudtshoorn area. The good work being done in the SWD region is being recognised and supported by my department with the inclusion of cycling as one of the codes offered by the recently-established Sport Academy based in Oudtshoorn. SWD Cycling is represented here today by its President, Corné Bence, who is sitting upstairs.

Mr Speaker, our partnership with the Nedbank Sports Trust Development Cycling Programme has resulted in kits and bicycles being donated to 165 learners who were also given the opportunity to participate in the recently held Pick 'n Pay Argus Cycle Tour which is represented here today by Mr Dave Bellairs, CEO and chief organiser of the Tour.

Our collective congratulations go to him and the sponsors for once again delivering a spectacular event. The Pick 'n Pay Argus Cycle Tour is the single biggest timed cycle race in the world. Participants come from across the globe to participate and enjoy the spectacular views along the route. We are indeed grateful to the organisers and for their contribution to sport tourism in the Western Cape.

A highlight of the partnership between my department and the Nedbank Sports Trust Development Cycling programme has been the sterling performance of Eben Dearling from De Doorns Development Club who completed the 109 km race in an unofficial time of 3 hours and 8 minutes. This is a truly remarkable achievement and I look forward to similar performances from development cyclists in the near future.

Mr Speaker, I am extremely happy and excited to also announce that the Nedbank Sports Trust, together with Pareto Limited, owners of the Tygervalley Shopping Centre, built the first multipurpose sport courts in the Western Cape. This facility is located at Dr Richard van der Ross Primary School in Belhar; we opened it last week. We are also running a MOD Centre at Dr Richard van der Ross Primary School.

*Mr Speaker, in the Western Cape we write new history daily, and in that way we are healing the wounds of the past.

With the recent publication, *Karoo Kombuis* by Sydda Essop of Beaufort-West, she paints the Karoo with cultural warmth. With her book she creates hope for the people of the Karoo, and she succeeds in promoting inclusiveness by providing us with Karoo recipes of all cultures.

Sydda Essop's book, *Karoo Kombuis*, shares the warmth of our cultural diversity and in that way she brings our Karoo people closer together. Recently, in February this year, she was rewarded with a ministerial award for the promotion of social inclusivity. We have the book *Karoo Kombuis* here. Mr Speaker, you can feel free to taste our foods out of the Karoo.

In the same way my friend, Floris Brown, creates hope with the publication of *Teater van die Verlore Tyd*. Floris Brown, a prize-winning poet, brings different people from various language, cultural and ethnic groups together and they talk to each other emotionally about the environment. This volume of poetry succeeds in bringing Afrikaans, English, isiXhosa and Dutch closer together because it contains the art of poetry of different language groups. Young isiXhosa speaking poets share the platform with Afrikaanspoets that narrows the gaps. With his poem, *Suid-Afrika: Ons Land*, Floris Brown creates hope for the people in South Africa.

In another publication, *The Wellington se Klopse*, Dr Michael le Cordeur and Marlene le Roux portray the rich history of the people of Wellington.

Under the editorship of Ria Olivier, the publication creates cultural reform and introduces a unique practice to other cultures.

The Wellington se Klopse: 'n 100 jaar se onverdeelde stories highlights the musical tradition which, after more than 100 years still succeeds in inspiring young people to use this platform to bring their musical talent to fruition. Mr Speaker, you should really buy this book for the Parliamentary Library!

Our heritage is our future, and therefore this government is also investing in the heritage of Khayelitsha. We are soon going to portray the heritage of Khayelitsha in an exhibition by the Khayelitsha Museum Group. We are planning to have the exhibition later in this financial year.

Mr Speaker, I also give notice that I have instructed my department to conduct research into Atlantis, to document it and establish a cultural heritage asset. Together with the people of Atlantis we are going to document untold stories through inclusivity. It is the role of local community leaders to give hope and to inspire. The library is waiting for the story and successes of the people of Atlantis.

Mr Speaker, the Western Cape is making peace with its past. Thus the Bredevallei Hope and Reconciliation Project undertook a peace journey from Worcester to the Pretoria Central Prison last year to meet Stefaans Coetzee, die bomb planter of 1989. Stefaans asked for forgiveness, and many of the victims forgave him. In this way the residents of Worcester are succeeding to find closure and to approach the future with good hope.

The Western Cape government would like to express its sincere thanks to the Bredevallei Hope and Reconciliation Project and the Bredevallei Municipality for their leadership to heal our wounds and to bring about true reconciliation.

I appeal to the people of the Breedevallei to document the success story together with Corrective Services so that we can all read the narratives of hope later.

†Mr Speaker, there were two sport events in 2012 that demonstrated the power of sport to build social inclusion. Who can forget the heroic performances of our Western Cape and South African Paralympic Gold Medallists Arnu Fourie, Ilse Hayes, Fanie van der Merwe and Charles Bouwer. These four Paralympic athletes won gold at London 2012.

*The PREMIER: Nice.

*The MINISTER: Hon Premier thought it fitting to put up those photos of the four paralympic athletes who obtained gold at the London 2012 permanently in her media room, because, as she says, “In this province we honour real heroes”, and these four gold medallists are the real heroes.

The PREMIER: Hear, hear!

The MINISTER: Mr Speaker, a second event that brought us great joy here in the Western Cape was the rugby team of the Western Province, which, after more than a decade, broke the drought in the Western Cape by bringing the Currie Cup to the Cape. The President of Western Cape Rugby, Mr Thelo Wakefield, is also my guest here in the House today.

The PREMIER: Hear, hear!

The MINISTER: Thank you Mr President; you have broken the drought! [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] ...Brumbies.

The MINISTER: We won't talk about the Brumbies. [Interjections.] We are waiting for Saturday!

*The PREMIER: No, it's the Crusaders!

†The MINISTER: Mr Speaker, 2012 started off with a nightmarish experience for Western Province Rugby. The teams lost its captain, Schalk Burger, and a number of key players due to injury. The departure of senior Springbok player, Jaque Fourie, added to their woes.

However, the rest of the team showed firm resolve and fought courageously to win the Currie Cup for the first time in 11 years. We are honoured and happy to have the President of Western Province Rugby, Mr Thelo Wakefield, here in the House today.

Both these events galvanised ordinary South Africans to rally around that which unites us – our common identity, our common nationhood and our love for our country.

Mr Speaker, in conclusion, I wish to thank the Head of Department, Mr Brent Walters, and his senior managers for their leadership and commitment to improving the lives of people in the Western Cape. As I thank them, I also thank them for their contribution they make to South Africa because they never have the narrow focus of the Western Cape only; they always have the focus of South Africa first, and that's why I want to thank them. They have done outstanding work in the library domain nationally, and they have done outstanding work in the sports domain nationally.

Recently when the National Planning Commission visited the Western Cape, the Western Cape offered three projects as pilot projects for the National Development Plan. One such project piloted by this department is the Comprehensive After-School Programme. I want to thank them for their leadership in that particular regard.

I also want to pay special thanks to my adviser, Adv Estienne Pretorius, the Head of my Ministry, and all my ministerial staff.

Mr Speaker, I wish to express special thanks to the Premier for her leadership in the Cabinet and my Cabinet colleagues for their guidance, as I am delivering this budget on the strength of the support that I receive in the Cabinet.

I extend a special word of thanks also to my wife Faeza, my sons Ivan and William and my father and my mother for their undying support and generosity in allowing me the space to serve the inhabitants of the Western Cape. I want to thank my father in particular – when I am not there he gives my son a hiding! Thank you. Please continue; you are doing good work. [Interjections.] Thank you for disciplining my children, not with a stick, but with values from the Meyer family.

*The PREMIER: Good.

†The MINISTER: Thank you for instructing us yesterday to go to church, together with you – the full house. Those are the values of my father.

Mr Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to table in the House the budget of the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport for 2013 in the amount of R445,3 million. [Applause.]

†Mr M G E WILEY: Mr Speaker, I willingly follow on our revolutionary Minister. I thank him for his positive words and also the very solid work that he and his department are doing. I also want to add my best wishes to Oom Piet in the guest box at the back there. Oom Piet, it is very good to see you again.

I would like to also use the analogy, or the example, that the Minister has used regarding his special guest, Mr Kenny Solomon, on the ground that he makes use of his opportunities. He was given an opportunity, he has taken it with both hands and he has risen above any adversity to become the best of his kind in the world. That is an example for all of us to follow.

I want to juxtapose that, to a certain extent, with an event that I hosted – and funded by this Parliament – commemorating Human Rights Day on Saturday. We did it down at Kalk Bay Harbour on the beach. The event organiser was The Haven Night Shelter.

The Haven Night Shelters, as you well know, are shelters for people who are down in life, have fallen through the cracks maybe, or been in most unfortunate circumstances, and they just need a roof over their heads. As part of the programme we asked for a youth band called Isivunguvungu to come and play. Isivunguvungu youth band was started under the auspices of the Navy. Commander Mike Oldham, a former bandmaster in the Navy, has now for the last seven years coached this very successful youth band. They are youngsters that have made use of their opportunities and they have done exceptionally well.

But tragically, while I was looking at the venue in preparation for the event to start, I walked down onto the beach and there was a catamaran that had washed up on the shore. I heard that it had become a bit of a vice problem, so I climbed on board this catamaran. There were 20 people housed inside this catamaran – young girls, prostitutes, and there were obviously people there that were dealing in drugs and netherworlds. That is an example of people who either have never been given an opportunity or, alternatively, who maybe had an opportunity and just ignored it.

Mr Speaker, the standing committee supports budget Vote 13 in the amount of R445,3 million. The committee deliberated the matter and raised certain issues which I will now address, and I use it under the theme of, “A national crisis in governance versus civil society volunteers”, because of all the departments, this department is one that relies on volunteers to a large extent.

The delay in the finalisation of the national museum policy is having – and will continue to have – an impact on the department and its work. Several of its objectives for the year are predicated on the policy being in place. Given the rich heritage that is part and parcel of the Western Cape, it is imperative that direction and clarity regarding the national policy, and by implication therefore the provincial policy, be given to ensure that the weaknesses in the system are countered and that opportunities are not lost, and also to prevent opportunists from hijacking our history because of this uncertainty. This loss can be literal, and recent thefts from Iziko Museums due to inadequate security systems are testimony to that.

I am told that crisis is systemic within Sahra. I understand that Sahra had the indignity of being dismissed from its portfolio committee, as was Pan SALB, the Pan South African Language Board this last week for poor performance and poor reporting.

Critically, many of our rarest and most diverse assets are to be found in museums that civil society and other government spheres manage, often in conjunction with this department's support. These two need clarity and reassurance that their work can continue without the threat of economic starvation and other arbitrary action that may affect their future. This doesn't apply to this department which has done more than its fair share, and many of the announcements that were made today in the budget are supporting our museums and other cultural organisations.

Just such a scenario is playing out at the moment in my own area, Simon's Town Museum, where uncertainty about its future as far as governance is concerned is holding sway. I am constantly amazed at the enthusiasm, time and expertise that many of the volunteers give of their passion of preserving our history and its surviving assets and culture. All the museums that I visit, there is always a Friends of the Museum organisation or a Friends organisation of an aspect of the museum and they are all driven by volunteers.

The standing committee will visit some of these museums later this year. We look forward to a planned visit to a refurbished Diaz Museum in Mossel Bay, and also Agulhas and Bredasdorp museums.

However, the absence of this policy has not deterred the department, and it must be congratulated in declaring the old Cape Town City Hall a provincial heritage site. This remarkable old building is both an architectural gem, as well as a historical landmark, and every bit as recognisable as the Castle, Table Mountain and Cape Point. It is fitting that the department held a heritage and cultural awards evening in the City Hall.

What was also refreshingly significantly about this ceremony, as well as the later Provincial Sports Award dinner, was that they were organised in-house by the department, and used local talent both in performances and the manufacture of the trophies awarded. It was professionally executed and very cost-effective, unlike the millions the ANC spends on events of this kind – and they held many of them. I want to congratulate the department for that sterling performance.

Mr Speaker, I wish now to turn to another area of concern, not just for myself, but for many South Africans. Some years ago, the national Department of Sport boldly, and some would say recklessly, took it upon itself to run school sport. As is so often the case, the law of unattended consequences applies.

The move coincided with curriculum changes that saw physical education being downgraded to a token effort, where the vast majority of our pupils have gained no benefit other than weight and sedentary habits.

The national department has now recognised this crisis and made physical education compulsory, but the roll-out is again poorly researched, poorly resourced and poorly executed.

As a result of this, direct teacher involvement has largely withdrawn from physical education of the wellbeing of our pupils, either via physical education or certainly in extra-curricular school sport. Budgets have also been prioritised and the maintenance of existing sport facilities has taken a back seat.

It is not uncommon – and I sit on the standing committee on education, so I visit many schools – to find school sports fields uncut, unwatered dust bowls and sports halls used for anything but sport, and sports equipment rusting and vandalised. As a result, school sport is now a matter of concern for the province, as is the general health of our learners.

The department must use its influence to facilitate school sport maintenance. They don't have the ability to do the maintenance itself, but I think that they can play a role in facilitating workshops between the local authorities and the Education Department to ensure that the school sports facilities are made available for the use of their MOD Centres.

In this regard, the department must be congratulated for putting more emphasis on the MOD Centres. Therefore it is heartening to know that the MOD Centre project is being expanded and that in future Chrysalis graduates are to be trained as sports interns to help coach in these MOD Centres. In the past, Chrysalis graduates were the pioneer trainers on the Australian government-assisted sport Stepping Stone project located in Lavender Hill and run by the department.

That pilot project worked very well and initial results showed a sharp increase in pupil physical participation and school sport expansion.

Mr Speaker, similar success was achieved at Chrysalis with the training of all graduates to become Level 1 sports coaches in the hope that even though they may not get gainful employment, they could at least assist in youth development in their communities.

Covering some eight sports codes, thousands of Level 1 sports coaches were developed and significant impact was experienced in communities. However, as we start building towards the Rio Olympics in 2016, there are some very worrying signs that we are not on the right track.

As with the absence of a national framework policy for museums affecting the provinces and other role-players in that field, the same applies to an incoherent messaging from the national sports policy and role-players. Just this weekend Tubby Reddy, head of Sascoc, stated that those sports codes that do not demonstrate results in race and gender-based quotas, then those codes will not go to the Rio Olympics.

As I've already mentioned, our national policy, or the absence of it, directly affects everybody down the chain. I am deeply concerned that these sorts of pronouncements, just three years short of the Olympics, will simply see us not produce the results that the country yearns for. What it does do is to show the paucity of knowledge of our sports administrators into how champions are developed and the time and financial investment that is required.

Affirmative action in sport is a political directive, and as such has to have government financial backing in order to make it work.

Virtually every sport code in this country is initiated and driven by volunteers who plough in enormous amounts of time and own money into these sports. Invariably most volunteers are former practitioners of those sports, or are parents of children who participate. Most develop their skill and appetite for that sport initially at school.

If this base collapses, the pool of talent narrows and the chances of finding real winners increasingly limited. Hence the growing strength of major commercial sports, or being an administrator, is more about power, influence and money, than sport development. Witness the chaos in several major sports codes like soccer and cricket at the moment, where boardroom politics are often more in the headlines than the player on the field.

Other traditional sports codes, like athletics, are equally crippled by national boardroom battles, and it is only the athletes and their support structures, like clubs, that suffer. Everyone involved, especially at provincial level, is affected.

The current Sascoc drive to align provincial internal boundaries is a case in point, where one wonders how the diversion of energy can possibly help sport development other than delegates at congresses. These side-line activities play out events like sports awards where the real heroes of society, the athletes themselves and those people who are truly committed to development, get ignored.

Just this last week our Olympic champions in the coxed fours at the London Olympics were still without a sponsor, and some are effectively lost to the sport as a result. This is as much a national disaster as a national disgrace. No wonder we export so much sport talent to every point of the globe.

At the recent provincial sports awards it transpired that some codes do not even respond to requests from the department to submit candidates for recognition. I am personally aware of one current world champion and a national club champion side, who were simply ignored, presumably because their code was too hopeless to nominate them. To rub salt into the wound, these two examples are not only current champions, but have achieved their honours repeatedly in the last couple of years.

I know of a coach who, at her own cost, travels 30 km several times a week to Khayelitsha to train youngsters in her sports code. She pays for everything, from basic things like vests, shorts, shoes, specialist equipment and even sustenance. The uphill she gets from her own code administrators, not one of whom has trained a disadvantaged youth, could fill a book and Sascoc takes their side in the boardroom battles because those people happen to be from Gauteng and they don't want to pay transport costs for executives to come from other provinces.

One would have thought that the national department would address these massive underlying deficiencies, before trying to force an unworkable policy onto volunteers who do their work for the love of the sport.

We wish the department well for the next year.

*Ms J WITBOOI: Mr Speaker, thank you very much for the opportunity to participate in the debate on the Budget Vote.

The department's mandate extends over a very wide spectrum.

It includes art and culture, sport, recreation, language issues, and library, archive and museum services, as well as matters concerning heritage – all aspects that concern the people in the province to such an extent that they can either make it or break it.

This department also has the enormous task of establishing and maintaining interdepartmental togetherness to ensure the successful implementation of every conceivable programme. The chairperson of the standing committee mentioned the much discussed flagship programme in the province – the MOD programme – but I want to tell him that we have discussed it in the standing committee and that there are problems with the programme. I reckon it is a good programme – and I am convinced of it – but during our visits we did experience problems. [Interjections.]

Mr Speaker, sorry, I have to talk to you so that you can keep the Premier quiet when I am speaking, please! [Laughter.] The departments I am speaking about are the Departments of Education, Health, Social Development and Community Safety. It is those departments that, together with the Department of Cultural Affairs, can really bring those MOD Centres to great heights where they are supposed to be.

Local authorities can also not be excluded here; they also have a role to play. If even only one link in the whole chain shows a weakness, the project will die. We have seen it at a school in Lavender Hill where the stopping of food packages after school had an extremely adverse effect on the after-school programme.

In spite of this budget, if the Western Cape government is not serious about their own objectives to uplift the youth and offer opportunities to the youth of the province, they will remain objectives that are recorded only on wish lists, and visits to the MOD Centres will not convince anyone that this DA government wants to make the programme work.

Mr Speaker, in many cases the necessary facilities –and the chairperson of the standing committee also mentioned this –for example, the sports facilities are not as desired. Participating schools or sports organisations sometimes have to rent the facilities at the municipalities at unaffordable tariffs. Fences lie flat and the grass is uncut. These are small things, but are the types of things that cause people to eventually become discouraged. I am sure that our guests who are sitting here today, know about this and have experienced it in their efforts to uplift the communities. We want to see that the visits of the MEC to local authorities will produce results in this connection.

Mr Speaker, sport is what makes the distances between towns shrink on a Saturday. This is what makes the working, right-minded youth in our towns take money out and subsidise unemployed ones so that they can become involved. I often sit at the sports fields in the Matzikama district and feast my eyes on young people who are trying to do something with their lives in that way.

Nikolaas Fannies of Vredendal, 22years old, a young man who gave his life for cricket, was buried yesterday. He belonged to the Vineyards Cricket Club in Vredendal. On a Saturday, they had gone to play against the team called Sussex at Doringbaai in Lamberts Bay, because Doringbaai does not have a field.

On the way back, Llwellyn van Lingen had an accident with the vehicle in which the children were sitting. Nickolaas was paralysed and he later died in the hospital. This morning, when I spoke to Llwellyn I was very sad because I could hear the self-reproach in his voice. I heard heartsore and I heard a jumble of emotions – and he would of course feel that way. I want to ask everyone in the House today to think of these children who choose not to use tik on a Saturday afternoon or to surrender themselves to alcohol and drugs, but to go and play sport, even if it means the cost of hiring a bakkie from Vredendal to Lambertsbaai.

Mr Speaker, in the standing committee it was agreed that sport will be prioritised on our working programme as a component of the department. There are many grey areas and all too often we have to hear and listen how those involved blame each other for all kinds of actions, communication gaps and exclusions from funding. I don't say it's the truth, but today I want to say that it cannot go on in this way. Somewhere we will have to put a stop to it, and somewhere something will have to be done in the standing committee – and I will play my part in that standing committee – so that we can find out the ins and outs of things.

The MEC must also play his part in this. I dare to say today that MEC Meyer must apply his political will to get sport healthy in the province – it isn't healthy.

The MOD Centres that are supported by the department were 247 in the 2009-10 financial year; in the 2011-12 financial year they became 106; and today they are 99. I don't have the knowledge and the tenancy and all those things about the whys and wherefores, but if we set it as a priority and want to make this programme the flagship programme, the number must not decline; it must increase. That's what my head tells me.

Mr Speaker, MEC Meyer must again commit himself to the programme today in the House – he has done it, but he will have to do it in a way that I can also believe him. It is the only programme that is capable of involving our young people in a way that they will develop into responsible young people.

The Premier boasts about how much they do for the young people in the province. I want to ask her and MEC Meyer today to do less blindfolding. MEC Meyer must please realise that he, and he alone, is the political head of this department. He must not allow his colleagues to undermine him in such a way that the young people suffer because of it. That is why I'm speaking about these food packages that have been stopped. And sometimes it's the teachers at the school who do not play their part. The buses leave when the children want to stay behind to attend the MOD programme, which is a healthy programme. The buses do not wait for the children; that's what I am speaking about.

The MEC must sit with his colleagues in Education, Social Development and the community and reply to the question. Why is it that less than a third of the learners at a school take part in the MOD programme? We cannot say in the House that the programme is brilliant. We must ask where the other two-thirds of the children are. We must get them to join in.

Mr Speaker, this department must establish community involvement as a prerequisite to the successful implementation of any programme. Library services, the other major beneficiary in this budget, besides the MOD programme, are an aspect that requires much attention.

We take cognisance of the fact that the MEC mentioned that he will personally see to it that the libraries will be open, and that staff will be available when members of the community want to use the facilities. It is especially the literacy programmes that must be monitored. Knowledge is power, and to have the ability to communicate, opens worlds. All of us in this House know this. It's the way we all came to be where we are today.

This brings me to multilingualism: an aspect where the department also has a big role to play. No fault can be found with attempts being made to promote indigenous languages. As a matter of fact, I regret it today that my grandmother, Grandmother Anna, on my father's side did not leave us more knowledge for understanding a language, because to us as children, it felt foreign to our ears. We could not always understand what our grandmother said, and today I regret that I did not listen more attentively and had not asked her to come in. I was one of the inquisitive grandchildren – there were a few of us. We have all got somewhere. I should have asked her what she meant with certain words. I cannot remember the words. However, the language together with grandmother and many others, died a peaceful death.

I sat here earlier during the speech of my colleague, hon Magaxa, next to me. He, or someone else, had stood up and said that the Premier had said this and that.

I was powerless, because I couldn't understand the language. I heard what the Minister had said. I think we must seriously do something about understanding one another. We must understand one another and we must understand the languages. This department must come forward concerning this. It's the future. Minister, we cannot get away from it – it's the future. If one has mastered three languages, one will get work in the future, instead of one who can hardly express himself in one language. That's the story here. I don't want the Premier always to be the only person who casts languages around here by saying this or that, because we don't believe her anyway. [Laughter.]

Mr Speaker, the ANC is awaiting the travelling exhibition in a childish way. Do you know how one awaits something childish? One is excited: one cannot wait for something to happen. Do you know what the department must do and what the MEC must see to? It is that public participation in this programme must be properly applied. I am childishly excited, because this exhibition contains two very important aspects – the Constitution and the history of slavery.

Grandmother is dead and my father is dead. I have asked my mother who, how and what? She will still enlighten us on the little she knows, but I know that somewhere, a long time ago in the past, also is a history of the slaves. Everyone knows the story of Ebenhaezer. We are still suffering from it.

Mr Speaker, if the MEC would only listen. I want to ask him not to run all over the place now. He must give attention to these exhibitions, because it will give him an opportunity to get a healing process going in this province, which we all need. We are still suffering continually.

Earlier in the debate on housing, hon Geyer said that for the past few days he has had to sit listening to the ANC's accusations – and I waited for Oom Bokkie to say the calamities – about what had gone wrong in the past. Mr Speaker, through you I want to ask hon Geyer – before he again says I must speak via the Chair – whether he thinks for one moment that the things that were done in the past can just be swept under the carpet.

One needs programmes, and one of the programmes is exactly this one that I plead hon Meyer to make the community form part of.

Mr Speaker, arts and culture organisations in the Western Cape that are dependent on funding, are increasing yearly. It is disappointing to see that the number of organised projects that aim to promote art and culture, has declined. In the standing committee we raised the question: what becomes of art and culture organisations that apply to the department and are not successful? We know that there are other funding organisations out there, but this department speaks of poverty relief, so I reckon that we must set up a programme also to be able to help them some time or another. Maybe among those who are turned away, there is someone who has a plan to promote his or her own economic empowerment.

Special attention can be given to deserving cases. I sometimes listen to *Radio sonder grense*. On Fridays there is a programme I try never to miss. It is the programme of Antoinette Pienaar from somewhere. She has an Oom Johannes. [Interjections.] Yes, somewhere around there. You could hear that Antoinette must have heard from somewhere about the things she spoke about. Oom Johannes taught her. She admitted it. Come, let me tell Minister Ivan Meyer today that there are many Oom Johanneses out there somewhere.

Mr Speaker, the MEC says today that every one of us have a role to play in pulling the wagon forward. I agree, but I would like to warn him today, just as there are so many people in the province, there are so many levels of talent. One person can write a story; another one can tell it in a way that is best for him or her. Some can conjure up chords from a musical instrument; and others can only join in with the music being played, by tapping their feet and moving their bodies. Other people are heroes on the rugby, soccer and cricket fields, while others just sit there from one Saturday to the next to support them. Each one has a role to play.

Minister, I cannot understand when you speak about the real heroes. All people are heroes in the game of cultural affairs and sport. Let everyone feel like a hero! I am going to play my part but, Minister, I will tell you straight if I don't agree with you, and I will call you to order. [Time expired.]

Mnu M NCEDANA: Somlomo, enyanisweni eli sebe, lisebe okanye eli qumrhu, liqumrhu elibaluleke kakhulu apha kulo rhulumente ngoba lijongene nenkcubeko yethu nenkolo yethu nembali yethu. Into ebaluleke kakhulu ke yeyokuba kule nkcubeko yethu nenkolo yethu ziintoni na ezenziwa leli sebe ukuqinisekisa ukuba ziyaphumelela. Ndingatsho ndithi ukuza kuthi ga ngoku noko ndingangqina ukuba noko umsebenzi owenziwayo ubonakala ngongathi ungasisa phambili neli qumrhu, hleze kuthi kanti intloko yalo le iphetheyo iNtloko yeSebe yenza umsebenzi omhle kakhulu okanye nguwe ke Mphathiswa usebenzisana nayo kakuhle.

Into nje encinci endinomdla wokuba ndiyibhalise ezingqondweni icace yeyokuba kulo mbandela udibene neenkcubeko zabantu kufuneka ziphakanyiswe zonke ngokulinganayo. Kukhona ukucinezelwa kwenkcubeko nenkolo yakwantu. Ngolu hlobo le ntokuba ungaza nangoku apha endlwini Somlomo, xa sifika apha endlwini mna mntu ndikholelwa kumanyange asekhaya ooJambase, ooLisa, ooMsuthu, ooNomtholo, ooXazo, ooHlangomzoweni. Xa ndithandaza ndinqula bona kodwa xa ndikule Ndlu ndiyanyanzeliswa intokuba mandithathe inkolo engeyoyam kodwa umgaqo weli lizwe ube usithi wona iinkolo zawuthi zihlonitshwe zonke ngokulinganayo.

Le Ndlu uba nguwe ke Mphathiswa ofanele ukuqinisekisa ukuba le nto iyalungiswa. Noba le Ndlu iya kuthi xa ithandaza kuthwe umntu ngamnye makazithandazele mayijongwe loo nto ngoba le Ndlu ihlukumeza umgaqo-siseko weli lizwe.

Okwesibini ngulo mcimbi udibene namasiko nezithethe, eli sebe ndiyeva ukuba liyakhuthaza kodwa kufaneleke ukuba lithathe elinye inyathelo elithe qabavu ukuqinisekisa intokuba ukukhuthaza amasiko aba bantu bazibiza ngokuba – nendibahloniphe kakhulu – ziiKhooisan. Icinezelwe yaphela le nkolo yaba bantu. Ndithe xa bendimamele unomathotholo kwezi ntsuku ziphelileyo babe besithi bangade kuthi kanti abasalwazi nolwimi lwabo ukulifumana ncakasana ngoba lacinezelwa lapheliswa ngenxa yocalucalulo. Eli Sebe malithathe uxanduva ukuqinisekisa ukuba siyasebenzisana naba bantu ngoba yimvelaphi yabo leyo singazami ukuphelisa imvelaphi yabantu khonukuze imbali yethu ibe igqibelele hayi ukuba sifundiswa ngoJan Van Riebeeck noHertzog kuphela, sifundiswe nangaba bantu baphuma kulo mhlaba wakuthi.

Imali ethe yabekelwa kakhulu aba masipala balishumi elinesihlanu kuthwa ngooMasipala ooB.

Ndicinga ukuba izakunceda kakhulu, into nje Mphathiswa, Somlomo ekufuneka siyilungisile yinto yokuba la mathala eencwadi kuyafumaniseka intokuba nangona asebenza avulwa afikelela nakubantu abasemaphandleni ngoku kodwa amaxesha la okusebenza kwawo abanayo iingxakanyana, bathi abantwana ngoku la mathala eencwadi akhoyo bangakwazi ukufikelela kuwo ngenxa yokuba, umz. uba eli thala leencwadi isikolo alinaso umntwana uyaphuma kufuneka esebenzise into ekhwelwayo efana nebhasi, akakwazi ke ngoku ukufumana olu lwazi aludingayo khonukuze enze umsebenzi wasekhaya ngoba uzalwa ngumzali ofana nam ongafundanga ongazukwazi ke ngoku ukumncedisa pha endlwini ukuze akwazi ukwenza umsebenzi ekhaya wesikolo. Itsho ibe ngathi aba bantwana bayasilela ngalo lonke ixesha kanti lixesha eli elikhoyo. Lilonke la mathala eencwadi kufuneka asondele nakwezindawo okanye kubekho indlela eyenziwayo apho khona kuzawuthi mhleze xa kuphuma isikolo babekelwe iyure okanye iiyure ezimbini ukuze baze kufikela kula mathala eencwadi bazokwazi ukwenza umsebenzi ekhaya abawunikwe esikolweni.

Okokugqibela yile yezikolo nezemidlalo ezikolweni, lo msebenzi mhle kodwa ke okokuqala umhle nje kuyabonakala ukuba kusekho ingxaki enkulu, ingxaki enkulu ngamabala okudlalela. Aba bantwana bayazama ukudlala kwezi zikolo, izikolo zethu okanye izikolo zabantu abahluphekileyo azinawo amabala okudlalela nangona iiyadi zakhona zinkulu kubonakala ukuba amabala afanele ukuba khona. Itsho le nto ke ngoku izise eli soloty belithethwa ngumama uWitbooi apha lokusidibanisa kwalamasebe, eli loPhuhliso loLuntu kwakunye neli lezeMfundo. Apho khona kufuneka zisebenzisane ukwenzela ukuba uhlahlo lwabiwo-mali luchithwe ngendlela apho khona iSebe lezeMidlalo xa lifuna ukukhulisa iqondo lokudlala ezikolweni isebe lezeMfundo abenohlalo lwabiwo-mali alufakayo ukuqinisekisa ukuba intokokuba le ntloso iqhutywa lisebe lezeMidlalo alithi eli sebe xa lifika pha yoPhuhliso loLuntu okanye yezeMidlalo ifike iSebe lezeMfundo lingayazi noba makwenze ntoni ngoba ayizokumila ngolo hlobo.

[Translation of isiXhosa paragraphs follows.]

[Mr M NCEDANA: Speaker, it is a fact that this department, it is a department or an entity which is very important in this government because it is focusing on our culture, our religious beliefs and our history. What is most important is that we must know what this department is doing about our culture and religion. I can say that up to now I can attest that at least the work done shows that we can go forward with this entity, it may happen that the Head of Department is doing a good job or either the Minister is working well with the head.]

As small I am interested to register in the minds clearly in this matter concerning our cultures is that they must be promoted equally. There is a suppression of the cultures and religion. That can be seen when one comes to this House, Speaker, as a person who believes in my ancestor the Jambases, Lisas, Msuthus, Nomtholos, Xazos, Hlangomzowenis I feel suppressed. When I pray I worship them, but when I am in this House I am forced to use the religion which is not mine, although the Constitution of this country says that all the religions should be treated equally. In this House it is the Minister who has to ensure that this is corrected. I think this House should look at the issue of asking an individual to pray for themselves as I feel that this House is against the Constitution of this country.

Secondly, I want to speak about the issue of cultures and traditions.

We hear that this department is encouraging them but they must devise another means to ensure that the cultures of everyone are promoted, including those of the people who call themselves – those you respect very much – the Khoisans. The religion of these people is very much suppressed. When I was listening to the radio during the past few days, these people were claiming that they do not know their language because they were not able to get it from their forefathers as it was suppressed long ago during apartheid. This department must take responsibility to ensure that we work together with these people because we are talking about their origins and we must ensure that we do not destroy their origins so that even our history does not disappear, and we do not only get what we were taught by Jan Van Riebeeck and Hertzog, we must learn about our history from our own people.

There is a lot of money which has been allocated to the 15 municipalities which are known as B Municipalities. I think that will assist very much, but one thing the Minister must correct, Speaker, is that although the libraries are accessible to even the people in rural areas it is clear that the working hours there are a problem. The learners are having a problem with these libraries because by the time they come from school the libraries are already closed. For example, sometimes they have to take public transport to get there earlier, failing which it means that they will not be able to do their homework because even their parents cannot assist them as they themselves are illiterate or semi-literate. That makes these learners to appear as if they are incapable of doing school work. All in all, these libraries should be brought closer to the poor so that the learners from these areas can access them easily after school or if that does not happen they be given an extra hour in order to complete the school work.

Lastly, I want to speak about schools and sports. This is good work one thing for sure but it is clear that there is still a big problem. This big problem is that of a sport field. These learners are trying to play sports in these schools. Our schools or schools for poor people do not have sport fields although the yards are there and the fields are supposed to be built.

This brings me to what was said by mama Witbooi about the amalgamation of these departments, the one of Social Department and that of Education, where we need to work together so that the budget is spent properly and whereby when the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sports want to grow the rate of sports in schools the Department of Education be given a budget to ensure that the objectives of the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport are achieved.]

†Ms J L HARTNICK: Mr Speaker, the DA welcomes the R445,3 million allocated to the budget of the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport. We support this allocation as the department's vision is to create a socially inclusive, creative and active Western Cape and therefore creating an open opportunity society for all.

With this budget, this department is to provide for and promote arts and culture, museums, heritage, multilingualism, library and archive services and programmes, sport and recreation to accelerate growth in a sustainable manner for the benefit of all the people of the Western Cape. The challenge for the government is to build a cohesive Western Cape community by creating opportunities for all to unite and fully participate in the society at large. Cultural Affairs and Sport is a tool that can be used to assist with the building of this united and cohesive Western Cape community.

Mr Speaker, of significant importance is the R188 million allocated towards enhancing the province's 351 library service points. Knowledge must be celebrated and the pivotal role of libraries must be promoted as they do indeed empower the people, thus providing the space for creating a province filled with fit for purpose individuals who can value their lives as they are equipped with freedom they can use.

Library and archives remain an important area of work to ensure that we increase social inclusion; improve literacy levels, especially with our youth; provide access to archival heritage; and advocate for proper management and care of public records of provincial significance.

In this regard, the department will procure and provide library material to public libraries to promote a culture of reading; promote library usage through promotional programmes; extend the rural library service programme to three underserved areas as part of conditional grant funding; provide free access to information and communications technology in public library sites; provide training to public libraries; provide funding for the building of new library facilities; transfer funding to municipalities for the provision of adequate staff from conditional grant funding, amongst others.

Mr Speaker, we find ourselves in a space where the youth is considered a problem which must be managed, a time in which young people are being treated as youth at risk or with the potential to become so. This is not the way in which we should perceive our youth. Our youth or, as we sometimes call them, youngsters are resources that ought to be developed and this development should be characterised by positive promotion thereof.

The open opportunity society model should provide the youth with tools and an enabling environment for them to thrive and prosper. It is for these very reasons that I am pleased as well as heartened by the promotion of library services by the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport as libraries play an important role in the empowerment of communities as well as positive youth development.

I commend the Minister and his department for this, especially for promoting the culture of reading in the rural areas of the Western Cape.

*Mr Speaker, there are even wheelie wagons on farms in my constituency, Hessequa. Thank you very much for that.

†I would also like to assure the Minister and his department that in my capacity as a member of the standing committee on this department, I will practise my oversight role in monitoring whether the department promotes social inclusion, mainstream sustainability and optimising resource-use efficiency, improves education outcomes, reduces poverty and builds the best-run provincial government in the world.

Work in the area of sport and culture should also maximise inclusive economic and employment growth through the hosting of major sport and cultural events; improve school education outcomes through the provision of school sport; and maximise health outcomes through the various sport and recreation programmes being run by the Western Cape government.

*The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: Mr Speaker, I thank the members of the standing committee who took part in this debate.

A special word of thanks also to the chairperson of the standing committee, Mr Mark Wiley. I also wish to thank all members who took part in this debate. Directly and indirectly, they have all made valuable inputs.

†Hon member Wiley, thank you for acknowledging Kenny Solomon. We are not only building a profile of Kenny here but we are building a profile of the future of the youth in this province. We want to thank Kenny for his great role in teaching our youth that there are opportunities in chess and that when they play chess they make a move, and we want to teach children in the Western Cape to make a move. We also acknowledge Kenny because he teaches us through chess that there are consequences for the moves you make in your life. We want to thank Kenny for reminding the youth that there are consequences for the moves they make in their lives. We also want to thank Kenny for teaching the youth, directly and indirectly, through chess that it's about the choices that they make and that there are consequences for their choices.

We want to indicate that choices are what this government is about. The open opportunity society is about choices. Thank you, Kenny, for again reminding us that we must present choices to the youth so that they can make their particular choices.

I also want to thank hon member Wiley for his support to this budget. You referred to the Simon's Town Museum and the uncertainty in the context of the governance issues. As you know, we are busy drafting a new museum policy. The advertisement is out for the appointment of new board members. Hopefully the issues of the governance could be attended to with the filling of posts on the new board.

Thank you also for acknowledging the role of the many volunteers in the Western Cape. Many of our sport people and the people on the gallery volunteer their particular sporting codes and many other activities other than just simply sport.

I agree with you, hon member Wiley, that the Chrysalis sport interns can play a meaningful role as instructors in the MOD Centres. We are already in discussion with Chrysalis regarding the opportunities for these instructors, because I have seen them in action. Some of them have international sporting instructor qualifications, and we are looking forward to these Chrysalis interns to be employed at the MOD Centres.

Hon member Wiley, I note your concern for the next Olympic preparations. I'm happy that the Sports Council and the chairpersons of the various sport federations are here so that they can also take your message back to the various sport councils and that we can help and assist them in preparing for the next Olympics.

With regard to school sport maintenance, many of the other members of the standing committee also raised this issue. Currently, we are also in discussion with different organisations and with universities to develop models in this particular regard.

Hon member Witbooi, thank you for your input into this debate. Yes, you are absolutely right, this is a flagship project. Auntie Joyce, you are also correct, there are problems with the MOD Centres. We are taking these problems very seriously.

We had in-depth discussions about how we can modify and improve the quality of the MOD Centres, because we certainly want to see that the youth get quality service at these MOD Centres. For that particular reason we have invested heavily in an M&E system to improve the quality of the MOD Centres. We have more than 180 MOD Centres, but we have now decided to target 32 and to turn the 32 into really world-class excellence centres and roll them out over time.

Some of the members in this debate asked how come only one-third of the school attend these MOD Centres. Mr Speaker, if there are 1 000 children at a school and there are two MOD Centres, certainly the ratio of 1:35 must to mind. It is impossible for two MOD Centre co-ordinators to train, co-ordinate and supervise 1 000 children. We then went back to the drawing-board and relooked at the staff requirements at these MOD Centres. However, we noted this point. Thank you, hon member Witbooi. We learn from these experiences, and if we fail we fail forward. We value the input that you raised in this debate. We are learning.

We are also very happy about the point that you raised about the facilities for MOD Centres and the sports facilities at schools. I had a discussion with Minister Grant when I was in Prince Albert and he alluded to the fact that it is the responsibility of the school governing bodies to engage with the municipalities. However, the hon member Ncedana said in the standing committee that we need to engage with the municipalities and advise them on how we can co-operate in terms of providing better facilities at local schools.

Hon members of the House, it is now also a rule that a certain percentage of the MIG funding of municipalities must be used for sports facilities. I am happy to see in the House the Mayor of the Drakenstein Municipality. I am reminding her now in the House that a certain percentage of her MIG funding must, by law, now be allocated to sports facilities also in Drakenstein, so that we resolve these particular problems.

I am very saddened by the sad news brought to the House by Aunty Joyce about Nikolaas Finnies. My deep sympathy on the passing-away of a sports hero of the Western Cape.

Hon member Witbooi, it's the vision of this department to promote social inclusion. If you have any evidence of activities that promote social exclusion, I'd be happy to hear them and I will certainly rectify them.

Hon Witbooi, I am also committed to the MOD Centre programme. I paid an unscheduled visit to Drakenstein last week. I visited a school there. It was an unannounced site visit, because I didn't want people to know what I'm doing. I went there and spoke to the school principal in his office. I asked him about the MOD Centre. He had three problems. One of the problems was that there was no food at the MOD Centre. There was no nutritional programme.

Mr Speaker, I went to the sports field. A lady was sitting there. There was a nutritional programme. The school principal was not even aware that there was a nutritional programme. I took a photo of that nutritional programme and went back to his office to show him. I told him that he complained that there is no nutritional centre but it is happening right there at his school.

What does this tell us, Mr Speaker? When you have leadership you have an interest in the school. I certainly doubt whether there was leadership at that particular school. How can the principal not know that there is a feeding scheme that's part of the MOD Centre? I'm also willing to take the blame and the critique. Maybe we didn't communicate to the principal. It's not only the principal that's maybe at fault. Maybe we are also at fault of not communicating this message. I take 50% of the blame.

What I see at the MOD Centres is that where there is success there's visible leadership on the ground. I have seen it at many schools. The leadership at the school is also very important in terms of making the MOD Centre a success.

*Hon member Witbooi, thank you very much. This government welcomes the oversight role of the standing committee with regard to all facets, as you have rightly indicated. Yes, hon member Witbooi, the slave history and the travelling exhibition will be a priority this year.

The hon member Witbooi also referred to many organisations that are not receiving money. What happened to them? Mr Speaker, this department does not just throw such organisations away. If you apply for funding and you are unsuccessful, my officials will offer you a workshop to show how you can be successful next time.

†We have a developmental approach. We are not dumping people there; we are helping people because that's the spirit in which we are working in this department. There is a programme to help those who are unsuccessful. Hon member Witbooi, it is now the time, as we stand here, to encourage those organisations to apply for funding for the next funding cycle.

Hon member Ncedana, thank you for your contribution and your input in this debate. You raised the issue of heritage. Your point is that we must see to it that we give equal attention to heritage. We will certainly do so, as requested by you.

Hon member Ncedana, you referred to the Khoisan. A very important group of the Khoisan is the Griquas. I have personally visited them on 13 May last year in Ratelgat in the northern part of Vredendal. I went there and declared Ratelgat of the Griquas a provincial heritage site. In addition to that, we allocated money to them and we had a big celebration. We will continue to do so throughout this year.

Hon member Ncedana, people's heritage and cultural practices are recorded through the oral history by historians in our archives and museums. PanSALB has a Khoisan Language Board and is responsible for the Khoisan languages.

Hon member, I agree with you regarding the issue of libraries, making libraries more and more accessible to the people. That's why we have a norm to determine accessibility for libraries closer the local communities.

Hon Ncedana also spoke about school and sports facilities. The same applies to them. Very importantly, the MIG funding must make provision for sports facilities also in that particular area, but I think it may be good news to the hon member when I announce here in the House that the Amandla EduFootball is an international NGO founded and based in Cape Town.

It will now build a new safe hub next to Nyanga junction that will provide 2 000 boys and girls access to educational afterschool football programmes on a weekly basis, and it will bring together the youth from Manenberg and Gugulethu. I would like you to join us when we open this particular football facility.

I would also like you to join me one Friday evening at one of these facilities. After eight o'clock on a Friday evening is the time for crime in the townships, but from eight o'clock in the evening until midnight we play soccer. When we play soccer there is no crime. I would be very happy if you could join me and show collective leadership in visiting one of these particular areas.

Mr Speaker, I thank everybody for their participation in this debate. I hereby table my 2013-14 budget.

Debate concluded.

†The SPEAKER: Order! That concludes the debate on this Vote. The proceedings will be suspended. We will resume at 14:45. It is 13:45 now and we will resume at 14:45, in an hour's time.

BUSINESS SUSPENDED AT 13:45 AND RESUMED AT 14:48.

WESTERN CAPE APPROPRIATION BILL [B 2—2013]

(Debate on Vote 11 – Agriculture)

*The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: Mr Deputy Speaker, Premier, members of the House and all my friends in Agriculture, thank you for giving me the opportunity to present the 2013-14 budget of the Western Cape Department of Agriculture to you today.

Agriculture is an inextricable part of the times we are living in. Agriculturalists, producers and workers are equally exposed to the general state of the world economy, our local economy, social issues, need for service delivery and also the ordinary normal human desire to strive for a better future for yourself and your family. This integration of agriculturalists in the world has clearly come to the fore during the recent agricultural protest actions we experienced at the end of 2012 and at the beginning of 2013.

†Mr Speaker, the one common theme that emerged from the protests was that South Africa has become a country of high hopes and equally high frustrations. We have become a country where people have lost faith in their ability to turn dreams into reality. We have thus become a country where we voice our dissatisfaction and sense of disempowerment with violent protests. When focusing on the agricultural sector there are several factors we must take note of.

*Producers are currently experiencing an unbelievable pressure regarding costs. Electricity, fuel, fertilisers and labour are all inputs that have increased more rapidly than income from farms has increased. The poor world economy results in our traditional markets no longer having a strong demand for our products. Competing countries, especially from the Southern Hemisphere, are all looking for new outlets.

The competition is tough, since many of the countries we are competing with, have also become dependent on exports to develop their own agricultural sectors.

Matters are becoming more difficult for the South African producer as a result of the uncertainty currently prevailing over some of our traditional export markets. We still cannot export red meat. This is due to the foot-and-mouth-disease that broke out two years ago. We still cannot export ostrich meat, although the positive result regarding avian flu was reported in November 2011. Since 2010 we have not been able to export horses because of Africa horse sickness. Our citrus industry is currently in danger of losing its black-spot free status.

†Mr Speaker, weak market demand is pushing the price producers get for their produce down. Thus we have higher input costs, together with lower product prices. This means less profit on the farm. Recent statistics show that table grape producers in the Berg River region currently farm at a loss of R17 000 per hectare.

Farm workers have been under enormous pressure. Food inflation has increased faster than wages. Many workers became trapped in a debt spiral as they increasingly made shortfalls up with very expensive credit from loan sharks. When labour brokers operate outside the ambit of the labour law the opportunities for worker exploitation are numerous.

The high level of unemployment in South Africa is making competition for work very fierce. This is even more so in the unskilled labour market. Agriculture remains one of the few sectors in our economy which can absorb unskilled labour to some extent. Therefore we see each year how thousands of hopeful job seekers flock to the Western Cape.

As the Premier noted in her State of the Province Address, it is a bitter irony that job seekers are coming from the most fertile areas in South Africa and Southern Africa to seek employment on the rocky mountain slopes of the De Doorns in the Western Cape.

*Mr Speaker, these competing interests built up enough pressure to create the perfect breeding ground for the orchestration of the protest action that erupted in November 2012. The levels of violence and damage to businesses reached unparalleled proportions and it is hoped that this is something that our province will never see again. I want to make it very clear that no political gain justifies the death of people or damage to property. I wish to extend my gratitude to the SAPS for their hard work under difficult circumstances during this protest action.

†Mr Speaker, as a responsible government, we must do everything in our power to prevent similar violent protests. We need to investigate and drill down to the very bottom of all the factors and conditions which created the environment for these violent protests.

We must create the conditions for ordinary South Africans to regain trust in their dreams again. We must create the enabling environment for people to pursue their dreams.

It is within this context that I am presenting the 2013-14 budget today. We have been allocated a budget of R610 million.

How can we best use these funds in order to restore hope for the future? How can we, as government, create the space for farmers and farm workers to dream again?

*Mr Speaker, let me also put it unequivocally: Our clients, the agricultural community of the Western Cape, deserve only the best, because, as they sit here, they are the best. This fact is reconfirmed every year when the SA Farmer of the Year comes from the Western Cape. It is confirmed each year with the announcement of the Western Cape's Farmer of the Year. It is confirmed by the fact that our farmers can cultivate an agricultural surplus for the export market in one of the 30 driest countries in the world.

†Mr Speaker, allow me to thank the team from the Department of Agriculture, and in particular Joyene Isaacs, my Head of Department. This department has performed very well over the past four years. It has been crowned as the South African Department with the Best Annual Report for two consecutive years. It has been acknowledged as the Best Research Department in South Africa. It has been acknowledged as the Most Female Empowered Department in South Africa.

A special word of congratulation also goes to Dudley Adolph. He has come through the ranks at the Department of Agriculture, and has now been appointed as Acting Deputy Director-General.

*Mr Speaker, the agricultural community can be assured that this team of people will also handle the 2013-14 budget at the same high standard as we have become accustomed to. We are going to do our utmost to see to it that the maximum benefit for the Western Cape's agricultural sector will be exploited by utilising our budget. Thank you to Floris Huysamer. It is your job, Floris, to see to it that the money is spent correctly.

I will now give you an analysis of the 2013-14 budget:

†Sustainable Resource Management: R47,6 million. Water is the lifeblood of farming in South Africa. It is also a very scarce and precious resource.

We want to increase agricultural production with 10% over the next 10 years, and this is directly linked to our ability to use water more effectively. Water management is therefore a strategic priority for this programme, this department and ultimately for the agricultural sector.

*Our satellite and Internet irrigation programme has since 2009 proved that it is a valuable instrument for irrigation farmers. Satellite images are used to provide farmers with scientific irrigation data. We are going to maintain this programme and extend it further to include other crops and areas.

We have already eradicated 35 km of invasive vegetation on the banks of the Berg River and have re-established the banks with indigenous vegetation. This work is extremely time-consuming and labour intensive. We intend to rehabilitate a further 10 km this year. If we can re-establish the total course of the Berg River, which is 260 km long, with indigenous vegetation, we will save enough water to establish 1 500 ha under irrigation crops.

Congratulations to Andre Roux and his team for the work they are doing to conserve our valuable resources and to use them effectively.

Their hard work was acknowledged last year with three Landcare Awards – two gold medals for conservation projects at Suurbraak and Genadendal, as well as a bronze medal for the work of Dirk van Papendorp as mentor for the Suurbraak empowerment initiative.

Mr Speaker, good fences make good neighbours. This saying is very true when it comes to predaceous animals. All predaceous animal control relies on fences being maintained so that movements of animals can be controlled. Last year, we started a fencing project with Landcare funds in the Beaufort West area. A total of 80 km of predaceous-animal fencing has already been spanned, and if funds are made available in the future, we will continue with this work.

†The frequency of natural disasters in our province over the past six years is an indication of what we can expect in future times as climate change takes effect. We are expecting more extreme climatic events – more intense droughts and more floods. This department has managed R127 million for disaster relief since 2009.

We have therefore now established a new sub programme, Disaster Risk Management. This programme will provide our clients with technical assistance and support them in developing risk mitigation and prevention strategies.

*Farmer Support and Development: R227,9 million. It is almost half of our budget. This programme receives the lion's share of our budget, and that is where our efforts to establish and support new farmers are focused. It remains a priority of the Western Cape Department of Agriculture, but also that of the provincial government, that land reform and empowerment must be successful in agriculture.

Last year we conducted an internal survey among projects, which indicated that 70% of our farmers have access to the market for their products, utilise good bookkeeping and work according to a business plan. Only 38% of our new farmers, however, fulfil the basic requirements of the labour legislation and only 50% comply with tax obligations.

During this financial year we are therefore going to offer them financial and labour legislation training so as to support our new farmers also in these fields.

Our internal survey will also be taken further by us conducting an independent and external audit of all our empowerment projects. This information will help us with future planning and service delivery. It will also provide us with an independent perspective with regard to how successful our interventions have been since 2009.

†We will continue our commodity approach with empowerment projects. We have created expert panels for each commodity, consisting of government and private sector experts. This ensures the very best support for our empowerment beneficiaries. A total of 60 new projects, worth R135 million, will be initiated and funded through our conditional grant allocation in this financial year.

Mr Speaker, this means that since 2009, the department has supported a total of 252 projects through the commodity approach to the value of R410 million. This has covered all 10 commodities currently involved across the entire province. In addition, through our “Boompie” project a total of 438 ha have been planted in collaboration with HORTGRO. Thank you to Mogale Sebopetsa for your commitment towards this programme.

Mr Speaker, allow me also to mention and welcome Casidra here today. Casidra has been appointed as the sole implementation agent for the Western Cape Department of Agriculture, in an attempt to further enhance the efficiency with which we deliver projects and services on the ground. Welcome and good luck to Stefan Conradie, the newly appointed Chief Executive Officer.

*Mr Speaker, the Western Cape government remains linked to shareholding schemes as a model for agricultural empowerment and transformation. We believe that 95% of the projects are successful. We do not believe, like the ANC government does, that these schemes must be shot down because of 5% failures. We do not agree that 5% are sufficient grounds not to finance new projects of this nature.

I wish to refer sceptics to projects such as Bronaar of the Van der Merwes, Crispy of the Du Toit Groep or Denou of the Goosenfamily. I challenge any person to visit these projects and then keep on saying that shareholding schemes do not work.

An HONMEMBER: Hear, hear!

The MINISTER: I sincerely want to thank every undertaking that grasped the opportunity, when it existed, to start a shareholding scheme. You have established an active partnership with your workers. Our country's history will reflect that you have created the most successful and permanent transformation during the first 20 years of our country's democracy. Thank you very much for your positive attitude.

†Mr Speaker, food security projects are of vital importance in especially impoverished communities. We will spend close to R10 million on the establishment of 1 036 home food gardens as well as 85 community gardens.

We will also initiate a "fly-over" project of the province, costing R8 million this year. The aim of this project is to use aerial photography in order to create a map of all crops in the province. This map will provide us with valuable information in order to direct policy for the future.

*Veterinary services: R64,7 million, a 19% increase from last year. The staff of veterinary services of our department has been fluctuating from one crisis to the next since 2009 – Rift Valley fever in 2009; Africa horse sickness in 2010; and avian flu in 2011, which resulted in 48 000 animals having to be put down, and compensation of R62 million having to be paid out to producers.

Managing these breakouts put our staff under unbelievable work stress, since their routine work could not be neglected. I therefore wish to thank Dr Gininda Msiza and his team for their hard and difficult work the past few years.

†Mr Speaker, the demand for export control and certification of animal products from the Western Cape is increasing. Animal disease management, together with the withdrawal of the national department from rendering export certification services, has stretched our veterinarian component to the limit. We are therefore pleased to announce an additional R7,5 million received to fund three new state veterinarian positions.

The programme will also be able to assist producers with the procurement of vaccines such as for Rift Valley Fever, rabies, Brucellosis, anthrax, African horse sickness and Newcastle disease. My department does between 50 000 and 70 000 rabies vaccinations per year, and this year will be no exception.

*Mr Speaker, there is also good news. I referred earlier to Africa horse sickness and the prohibition on horse exports. We are positive about the possibility of solving this matter by the middle of next year, so that we can again export horses direct. It is a fact that outbreaks of animal disease are impossible to prevent, but we can still do everything in our power to curtail it as much as possible.

Research and Technology Development Services: R95 million. Research remains a priority of this department. We keep the focus on basic research that tries to obtain better outputs with fewer inputs. There will also be a "climate-intelligent" technology development. Research into conservation farming methods, such as no cultivation and minimum cultivation is being continued. Conservation research is coordinated by the Western Cape Conservation Agriculture initiative. My department supports this movement.

†Mr Speaker, the sustainability of our research farms will be a focus point in this financial year. We will seek innovative ways in which to utilise agricultural water, farm generated waste products and on farm renewable energy generation. This year will see the inauguration of our pilot biogas plant at the Outeniqua Research Farm in George. We will be converting manure into biogas and electricity. This project, in conjunction with my friend here at Public Works, will serve as a research model to encourage the private sector to adopt new and novel energy models.

*The recent avian flu outbreak also affected the department's valuable ostrich-research flock. Consequently, we have developed a bio-security plan and have successfully implemented it on our Oudtshoorn research farm. We are also pleased to announce that our annual ostrich auction will again take place after it was impossible last year because of the virus. I think it will take place in two weeks' time.

The Research and Technology Development Programme is responsible for the coordination of the Western Cape Agricultural Research Forum. This forum coordinates all research from the different bodies to prevent duplication and ultimately to bring about maximum benefit for the research community. I wish to thank Dr Ilse Trautmann for the passion with which she does her work.

†Agricultural Economic Services: R17,8 million, an increase of 18%. The world economy has not recovered from the global financial crises in 2009. As such, our traditional export markets in the EU cannot be relied on as sole destination for our produce. New markets in India, China and Africa need to be developed. We need to invest in market research, marketing and branding activities in order to create the suitable environments for our producers to do business.

This year will see us hosting an Africa information day where we will create the platform for business and government to investigate new opportunities on the African continent. We will once again take part in the Yantai International Wine Festival, which has over the past three years become an important event on our export wine business agenda.

Through the hard work of this programme, we have since 2009 been able to support 91 companies in overseas marketing visits and exhibitions. Thank you to Bongiswa Matoti for being willing to spend so much time away from your family while abroad, supporting our exporters.

*The book you are receiving today is our second book with this department's success stories. This was our first book and it deals with the empowerment of people. Today's second book is about our successes with new markets. I hope that you who read it will be inspired, and that you will enjoy it. I hope that we will also be able to produce such a book about agriculture in South Africa.

The Agri Business Investment Unit that was started by Wesgro in 2009 obtained R278 million for investments in agriculture in the province. I wish to express my thanks to the unit for their hard work and also to each investor who had participated in our agricultural economy. Your financial input into our agricultural industry generates job opportunities that are very, very valuable for our economy.

International trade is increasingly being affected by responsibility regarding social and environmental matters. South Africa is on the United States high-risk list with regard to social matters. It is extremely important for South Africa to improve this situation.

The fruit and wine industries are proactively taking part in various trade initiatives to address these challenges. Our wine industry is the world leader with Fair-trade accreditation. Both the wine and fruit industries have also established ethical codes that not only comply with international standards but exceed them.

The Western Cape government is proud of you for the hard work you are doing. My department will utilise R2 million of the budget to support the Wine Industry's Initiative for Ethical Trade (Wieta) and the fruit industry's Sustainable Initiative for South-Africa (Sisa). These initiatives are another good example of how the government works together with the private sector to bring about a win-win situation.

On this occasion, I would also like to thank every producer who takes part in these ethical initiatives. Robertson Wines was the first cooperative to register all 43 of their primary producers at Wieta. They are setting an example that others can follow.

Structured Agricultural Education and Training: R48,4 million

†Mr Deputy Speaker, our hope lies in the future and the future belongs to our children. It is today's youth who will have to carry us into tomorrow. It is also the youth who will dictate whether or not South Africa's social transformation progresses in the right direction.

However, of more importance is the fact that agriculture needs skilled professionals and skilled workers equipped for the changing needs within the sector.

It has come to my attention that there is a need for specialised training on modern agricultural machinery. We will, in conjunction with the private sector, facilitate meeting this need.

*I am excited about the 438 students who have registered for our various Higher Education and Training programmes. This year, 117 higher education students and 72 learner ship students have been included in the various programmes.

We have awarded 14 new bursaries in 2012, and 23 were renewed at a cost of R1,4million. A further 47 bursaries were obtained from donors from outside, which also amounted to R1,4million.

†A further 1 600 people benefited from non-formal skills training programmes. We finalised an extensive cellar upgrade at Elsenburg last year. The cellar is now once again fully operational and has been accredited for environmentally-sensitive processes. I am confident that we will be able to deliver the calibre of winemakers that the industry is searching for.

I want to thank Marius Palse and his management team for ensuring that Elsenburg continues to be the top agricultural college in South Africa.

Rural Development Coordination

*Mr Deputy Speaker, we will now deal with rural development. It receives R22 million, an increase of 35% from last year. The increase in the allocation to this programme is proof of the provincial government's commitment to investigating and finding solutions for the unrest we experienced last summer.

Agriculture is one of the cornerstones of our province's economy. Farm workers help to make it possible and for that reason they are recognised for the indispensable role they play in the economy. There are about 190 000 farm workers in the Western Cape. This represents 24% of all the farm workers in South Africa. Although permanent farm workers in the Western Cape are paid 34% better than in any other place in the country, we are aware that there are still challenges to be faced.

Our Farm Worker Development Programme that falls under rural development, will receive R17,4million, and it includes:

- social upliftment and life-skills orientation;
- alcohol and drug abuse;
- farm worker training and career development; and
- access to information.

Our annual Farm Worker of the Year competition is becoming more popular every year and the gala evening in November 2012 at the Cape International Conference Centre was once again a highlight of our calendar. Congratulations to Wimpie Palse, our 2012 winner. This competition accords recognition for the valuable contribution farm workers make to the economy of our province. It also creates role models and shows that there are many careers in agriculture that we can strive for.

I would like to thank Shoprite for their partnership with us as official sponsor. Your R750 000 sponsorship helps to improve the image of the event further.

In direct reaction to the strikes, we have prioritised the completion of a base-line survey on farm workers in the province. It will help us to identify and monitor the needs of farm workers, so that with an appropriate policy, we will be able to react to the challenges they face.

†Mr Speaker, the development of our rural areas can play a significant role in the alleviation of poverty in our province. The main focus of our Rural Development

Programme is therefore to co-ordinate various government institutions and departments in strategic investments in our rural areas. We are also establishing social structures that will make these communities more accessible for investments from outside.

Since its inception in 2009, we have made good progress. I can today report that a total of 11 rural nodes have been established. We have co-ordinated the listing of 229 development projects worth R305 million until 2014. This has resulted in 1 660 temporary employment opportunities and 3 285 people received training in the process. Thank you to Tony Xaba. Tony, you are managing large flows of money with a relatively small budget, but your work will leave a long-term legacy behind.

*Then I would also like to say thank you very much to my office staff, under the leadership of Johan Coetzee. I think you are the best in the country. Thank you also to my wife, Christa, for her support.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I conclude: On behalf of the Premier and the Western Cape government, I would like to thank all the agriculturalists for their positive contributions over the past year. You are seeing to it that we have enough food on our tables every day and that there is still also enough for exports. You, as producers and farm workers, are important for the Western Cape. May the Lord bless you as agriculturalists, as well as your labour.[Applause.]

*Mr M C WALTERS: Mr Deputy Speaker, I think we very definitely owe a motion of thanks to Minister Van Rensburg. I think he has, in a comprehensive way, sketched the environment in which farmers, agriculturalists and farm workers have to make their living. It is a very complex environment and the department is definitely making a great contribution there.

†Mr Deputy Speaker, it is once again my privilege to address the House on Vote 11. While the standing committee examined the budget of the department rigorously, no serious flaws were noted or discrepancies remarked upon between the APP and budget. Indeed, it would appear that the department is maintaining the high standard which resulted in the Institute of Government Auditors identifying them as the top department in South Africa for 2012.

The Minister, HOD and the dedicated personnel deserve the acclaim of all. The excellence of the department is widely recognised. In fact, it is the only viable Department of Agriculture in the country and is not plagued by constant changes in top management as, for example, in the national Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, where executive musical chairs appears to be the order of the day.

Of the nine provinces, it is only the Western Cape that has maintained an effective agricultural training programme and, indeed, even expanded its offering while programmes elsewhere at formerly recognised centres of excellence, such as Cedara in KwaZulu-Natal, Transagric at Potchefstroom, Glen Agricultural College in the Free State and others, have allowed facilities to degenerate and the quality of offering to decline, without the national department seeming to be particularly concerned.

The delivery of the department over the various programmes it operates could be utilised as a viable template for other provinces to emulate, should the ANC government allow them to apply it.

The audit report of the Auditor-General was financially unqualified with findings. This was seen as a regression in the previous year's clean audit. While the finding, which was based on work undertaken at the Merweville office where three viable tenderers did not exist, might seem minor, care must be taken in future to obtain the full quota of tenders albeit from as far afield as Cape Town.

The activities of the department and the interests of Western Cape agriculture have been seriously compromised by the failure of services such as international liaison, in the case of the wine industry and Thailand, and the identification of South Africa as a risk area, with regard to the lack of effective border controls to prevent the dissemination of diseases such as foot-and-mouth disease.

The decline of the Onderstepoort vaccine production operation from the position in the early nineties when the Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO) of the United Nations wished South Africa to provide vaccines to the entire sub-Saharan region, to where we now need to import vaccines from Botswana, further illustrates the need of the Western Cape to strengthen its veterinary capacity.

The land reform programmes at national level have been dismal failures in which many billions of rands have been expended with little sustainable benefit to the communities who were the intended beneficiaries. The share equity schemes implemented in the Western Cape ensured the continuity of management and market access while empowering farm workers as participants in shareholding, management and planning for the social development of the entire community.

The mission of the department is all-encompassing and finds expression in the programmes of the department and of its entity, Casidra.

The two strategic goals of the department, as presented in the APP, address the logical pathways to achieving Provincial Strategic Objective 11 and are also well aligned to the national strategic plan.

The department's total budget for the 2013-14 financial year is R610 million, of which R164 million is comprised of conditional grants and R25,454 million of its own receipts. The remaining R418 million is allocated to the eight programmes of the department.

Sustainable resource management – and I think the Minister has mentioned this – is a key programme providing support to ensure that resources are maintained in productive condition. Water being a key input in agriculture, the effective use thereof receives much attention.

Should the uncertainties related to the raising of the Clanwilliam Dam wall be resolved, this programme will become even more important as 5 000 new farmers would require the engineering services and irrigation information required. This programme received R47,9million and the need could increase if the dam's capacity increases. Perhaps the Treasury should just make a mental note of that.

Farmer support and development plays an important land reform role in collaboration with the national Department of Rural Development and Land

Reform. Its commodity approach, in which 121 commodity-specific projects will be implemented, also holds great promise. Extension and advisory services utilise modern technology to reach farmers, reinforced by demonstrations, mentorships and 3 600 on-farm visits.

Emphasis is also placed on community and household garden projects, about which the committee had some reservations with regard to sustainability and we will visit some of these during the year. A budget of almost R228 million is to be expended and R116,979 million of the budget of the farmer support and development programme will be transferred to Casidra for its activities in this field. I want to echo the congratulations to the new CEO of Casidra.

Veterinary services have been severely tried by disease outbreaks of various types, not least the problem of avian influenza in the ostrich industry. Problems at national level exacerbate the disease complex and expose the vulnerability of the Western Cape animal production. A significant increase of almost 19% to R64,564 million is justified in order to create the capacity to handle such crises. There we must congratulate the department on the creation of three new veterinary posts. This is of vital strategic importance for the province.

Research and technology development should be the driver of advances in production, especially in view of the department's wish to increase agricultural production by 10% over the next decade. This programme receives R95 million, but it's less than one sixth of the total budget and less than one quarter of the equitable share while itself generating almost R25,5 million of the department's income.

Infrastructure support services and technology transfer absorb almost R34 million of that R95 million, with only R60,8 million being allocated to research per se.

The 28 researchers of the department are doing magnificent work. They comprise almost half of those in provincial service nationally, but represent only a small fraction of those in public service at national level. It is therefore essential that the Western Cape Agricultural Research Forum – which will include the Agricultural Research Council (ARC) and university researchers as well as private researchers, where appropriate – be optimally developed and supported by the department.

This is especially so that constant innovation can drive further development of agriculture in the Western Cape. Increased capacity and budget allocation to research must also be seriously considered.

The Agricultural Economics Services Programme, Mr Deputy Speaker, receives R17,8 million but the allocation does not belie the importance of this programme with an intercontinental reach, especially where agricultural exports are so important to the provincial economy. Its importance to ensuring that land reform projects are guided to economic success is also very obvious.

The structured Agricultural Education and Training Programme, which I, for the sake of brevity, will refer to as Elsenburg, has been at the forefront of farmer training since 1898. It receives a total of R48,5 million. It provides higher education and training to 438 students ranging from NQF level up to university level, the latter in co-operation with the University of Stellenbosch.

Elsenburg graduates play key executive roles at the highest levels in industry while the skills imparted at lower levels enhance the efficiency of production throughout the country, not only the province. May Elsenburg continue to provide a template for agricultural training in South Africa, as it has done for more than a century.

The Minister referred to the Rural Development Co-ordination Programme, which holds much promise. It will receive a total of R22 million in 2013 and R17,4 million of that will be for farm worker development, gainsaying the fact that it is often said that the department does little for farm workers. This programme provides a provincial support for the national Comprehensive Rural Development Programme to ensure socioeconomic development in the 15 selected rural nodes in the Western Cape.

This department provides a truly comprehensive support service to agriculture in the Western Cape, both the established as well as the emerging sectors. The emphasis on the emerging sector is reflected in the programmes and initiatives of the department.

I wish to again congratulate the Minister, the HOD and all the officials, who are good friends of the standing committee, for the contribution they make to development in the Western Cape. The committee will continue to exercise their oversight role and will follow your progress with interest. This budget is supported. I thank you.

*Ms E PRINS: Mr Deputy Speaker, agriculture in the Western Cape is facing a crisis, and the crisis originates here in the House and in the government of the Western Cape. The person who is directly responsible for it is the Minister of Agriculture in the province. [Interjections.]

In the Strategic Plan of the Department of Agriculture in the Western Cape, for the period 2009-10 to 2014-15, the Minister writes in his foreword – listen why I say this – and I quote his words:

Dit is my verantwoordelikheid as Minister van Landbou en Landelike Ontwikkeling om seker te maak dat die Departement van Landbou 'n strategiese plan ontwikkel en dit uitvoer. Hierdie strategiese plan sal fokus op al ons pogings vir die volgende vyf jaar en sal dien as 'n kompas om sodanige projekte te implementeer en hierdeur erkenning te verleen aan die grondwetlike mandaat en die strategiese doelwitte van die regering.

That was on 2 March 2010. The same Minister reacted to a question I had put to him on 26 July last year regarding land reform and the liquidation of shareholding schemes, by saying he is not responsible for land reform.

If he is not, who is then – the Premier, the Minister of Health, the Minister of Social Development, or the hon traffic officer? I will return to the shareholding schemes later.

It doesn't remain just there; with the recent unrest on farms, the Minister again had to decide whether he is a farmer and whether he is the Minister of Agriculture in the Western Cape, under which the welfare of farm workers also falls.

From all his pronouncements, only one conclusion can be drawn: first he is a farmer and then the Minister of Agriculture in the Western Cape. [Interjections.]

One can perhaps not blame the hon Minister altogether, because he gets opposition from his own party. According to *The Burger* of 16 March 2013, the Minister had warned against cheap imported agricultural products that can hurt farmers, and pleaded that the South African government must learn to distinguish between opportunities that are good for South Africa and opportunities that are bad for South Africa. This is according to *The Burger*, and I quote:

Hy het spesifiek verwys na die pluimveebedryf, wat tans nie kan meeding met die pryse van Suid-Amerikaanse hoenders nie.

The DA's federal chairperson, Wilmot James, said through the DA's website that the DA is going to meet with the Minister of Trade and Industry to convince him that the government must not continue imposing harmful tariffs on importing poultry.

To impose tariffs will only be to the detriment of poorer sections of the population. According to statistics provided by the South African Revenue Services, imports constitute only 10% of the total local production. According to James, the Minister of Trade and Industry must not yield to the misleading requests by local producers to protect them in that way.

Mr Deputy Speaker, who is right—the federal chairperson of the DA or the Minister of Agriculture in the Western Cape? It seems to me that there is a schism in the ranks of the DA, and that being a year before the election. The DA will have to decide on whose side it now actually is.

*The MINISTER OF HEALTH: It's a difficult decision.

*Ms E PRINS: Is he on the side of the farmers or on the side of the poor? [Interjections.] Whose votes are going to weigh the most in the election? The Minister is also stuck with a problem with his relationship with Agri Western Cape. [Interjections.]

Mr Deputy Speaker, the Department of Agriculture should play the greatest role in the development of the Western Cape, because not only does agriculture in the Western Cape constitute the core of economic growth in the Western Cape, ... [Interjections.] ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Ms E PRINS: ... it forms an integral part of the entire agricultural sector in the country, and agriculture in the Western Cape should play a significant role in food security in the country.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the department has set itself certain objectives, namely the development and implementation of a strategy to establish 10% growth within the sector over the next 10 years; to support the agricultural sector to keep its export position over the next 5 years by added value to the R14 billion of 2009; to cooperate with the farmers and the industry with regard to research and the development of cutting-edge technology to ensure a 10% increase in production over the next 10 years; to focus on rural development in order to bring about sound socioeconomic growth for a sustainable future; and to ensure that at least 60% of land reform projects will be successful over the next 5 years.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I want to start with land reform. We know that the Western Cape shows the best results regarding successful land reform programmes, but it is no new news as the hon Premier wanted to claim in her State of the Province speech.

This figure appears already from 2009, so the basis of the success is laid down by the ANC. [Interjections.] The question is, however: what is the position today in 2013? How many projects have fallen behind while new ones are just hooked on in front? How much agricultural land was already in the hands of the formerly disadvantaged people in 2009 and exactly how much ground is in the hands of the formerly disadvantaged people today? I am speaking about sole ownership and not shareholding schemes. The Minister cannot again claim that it is not his mandate, because his department works with each of these projects, or this is what we are made to understand. Or is it actually Casidra and other institutions that work with it?

The greatest evil with land reformate the shareholding schemes, where South African farmers and not Hollanders, as the Premier claims, make millions of rands out of the state under the banner of shareholding schemes; and the farm workers who must benefit from it get extremely few of the benefits.

In her reaction to this issue, the Premier tried to claim that I don't know what shareholding schemes are and how they work.

An HON MEMBER: It's true! It's very true!

Ms E PRINS: She presented us with an example of Zebediela. Now I want to tell the hon Premier that we live in the Western Cape and we must deal with the Western Cape's situations.[Interjections.]

Since 26 July 2012 until today, why did the Premier or the Minister, not reply to my question I had posed at that stage about shareholding schemes in the Western Cape that had been liquidated? Are they both scared of the truth? It happens to be shareholding schemes that are operated and managed by South African farmers.

Currently there are 58 schemes with 5 167 beneficiaries ... [Interjections.] ... according to your reply to my question, and I quote from it. Here it is. I have it in writing [Interjections.] Then you misled me with the other. [Interjections.] You said the state had thus far paid out R44 325 806 to these schemes. It does not include the funds that are spent by means of Casp.

In many of the cases the shareholders are not farm workers, but merely names of people that had been collected in the towns. There is no control over spending of the money and no supervision or control with regard to the dividends being paid out.

When the Minister had given me the reply about the schemes, he himself that day referred to a farm, Bakenskraal, and said the people had come asking the Premier for help. He also told me that day that he wondered whether I was part of the names on the list. The Minister therefore exactly knows about the problems. [Interjections.]

Many shareholders disappear and what does then become of the dividends? So don't come and pretend that you are not aware of the answers you had given me. [Interjections.] We understand that you are now becoming a bit forgetful [Interjections.]

*The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Go ahead.

*Ms E PRINS: In most cases, shareholders have no share in the management of the projects. Where projects have been liquidated, they are bought up by other farmers, and there is no control over the fate of the shareholders. [Interjections.]

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

Ms E PRINS: Mr Deputy Speaker, I request you to protect me from Minister Carlisle. He has no respect ...

*The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Order, hon member! [Interjections.]

Mr H P GEYER: Order!

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Is that a point of order?

*Ms E PRINS: He has no respect.

Mnu M NCEDANA: Ndicela ukubuza Somlomo ukuba lulwimi olusetyenziswa epalamente na xa lithi elinye ilungu kwelinye "Loskop"?

[Mr M NCEDANA: I want to ask, Speaker, whether it is parliamentary language for another member to call another member "Loskop"?] [Laughter.]

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! I didn't get the last part. Is it unparliamentarily to say what?

Mnu M NCEDANA: Ukuthi akanangqondo kutsho ilungu uCarlisle esitsho kweli lungu lithethayo elinguPrins. [Mr M NCEDANA: Saying that she does not have brains, this is what member Carlisle is saying, referring to member Prins who is now speaking.]

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! I will deal with that. Minister Carlisle, can you assist us; what did you say?

†The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Yes. I referred to the hon member as 'n "loskop". I realise that was very painful for her. I withdraw the word "loskop" unconditionally. [Laughter.]

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Please continue, hon Prins.

*Ms E PRINS: I hope the people in the gallery, if they really ... [Interjections.]

*The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Hon member, continue with your speech.

*Ms E PRINS: I hope they take note of Minister Carlisle's pronouncements he gives here. He has no respect.

Mr Deputy Speaker, land reform projects are no longer dealt with directly by the department, but are now managed by Casidra and other organisations. The government's objective is to transfer 30% of all agricultural land ... [Interjections.]

...

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Mr Ozinsky, I'm trying to protect your own member. You are making too much noise.

*Ms E PRINS: ... to formerly disadvantaged persons. Shareholding schemes do not contribute to actual land ownership, because the beneficiaries are not the real owners of the land and also do not have decision-making competence.

The department's objective is to see to it that 60% of all land reform projects in the province must be successful over the next five years. This means that the objective of 30% will not be achieved, since the land that is transferred to new farmers today, will again land up in the hands of the white farmers tomorrow, who then buy these farms at knockdown prices.

If the Minister doesn't know about this, I can provide him with the names and the farms in De Doorns, where farmers of the Northern Cape have bought up liquidated shareholding schemes.

The department also increasingly makes use of consultants to take over the supervision and training of new farmers. This appears clearly in the budget. Casidra and other organisations have become institutions for fiscal dumping so that the department can look good with regard to its spending of the budget.

An amount of R154 million is transferred to outside organisations, and actually still more than this amount. Previously, we could have seen documents in the budget. There was an explanation of how the moneys are transferred to various organisations. I haven't observed this now in the documents. The granting of Comprehensive Agricultural Support Programmes (Casp) funds is under suspicion. Certain persons are regularly given preference with grants, while other applications are simply rejected year after year. The Minister must explain to the people of the Western Cape how these objectives are going to be achieved.

Mr Deputy Speaker, none of the department's objectives can ever be separated from the need of formerly disadvantaged people, whether it is to establish 10% growth within the sector over the next 10 years; or to keep the export position over the following 5 years by added value; or to bring about a 10% increase in production over the next 10 years; or to promote rural development.

The department does not succeed in getting formerly disadvantaged people involved in agriculture or in creating a climate that opens the doors of agriculture for students of colour. Of the 483 students that have enrolled for higher education and training programmes at the Cape Institute for Agricultural Training, 327, that is to say 74,8% still come from the white population group. Why are there still so few formerly disadvantaged students that are studying agriculture?

This province has 175 000 farm workers, and that means that not even 10% of the children of farm workers would be interested in studying further in agriculture – if all 156 students of colour were the children of farm workers.

Both the Premier and the Minister loudly announce the strategic plan for Farm workers, as if it were also a creation of the DA. The plan has already been approved and implemented by the ANC government in 2005.

What has become of the plan to combat drugs and alcohol among farm workers, and how much does the department contribute to support the foetal alcohol syndrome (FAS), of which the highest number in the world occurs in the Western Cape? FAS is a consequence of the dop system. What results has the department's involvement yielded over the past four years?

The development of the rural areas should concentrate strictly on the farm-worker communities, and the Minister cannot say with certainty what type of benefits the farm workers will get from the envisaged programmes.

Much has already been said about farm workers, and we know what the poor treatment of farm workers has resulted in. Nevertheless, in the Premier's speech and statements by the Minister about the loss of job opportunities, it is clear that the DA wants to gloss over the problem with theories about foreign workers, etc.

The Western Cape government chooses to ignore the reports and findings of respected institutions, such as the Human Rights Watch, or they are always searching for some or other malicious ANC personality behind it. The Western Cape government downplays these types of reports as being politically inspired, rather than going out and searching for solutions to the problems. It is then no wonder that South Africa is on the United Nations' list of high-risk countries with regard to social matters.

Mr Deputy Speaker, in its programme for developing export markets for South African farmers, the department took 18 farmers to the International Wine Exhibition in China, and according to the report it was attended by only 300 Chinese visitors. [Interjections.][Laughter.]I'm sure it would have been more cost-effective for the department to have bought the wine from the 18 exhibitors than to have attended that event. How can the Minister claim that the department is serious about opening new markets if these are the results?

Mr Deputy Speaker, it is becoming clearer by the day that the more systems and panel boards the Premier establishes in order to have greater central control over departments – thus putting a greater workload on officials –the more departments such as the Department of Agriculture have to entrust its service-delivery functions to outside organisations and consultants.

*Ms J A VAN ZYL: Mr Deputy Speaker, agriculture, the bread basket of the Western Cape, was burdened by large-scale disruptions, such as farm-worker strikes for higher wages, the full repercussions of which on agriculture and agricultural activities are still unknown. Political parties tried to gain from these protest marches, but in reality it also did much damage to agriculture.

Cope supports a viable salary for farm workers, but strongly condemns the way in which the protest marches were managed and coordinated. On the one hand, plundering and arson amounted to millions of rand and on the other hand, it also harmed working relationships, which can make mechanisation a reality and result in further discharges.

About 45% of the country's agricultural exports are done by the province, but the demands the industry faces can result in a significant decline in exports, which, in itself, can cause a chain reaction of job losses.

The Brics Summit is currently taking place in Durban, but on 20 March 2013 a report appeared in the media, pointing out the probability of South Africa, as a member of Brics, being one of the contributory factors in the closing of the McCain's factory in George later this year. One of the reasons for the competition is because of cheap, imported, frozen vegetables, especially from China. Imports from West Africa over the past three years have also increased after South Africa became a member of Brics in December 2010. This means more job losses and more unemployment and poverty, after which a series of social problems in that area will follow.

According to Mr Louis Walters, Managing Director of McCain Foods (SA), Western European farmers also still receive agricultural subsidies. This results in the South African agriculture industry, in particular in the Western Cape, being increasingly affected.

Mr Deputy Speaker, even worse are the shocking reports that Eskom has deceived the citizens of this country for more than 10 years with excessive annual tariff increases. The scandal was then exposed in the media that BHP Billiton – the biggest mining house in the world, with headquarters looking like glass houses – as it appears now is subsidised also by the poorest of the poor in South Africa. BHP Billiton is the beneficiary of low-tariff electricity; even lower than the production costs per unit of Eskom.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the question is now: what are the national Minister and the government going to do about it? May I guess? Nothing! They are going to sit quietly and see how the poor are being robbed to make the rich, such as BHP Billiton, even richer.

In South Africa, a water deficient country, farmers must make use of irrigation on cultivated lands, and this pushes up the price of electricity, the input costs and harvesting and packing costs sky high.

†A significant increase in the budget in terms of export control, veterinary public health and veterinary laboratory services is long overdue in these specific fields. The outbreak of avian flu in the ostrich industry in April 2011 in the Klein Karoo, and which is still continuing, led to the killing of approximately 48 000 ostriches in the industry. This resulted in job losses in that area. The outbreak of African horse sickness put a halt to the exporting of horses. I'm glad the Minister said horses and not horse meat. The clean status could be regained during 2013 and result in a positive outcome.

The outbreak of Rift Valley fever during summer will now be dealt with by veterinary services assisting farmers in purchasing vaccines to vaccinate on time. We welcome the appointment of three new state veterinary posts in export control to assist exporters of animals and animal products.

*Mr Deputy Speaker, allow me to thank the head of department and each official of the department for their devotion, hard work and resoluteness to make a success of this department and to ensure that tomorrow there can still be bread on the table.

†Mr J J VISSER: Mr Deputy Speaker, I think we all agree that agriculture is probably the most strategic and important portfolio in any government. It is so because we all need food as a basic ingredient to live and survive, also because agriculture is so interwoven with nature and the processes of nature.

Agriculturalists are unique, because they cannot merely focus on the task they have to produce food. They also need to focus on nature, people and their needs, the economy at large and their own specific needs.

It really is a struggle to survive making one's living solely from the production side of farming. In other spheres of the economy, people usually do only one part of the whole process of provision of goods or services. Some only manufacture, some only provide as a wholesaler to smaller outlets, some only sell directly to the public and others only deliver services to the industry, such as maintenance, outfitting, marketing, etc.

The government takes responsibility for the needs of human beings working in these industries. Government takes care of the need for transport, medical care, housing, preschool care, education and, most importantly, the social welfare of people. In the agricultural sector, however, things work differently and it does so because for decades people – the employers and the employees – lived together on farms.

A unique relationship began to form between people on farms and because of this people started to care for each other – so much so that the government started to wash its hands of people in agriculture. People in agriculture more and more became interdependent on each other. This bond between these people then just kept on growing and became stronger still – so strong that even a mighty political party like the ANC cannot break that bond.

We all know that the ANC does its best to drive a wedge between farmers and farm workers. They demonstrated that with firstly disbanding the Rural Foundation and then the Boskop Training Centre. The legacy of the work these two institutions did still exists and should be taken up again.

It is reassuring to notice that the hon Minister has budgeted an amount of about R6 million to start a process to look after farm workers specifically, and that is apart from the other work the department does to develop farm workers through training and small farmer development.

It is, however, about the only department that embarked on this course. I could not see in the budgets of other departments that there are specific amounts budgeted to care for the needs of farm workers. I really hope that with the example the Department of Agriculture sets, the other departments will follow suit.

It was exciting news to hear the hon Minister of Human Settlements say that his department should also take care of farm workers, in the sense that farm-worker housing should be looked at. Also, the hon Minister of Cultural Affairs and Sport wants to embark on sports development in the rural areas.

We were talking about the ANC trying to push a wedge between farmers and farm workers. Recently they again demonstrated that with the unrest in November 2012, where poor people without jobs were used and abused because, in many instances, they were forced to participate in this meaningless demonstration to demand wages that most knew were not affordable.

Of course, we all know that the farm workers do not earn a lot of money and we all want them to earn more money. We will, however, not achieve this by driving a wedge between them and the people who need to pay that money. If you cannot negotiate anything in good faith and trust, then you create a war where no one walks away with any benefit.

The hon Ozinsky has the audacity to remark in his speech at the NCOP that our Premier is biased by taking the side of farmers against farm workers. The hon Ozinsky said the following:

The attitude of the Democratic Alliance during the farm worker strike was not even-handed ... openly took side of farmers against workers ... showed no compassion ... –

and claimed—

... the majority of farmers paid above minimum wage, if so, why can they not afford the increase?

[Interjections.] At no time, Mr Deputy Speaker, did the DA take sides. This was actually noted in the press.

In her rebuttal on 28 February 2013, the Premier again expressed her empathy with all the parties affected during the recent wage strikes, landowners and farm workers alike. The Premier and the DA in the Western Cape are sincerely grateful to farm workers and farmers, who under these difficult circumstances persevered and ensured that crops were picked and packed and made available to the consumer.

†Mr M OZINSKY: What about the rest of my speech?

†Mr J J VISSER: Interesting to note, hon Ozinsky, is that during the wage strikes 204 people were arrested, of whom only 93 claimed to be farm workers, and that figure is also under dispute. That confirmed the Premier's research that there had, in fact, been political interference.

In March 2013, ... [Interjections.] ... and listen to this, a written reply by the national Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, on Question 58 – these are facts, Mr Deputy Speaker, and I'm giving the exact, researchable references – issued by Parliament on 13 March 2013, read:

7 500 food parcels were distributed by the department which cost R10 million, of which R478 866 was paid as management fees, including logistics.

†Mr M OZINSKY: Because he wanted the workers ... [Inaudible.]

†Mr J J VISSER: The food parcels were distributed to all households in all areas affected by the strike in the Western Cape. Could we then presume, Mr Deputy Speaker, that the farmers and their families were included?

†Mr M OZINSKY: No.

†Mr J J VISSER: No. Exactly!

†Mr M OZINSKY: They're not starving.

†Mr J J VISSER: Or would this be, as opposed to what the hon Mr Ozinsky claimed, rather the attitude of the ANC during the farm worker strike: not even-handed, openly took the side of workers against farmers, no compassion?

†Mr M OZINSKY: We praised farmers ... [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

†Mr J J VISSER: Mr Deputy Speaker, the Minister of Labour, Ms Oliphant, did not think the strike important enough to end her visit overseas to tend to matters at home and Tina Joemat-Pettersson openly supported the strikers, of which more than half – about 46% – were not even farm workers, as did Marius Fransman. His words are not allowed to be repeated in this Parliament. Sis! Ga! [Interjections.]

If they were not farm workers, who exactly did the ANC support with taxpayers' money?

†Mr M OZINSKY: The farm workers. [Interjections.]

†Mr J J VISSER: In the aftermath of Marikana the unions realised that they had lost their grip on the workers. Tony Ehrenreich used the farm-worker wage strike as a platform to aid union membership. Nosey Petersen – one has to wonder how much he pays the farm workers on his watch – and Mario Wanza are making hay while the sun shines. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr J J VISSER: The ANC has achieved exactly the opposite to what they wanted to achieve, Mr Deputy Speaker. The bond between farmers and farm workers has become stronger than ever and this is demonstrated by the formation of farm worker forums. One each has already been formed in Drakenstein, Breede River and De Doorns. [Interjections.] Drakenstein's forum already has more than 3 000 members. Those members joined the forum instead of joining the lame and useless labour unions. The newly formed political party, Wasp, also demonstrated their disgust with the ANC by not joining Cosatu.

The people of South Africa are turning their backs on the ANC in large numbers. We have also seen this happening in by-elections. If I were a member of the ANC, I would have been worried, but they are not. They still party while the wolf's at the door, and so the Titanic will sink while the orchestra is still playing and the ANC is eating and partying at Nkandla. [Laughter.][Interjections.]

†Mr M OZINSKY: Where were you? [Interjections.]

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Mr Ozinsky, "order" means exactly that. You can't have a dialogue while a member's speaking.

†Mr M OZINSKY: But he's talking to me.

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: No, but you are trying ... [Inaudible.] ... back.

†Mr J J VISSER: Mr Deputy Speaker, I want to ask hon Prins if it would have any value if I invited her to participate in a programme for the development and upliftment of farm workers and the farming community at large. [Interjections.] It would probably be a futile question to ask the hon member, because she, as does the whole of the ANC, does not focus on progressiveness. Instead, they focus on destruction. [Interjections.]

They have the attitude that they do not like farmers and now hon Prins has declared that she does not like the hon Minister either, and because of that they would even destroy the chances and hopes of the farm workers in order to destroy the farmers.

In the rural areas agriculture is such an important role-player in the economy that towns like De Doorns, Worcester, Ceres and the like cannot exist without the input and buying power of agriculture. The creation of jobs is not only limited to farms, but also to micro and medium businesses in towns which do business with the agricultural sector and provide the opportunity for someone to have work and a career and be able to develop himself or herself.

The long and the short of it all, Mr Deputy Speaker, is that agriculture as a sector is important and in the Western Cape is a driver of the economy. The hon Minister and the department should support this entity as well as they can, as they have done up to now. We, as politicians, have the responsibility to see to it that it happens.

Basic services should be extended to farms and housing should be available to farm workers – and I mean real farm workers, Mr Deputy Speaker, those who at present live on farms in houses that do not belong to them. Old people, the farm workers who have done their duty, should be made a priority as should transport for school children living on farms far away from schools.

Let us work better together as a government unit to address the needs of the farming communities.

†Mr M OZINSKY: P W Botha came back. [Laughter.]

*The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: Mr Deputy Speaker, I just want to say thank you very much to hon Walters. Thank you very much also for the competent way he leads the standing committee. If I would now have said it to the ANC, they would have objected, but I can tell him this – many, many truths come from the old horse's mouth. I can see he's a clever man who knows his story. Thank you, hon Walters, for the nice words also to my department.

You spoke about the Clanwilliam Dam. I hope it doesn't affect one of the gravestones of the ANC government. On 18 August 2010 the Minister of Water Affairs said – and she states it in the *Government Gazette* – that the dam wall is going to be raised by 13 m. Last year, on 12 December 2012, her department and my head of department signed a memorandum of understanding where we will work together on a study in which each will put in R5,2million to see how we are going to utilise this water for poor people below the dam.

*Ms E PRINS: Who are the “other” people?

*The MINISTER: "Poor". "Poor" people; you must use your heads.

*Mr J J VISSER: Your head is too round. [Laughter.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

*The MINISTER: Mr Deputy Speaker, how we are going to use it ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

The MINISTER: Mr Deputy Speaker, it's such a pity the ANC doesn't know about something such as poor people. [Interjections.] They don't want to hear that there are people who are poor. We really want to make this water available to poor people. [Interjections.]

*The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Hon Prins and hon Witbooi, give the hon Minister a fair chance to reply. Carry on, Minister.

*The MINISTER: Mr Deputy Speaker, it seems that I have stood on a sore little toe. We would gladly make this water available to poor people. In November 2012, the Minister of Water Affairs came forward and withdrew from this project. The study is now being discontinued, while we already had a memorandum of understanding. It will stand on their gravestone that they didn't want to give water to poor people below the Clanwilliam Dam. Mr Deputy Speaker, we will continue to do the right things and I want to say to hon Walters thank you very much for this.

I have now come to the point where hon Johan Visser spoke about farm-worker development. We are indeed the only department in South Africa that spends money on farm worker development. We are spending R17,2million on it this year. Mr Deputy Speaker, just as they don't want to hear about poor people, they also don't want to hear that there are good relationships between producers and farm workers. It's not in their vocabulary. They wouldn't like to see it happen.

To hon Van Zyl, I share your concern about the McCain's factory in George, and the job opportunities that will be lost with it. Also, what has happened at Eskom has worried me, as well as my colleague, Minister Bredell, for a long time. It worries us that where people in a town can get free units of power, poor people in the rural area do not get it.

An HON MEMBER: Nothing.

The MINISTER: I think we must do something about it. It's not only BHP Billiton that can have benefits; our poor people from the province must also be able to have them.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Mr H P GEYER: Hear, hear!

†Ms J WITBOOI: Amandla!

*The MINISTER: I now want to refer to hon Ellen Prins. She says there's a crisis in agriculture.

I think there is a crisis in agriculture in South Africa, and I hope the national Minister will recognise the crisis for a change. I think there is a crisis nationally in the ANC, however, and it is Minister Tina Joemat-Pettersson. There is a crisis in the ANC in the Western Cape, and it is Ellen Prins. [Interjections.] These are people who do not understand what's going on.

†Ms N P MAGWAZA: This is the leader of agriculture.

†Ms E PRINS: Yes.

*The MINISTER: She said I'm on the farmer's side, ostensibly.

An HON MEMBER: You are.

*Ms E PRINS: Yes.

*The MINISTER: When I refer to white farmers, then you say I'm only working for farm workers. [Interjections.] Let me tell you, with this crisis ...

Ms E PRINS: [Inaudible.]

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] ... a racist.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

The MINISTER: Mr Deputy Speaker, that hon member said I am a racist. I cannot accept that.

*The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! I heard that.

Ms E PRINS: [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Prins, you referred to Minister Botha, but withdraw it unconditionally. It's unparliamentary.

Ms E PRINS: [Inaudible.]

*Mr H P GEYER: Stand up when you withdraw it.

*The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You are withdrawing it?

Ms E PRINS: [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. [Interjections.] Minister Botha, that can stay until later. You may continue, Minister.

*The MINISTER: Thank you. Mr Deputy Speaker, in this whole agricultural problem we have had, I think I'm the only person in politics who has not positioned myself on the side of the one group or on that of the other group, but on agriculture's side.

†Mr M OZINSKY: Only you believe that.

*The MINISTER: I pleaded with Minister Tina Joemat-Pettersson and said: "Keep yourself out of this, please. It's a labour matter and it has nothing to do with you." She wouldn't listen and got onto the platform and chose to be on the side of a certain group.

Let us speak only about shareholding schemes. It is, and remains, the most successful project South Africa has ever had. [Interjections.] But do you know what happens in Oudtshoorn? Hon Prins and some of her lady friends are a group that are involved in one farm. Half of them walked away from the farm; they don't want to be there anymore. Some of them are sitting in the Parliament. [Interjections.] They want to sell the farm now and claim that the farm is bankrupt because they also still want to have the money. The other half are still on the farm and they are going on with a successful scheme. If it's not true, hon Prins must tell us.

*Ms E PRINS: I am not part of a share scheme.

*The MINISTER: She says Casp funds are incorrectly utilised. Once again, we are the only province that doesn't decide about it; we do so together with the entity. Together with the role-players we decide where Casp funds are going to be used. Hon Prins also complains about formerly disadvantaged students we don't use. We have taken 223 interns in with us since 2009. We gave them R15 million in bursaries. Of the Premier's Advancement of Youth project (Pay) we took in 42 interns, of which 33 are now studying with us with bursaries. Then we have employed 40 bursars since 2009.

Ms E PRINS: [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER: Hon Prins, I wonder if I shouldn't also consider giving you a bursary so that you can learn a bit more about agriculture.

*Mr H P GEYER: It will be very difficult. [Interjections.]

*The MINISTER: Let us speak about drugs and alcohol. Of the R17 million we are giving for farm-worker development, the prevention of drug and alcohol abuse is one of our most important programmes. Once again, we are the only department in the country that does it.

With reference to exports to the 300 Chinese – 300 Chinese can almost fit into one of our lifts. Our exports to China have doubled over the past three year. From 2009 our exports to China have increased from R7 million to R22 million.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I want to close. I would like to tell the ANC that the past is a strange country. People do things differently there. We must stop looking for guilty ones in the past. We in the country, indeed have a shared future. We want to take the country forward. Hon Prins, let us search for the guilty ones of the present; the people who make it difficult for us now to farm successfully. Then I want to say, in your party there are a great lot of people we will have to take out of the way if we want to go forward successfully with agriculture. [Applause.]

*The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! This ends the debate over this Budget vote. Before we go over to the next budget vote, we are going to suspend business for five minutes. We will suspend business for five minutes to allow the next officials to take their seats.

Debate concluded.

WESTERN CAPE APPROPRIATION BILL[B 2—2013]

(Debate on Vote 10 – Transport and Public Works)

†The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker, thank you also for making provision for us to have a quick glass of wine and something to eat before we came in. I, of course, drank non-alcoholic wine.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise today in support of the Department of Transport and Public Works budget for the 2013-14 financial year in the amount of R4,639 billion, rising to R5,038 billion and R5,975 billion in the outer years of the MTEF. I will be speaking quite a lot about figures today, because they carry behind them important stories.

The administration's vision, which informs the structuring of this budget, is that of creating an open opportunity society for all so that people can live lives they value. The departmental mission is to develop and maintain appropriate infrastructure and related services for sustainable economic development, which generates growth in jobs and facilitates empowerment and opportunity. This provision and maintenance of infrastructure is the core responsibility of the department.

When a state fails to maintain its assets, it fails as a state – functionally, economically, politically and socially – and eventually descends into chaos, as is happening in much of South Africa. Nowhere is this more apparent than in the failure of rail, which is driving more and more freight and passengers onto roads that are less and less capable of sustaining their increased loads.

Whilst the province has been able to maintain its roads, it is not able to influence the policy or action of a national government presiding over the steady deterioration of its most important mobility asset.

Our departmental imperative, sir, is to deliver our mandated services to our six million provincial citizens, and particularly to those two million who live below the poverty datum line.

Core functions

Our vision and mission dictate the seven core functions of this department:

1. To conduct the overall management and administrative support of the department;
2. to promote accessibility;
3. to plan, regulate and facilitate the provision of public and freight transport;
4. to use provincial property to act as a catalyst in achieving provincial objectives;
5. to provide an appropriately authorised transport environment;

6. to plan, regulate and facilitate the provision of accommodation for our client departments; and
7. to co-ordinate, monitor and evaluate the implementation of the EPWP and to develop and empower communities and contractors.

Ministerial Priority Programme 1

I lay down that the creation of a highly effective department and the freeing up of resources through instituting efficiency measures must be our greatest priority.

Let me say again, Mr Deputy Speaker, as I've said in previous years, that this department poses a greater management challenge than any other in the administration. In addition to its budget of R4,639 billion, it manages and implements a further R2,186 billion on behalf of its client departments, for a total of R6,825 billion.

It is responsible for managing assets in excess of R130 billion – R80 billion in fixed assets and R50 billion in roads. More importantly, it has a higher discretionary spend than all of the other departments put together.

Compensation of our employees makes up only 7,5% of the total spend. To my knowledge, our output-to-compensation ratio is 13:1. For each input there are 13 outputs and this is unique in South Africa, and probably globally. Let me say to my staff here today that this ratio means that for each rand you earn in salary, you deliver R13 in output and services, and that is the finest tribute that I can pay to you, both management and staff.

I wanted to speak very specifically about infrastructural spend, because there's been a great deal of nonsense spoken on infrastructural spend and it is always comforting to know that nobody from the ANC who speaks on these matters is here, but that hardly comes as a surprise.

Schools, schools, schools

I wanted to use the ANC promotion themes of 1994 where they talked of jobs, jobs, jobs and houses, houses, houses. I want to speak of schools, schools, schools.

It is also appropriate to note the enormous increase in infrastructural investment that has occurred in this department and in its implementing function during my watch. Setting aside the huge increases in health and general works infrastructure spending, let me concentrate, as an example, on education.

In the last four years of ANC control – the 2005-06 to the 2008-09 financial years – R630 million was spent on educational infrastructure. In the following four years, from the 2009-10 to the 2012-13 financial years, R1,720 billion was spent on educational infrastructure. In other words, the increase of the four years under this administration, compared to the previous four years under that administration, was R1,090 billion. In other words, we spent almost three times as much on educational infrastructure as the ANC did.

"Well", might the taxpayer ask, "but where did all the money go in those early days?" But this is only the beginning.

Not only have we increased it from R630 million in four years to R1,720 billion in four years, in the next three years we will spend R3,3 billion.

Whilst the annual educational infrastructure spending under the ANC averaged R157,5 million per annum, in the seven years I am talking about our average annual spend in education will be in excess of R700 million per year. That means we will exceed by more than four times what was spent under the ANC.

By 2016, this administration will have built close to 104 new and replacement schools. This is a phenomenal achievement by an equally phenomenal team. Gary Fisher, Thando Mguli and your truly amazing staff, take a bow; you are achieving the impossible.

The PREMIER: Hear, hear!

The MINISTER: You are demonstrating service delivery as it has never been done before. You are building schools faster, smarter and cheaper than has ever been done in the past. These schools are amongst the best, and the vast majority of them are for the communities that have long needed such an investment in education. So the opposition can keep talking the talk on delivering to the poor, while we continue to deliver real service to the poorest of the poor in the Western Cape.

†Mr H P GEYER: We are talkers and doers.

†The MINISTER: These remarkable achievements would not have been possible, let me say, were it not for the confidence shown in my department by the National Treasury and the national education departments – a confidence not always echoed in my own ranks, I might add. For that, to Ministers Gordhan and Motshekga, goes my grateful thanks. We will not let you down.

The end of an era – “... a man is going past there ...”

On a sadder note, I announce the end of an era. Sadly, my Head of Department, Mr Johan Fourie, seated over there, stands down in October 2013. This is his choice and certainly not mine. For 40 years he has served South Africa with skill, courage, wisdom and dedication. He knows only one master, the people of this province, and he is their faithful and extremely hardworking servant. He exemplifies all those virtues which should characterise a public servant; integrity, impartiality and a burning concern that the people's money should serve the people's needs and nothing else.

In three years he has transformed my department and taken it from disgrace and demoralisation to the highest levels of probity, and one in which every member is proud to serve. It was my privilege to have served with him. I have never seen his like in the private or public sector, and we will not see it again. Enjoy your retirement, Johan, for no one has worked harder for it than you.

An HON MEMBER: Hear, hear!

The MINISTER: In previous budget speeches I've reported on all programmes and branches in great detail. I think it'll be a great relief to you to know that I don't intend to do so now. I will confine myself to mainly important areas, achievements and risks.

Programme 1: Administration

Office of the Minister and Management of the Department

In administration I am well supported by my Head of Ministry, Sanele Nyoka over there; by Bles Smit, hiding somewhere here – there he is; and Siphesihle Dube, who I have no doubt is also hiding somewhere –there he is; as well as our small but excellent administrative staff. I include my protector, Errol Jobs – I hope he is also here – who achieves the impossible in getting me to most places on time.

My budget remains the lowest in the administration and probably in the country. I have made one overseas trip in my term. Three of my senior officials have been recruited on promotion, which means they were stolen by my seniors.

This report and the budget as a whole are a testimony to the effectiveness of the management of the Ministry, but mainly of the department, which operates through a small team and regular top-management meetings.

Corporate support

Great strides have been made in the very complex field of supply chain management, which governs our procurement. This goes together with the ever-increasing proficiency of our administration and accounting, increasingly augmented by the population of our micro structures, at last. The department again received an unqualified audit and also was rated to have the second best annual report in South Africa.

Departmental strategy

From the outset, the department has been driven by strategic considerations increasingly augmented by policy.

Strategic Objective 3 (SO3), which is our main strategic objective, is well founded and managed, and the department is actively involved in all appropriate SOs, notably SO1.

Building the future

Masakh'iSizwe is the main thing I would want to refer to. It is evolving into a truly excellent bursary scheme. Our bursary holders outperform the university averages by considerable margins. I want to stress that. Our youngsters at Cape Town, Stellenbosch, wherever they are, do better in their B Sc degrees, or whatever it is they're doing, than the average student does in his B Sc or whatever he is doing.

The relationship with our private sector and academic partners is not only strong, it's an enthusiastic one, and there's great commitment and passion. I remain puzzled that this initiative has not been taken up by other provinces.

I think I have some of the students here. I was at a granting of bursaries quite recently, I'm not sure if it was at the University of the Western Cape, and I listened to them as they made their opening and closing speeches. I just want to give you some idea of the kind of commitment we are seeing from our Masakh'iSizwe bursars.

Dana Haggins from Mitchells Plain – are you there? There she is being very coy and shy, but she's not actually coy and shy, believe me. She's from Mitchells Plain and I promise you I didn't choose her on that basis. She completed her National Diploma in Civil Engineering in 2012 at CPUT, Bellville. She's currently employed by the Department of Transport and Public Works as a candidate civil technician. She attended Oval North High School in Beacon Valley, where she matriculated in 2008. She managed to get onto Go for Gold. This is a wonderful private sector initiative done by our own construction industry and I believe this is one of the keys to her future. She was selected by WBHO Construction to work for a year on site and in 2009 was awarded a full-time study bursary by Masakh'iSizwe.

She has since been employed by the department and appointed a mentor, who oversees her development and deploys her to various locations to gain experience. She hopes to register as a professional civil technician within the next few years. As a young female in the construction industry, she will immediately be a role model to many others through the work that she produces.

Ryan Arendse, who is over there in the corner – and he is also an interesting example – started studying at CPUT in 2007, where he was awarded a bursary. He went on to graduate in 2009 and started working for the department in February 2010.

He has worked at Power Construction for seven months as a junior technician and worked on the PN2. He also worked as a junior surveyor and as a technical assistant working with the consultants doing quality control on site. He then moved to the Ceres regional office and he worked as a junior design technician at Worley Parsons in his private capacity.

In 2012, he worked independently as a junior engineer's representative, where he was responsible for the construction of non-motorised facilities on a site in Mitchells Plain. He has now reregistered at the University of Stellenbosch, where he will do a B Eng.

I bring these two people to your attention, because here is the future technical leadership of this province and this country. We're grateful to them and we're grateful, also, to all of those who are involved in Masakh'iSizwe for what they've achieved.

We also this year celebrate the graduation of our first diesel mechanics. As far as I know, these are the first diesel mechanics that the Western Cape, or South Africa, has produced in years. They will be coming out at the rate of about 10 a year and we are delighted with them. I don't know how long we will hang on to them as they are very valuable property. This year we have also moved into bursaries within our built areas.

Legislation

The Western Cape Transport Infrastructure Bill has now been and gone through the House, and is shortly to be followed by the regulations flowing from the Provincial Road Traffic Act, including blue lights and the 1,5 m cycle consideration.

The provincial Legislature will also shortly consider the Amended Applicable Title Deed condition for the Founders Garden, which sounds very complex, but it's not.

It means that a piece of useless land will become a very important addition to the city as a whole.

†Mr M OZINSKY: Founders of what?

†The MINISTER: What I can assure you of, hon Ozinsky, is you were not one of them. [Laughter.]

†Mr M OZINSKY: The founders of apartheid.

†The MINISTER: No, no. These were the founders of the ANC, and they specially asked me to do this. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

The MINISTER: I want to say to hon Ozinsky that having recently got married he should look more cheerful than he looks, sir. [Interjections.]

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Carlisle, please continue.

†The MINISTER: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker.

Programme 2: Public Works – R1 282 193 000

Overview

The programme makes provision for a further R105 million increase in maintenance, which, together with the significant increase in the building of replacement schools, will contribute to meeting our goal of reducing the maintenance backlog by 16%. [Interjections.]

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Carlisle, please continue, it's quiet now. [Interjections.] Order! Order! Please continue, Minister. [Interjections.] Will the front bench give the hon Minister an opportunity to continue.

†The MINISTER: Thank you. Having just withdrawn a comment like "loskop", it shouldn't exist if it excites you to that extent.

The budget has been reduced by the transfer of regeneration funds and the budgets for property transactions to the Asset Finance Reserve in Provincial Treasury.

The Government Immovable Asset Management Act (Giama) will be implemented and complied with during the year under review, a first for South Africa.

General Buildings Facilities

There are three areas of operation in terms of building: That's our own general buildings; secondly, education; and, thirdly, health.

In terms of our own general building facilities, we will be spending R440 million and we plan to engage in 459 maintenance projects and 29 major capital projects, as well as day-to-day management and maintenance of provincial government-owned facilities. An estimated 5 000 decent job opportunities and 1 200 EPWP work opportunities will be provided.

To mention just a few: The upgrade of 4 Dorp Street, very remarkable in all respects, will be completed by October 2013.

I broke the sod, as they call it, at the Khayelitsha Shared Service Office Block, which will be the first five-star-rated Green Star building of the provincial government. That will be completed in May 2014, and there are a number of other key ones.

Modernisation and refurbishment are carrying on at this stage at 9 Dorp Street; 1, 3 and 4 Dorp Street; 27 Wale Street; and the Goulburn Centre in Goodwood.

All of those, Mr Deputy Speaker, are significantly driving up the productivity of our accommodation space. They are bringing down our costs and softening our footfall in all respects.

Works Education Facilities

I'm not going to go through this in any great detail other than to say we will be expending R1,272 billion to finance 28 new schools and 14 Accelerated Schools Infrastructure Delivery Initiative (Asidi) replacement schools – that's the national one. These projects will also create a total of 6 000 decent jobs and 1 200 EPWP work opportunities.

I have listed for members, should they have any doubts about these figures, the schools in page after page, and the projects in page after page, so there can be no doubt about their veracity and nobody can ask which ones it was, and so on. They're all there.

Then I would like to move, Mr Deputy Speaker, to property and regeneration. The first regeneration income of some R2,2 million from the lease of the Sea Point School, small as it may be, marks an important milestone in the profitable management of our property assets.

The intention here, in terms of this policy, is to build a strong positive net cash inflow into the Asset Financing Reserve by the sale or lease of provincial properties and the accommodation of our staff in owned rather than leased-out properties. My goal there is clear and that is that by 2020 we should be obtaining a net benefit of R2 billion per annum.

To this end, Mr Deputy Speaker, we have purchased York Park Building in George as our provincial headquarters and over time all provincial undertakings will be housed there. The cost of the purchase will be recovered well within the first 10 years and thereafter our current expenses will be reduced by approximately R10 million per annum, escalating at 12% per annum.

In addition, we have purchased property in Maitland to house the Government Garage (GG), which was up there, thereby preparing the old GG precinct between Mill and Roeland Streets and between Hope and Buitenkant Streets for appropriate mixed-income and residential development. That will be an enormous development, which in time will completely transform the face of Cape Town.

We will shortly go out to tender on the construction of a building on a site owned by the Western Cape government in Leeuwen Street. This is a private-public partnership and will accommodate the Department of Education in full and at the end of 15 years this building will revert to the province and its rental factor will then be zero.

Major developments are planned for the Artscape Founders Garden precinct, including major extensions to Artscape, largely financed by National Treasury and the national department, as well as a parking service for the extended convention centre, the Chris Barnard Hospital and Artscape itself.

Cabinet has approved draft frameworks for the massive Two Rivers Urban Park (Trup) development to be co-developed with the City and that extends from Alexandra, on the one hand, right through to Athlone, on the other hand. It is to be co-developed with the City and strategically led by the Cape Higher Education Consortium (Chec), the four universities of the Western Cape.

The Trup is planned as a sustainable development, self-sufficient in terms of bulk services. There'll be no need to bring extra bulk services or construct them on the site. Early identified tenants are a health cluster – one of whom is already there – and the SA headquarters of the Square Kilometre Array Africa (Ska), which I understand – and my colleague here can correct me – will, when it's at full bore, draw as much digital activity as the rest of the Southern Hemisphere. Is that correct? [Interjections.] It will be as much as the whole of the US.

Mr Deputy Speaker, it is now ministerial policy to dispose of all properties not required by the administration or having been identified as not having regeneration potential. Such disposals would be aimed at mixed-income housing proposals and will include – subject to Education and School Governing Body approval – excess land at certain schools.

Properties sold under the previous administration

I draw to the hon members' attention property sold under the previous administration. The sale of the Conradie site will be cancelled during this year as certain contractual obligations were not met – like paying for it.

†Mr M OZINSKY: You said that last time ... [Inaudible.]

†The MINISTER: The sales of Erf 2067, Strandfontein, and Erf 159166, Heideveld, were cancelled *inter alia* for non-payment, but these cancellations were overturned by the Cape High Court, to everyone's surprise other than the Cape High Court.

Programme 3: Transport Infrastructure – R1 995 792 000

This is, in fact, roads, Mr Deputy Speaker. The budget is largely unchanged when compared to the 2012-13 financial year, but shows very substantial increases in the two outer years, totalling some R700 million arising from increases in the Roads Maintenance Grant and PES.

The decline in construction is due to funding being kept in reserve by Provincial Treasury – I think to the value of about R300 million – for allocation in the Adjustment Estimates, as was described to you a few days ago.

Whilst the department continues to be challenged by the condition of unsurfaced roads, 93,5% of all kilometres travelled in the province are on good to very good surfaced roads, which is at the upper end of global standards and it is at least up to European standards.

The list of road construction and maintenance projects totalling R1,723 billion is detailed in the budget, where everyone can see it. Members will, however, be pleased to note, and I see most of them missed it, that planning will commence, subject to approval by the City of Cape Town, on the construction of a third lane in both directions on the N1 – are you listening carefully, Madam Beerwinkel? – at the Durban Road interchange at an estimated cost of R125 million. Whilst this will obviously create a fair degree of problems while it's being built, it will significantly reduce peak congestion.

In addition, I've asked the department to consider the realignment of the Borchards Quarry interchange on the N2 to improve access to Philippi.

Philippi has enormous potential in terms of available labour, available space and the Philippi Industrial Park, where the city is involved in a major regeneration and employment project, but access to Philippi, particularly for commercial vehicles, is very difficult.

Chapman's Peak PPP

With regard to the Chapman's Peak Public-Private Partnership (PPP), Mr Deputy Speaker, despite a residual court challenge in this area, the toll plaza is likely to be completed in June 2013, and all things being equal, it will be fully operational in July 2013.

†Mr M OZINSKY: Will you invite ... [Inaudible.] ... to the opening?

†The MINISTER: Indeed I will, and I'll even invite Max.

Toll Roads

The toll road, Mr Deputy Speaker, is something that happened quite recently. Notwithstanding a statement by the national Department of Transport in 2012, that no future toll roads will be considered, Sanral has decided to press ahead with the N1-N2 Winelands tolling project.

The Western Cape government will continue to support the City in its opposition to such tolling. We share their insistence that full and detailed construction and tolling costs must be revealed by Sanral. Whatever these may be, the impact of tolling on agriculture on those sections will be extremely negative and will lead to further unemployment in already impoverished communities.

We are also exposed to the excessively high costs of the Somerset West bypass and the commissioning of the second tunnel at Huguenot. It is my view, and I've said this before, that we are in a fortunate position compared to Gauteng. In Gauteng, when they discovered what was happening and got excited, the money had been spent.

Here, sir, the money hasn't been spent, but we have a second thing here. Here we have an election coming up in April 2014, and there we can test how people feel about the toll road. So those who are opposed to the toll road will know who to vote for, and those who want the toll road will vote for the people who are trying to introduce it. [Interjections.]

Programme 5: Transport Operations – R862,864 million

Public Transport

The Public Transport Operating Grant (PTOG) and its attendant operational costs make up R805 million of this programme budget. In terms of the National Land Transport Act (NLTA), both the PTOG and those portions of the Regulating Entity which relate to the metro must migrate to the City. Plans in this regard are well advanced, but the migration must be seen in the context of the public transport generally.

The province's requirements in this regard are set out in great detail in the Provincial Land Transport Framework which, in turn, informs the Integrated Transport Plans of all provincial municipalities.

The City has set up a Transport Authority charged with managing – but not operating – public transport in the City and, after due process, in a number of adjoining municipalities.

The most important modality in public transport is rail

Metrorail Western Cape was until recently distressingly dysfunctional, but under new regional management has improved off a low base. Punctuality and security have both improved, though the latter still leaves much to be desired, particularly on the Southern Line. The number of functional train-sets has increased from 79 to approximately 100, but we are still well short of the 130 required.

On a more cheerful note, tenders have been awarded for the replacement of the Western Cape Metro signalling systems and for the 25-year replacement of existing train-sets with new train-sets. It is expected that the first 15 new train-sets will be delivered to our system during 2015.

Metrorail and the City are engaging on a number of fronts, including on a CCTV monitoring system that will have train stations monitored by CCTV cameras that will feed directly to the Goodwood Traffic Management Centre (TMC). They are also at this stage in the early process of the consideration that the city council's Transport Authority will manage Metrorail's subsidy.

Road-Based Public Transport

The main problématique faced is in the area of road-based public transport, in which the principal players are the minibus taxi industry, Golden Arrow Bus Services (Gabs) and the MyCiti Vehicle Operating Companies.

The Provincial Land Transport Framework (PLTF) requires that a broad agreement be reached on the broad planning of road-based public transport with all stakeholders and that it be formally reached. Such agreement on the way forward will form an essential element in the City's Integrated Transport Plan, due to be published later this year.

This sensitive negotiation is now under way, but the levels of anxiety felt by all road-based operators must not be overestimated. Both the City and the department are agreed that road-based operations should be hybrid, allowing for taxi operators to choose as to whether they would become part of larger operating entities or to continue operating on their existing routes.

There are many uncertainties, particularly with regard to future funding. Critical to the success of an integrated public transport system is that it be affordable, not only to commuters, but also to the municipalities that deliver those services.

My Citi has captured a significant slice of commuters, and ticket sales for both Metrorail and Gabs are significantly increased and therefore it is expected that the department's goal in switching people from private to public transport will be met.

Rail freight and medium/long-distance passenger rail

Both rail and passenger rail have dwindled to very low capacities. Whilst the province has been successful in persuading Prasa to run additional passenger trains to East London and Queenstown during the three peaks, little or no dialogue has occurred with Transnet with regard to freight. I would have to say that the goal with regard to the switch from road to rail will not be met.

George Mobility Project

After many years of negotiation, we are almost ready to go with the first non-metro public transport system in South Africa. Special thanks to Deidre Ribbonaar who has plugged away with such courage and grace for so many years. Special thanks also to Hannes Mouton and Darryl Jacobs who have clinched for us financing of R400 million over the next three years. This is an outstanding achievement.

Programme 5: Transport Regulation – R299,591 million

Licence fees

After six years without increases, the Western Cape registration and licence fees are now in the middle to lower band of fees charged in other provinces. We have thus recommended an increase of an average of 5,3%, which recommendation is presently undergoing the public participation process. All licence fees realised are ring-fenced for road maintenance and licence fees are expected to realise R1,077 billion in the 2013-14 financial year.

Transport administration and licensing

This branch is well managed, but fraud in the testing of drivers and vehicles is a very serious challenge. In a sting operation in Oudtshoorn, a number of licensing staff and driving instructors were arrested. Roadworthy testing is plagued by a massive national fraud at present of which, reluctantly, I have to say that both the national department and several of the provincial departments are aware.

Operator licences and permits – MTB industry

The Provincial Regulatory Entity (PRE) continues to deliver an ever-improving service. They interact continually with Santaco and individual associations. The strict policy preventing unlawful and violent entry into the industry has held the number of operators in the City at about 7 000, while the market has continued to grow, thereby leading to greater prosperity for operators and owners.

It is my policy to deal officially only with Santaco, whose endeavours we fund, and only to deal unofficially with so-called mother bodies.

Disputes within three Bellville associations led to three murders, violence at the rank and the assault of one of our senior staff. After months of negotiations and dispute resolution, we have stopped all transactions pertaining to them for a period of two months, and with the full support of all law enforcement agencies, will close all routes used by those associations for the same period.

The employment relationship between owners and operators, on the one hand, and on the other, their drivers and “gaardjies” in the MTB industry is unlawful, unsatisfactory and a direct cause of bad driving. Neither the unions nor the relative national entities are addressing this matter seriously enough.

Law enforcement – weighbridges

Some 640 000 vehicles will be weighed in the province in the 2013-14 financial year. The percentage of overloaded vehicles has dropped from 4% in the 2009-10 financial year to 2,5% in the 2012-13 financial year. Eighty million rand will be expended on the construction of a further weighbridge at Gouda, which will then close a notorious overloaded truckers’ rat-run.

Law enforcement – provincial traffic

Whilst Cabinet believes that the traffic police should operate within this department, it has been agreed to defer this transfer until later in 2013. Let me take this opportunity to thank all the members of the law enforcement agencies operating on the road. Yours is a tough, thankless and sometimes terrible job.

In introducing Safely Home, let me say how nice it was to know that on Human Rights Day all sorts of my staff were all over the place doing things about safety on the road, and that surely has everything to do with the reduction of accidents.

They were Kevin October, Jessia Ahmed, Seneli Ngoka – I was in Mitchells Plain and Khayelitsha – Abdurahman Barnes and Sikona Sikgatela, and various others. Just to give you some idea of why it is so successful, it is the passion and commitment that goes with it.

Law enforcement – Safely Home

The fatality rate on roads in the province has been reduced from 1 739 for the year ended December 2008, to 1 262 for the year ended December 2012. The annualised figure to February 2013 was 1 202, and that is a reduction in excess of 30%. Our research indicates that such reductions have not been achieved in such short time elsewhere in the world. All classes of fatalities have been reduced, with the exception of motor cycles where it has increased by 25%.

Pedestrians and drivers/passengers make up the largest cohort of fatalities. During this year, a number of identified pedestrian hazardous locations have been marked for action, commencing with Nekkie on the outskirts of Knysna and Lansdowne Road here in Cape Town.

Actions taken will include community involvement and education; the appointment of pedestrian bridge marshals, to get people to use the bridges and also for it to be safe for them to use the bridges; better lighting; access control measures, where necessary; and more pedestrian robots.

As far as drivers/passengers are concerned, Average Speed over Distance (Asod) has been extended from Beaufort West. We already have the R61 coming into Beaufort West – 17 km. The N1 coming into Beaufort West from the north – 33 km – will now be extended by more than 200 km south and west, certainly to Touws River and possibly to Worcester, we're not absolutely certain. In addition, the R27 will be covered by Average Speed over Distance cameras for the points from Melkbosstrand to Saldanha Bay.

Seatbelt compliance, particularly among back seat passengers, is very low. A major campaign will be run to encourage and enforce compliance.

Much greater use will be made of cameras to cover blind-rise hot spots. The emphasis in all these initiatives will be prevention rather than fining or arrests. Additional staff will be appointed in the research area as well as in the "reporter and witness" programmes. It is intended to greatly expand this area with a target of 100 000 motorists reporting offences to us on a regular basis.

There is a pressing need for greater law enforcement resources. Safely Home remains deeply concerned regarding weaknesses in the criminal justice system:

- Breathalyser technology is still undergoing required technical processes;
- blood samples are still taking up to a year to be processed;
- too often the crash management policing is not adequate to result in convictions; and
- courts labour under case loads which they simply cannot manage.

In the Rheenendal bus tragedy, no charges have yet been laid, despite two expert investigations commissioned by my department, which clearly indicate that the bus was unroadworthy at the time of the accident. I closed the vehicle testing station responsible for issuing the bus in question with a roadworthy certificate, only to have this overturned by the courts.

Nevertheless, Safely Home has made huge strides and our target of a 50% reduction by December 2014 is expected to be met.

Provincial Motor Transport Trading Entity

It gets the shortest mention of all, because it never causes any trouble and it runs extremely well. The Government Garage (GG) continues to operate efficiently, operating a fleet in excess of some 4 500 vehicles, which are replaced now at about 3,5 year intervals. All the accounting changes required by the Auditor-General have now been completed.

Programme 6: Community-based programmes – R51,672 million

This programme manages both the EPWP and the development and empowerment of communities and contractors. The EPWP targets for the 2012-13 financial year will not only be met, they will be significantly exceeded. Targets for the 2013-14 financial year are 94 000 work opportunities, which will include 37 700 youth, 51 900 women and 1 889 people with disabilities. The province co-ordinates administration flows for the whole province.

Conclusion

Let me say to our thousands of partners, some of whom are here today – in national, provincial and municipal government, in the private sector, the universities, the NGOs and on the roads – without you we could not achieve anything.

To the Chairperson of our Standing Committee on Finance, I extend my sincere thanks for an efficient and well done job.

To the Premier and my Cabinet colleagues – you're a dream team and we will be the best-run regional government in the world.

To my staff, senior and junior, young and old, I hope you are as proud of yourselves as I am proud of working with you.

To my wife Margaret and my daughters Erin and Frith, who's not here, who have been patient so for so long, soon enough I will be all yours.[Laughter.][Applause.]

*Mr E J VON BRANDIS: Mr Deputy Speaker, I support the budget of the Department of Transport and Public Works. The R4,639 billion budgeted for the 2013-14 financial year will make it possible for the department to perform its core functions.

Access to safe and efficient transport is a strategic goal for the government. This also applies to the support of other strategic goals by the necessary provision of provincial infrastructure and coordination of the Extended Public Works Programme.

One of the realities South Africa is facing is the drastic urbanisation of our society, as shown by the National Development Plan. It increasingly puts pressure on providing housing, municipal services, schools, clinics, public transport and commercial development.

One of the best ways to keep inspiring economic activities, especially during difficult times, is to invest in infrastructure. That is also the reason why the government increased the infrastructure budget in the 2013 medium term from R3,3 billion to R5,5 billion.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the Western Cape is, however, not entirely insulated against problems that are observed at national level. There cent admission by Minister Nxesi regarding alleged corruption, fraud and rental scandals of the Department of Public Works, and that there is conspiracy and corruption deep within some elements of the department, as well as in certain sectors of the property and construction industries, also pose a threat to the Western Cape.

The Road Traffic Management Corporation appears to be on the brink of disintegration, and on-going bitumen shortages in South Africa puts additional pressure on Sanral and departments involved in the tarring of roads, and other construction projects.

The environment in which the Department of Transport and Public Works has to function is therefore complicated. Nevertheless, the Western Cape Department of Transport and Public Works manages all the time to be the pacemaker with regard to effective and efficient service delivery.

An example of this is the opening of the department's new Walk-in Centre, which offers the public quality service delivery regarding tenders and motor-vehicle licences, and tries to eliminate the red tape involved in the processes.

Mr Deputy Speaker, with regard to infrastructure, the successes of especially health and education infrastructure are well known. The Minister has elaborated on it reasonably in his speech.

The provincial government was recently subjected to criticism regarding underspending on infrastructure in the third quarter of 2012. It is pleasing to see how the problem is not shied away from but how it is really addressed.

The Masikh'iSizwe programme is a strategic partnership with tertiary education institutions, the private sector and the local authorities that are specifically aimed at addressing the shortage of skills in the department, and also in the building industry. It is gladdening that 220 bursars could benefit from this.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the department's greatest contribution to job creation, however, remains with the implementation of the Extended Public Works Programme. In total, infrastructure will create about 100 000 job opportunities in the 2013 medium term; while more than 250 000 UPWP job opportunities in infrastructure, social, economic and environment sectors will be maintained in the medium term.

The R1,7billion made available for the construction of new roads, as well as for the maintenance of existing roads, is welcome. The condition of our roads, as shown, is generally quite good. As the Minister had also mentioned, 93% of all vehicle kilometres are done on fairly good and very good roads. Although the number of roads that are listed as poor and very poor, did increase during the 2011-12 financial year, it can to a great extent be attributed to flood damage and other natural disasters.

Road infrastructure is also effectively addressed in the new Western Cape Traffic Infrastructure Act, 2012. This gives the Minister, or the relevant municipalities, the necessary authority to take responsibility for the relevant road infrastructure to be able to take care of the planning, management and planning of traffic infrastructure.

Mr Deputy Speaker, in his State of the Nation Address, President Zuma mentioned the 11 train locomotives that will help to transport iron ore along the West Coast of South Africa. Prasa recently also announced its multibillion rand rail renewal plan. These are all positive developments in the rail network. Unfortunately, passenger rail transport in the Western Cape is still bogged down by the same old problems – vandalism, arson, crime on trains and stations, and even violence. Unnecessary pedestrian deaths on train rails are also a problem that requires constant attention.

The progress being made with integrated transport plans for municipalities to realise safe, affordable and reliable public transport in our province, is welcome. The recent violence in the minibus taxi industry, however, hampers the cooperation that must come from taxi associations.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the tragic bus accident recently outside Worcester again brings back the focus to the responsible and safe use of our roads by everyone.

Road safety is a non-debatable requirement for every road user. In spite of the recent accident, it appears that efforts of the Safely Home campaign did result in success.

January 2013 showed the lowest number of deaths on our roads: a total of 79 since the Safely Home campaign was established in 2009. Pedestrians still represent the highest number of deaths at 41%. Two groups of road users that also require more attention are both cyclists and motorcyclists.

Further interventions under the Safely Home campaign, such as the Shadow centres, and prevention programmes that are presented are busy saving lives in our province, and we thank the department for them. The possibility of the return of the Dräger Alco tests later this year are also welcome. The safeguarding of our roads by also giving extra technological support with rolling out the Average Speed over Distance Project, which is currently being implemented in three different places, is of course also an asset.

The core findings of the Average Speed over Distance Project since its introduction, shows a drastic reduction in speed, increased law enforcement, accelerated reaction time at road accidents, as well as the close cooperation of the different agencies involved – better together.

†Mr Deputy Speaker, one of the most successful and self-funded entities is Government Motor Transport. Here are some of the estimated performance targets for the 2012-13 financial year: Number of vehicles in the fleet, 4998; number of vehicle inspections carried out, 5 700; and number of business processes documented, 24.

However, what is reason for concern is the way their clients behave: Number of accidents and losses incidents, 2 700; number of traffic violations processed, 5 400; and debt collection periods of up to 48 days. It is the responsibility of all departments to take note of these transgressions and discipline their staff accordingly.

*Mr Deputy Speaker, for all the reasons mentioned above I would like to thank hon Minister Carlisle, Mr Fourie and his department, as well as Mr Koegelenberg and his entity, for their excellent work and dedication to safe and efficient transport and accelerated infrastructure development in our province.

Mnu Z C STALI: Somlomo, ndivumele nam ndithathe eli thuba ndilinganise abo sebenzile ndithi tutwini kwiintsapho nezalamane ezithe zehlelwa lilifu elimnyama zashiywa zizihlobo kwingozi yebhasi ethe yehla eDe Doorns. Singu African National Congress sithi lalani ngenxeba. Kunje kuzo zonke iintlanga.

[Translation of isiXhosa paragraph follows.]

[Mr Z C STALI: Speaker, allow me to take this opportunity like those who have already spoken by conveying my condolences to the families who have lost their loved ones during the bus accident at De Doorns. We as the ANC say to them that they must find peace during this time. All the people go through these experiences.]

†This is the time when many people are starting to prepare for their short holidays. Migrant workers will go home to their families and Christians will be travelling to various places to offer worship.

Unfortunately, in our province this means increased traffic volumes which, in turn, make road users vulnerable to the carnage on our roads. Sadly, for some families this is a time when religious and family celebrations turn into a nightmare due to the carnage on our roads.

Mr Deputy Speaker, let me take this opportunity in advance, on behalf of the ANC, to convey our deepest appreciation to all the men and women in uniform who always spend the holiday periods working to safeguard us on the roads. We remain indebted to our law-enforcement officers, emergency services and health personnel for being there for us and for the sacrifices they make in the interests of our safety, not only during this hectic time on our calendar, but also on a daily basis.

During the launch of Arrive Alive in December 2009, the then Minister of Transport emphasised road safety as one of the key priorities and made a commitment to initiating the establishment of community road safety councils in all provinces. The establishment of these Community Road Safety Councils implies managing road safety through community involvement, as individual efforts by the department has not been inadequate in reducing the carnage on our roads. Unfortunately, not much has been done to ensure that this initiative is taken seriously in the Western Cape. One hopes that this budget will be utilised to address this shortcoming.

Mr Deputy Speaker, it is of critical importance that the House is aware of the aims and objectives of the Road Safety Councils so that we can have a clear understanding of their role in our communities when we do oversight. They are there to ensure that there is collaborative partnership with the key stakeholders such as other government departments, the Departments of Agriculture, Health and Education, the SAPS, municipalities, emergency services and communities, and that there is an intensification of community involvement to educate the community on road safety whilst involving them in the implementation of the programme.

Communities assist government in promoting safety on the roads with programmes at schools, churches, community organisations, Sassa pay points and ATCs. They assist in the identification of areas with a high prevalence of accidents. They serve as advisory bodies to government on road-safety issues that affect communities and work with government to identify dangerous areas. They also engage local authorities to improve infrastructure.

It is very heartening that two major taxi associations in the province, Cata and Codeta, converged on Beaufort West on 21 March 2013 for a prayer ceremony. This was a very good step and came from the taxi leaders themselves to show that they are also concerned about the accidents on our roads.

Whilst these initiatives are indeed positive and must be built upon, it is somewhat concerning that whilst the MEC reported a lower road-fatality rate this year, he expressed concern with underreporting. We hope that shortcomings around underreporting are addressed swiftly. Furthermore, the targets of 1 100 for road fatalities, as set by the department, is a bit too high.

Mr Deputy Speaker, at its 52nd national conference, our country's ruling party, the ANC, took a profound resolution as part of its Strategic and Tactics document.

The resolution talks of a need to build a developmental state as a fundamental step to taking forward our democratic ideas of building a united, non-sexist, non-racial and prosperous nation – a developmental state based on the reality of our experiences.

According to the ANC, a developmental state is located at the centre of a mixed economy. It is a state which leads and guides that economy and which intervenes in the interests of the people as a whole. The ANC is of the view that, while engaging private capital strategically, all levels of government must be rooted amongst the people and must seek to build consensus on a democratic basis that builds national unity.

The ANC also feels that whilst engaging effectively to promote growth, efficiency and productivity, the state must effectively address the social conditions of the masses of our people.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I have cited our Strategy and Tactics document extensively due to a belief that it has correctly defined our situation and should further guide our programmes as public representatives, particularly in Transport and Public Works. Our country faces the triple challenges of poverty, inequality and unemployment, which has the potential to derail our march towards a prosperous nation.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the department should continue to provide financial support to the taxi industry in an effort to make it a viable business venture. The department spends just over R6 million annually to subsidise the provincial taxi council, amongst other things, for their training on leadership and conflict resolution and for administrative support. However, it is shocking to note that we still have ongoing conflict and violence in the industry, whilst the taxpayers inject so much into the industry.

With the recent taxi industry stand-off in Mitchells Plain, we are unfortunately not seeing the practical impact of this financial support. The department should place more emphasis on and be more active in monitoring irregularities in the discharging of the functions of taxi industry leaders. The department should be more active in resolving the disputes without fear of the individuals involved.

It is also important that the budget speaks more directly to challenges associated with taxi permits. It is unfortunate that taxi permits are granted to people who do not have taxis. These people do not contribute to the economy as they do not have taxis and don't employ people, yet they are recognised by the department, as opposed to others, who have had difficulties in getting permits whilst owning taxis. Those without permits do not get anything.

Conflicts like those in Hout Bay might have been avoided if issues concerning permits were handled differently. The department should explore policy alternatives for the permit issue. I am pleased to announce to the House that the ANC is very much involved in assisting people in the taxi industry in the Western Cape to form co-operatives so that they can enhance their businesses in the context of the challenges.

Mr Deputy Speaker and hon members, this department is responsible for managing six computer contractors in an effort to ease the burden of travelling expenses for members of the public in the province.

We trust that the budget amounting to more than R430 million, which has been set aside for bus subsidies, has an effect in the poorer areas of the province where workers have difficulty in accessing public transport. We also hope that measures are taken to ensure that the taxi industry is not negatively affected.

Mr Deputy Speaker, with regard to community-based programmes, in an economy such as ours, which is characterised by a serious skills gap and differences that lead to massive unemployment, the Expanded Public Works Programme is a critical intervention. Recent data from Statistics SA points to the fact that 60% of unemployed people in our country do not have Grade 12 or the required skills to participate in the formal economy.

It is worrying that the Annual Performance Plan indicates that there is an estimated decline in the EPWP work created for youth from the 2011-12 financial year to that of the 2013-14 financial year. A target of R37,770 million has been set aside, which is lower than that in the 2011-13 performance plan.

One trusts that this will be addressed as a matter of urgency. It is important for the House to note that this programme is not the sole responsibility of the department. Whilst the MEC and the department should co-ordinate and report on job opportunities created, all sectors should have programmes that contribute to this programme.

It is not pleasing to note that in the province stakeholders do not register and report on all their projects. This could lead to our province losing out on some of the incentives that are granted on the basis of submission of quarterly employment output data. As a result of this inconsistency, the national Department of Public Works introduced an EPWP integrated reporting system in the previous financial year. The department must put in place a plan to ensure registration of emerging contractor development.

There is a consensus that for us to be able to create sustainable jobs in our country, we need to place a special focus on skill development and job training. Many people in the unemployed category are young people. There is no country that can have stability in the long run with such a skills deficit. We are well aware that the department has a programme called Masakh'iSizwe aimed at addressing the skills shortage amongst learner contractors and enhancing the Construction Industry Development Board grading. This year we need to see more delivery in terms of this programme.

The department reported in last year's budget speech in the House that 40 emerging contractors will be trained. It is unfortunate and concerning that this has not happened. The department has not done project allocation, which enables learner contractors to have on-the-job training and mentorship in the province. This budget must support a plan to address this shortcoming.

Mr Deputy Speaker, our country is at a crossroads. The triple challenges of unemployment, poverty and inequality are threatening the stability of our country, more so if you consider that the youth are the majority of people in these categories. We just have to make all the programmes aimed at rescuing this situation work.

One such programme is the National Youth Service. At its core this programme was designed to skill young unemployed people.

At the conclusion of their training they will be skilled and able to take up opportunities in the formal economy or have entrepreneurial skills. The department committed to enrol 250 young people in the previous financial year and to train them in road maintenance, life skills and construction. Their training should have been completed in March 2013 and by now these youths should all have been working.

I now come to the Comprehensive Rural Development Programme (CRD). In its 2009 election manifesto, the ANC identified five priorities that it committed itself to making its focus in this term of office. One of these priorities is rural development. It then agreed on a Comprehensive Rural Development Programme as an intervention to improve the rural economy and general living conditions of the rural people. All the departments are required to invest in projects that are aimed at developing rural areas.

The department has set aside over R44 million for CRDP projects in the identified municipalities. Given the neglect of rural areas that we have seen, we urge the MEC to ensure that the projects are implemented and that municipalities are capacitated adequately.

†Ms T N BEVU: Mr Deputy Speaker, every year this department puts forward a decent budget. This year it says it will create: 21 000 jobs and 3 000 EPWP work opportunities; 65% broad-based economic empowerment participation; 30% youth and women participation within branch construction; and 10 jobs per R1 million spent.

Come the MTEF, however, the budget is readjusted to different programmes; worse still, by the time we interrogate the APPs at the end of the year, we discover the monies have not been spent.

We see that the department has been allocated 47% of the provincial equitable share. We will closely monitor where they spend this money, since it is mostly money from the so-called refugees, and most of them reside in the townships and rural areas.

We know that the department gets 93,26% of its provincial receipt from motor vehicle licences, but the 5,3% planned increase is too high for a province that already has among the highest licence fees in the country. This is the reason why motorists register their cars in other provinces. In turn, this takes money away from our provincial coffers. Cope would advise the provincial government to halve the proposed percentage hike on the due date in June, especially in these hard times when petrol seems to be going up every month.

Mr Deputy Speaker, Minister Carlisle can rest assured that we will continue giving him headaches about the toll plaza at Hout Bay, which to us is the height of DA's hypocrisy in saying one thing at a national level about Gauteng tolls, while doing the opposite in this province where they are the government.

We see the department has set aside an amount of R23,7 million for the construction of that unnecessary toll plaza at the Chapman's Peak Drive.

They have already gone beyond the original planning, as we explained would be the case last year.

On that note I must also add that it is of extreme concern to us how this department, and that of the Premier, waste taxpayers' money on expensive litigation. It will be interesting to see the legal breakdown of what they have paid in legal costs. One wonders, also, if this is because of the boorish characters of the MEC and Premier, or if there is something wrong with the manner in which they do things.

On this legal note let me say we were displeased to hear of Minister Carlisle's comments after the Supreme Court of Appeal reduced the prison sentence from 20 years to eight years of Jacob Humphreys, the taxi driver whose bus was hit by a train at the Buttskop Railway Crossing in August 2010, killing 10 of the schoolchildren on board.

We understand and share the Minister's disappointment but if, indeed, the media reports are correct that he said it seems the higher the courts in the country the shorter the sentences, then that was a very reckless statement.

Indeed, the only way to change reckless behaviour on the roads is to impose stiff sentences, but this must fall under the right interpretation of the laws of the Republic. We are not living in a cowboy state where boorishness is the supreme law. We have courts of law that are, I am certain, more qualified in interpreting our laws than the Minister.

Minister Carlisle's comments on this matter were unfortunate, especially coming from a highly placed government official. The courts of law are an important wing of governance and to hear an MEC criticising them in public, especially when it's based on ignorance of the law, is a very dangerous thing considering the volatility of the situation on the ground. I would urge the Minister to publicly and unconditionally revoke his comments.

†Mr A M FIGLAN: Mr Deputy Speaker, allow me the opportunity to express sincere condolences to the families of the victims of the recent De Doorns bus crash. We trust that all the necessary investigations will be done in order to get to the truth of what happened in this horrible crash.

One must commend the speedy intervention of the emergency teams after this tragedy took place. We must be mindful of the fact that this tragic occurrence once again highlights the importance of continuous enforcement of programmes to ensure vehicles are roadworthy and tested regularly, that they are licensed and the operators function within the law, and that all the relevant permits and tests have been scrutinised and are valid.

The lives of ordinary citizens are valuable and they entrust their lives to someone such as an operator to ensure their safe transfer from one place to the next. The same principles apply to minibus taxis.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the DA supports this budget of R4,64 billion for the 2013-14 financial year. It is important for this department to receive the funds allocated in order to assist with ensuring that strategic objectives, especially those of education and health, are supported and objectively realised.

The Minister and the department must be commended for the work they are doing to ensure the realisation of the department's strategic objective, namely to provide increased access to safe and efficient transport. The proposed impact study on the Safely Home campaign is welcomed.

The Safely Home campaign showed a marked decline in the number of lives lost on Western Cape roads, decreasing by 31% from 1 739 lives lost at the end of 2008, to 1 194 lives lost over the past 12 months. Road deaths in February 2013 have declined by 35% compared to February 2012. The 64 deaths in February 2013 is also the lowest figure for any month since January 2008.

This campaign aims to make the roads safer, and we are beginning to see a change in behaviour. This is necessary to bring an end to the absolute carnage on our roads, and the DA welcomes initiatives and measures to deter reckless and irresponsible behaviour. Drivers must realise that not just their own lives are at stake with reckless behaviour when driving, but the lives of pedestrians and other road users as well. This campaign is part of the national outcome to build a safer country. It also underpins the Ministerial Priority Programme 4, which is to reduce the number of fatalities on Western Cape roads by 50% by 2014.

The 1,09% increase in the mid-term estimate allocated to infrastructure is also welcomed. The provision of infrastructure is the key to the realisation of the delivery of new schools and also to providing classrooms at existing primary schools to address the needs of a growing population and the increasing enrolment numbers of learners.

Apart from the construction and maintenance work that has to be carried out by the department on schools, the department also envisages the construction of 25 new health facilities. Maintenance of existing facilities will also receive attention, and this is important to ensure the increasing wellness of the citizens of the Western Cape.

It is also encouraging to know that the department has in its plans the rehabilitation of 10 privately owned day-care facilities for children with severe disabilities. Allowing access to opportunities for education and learning for all citizens of the Western Cape to enhance their lives should not be restricted. The inclusion of the disabled and addressing their needs are key issues for the development of human capital in the province.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the provision of new schools and health care facilities are part of the plan to ensure that the Western Cape is able to provide quality education and healthcare to the residents of the province. This is why it is sad when property such as schools and clinics are destroyed when communities feel they are not being heard or that services are not being rendered to them. The destruction of these facilities places the community and the province at a disadvantage, as well as preventing the residents from having access to these institutions and the services they render.

Mr Deputy Speaker, it is also good that a minor increase in the funding towards transport infrastructure has been noted, namely an increase of 2,12%. The proposed roll-out of the Average Speed Over Distance systems along key roads throughout the province will further assist in the plans to address reckless driving and speeding, and will assist with the objective of making the roads of the province safer.

The on-going road network planning projects and proposals will assist to alleviate the congestion and flow in order to allow safer movement of people, goods and vehicles.

Mr Deputy Speaker, it is good to note the awareness of the department regarding the ever-present threat of violence in the minibus taxi industry. The minibus taxi industry is still one of the greatest and most powerful role-players in the transport of people to and from their homes to all types of destinations, and for so many different reasons.

The establishment of the Mediation and Dispute Resolution Unit aims to ensure harmony between both the members of a particular association and the members of different associations, in order to improve the services offered to residents and commuters, as well as ensuring they are abiding by the laws of the road, thus ensuring the safe and efficient movement of commuters.

It is always tragic when taxi drivers or operators are killed and the commuters are the ones to suffer because of the violence or unrest within the industry. It is important that minibus taxi drivers understand that people place their lives and safety in their hands every day and it must serve as a reminder that human lives are valuable. The loss of human life through negligence and unsafe vehicles will always be cause for major concern.

Apart from these important projects and plans, planning for the future of the province to ensure that the maintenance and refurbishment of precincts and buildings take place is important for the realisation of the strategic objectives of each of the departments. The building audit must be completed in order to plan and provide a better cycle of maintenance.

The different departments are dependent on the Department of Public Works to provide office space, institutional space and buildings that will take effective service delivery closer to the people.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the Extended Publics Works Programme creates work opportunities, and it is good to note the planned vision of at least 3 000 work opportunities through construction and maintenance of provincial buildings and facilities. Furthermore, the training of unemployed youth in the construction trade serves as a reminder that these skills are in demand and can offer the individual economic empowerment.

The Department of Transport and Public Works is a department that provides the foundation for the other departments to function optimally. Without land, buildings, office space and the government transport system providing transport for workers the government will be ineffective.

It is also the goal of the department to ensure safe access to and use of the roads in the province. Everything must be done to ensure a decline in the road carnage that seems to be plaguing the country.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the DA supports this budget.

†The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Mr Deputy Speaker, thanks to hon Von Brandis, chairperson of the standing committee.

He referred to a number of things, but let me pick up one of them, because in a sense it answers some things. I'm disappointed to see that hon Hani, who for the first time in living memory made a speech that had some value, has left already.

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: She didn't speak.

†The MINISTER: I beg your pardon, hon Hani. Hon Stali having made the first reasonable speech in his life, left immediately and that may well be his epitaph, sir.

Mr M OZINSKY: [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER: Then I'm sorry to hear that, but nobody told me about it. I want to respond to something that hon Von Brandis said about the RTMC and hon Stali then also picked up, in a sense. The RTMC doesn't exist anymore. At a meeting of the shareholders on 15 February 2013, it was unanimously voted by the shareholders that the RTMC should come to an end. So the RTMC doesn't exist anymore and this leaves a hiatus in the middle of things.

When, for instance, the hon member refers to the need for safety councils in all provinces, there are two aspects. One is that the safety councils fall under the RTMC, which doesn't exist anymore. Secondly, all the safety councils I'm aware of outside of KwaZulu-Natal – and there only in certain cases – very quickly disintegrated once they stopped paying people a stipend.

In fact, the only safety councils that exist, exist here; and they're not called safety councils but are part of the Provincial Road Traffic Management Co-ordinating Committees. They don't exist anywhere else. So I think that's advice that hon Stali would do well to take back to the other eight ANC provinces. He doesn't have to give it here; it's already working here.

Thank you also for referring to the bus crash. We don't know what caused the bus crash, yet. There have been three separate investigations: One was, of course, the post mortem, which has now been done. One was the lead investigation under Adj Off Herron, which then studies the scene, does the forensic work on the scene, which they have done, then takes the bus, which they have done, to our provincial traffic headquarters, and there a number of experts, including our own, will have a look at what caused the crash. There is, however, no clarity yet on what caused the crash. There were very few eyewitnesses, or credible eyewitnesses, at the time.

The third investigation is my own and that was whether the bus was licensed, whether the bus had a roadworthy certificate, whether the bus drivers had proper licensing and whether they had operated the allowable shifts. What we've discovered is that it does have – I'm not so sure if it's valid – an up-to-date operating licence, but it does not have a roadworthy certificate. Its roadworthy certificate expired on 28 January 2013 – I think it's 28 January – and that, in turn, means that the operating licence is probably also invalid.

There is some difficulty establishing who was driving the vehicle; which of the two drivers was driving the vehicle. One of them is dead. One of them had adequate licensing, the other one we're not so sure about at this stage. So there's still a great deal to be discovered, but it is difficult to understand why an accident of that nature occurred when it did; much lower down the pass than where the previous one occurred.

Thank you for bringing it to our attention, and I do hope, not here, but that Scopa would take note of his request that the 2 700 crashes of government garage cars and the 5 400 traffic offences they incurred, and the non-payment – up to 48 days – by certain provincial departments is picked up by Scopa and severely dealt with. That would help us enormously.

Hon Stali spoke of short holidays and of the increased traffic volume. He's absolutely right and that is one of the reasons we have persuaded Prasa to introduce more trains. We go to enormous lengths to try and ensure that those volumes are handled adequately. That's why we've favoured ASOD on the taxi routes. We have high volumes of law-enforcement people out and we do check taxis when they leave – the so-called green button process – we do check them on the road, we do check them for fatigue, we do haul them over when fatigue is evident. In fact, the taxis have worked out a very intelligent way of dealing with that particular problem by switching drivers largely at Beaufort West.

I do understand what he says when he talks about people going to funerals or to holy places and then the funerals they attend turn into their own funerals. That's certainly happened with the Grootboom family who were returning from a family funeral when 13 of them were killed in an act of absolute irresponsibility by the driver of their taxi.

We have moved very hard against those kinds of things. We have not had a major taxi accident, now, for 17 months and I'm always reluctant to say that because, touch wood, we won't get another one, but generally speaking we've had exceptional co-operation from the taxi associations and mother bodies.

They have brought into being their own safety organisation called Hlokomela, and I do attend their various peace and good driving meetings. I wasn't able to be present this Thursday, but my Head of Ministry was there. We try to keep in very close contact with them and we certainly, all of us, spend as much time as we can, particularly, on the R61. We have had no fatal taxi accidents on the R61 since well before October 2011.

The hon member also spoke about there not being enough education, including education through the churches, and so on. I do absolutely agree with him on that: There is not enough education and there's not enough of the whole-of-society pressure on the whole question of road safety, be it for taxis or be it for whatever. So that's something that I would support very strongly with him.

The hon member spoke about the carnage on our roads. Obviously there is carnage on our roads. It is something that touches me quite deeply, but he says not much has been done. That's a very strange comment to make, because not only this department, but the whole administration and many people in other administrations have really bent over backwards to reduce carnage on the roads and they have done it to a great extent. To bring it down by 30% is a very, very remarkable achievement.

He suggests that the remaining 1 200 deaths on our roads are too high. Of course it's too high; one death is too many. Australia has set itself a goal of zero deaths on the road. The important thing is to get it down, to save those lives and to carry the message to South Africans – particularly at a time like this when our self-confidence is not as good as it should be – that we can do it. We are capable of doing this thing. That's the important thing.

He spoke of underreporting. Well, I don't want to go into detail, but you can't underreport corpses. The figures that we have there are the figures from the forensic services. They are accurate. They are the only accurate figures in South Africa and they link closely with the only accurate survey, which was carried out by the Medical Research Council. So, I'm satisfied that they're accurate. Like Mr Stali, I hope that they will one day be fewer than they are and I certainly work towards that end.

He gave us a fascinating insight into ANC economic policy, but it ended all too soon. He talked about the developmental state, which meets and guides the economy. All I would say at this stage is, having a look at how you meet and guide your main core function which is government; leave the economy alone for a little while – you know, while there's still something left of it.

It's always something one can look at, but first the state must establish its ability to meet and handle anything. The state must address the needs of the people. Well, that doesn't seem to be happening here very well, except for grants, which is not what people want. What people want is jobs and the state has demonstrated a stunning inability to be able to meet people's needs for jobs.

He asked me to continue to support the taxi council financially. Yes, my agreement with them is for a further three years and that's an extension of two years, because the money was given for them to help them get on their own feet. The minibus taxi industry is a multibillion rand industry in the Western Cape. It is huge. I've no doubt that its profits are much greater than agriculture or anything like that.

It actually is a very unhealthy situation for the department that has to enforce regulations on the taxi council to actually be giving them money. They don't want to be in that position. I've explained that to them many times that they must be their own masters in this regard.

I'm also glad to hear that the ANC is going to be much involved in forming co-operatives for the taxi association. This is an area of major profit that can still be established in the taxi association. They're doing very well with their outputs, but if they can get their inputs down, their insurance, financial fees, spares, fuel, etc, they would enormously increase their already very good profits. However, up to this stage I've not been able to persuade them to do that. I wish them all the luck in doing that. It would be very important.

The hon member also spoke about taxi permits that are granted to people who do not have taxis. Well, that doesn't happen anymore. He's going back three or four years in history; that doesn't happen anymore. We do not permit the entry into the taxi business by either the violent means of route invasion or the corrupt means of selling operating licences. That is, as I said earlier in speech, why the number of taxis in Cape Town has stayed relatively constant at 7 000 and why the income of the taxi operators and owners has gone up so very sharply, as can be confirmed by checking with the figures of the South African Revenue Services.

Taxi permits are not granted to people who do not have taxis. Also, incidentally, it's impossible because you actually have to bring your van to the PRE to uplift your document where it is inspected. So no invisible taxis are to be found in Cape Town, though I'm sure they are to be found elsewhere.

He spoke of Mitchells Plain. I have tried to get hon Skwatsha to explain taxi matters to hon Stali because hon Stali just doesn't understand. Mitchells Plain is a somewhat unstable mother body. It has no standing in law; it is not a taxi association. It claims to represent the interests of about 18 or 20 other taxi associations in Mitchells Plain.

They don't seem very much to want the Mitchells Plain Taxi Forum to help them. The Mitchells Plain Taxi Forum is not operating in terms of its own constitution. It has just expelled 16 of its members, but it didn't follow the processes of its own constitution. Now, there are two delightful gentlemen in Mitchells Plain, Mr Abduragman and Mr Hawke. They're great guys, but I just want to say to Mr Stali, don't believe everything they tell you.

He talks of bus subsidies of R450 million when, in fact, the bus subsidies are at R700 million. I'm not quite sure if he was suggesting that these should be distributed holus bolus to the taxi industry. That, of course, would be unlawful and it would be illegal and it would be a foolish mistake to make, as even the taxi drivers themselves recognise. In fact, the bus subsidies go entirely to the Golden Arrow Bus Service at this stage and whilst that situation will change, we need to bear in mind that we don't have too much public transport in Cape Town, we have too little.

We have a great need to maintain what we have and go on with it, because at the peak, Mr Deputy Speaker, we simply can't cope, not with all the trains, not with all the buses, not with all the taxis. We cannot cope at the peak. What we want is more public transport, not less public transport.

He spoke about massive unemployment. Yes, we're aware of that. It's not as massive in the Western Cape as elsewhere, but it's still massive enough and that gives us nightmares. I think you gave the figure of 573 000, if I remember correctly. That is one which worries us enormously.

Both he and the hon Bevu spoke about the EPWP. I thought we did quite well on the EPWP. Did you get this document? [Interjections.] Oh. I can give you my copy and then you can look it up. It's got everything in it. [Interjections.] I beg your pardon? [Interjections.] Yes, I'm asking hon Bevu whether she got this document. [Interjections.]

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please continue, Minister.

†The MINISTER: I understand that she said no, she didn't get this document. I don't know why she of all the people in here didn't get the document, but let me help her with it.

The audited actual performance for the EPWP – work opportunities created in the province and audited by national Public Works – was in the 2009-10 financial year 35 330 ...

†Mr M NCEDANA: She did not talk about that.

†Ms T N BEVU: I did not talk about that.

†The MINISTER: It's exactly what you talked about. You said we had not met the targets. [Interjections.] So you accept that we have met the targets? So the hon member accepts we have met the targets, but for the edification of the House, in the 2009-10 financial year there were 35 000 jobs, the next year 40 000, the next year 92 000 and the next year 94 000. In the 2014-15 financial year it will be 122 000, and in the 2015-16 financial year it will be 159 000.

That is an increase of, let me see, about six times. I think that's a pretty good record and contrary to what was said – and I think it was hon Stali who said this – that we're not co-ordinating the municipalities, we are, in fact, co-ordinating all of the municipalities. There is one that misbehaves, but it's been misbehaving for a long time.

†Mr P UYS: The City?

†The MINISTER: I beg your pardon.

†Mr P UYS: The City?

†The MINISTER: In all fairness to the hon member, the City could actually produce a little more, yes.

You referred to the national youth. We committed to 250 and I see here that we trained 250. Also, in training contractors and small contractors, we do a tremendous amount in this regard. We have a very fine relationship with the Construction Industry Development Board and really work very hard on this.

The problem we have is one that I think is understood by everyone in the House. It's when people have very few skills and when there's unemployment, lots of people head for the construction industry as a potential provider of an income, of a job, etc, etc – and more than we can handle.

Someone said the following, and I can't remember specifically who it was. I think it was hon Bevu. Did I understand it correctly that you said that we use refugees for the EPWP? I want to assure you that that's not the case. One of the things that I enjoy doing enormously when I came in here was to set up a system – we did this with a consultant – that makes it impossible for anyone to rig who gets the EPWP jobs.

It is done in a completely open process. It is done right there in front of the community and there's no possibility that you can rig it. It's a very good system and I'm very happy to give you a copy of it to take to the other provinces because I'm sure that they will find it ...

†The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: They didn't want it.

†The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: The hon member also raised the question of the licences. It is true that there was a long period of greed in the province where they just pushed up the licence fees year after year after year.

That was stopped six years ago for the very reasons that the hon member gives. In fact, particularly our big trucks, and so on, were migrating to other provinces to get cheaper licences. That is why for six years we've held that increase and now we're nicely back in the lower end of licence fees. In other words, many of the other provinces have now gone past us and, certainly, KwaZulu-Natal and Gauteng are way past us. Now we have fallen back to an increase of 5,3%. I don't think it's a big increase, I think it's a reasonable increase. It's below inflation and I don't think anyone can say it's particularly high.

Petrol is going up every day. Don't we know it! I won't say what I think about government there.

Then there was the question of the Gauteng tolls. I'm not sure I understood that correctly. Let me make this clear: The Gauteng tolls were about the people of Gauteng. They joined together in vast numbers – Cosatu, the ANC, the DA and the Chairman of Avis and all sorts of people – to say we're not going to pay for these freeways.

But they watched those freeways being built. What did they think – that the tooth fairy was going to come along and pay for it? [Laughter.] Somebody was going to have to pay for it. Then when they said it was you, the people who use the roads, they said no, not us.

What I'm saying to hon Bevu is that we don't want to get into that situation. We do not want to get into that situation. We do not want to end up with roads that we can't afford and so I invite her to join us in voting against that situation. We are calling on all the motorists of the Western Cape: Cast your vote against that situation so that we won't have that here.

The hon member raised the question of the R23 million odd on the toll plaza. That figure is correct, Mr Deputy Speaker, but at the end of that period, of course, that toll plaza reverts to the province. It will belong to the province. In my view – and we went through this in the courts and everywhere else – it's not an unreasonable amount to be paid.

As far as Mr Humphreys is concerned, let me say to hon Bevu that the chief problem that we have on South African roads is that there are a number of people, a minority, who drive extremely badly. They do the most irresponsible things on the roads and in the end they bring about deaths, sometimes their own, but too often other peoples' deaths. We are finding it very difficult to change those kinds of behaviours. What we all know is that life is very simple. If you do something wrong and you get a smack and you do it again and you get another smack, you actually stop doing it. That's what we have to do.

Let me say this about the Humphreys case. You're quite right, hon member, and I never made a comment to say the higher the courts go the worse they get. I made this comment: I said that I wasn't in any position to comment on whether *dolus eventualis* applied in this particular case, but I did want to say that dying on the road is not a nice way to die and to go and find your own people who have died ...

†Mr M OZINSKY: I heard you say "the higher the courts get". You said that.

†The MINISTER: No, I didn't say that.

†Mr M OZINSKY: It was on radio – live on radio.

†The MINISTER: Then get the tape.

†Mr M OZINSKY: I will.[Interjections.]

†The MINISTER: It hasn't gone the whole way in court yet. [Interjections.] Let me finish. I'll wait for the tape. [Interjections.] Not like last time when I was going to get a tape that I never got. I hope I get the tape. It is easy to get the tape; I can get it for you. [Interjections.] It's not what I said. [Laughter.]

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please, Minister, continue.

†The MINISTER: In fact, I know for certain I was not speaking on the radio at 17:00 on Friday, because I was, in fact, speaking on the television at 17:00 on Friday. So I don't know where you're going to get that tape from. You must get your facts right. [Interjections.] The hon member must get his facts right. I was on television, not on the radio. [Interjections.] I said I was on the television, not on the radio and I certainly did not say that. You've got your facts wrong again, Max. Go and get them right. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER: Go and get them right. There are people in this room, Mr Deputy Speaker, who saw me on television at 17:00 on Friday night.

†The MINISTER OF HEALTH: They're misleading the House again.

†The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Yes, he's misleading the House.

†The LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION: We're misleading the House?

†The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Max is getting his facts wrong again.

†Mr H P GEYER: It's terrible. He's getting senile.

†The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: The hon member doesn't know the difference between a radio station and a television and he said I'm getting senile. [Interjections.]

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister, continue, please. Stick to your speech.[Interjections.] Order!

†The MINISTER: Basically until we get consequences that are applicable to the killing on the roads, we're not going to see the end of killing on the roads. I made the point that perhaps I have seen more intimately what killing on the road looks like than some of the judges have. It's not a comment for which I apologise.

I just want to say, incidentally, Humphreys' sentence was not changed from 20 years to 12 years. It was changed from 20 years to eight years, of which he has served one already and of which, in effect, if he behaves himself, he will serve two or three more. In other words, he will serve six months, Mr Deputy Speaker, for each child that he killed.

I would like to thank hon Figlan for a number of points that he made, particularly around the question of MTV violence.

†Mr M OZINSKY: Here's what you said. [Laughter.]

†The MINISTER: On the television or the radio?

Mr M OZINSKY: [Inaudible.]

†Mr M G E WILEY: That's a really authoritative source.

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr Ozinsky, is it a point of order or a question?

†Mr M OZINSKY: Mr Deputy Speaker, on a point of order: Will you take a question?

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: That's question, not a point of order.

†Mr M OZINSKY: Hon Carlisle, do you deny saying: "The only way we are going to change South African driving behaviour is with serious consequences ..."

†Mr M G E WILEY: That's not a question.

†Mr M OZINSKY: "So I'm disappointed ..."

†Mr H P GEYER: He's making a speech.

†Mr M OZINSKY: "The message going out is the higher you go in the courts, the less seriously they take a crime ... I was quite satisfied with murder".

†Mr M G E WILEY: It's not what you said.

†Mr M OZINSKY: Do you deny it?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

†The MINISTER: I did say it, but in the whole context. [Interjections.] Yes. Yes, I did say it.

†Mr M OZINSKY: Why did you say to the House you didn't say the higher the court ...

†The MINISTER: You did not read that to me ... [Laughter.]

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Please conclude.

An HON MEMBER: Apologise.

†The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND TOURISM: Put your life in a taxi driver's hands and ... [Interjections.]

†The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: I'd like to say to hon Figlan ... [Interjections.] ...

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Please allow the hon Minister to conclude now. [Interjections.] Hon Ozinsky, I want the hon Minister to conclude his speech now.

†The MINISTER: ... thank you for his support for Safely Home and I'd like to say to him that in respect of taxi violence we do have a well-developed mediation and dispute resolution set-up in addition to which we call in independent parties when we need to. I think that that works well, but sometimes one has to go beyond that point to make a point – sometimes.

I would like to thank him for his concerns about what happens on the roads and to say to him, as I say to all members, please get yourself safely home and please make sure you do nothing to ensure others do not get safely home.

Debate concluded.

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: This brings us to the end of this Vote. We will now suspend business for approximately for an hour for dinner and the bells will be rung afterwards to summons us all back here.

BUSINESS SUSPENDED AT 18:27 AND RESUMED AT 19:23.

WESTERN CAPE APPROPRIATION BILL[B 2—2013]

(Debate on Vote 9 – Environmental Affairs and Development Planning)

†The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Mr Deputy Speaker, hon Cabinet colleagues, members of the Provincial Legislature, executive mayors, municipal managers, head of the department, the Acting CEO of Cape Nature, senior managers, invited guests, ladies and gentlemen, colleagues and friends, the Western Cape government fosters an open opportunity society for all. Our vision is to build a province within which every citizen can access the socioeconomic opportunities needed to improve their lives.

Working better together with communities, other spheres of government and key stakeholders through co-responsibility leads to the management and maintenance of a healthy natural environment on which our social and economic systems depend.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the National Development Plan speaks of a partnership between government, civil society and business to ensure that service delivery is improved. This plan also describes an active citizenship that is required to advance development, resolve problems and raise the concerns of the voiceless and marginalised.

*When we speak about this partnership, we must find innovating approaches to make it a reality with these interested parties. We must change the lives of our communities.

Our small investment of R198 500, together with the vision of green communities, as well as the commitment of the local communities to improve their houses, has resulted in the success of this project. The purpose of this project was basically to green a local RDP housing infrastructure with 200 gardens.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the word “future” can be described as a time that still has to come. While we, as a government, work every day to redefine the socioeconomic conditions of the people served by us, we must constantly remind ourselves that our human activities will create the future we hope for.

The National Development Plan is a vision for South Africa, and it determines that not only is the infrastructure for faster economic growth and more provision of jobs essential, it also promotes inclusive growth and offers citizens the means to improve their lives and to increase their income.

The Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning has issued the Land Use Planning Bill of 2013. This legislative framework gives life to the vision as sketched by the National Development Plan. The Bill is in accordance with the vision of the National Development Plan as far as spatial planning of quality is concerned and will help to get the legal reform process on its way.

By bringing clarity about the competence of decision-making regarding land use between the local and provincial government sphere, this Bill reduces the red-tape processes by one application having to be submitted, instead of the five that currently have to be submitted.

When this Bill is enacted, it will replace obsolete legislation and it will ensure more clarity regarding the competencies of municipalities and the role of the provincial government. The different municipalities will have a single integrated zoning scheme at their disposal.

What it amounts to is that we can accept decisions about land use that will be founded on the principles of spatial justice, spatial sustainability, efficiency, good administration and adaptability.

It is our intention that after the Bill has been promulgated as an act, it will be institutionalised in April 2014. A Municipal Preparedness Programme was developed after it had been realised that municipalities do not have adequate abilities to handle the devolving of powers to the local government sphere. This programme is mainly aimed at capacity building.

Mr Deputy Speaker, as part of sustainable preplanning, we must use specific instruments regarding decision-making about land use. One of my public commitments was to provide a Municipal Spatial Development Framework and Human Settlement plans by means of the Support Programme for the building environment. Although this commitment will continue until the period of the 2014-15 financial year, I can now announce that my department has developed Spatial Development Frameworks for 12 municipalities.

These plans were also brought in line with the third generation of Integrated Development Plans of these municipalities.

†An amount of R29,7 million has been allocated over the 2013-14 financial year and the 2015-16 financial year for the delivery of this programme.

During the 2012-13 financial year I approved the Sustainable Water Management Plan for the Western Cape, which was also endorsed by Cabinet.

This plan aims to guide sustainable water management in the region without compromising our ecological integrity. I am also proud to announce that my department will be leading a project to rehabilitate parts of the Berg River. An amount of R16,3 million has been allocated to the Berg River project over the 2013-14 financial year to the 2015-16 financial year.

Mr Deputy Speaker, air quality management in our province continues to progress. The number of locations at which ambient air quality is monitored will increase in the new financial period from the existing nine locations to 11.

Proactive planning is a principle on which sound governance is based. It also ensures that we align our service delivery programmes to the changing socioeconomic conditions affecting our citizens.

My department recently commissioned a Health Risk Assessment and Needs Analysis project aimed at identifying areas in our province where air quality could be a potential concern in terms of its effects on human health. An amount in excess of R38 million has been allocated to air quality management in general over the financial periods 2013-14 to 2015-16.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the challenge of waste management in general requires the administration of objective-driven plans. Through the implementation of the Waste Management Licensing Plan owners of unlicensed facilities were encouraged to apply for the required licences. During the 2012-13 financial period, 44 waste licence applications were received and responded to. Three Municipal Integrated Management Plans were also submitted during this period and this supports my public commitment that the waste licensing function should be streamlined to the function of municipalities.

The National Development Plan cites climate change as having the potential to reduce food production and the availability of potable water. It can be expected that this result will have consequences for migration patterns and levels of conflict. It is for this reason that an investment of R450 000 has been committed to compile a 2013 Western Cape State of the Environment Outlook Report.

This report will reflect on issues of air quality, biodiversity and ecosystem health, waste management, energy and other related topics. Important to our planning processes is that this report will clarify the causes of environmental change and recommend how best to respond to these changes.

Mr Deputy Speaker, setting our sights on activating the green economy is important to us. During the new financial period my department will be preparing and submitting business plans to Provincial Treasury with the intention to unlock funding for green economy projects.

Cape Nature will once again be pivotal in creating employment opportunities through the Expanded Public Works Programme. This programme sees local communities sharing skills through work responsibilities such as making firebreaks, erecting and maintaining fences, road maintenance, erosion control, rehabilitation and other field conservation work. An amount in excess of R60 million has been allocated for the financial period 2013-14 to 2015-16 to continue delivery on this programme.

Creating employment opportunities also means that we are able to better maintain the many reserves which ensure that our citizens are able to enjoy the beauty of the natural environment.

Mr Deputy Speaker, one of the primary reasons attributed to 8,3% of the Cape Floristic Kingdom being under threat of extinction is too frequent and too hot wild fires. Biodiversity lost to fires cannot be replaced and the cost to the state of our natural environment and ecosystems has not yet been measured. It is important that I express my sincere gratitude to the teams who tirelessly work against this challenge.

While our statistics indicate that there has been a decline in the number of wildfires suppressed, we need to continue dedicating resources to fire management. An amount in excess of R3 million has been allocated for fire management over the financial period 2013-14 to 2015-16. This allocation, Mr Deputy Speaker, does not address the true gravity of fire management. There is no certainty to the expended cost implications of each wild fire.

We owe our gratitude to the men and women who fight on our behalf, the co-operation between the Provincial Disaster Management Team, Cape Nature and district municipalities.

It is also for me to express my sincere gratitude to individuals who risk their lives and give of their time to volunteer as fire-fighters. A few of these individuals are here today and I want to acknowledge why they and other citizens like themselves give us hope that our future generations will be blessed with the beauty we have today. I thank you all.

Mr M G E WILEY: Hear, hear!

The MINISTER: The maintenance of ecosystem services such as those providing food and clean water, regulation of climate and disease, or delivering on cultural benefits such as recreational opportunities, are cited by the National Development Plan as fundamental to achieving our country's social and economic development objectives.

Cape Nature manages the Protected Areas Expansion Strategy and Action Plan. The purpose of this plan was to identify property areas with high biodiversity value, which are under threat. Targets set for the plan have been informed by the National Expansion Strategy set for the Western Cape.

To date, 19 960 h of land have been declared nature reserves. While we continue to increase the hectares of land through a process of signed declarations, I can announce that we have increased the number of Stewardship sites to 88.

Mr Deputy Speaker, Cape Nature conserves the natural ecosystems that provide the majority of water sources in our province. By working with key partners and stakeholders, Cape Nature implements the Integrated Catchment Management Programme. The programme activities range from clearing invasive alien vegetation, rehabilitating wetlands and fire management. An amount of R186 million is allocated to this programme over the financial period 2013-14 to 2015-16. Our teams cleared 24 130 h of alien vegetation and 113 506 h of follow-up clearing.

Our gift to you today is associated with an important message: 2013 has been declared the International Year of Water Co-operation. The indigenous succulents are a reminder to you and I that we need to do as much as we can to protect our water resources.

The National Development Plan cites the fact that South Africa has significant renewable energy resources, particularly solar and wind.

I can announce that my department has completed a provincial Strategic Environmental Assessment for Wind Energy. This plan will outline the possibilities for investment into the locations best suited for harnessing wind energy to generate electricity.

Four municipalities will receive support from my organisation to implement their sustainable energy plans. Two new municipalities will be assisted to develop their respective sustainable energy plans.

The Eden District, Berg River and Knysna Municipalities are the first local spheres to be supported through a municipal support programme to aid these municipalities to develop their respective Climate Change Adaptation Plans. An amount in excess of R13.7 million has been allocated to climate change for the financial periods 2013-14 to 2015-16.

Empowering other spheres of government

Mr Deputy Speaker, as a province we recognise the importance of capacity building and giving support to our local spheres of government.

I am pleased to confirm that targets that have been set for the new financial period and in excess of 40 capacity building workshops will be hosted. Biodiversity, environmental planning, waste management, sustainable living as well as climate change are some of the topics used to structure these workshops.

A budget in excess of R3,9 million has been allocated for capacity building over the financial period 2013-14 to 2015-16.

Fighting environmental crimes

Mr Deputy Speaker, environmental crimes affect the right of every citizen to a clean and healthy environment. Environmental justice has been termed as a broad concept which sees the environment as including not just nature, but also the home, the neighbourhood and the workplace.

Four Environmental Crime Forum meetings will take place. Eight intergovernmental compliance and enforcement inspections and investigations will be conducted. We have identified high-priority areas where issues of environmental crimes are a concern.

The Philippi horticultural area, known for its rich agricultural significance and high water table, is an area which will receive strategic intervention from my team of Green Scorpions. An amount of R47 million has been allocated for the financial period 2013-14 and 2015-16.

Impact management

*Mr Deputy Speaker, it is my privilege to be able to say that my department has a fully- equipped senior management team led by an extremely competent and dedicated head of department.

Cape Nature has also obtained new board members, and we are in the process of appointing a new chief executive officer. The high staff turnover has posed a considerable challenge to my organisation, but I believe we are making good progress as far as that is concerned.

Allow me, Mr Deputy Speaker, to spend time on the statistics of our two primary regulatory services.

Environmental applications (Nema Environmental Impact Management Regulations)

Mr Deputy Speaker, 606 applications were received, 939 applications were finalised, and 785 applications were pending. Compare the 785 pending applications with the 2009-10 financial year, where there were 1 435, and you can see we are making good progress.

Planning applications

As far as planning applications are concerned, Mr Deputy Speaker, I provide the following: 1 047 applications were received, 1 217 were finalised and 872 applications were pending. In the 2009-10 financial year, 1 090 applications were pending. Once again, you can see we are making good progress in this department.

In the 2012-13 financial year, I undertook in public that 800 environmental impact management applications would be finalised. A total of 453 applications were submitted and 426 were finalised.

While we have no control over the number of applications that are received, we have set high targets. Part of my undertaking in the same period was that we would finalise 1 300 planning applications. A total of 871 planning applications were submitted and a total of 1 143 were finalised.

The figures reflect that applications received in the previous financial year, can still be handled in a new financial year, but does not at any time show that service delivery is compromised.

To work better together

Mr Deputy Speaker, the Annual Performance Plans of my department for the new financial year reacts to the needs of the Western Cape for going over to a more sustainable future. A Budget of R421 million is allocated to a new financial year. Cape Nature will receive 53% of this, and the remaining 47% will be allocated to Environmental and Development Management.

I have made promises in public, and I have kept them. Allow me, according to the saying, to take my hat off to the men and women of Environmental Affairs and Development Management and Cape Nature who have made it possible to make promises come true.

Allow me to express my sincere thanks to individuals in our communities who voluntarily make a difference. These people understand the need for co-responsibility by means of a contract between the government, its citizens and all role-players.

The magnificence of our ecosystem reminds me of the importance of the responsibility of my portfolio.

Mr Deputy Speaker, with everything we do, I believe that one must be accountable. Accountability is when the government accepts his mandate and carries it out with excellent management. Accountability is the responsible way in which an enterprise conducts its business while being fully aware of the effect on our natural environment. Accountability is the realising of all citizens that they have a role to play.

I am deeply under the impression that what we do differently today, will change the experience of our children in the future.

Allow me to thank my department, the head of department and all the directors for the long days, long nights and hard work. It is a privilege to work together with you. Also my ministerial staff under the leadership of Marius Durant, thank you very much.[Applause.]

*Mr E J VON BRANDIS: Mr Deputy Speaker, I support the budget of R421 million of the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning. It is important that we do not focus only on the problems of poverty, inequality and joblessness South Africa faces as a whole. We must, however, with all the development considerations undertaken by both the public sector and the private sector, also take into consideration the impact it may have on future generations: hence the department's vision to create an environment that promotes sustainable living.

It is therefore essential to invest in the protection of our environment and that green economy must be promoted. A report of the Western Cape Economic Development Partnership shows that if the Western Cape does not reduce its carbon footprint, it will have serious consequences for our trade ability, locally and internationally.

As a result of this, the commissioning of Green Cape and the 110% Green campaign followed in the Western Cape, as well as the variety of investment and support to the green sector by sustainable energy developments in wind, sun and minor hydro-energy. I support Minister Winde's commitment during his Provincial Speech to the successful development of wind farms in the Western Cape.

Mr Deputy Speaker, although green economy has been identified as an important resource and mechanism to stimulate and promote intelligent growth, the matter of sustainability must be addressed at the same time on every level of government and in every facet of society –environment, socially as well as economically.

It is important to take into account that economic advancement, increased infrastructure and services generally puts increasing pressure on energy supply in South Africa. The inability of Eskom to provide for all the energy requirements of the country on its own can be seen clearly in the planned power interruptions we are expecting as well as the urgency of, for example, the Medupi power station.

It requires that we must not only save on energy, but that we must also be much more energy efficient. Sustainability principles must be regarded as standard practice. It is necessary for all departments and government institutions to ask themselves continually: how can we think differently so that we can set about doing things in another way daily to get a sustainable tomorrow?

Mr Deputy Speaker, the leadership this department provides in terms of integrated development planning is valuable for sustainable progress in the private sector, but also in the public sector. Therefore, the Berg River Improvement Plan is an important project, and the R7,72million budgeted for it in the 2013-14 budget must be seen in the light of the tremendous pressure on our fresh-water ecosystems.

The provincial conservation and biodiversity entity, Cape Nature, receives about 3% of the available funds to do their task.

†The following are just some of the activities that this entity must address:

- Implement the Western Cape Biodiversity Plan;
- consideration and management of ecosystem services;
- wildlife support services and biodiversity crime prevention;
- facilitate youth and community development through environmental awareness, for example, 26 556 learners are provided with access to environmental education; and
- enhance tourism product development, for example, 210 000 people visited their parks in the 2012-13 financial year.

*We all know about the devastating damage that fires do to our nature and to our people in the province, and that is why the almost R2 million that is earmarked for promoting the capacity of the fire brigade in the province is welcome.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the successful Masakh'iSizwe programme under the Department of Transport and Public Works awards bursaries to young people for their studies in engineering and the building industry. The extension of the programme to nurture also the human resources and intellectual capacity for the future is a positive confirmation of this government's zeal regarding good management of our scarce resources.

For all the above-mentioned reasons, I thank hon Minister Bredell, as well as his department and officials for the valuable work they are doing.

†Ms B G MBALO: Mr Deputy Speaker, in this budget we look at many issues from critically endangered Cape leopards and small predatory animals, to planning red tape and ultimately better policing of our shores, water, air, invasive species, pollution, solid-waste sites and our built environment as a whole.

It very much encompasses almost all the things around us that affect us on this planet. It is everywhere we stay, work and live. This department, however, is slow to meet and lead with the new challenges and demands in a changing world. It was the ANC that set the new pace, but the DA fails the people of the Western

Cape as the department and even its agent, Cape Nature, slides and materially regresses in many respects.

At the outset, I have to say the DA-led provincial government of the Western Cape makes a big noise about the National Development Plan, but there is no indication whatsoever in this Budget Vote that it is aligned or even remotely in line with the National Development Plan. [Interjections.]

†Mr M G E WILEY: I thought you just said there's no plan.

†Ms B G MBALO: Thus only insincere lip service is paid to the DA's so-called commitment to the National Development Plan. It has also clearly abandoned everything it ever claimed to have contributed to this plan even before it could be incorporated into this budget cycle over the next three financial years.

The department raises so-called on-going challenges due to underfunded posts and accommodation constraints. It seems as if the department, or this government as a whole, does not take seriously either vacancies or recruiting and appointing a more representative staff complement. There is no clear plan given to alleviate this or one which specifies and quantifies the real problem in order for this Legislature to see how it will be fixed.

It is now common knowledge and widely reported that the province's natural waterways are under extreme pressure. In fact, it is so critical that even Stellenbosch Mayor Conrad Sidego has put his career on the line to clear up the rivers in his area, but we do not see the same urgency with the department tasked with just that: Cleaning up and keeping or persecuting perpetrators! In fact, the first point under the so-called alignment to achieve government's prescribed outcomes, the department's Vote says it will enhance quality and quantity of water resources.

It sounds good, but besides the Berg River Improvement Plan there are no real projects neither is priority given to it in order for us to see which of the other polluted or threatened areas will be done next and what the rest of the roll-out can be. In fact, nothing new is offered, save for those the ANC initiated. [Interjections.] This is very true for the second output, namely the reduced greenhouse gas emissions, climate change impacts and improved air and atmospheric quality.

Especially the last matter needs a lot of attention. It is now clear the ambient air quality monitoring stations work and loads of data are collected, but it does very little to alleviate the nuisance or perceptions of citizens. In fact, many people staying close to industrial areas will testify that it is almost impossible to get any action or redress when they have problems with open air emissions or releases by factories or industrial plants.

Ask the people close to the petroleum refinery how they experience the obnoxious sulphur fumes, or the people of Bellville where the rotting exhausts have for years plagued those living around the starch plant there. After years, the rights of industrial giants are more important than the right of good upstanding citizens to good life and fresh air. There is no list of complaints or who the usual suspects are that aggrieve people.

The last two outcomes are mostly outsourced or done on shoestring operations, namely environmental management and a protected environment.

The Green Scorpions became invisible and this MEC is absent in the active enforcement of real environmental issues. In fact, he is mostly absent from environmental affairs as a whole and only shows up for ceremonial duties to hand over prizes.

Is he seen to fight in the corner of the people that suffer due to exploitation of our natural heritage? No! He is mostly fighting political point-scoring.

†Ms A ROSSOUW: What?

†Ms B G MBALO: Instead he is fighting councils not under his control. He is also the MEC for Local Government, but we do not see him making sure municipalities are in line with important compliance issues like solid waste management and the licensing of dump sites. We did not get a report on which municipal licences are still outstanding, the plan to regulate these or the locations of these noncompliant sites.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the ANC has urged him to make it a priority for him and his government to get municipalities to toe the line, but after four years in office we haven't seen good progress.[Interjections.]

Even the Land Use Planning Bill is still on a go-slow, like the many long outstanding planning permission applications, appeals and environmental impact assessments, where we hear of progress, but the problem is not those that have been finalised, it is those still on hold that are not properly reported. We did not see what the backlog is or any plan to catch up.

The impact of slow or long processes for planning applications on our economic development is dire. In fact, we haven't seen much of the big promises to roll out the red carpet to developers. There is still too much red tape. The little strides made need to be speeded up. After four years, the pace is still too slow. We must run with the hares, not slide along with the snails.

The department seems to be under spending on the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) and therefore its money for this has been reduced. It also looks as if there is very little planning on the EPWP and the goals are not so clear. I say this, because many communities living along riverbanks are not engaged or used and do not see the benefit of the EPWP. It is therefore not reaching the area in need of the opportunities and services.

The unfortunate change, Mr Deputy Speaker, in the management of Cape Nature is undeniably affecting the functioning of this government agency. The CEO was disposed of and the board seems intimidated. Is it because of the jackal scandal? The secrecy in getting rid of the CEO is not conducive to transparency or democracy. Where is the open opportunity society now? [Interjections.] We're looking for it.

The green economy and alternative sustainable energy sources are mooted. We agree that it should be given enough importance. What we have heard a lot about is wind and solar energy in the Western Cape. The fact that these so-called clean energy sources are about to change is evident. Those generated by nuclear plants are first. The disastrous earthquake and tsunami in Japan has alerted the world to rethink these sources and surf-generated energy attracts a lot of renewed interest.

The growing interest in alternatives to the massive and aesthetically obtrusive plants for solar and wind turbines results in a lot of international investment in wave power. We have vast seashores and vibrant untapped energy in the tidal movements around our coastlines and there are at least four universities here in the Western Cape that could add value in exploring and exploiting this massive untapped source.

If we don't do it, the international community will develop this elsewhere and we will have to import the technology at great expense and, in turn, subsidise foreign labour. If we can refine it in a viable way here, the whole world will buy the products we can offer or develop here. If any green economy element waits to be developed as a Western Cape product, it is this gigantic energy in the continuous movement of the sea.

The ANC also calls on this department to spearhead better methods of dealing with and removing beached whales and other animals. As this department licenses and enforces the solid-waste environment, it should give guidance on dealing with the many incidents that end in tragedy and cause outrage. This was seen with the mess caused by blowing up whales with explosives and the emotional euthanizing of large marine mammals in public view by shooting them with heavy calibre guns within hearing distance. The hauling of uncovered carcasses on low bed trailers also upset a lot of citizens.

†Mr M G E WILEY: How else would you get them moved?

†Ms B G MBALO: You have to have a plan to do that; you can't do that in front of the public. [Interjections.] Shut up, man!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Ms B G MBALO: We too often get such beaching's and need a proper plan to deal with it.

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! That is not acceptable. Please withdraw that.

†Ms B G MBALO: I withdraw and apologise.

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you.

†Ms B G MBALO: We too often get such beaching and need a proper plan to deal with it. This MEC also has disaster risk management with municipalities under him and can assist us with finding an amicable and humane solution for this recurring problem.

The continued killing of predators under the guise of only dealing with problem animals is still disturbing as we need proper information and research on the effect of this action on specifically the control of rock hyrax and other plant-eating animal's destruction of grazing fields. We need solutions and control, not legalised destroying of the ecological balance.

The absent MEC is letting this issue fester and that is not good for transparency or accountability.

There is still no solution to the clash between the farmers and environmentalists. And the MEC, together with his DA-led government, is still seen as siding with the farmers and landowners. This government does not balance the rights of all parties well; or is it that it sides with farmers because they fund and support the DA? [Interjections.]

In closing, I wish to raise an issue here that has been coming since the DA took over in 2009. To many, it may seem trivial. To me, there is a principle at stake that is compromised by double standards.

The City of Cape Town under the then Mayor Helen Zille, with great flashiness and boasting, adopted a policy not to have bottled water in the Council Chamber any longer. It is now served by the glass because of the environmental concerns. Here in this Chamber it is a longstanding tradition to drink filtered water from glasses – not so for the Premier who seems to get preferential treatment to bring bottled water here. [Laughter.]

It looks as if this DA-led government and its leader have abandoned that cause and now the DA is environmentally-insensitive as the Premier, in full public view and on screens seen around the world, continues to sip water from plastic bottles. [Interjections.]

Surely out of a little consideration for the environment, reducing, recycling and the green economy, the hon Premier could make a little adjustment to her habits ... [Interjections.] ... or this department could be tasked to find a better solution for her to replenish her liquid levels.

*Ms J A VAN ZYL: Mr Deputy Speaker, the department's functions of, among other things, sustainable development, pollution, solid-waste management, protection of biodiversity, coastal management, application of the law and monitoring, differ widely but are of vital importance for sustainable continued existence.

What is a matter of concern, however, are the vacant posts. This is one of the departments where a programme for the transferring of skills should be launched. The period of seven to eight months to fill a vacancy is too long. Although promotion posts are welcome, not so many gaps can be left in staff structures.

The total degeneration in the quality of the water in rivers is a matter of great concern, and real action with regard to the reasons for contamination should be addressed urgently. Interdepartmental liaison with education and health is essential for again making the public aware of the scarcity and quality of the available water sources.

†The finalisation of the strategic and environmental assessment for the placement of wind farm facilities would be a relief in contributing to alternative green energy. The finalisation of the long-outstanding Land Use Planning Act during 2013, as well as the Overberg Coastal setback line, the West Coast setback line, as well as Eden setback line projects are welcomed.

*Mr Deputy Speaker, the recent watershed verdict of the Appeal Court in favour of the opposed Lagoon Bay development project in the Southern Cape found that Minister Bredell's decision power regarding the subdivision and rezoning was irregular.

There sult was the millions of rand's losses with which the developer's account had grown. How this verdict will affect future development, time will tell, but much caution will have to be exercised, also in the light of possible employment opportunities and further growth in those areas.

Cape Nature has received a 10,97% increase in budget, and the upgrading of facilities is welcome in the light of the responsibility to spread the message of nature conservation especially to the youth.

Mr Deputy Speaker, if rats are declared problem animals, the Minister and the department must give immediate attention to that. This province cannot allow rats to continue attacking people. [Laughter.]

Mr Deputy Speaker, to the head of department and the department, our thanks and appreciation for the hard work and passion for nature conservation, saving water and monitoring the air we breathe in, just to name a few. Cope supports the budget.

†Mr M C WALTERS: Mr Deputy Speaker, there was a moment this evening when I thought I had followed Alice down the rabbit hole after the white rabbit and then eventually turned up at the Mad Hatter's tea party. It sounded like that for a while, because I think this is one of the most efficient departments in the province. Therefore, I'd like to commend the personnel of the department, especially the HOD and the Minister, who have given leadership across a wide spectrum, not only to this department, but also to others.

This province is seen as the epitome of natural beauty and biological diversity in South Africa, in the whole of Africa and, arguably, even the world. Not only is there the beauty of our natural environment, but our agriculture has created an altered environment over much of our province. Its picturesque beauty, traditional architecture, modern technologies and an elegant lifestyle attract tourists from all over the globe, while our export products of the highest quality grace the markets of the world.

However, in this idyllic picture lurks a serpent, even a myriad of serpents, which could impact on this and reduce it to a place to which people don't want to go to, ... [Interjections.] ... where our products will be denied access to foreign markets and where our biodiversity and environmental services will be so degraded as to halt progress and even reverse it.

These negative impacts of pollution, planning incompatible with sustainability, poor waste management, destruction of our biodiversity and coastal decline make up the environment in which the department of environmental affairs and development planning must exercise its mandate.

Its strategic goals of embedding sustainability in growth in the province; providing leadership and innovation in environmental management; development planning; and enhancing the quality of life for all through sustainable living and making a contribution to economic growth through participation in and access to the environmental economy, all speak of this.

This department will receive a budget allocation of R421 million for the 2013-14 financial year.

The activities to be funded by the budget are aligned to both provincial Strategic Objective 7: Mainstreaming sustainability, and National Objective 10.

The key policy priorities for the new budget year revolve around ensuring energy sustainability, sustainable development through rational land-use planning, adaptation to climate change and sustainable resource management.

In pursuing its priorities, the department is supported by its entity, the Western Cape Nature Conservation Board, better known as Cape Nature. This entity receives about 53% of the R421 million, with only R198,741 million for purely departmental programmes.

With its knowledge of the fire-prone ecology of fynbos and the exacerbation of fire intensity of alien invasive infestations, Cape Nature also has a major impact on and makes a contribution to fire policy and management in the department.

The department's programmes of environmental policy planning and co-ordination, R37 million; compliance and enforcement, R15million; environmental quality management, R87 million; biodiversity management, R231 million, of which R223 million goes to Cape Nature; and environmental empowerment services, R1,244 million with administration, R49,661 million, support its efforts.

Environmental policy, planning and co-ordination have the unenviable task of reviewing spatial development planning frameworks and ensuring that municipal frameworks are compatible with it. Among many other responsibilities including for climate change, it is also responsible for the development of legislation and policy.

What is especially gratifying to the standing committee is that the Land Use Planning Act, which has been in limbo for many years over successive governments, is reaching completion and should be tabled in November 2013.

The compliance and enforcement programme receives R15 million. The programme is an essential watchdog to ensure that the relative environmental laws are complied with. Without this there would be havoc. The environmental quality management programme has the unenviable task of dealing with those factors which lie at the basis of the major threats to sustainability.

The standing committee has had major interactions with this programme, most recently with Dr Leaner on mercury pollution. River pollution is another area threatening our international trade prospects which is being seriously addressed. In the Berg River Project, referred to by both Minister Bredell and Minister Van Rensburg, the standing committee pointed out that strict post-alien removal and the planting of indigenous riparian vegetation will require long-term, strict monitoring to prevent the resurgence of invasive alien species which can be expected. It's not a solution but it's a programme that will have to be employed for a long time.

The development of environmental management plans for municipalities, administering EIA processes and air quality concerns are also very important responsibilities.

While Cape Nature absorbs most of the biodiversity management budget, important functions of the programme include sustainable use of indigenous biological resources and coastal management, which strives for a balance between socioeconomic and coastal and marine ecology.

The question has arisen in the past – and this is quite controversial – as to whether Cape Nature, which bears an overarching responsibility for biodiversity, should not be integrated into the department with resultant savings in many aspects of administration and monitoring, and better deployment of the collective expertise within both the department and Cape Nature. Perhaps this possibility deserves consideration. If so, other mechanisms for public-private partnerships and resource utilisation will have to be devised.

Programme 6: Environmental Empowerment Services is community-oriented and aimed at raising environmental awareness, developing environmental infrastructure and the empowerment of the public through awareness-raising campaigns. This programme has a budget of only R1,2 million and this poses the question as to whether this programme should not be better capacitated if its impact is to be meaningful.

The department is small but tasked with achieving very critical targets for the sustainability of the natural and urban environments of the province. They have achieved much, especially in relation to pressing issues such as pollution, waste management and information gathering services, as well as support to local governments.

The standing committee's interactions have always been on a cordial note. The HOD, Mr Van Zyl, has shown good adaptation to his new work milieu, while the Minister has always shown an intimate knowledge of the department and how it can be best deployed in the interest of the public.

*The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Mr Deputy Speaker, to hon member Eugene von Brandis, green economy is unbelievably important, yes. It is right that we operate the green economy with the focus on job creation. Managing climate change, etc, will be the outcome and the consequence of it, but we must drive the green economy with the main objective of encouraging job creation.

Mr Deputy Speaker, but first allow me to thank the Premier for joining us, but I haven't seen the Chairperson of the Cape Nature Board, Dr Johnson. Very welcome and thank you for also being with us tonight.

Energy shortages, hon member, yes, it is critical and of great importance to us. It is also of great concern, because I think that energy – or the cost of energy – is probably the most important factor that will cause us to have job losses in the province and that we will not achieve our objectives.

It is therefore of the utmost importance that we must look at alternative sources and that we also correctly manage the alternative sources, such as renewed energy, correctly because it also has an impact on the environment. There is nothing that has no impact.

The Berg River plan is a very good project. We are very much looking forward to it but it is a very expensive process and it is a long process. We have started with this process, and it is not only the Berg River plan. There are many rivers we are monitoring, and it is of vital importance that we get the quality of water in our rivers and river mouths right. I think our municipalities also have the leadership, and they realise the urgency of this problem. It will be a combined effort to address these problems and also water quality problems.

†To hon member Mbalo – what do I say to her? [Interjections.] What do I say to you? You said water is very important and that was about it. You say we moved slowly in many aspects. That may be, but we are thorough in what we do.

I really want you try to make your inputs in the standing committee and to lift the level of your inputs out of the political domain. I don't have a problem with you tackling me, but I won't let my personnel be pulled into a political debate. They work tirelessly to protect our environment and to create a future for our children ... [Interjections.] ... and, therefore, everybody in the House should applaud them and thank them. From early in the morning till late in the evening, that is what they are trying to do.

The vacancies within the department, I've explained it before to the standing committee. There are two kinds of vacancies: There's a funded vacancy and there's an unfunded vacancy. One of the big issues within the department, Mr Deputy Speaker, is that we have very good quality personnel and when there's a position open some of the internal personnel will apply. I can promise you 90% of the time they will be successful in the interviews. So that is one of the problems we have; you just create another vacancy at another level. We are, therefore, working towards that, and we're trying to improve the system.

On the Stellenbosch issue, the river at Stellenbosch, let me say we are very worried about the river at Stellenbosch. We don't want to see deterioration to the extent where we have job losses. Mr Deputy Speaker, to be honest with the member – and she should go back in history – this is a mess from the time of the ANC that we are now trying to solve. [Interjections.] They never invested, when they were in charge and ran this council, in bulk infrastructure. [Interjections.] Never! We are stuck with huge problems with the sewerage works and the waterworks. With the last fire in Kayamandi we ran out of water, because there's no capacity. We need to rebuild that, but you don't rebuild these things overnight. You don't get R200 million overnight for sewerage works and waterworks.

It will, therefore, be a long-term investment and it will take time to find solutions. We have four engineers working with the municipality on the Berg River and also on the bulk infrastructure within the municipality.

We're serious about air quality. We have, as I've mentioned, nine air quality monitoring stations. We have stations in Dana Bay, St Helena Bay, George, Oudtshoorn, Malmesbury, Khayelitsha, Worcester, Stellenbosch and Vissershok. We are going to add two new ones in Hout Bay and Hermanus and, hopefully, in the future in Saldanha Bay. So we are moving ahead.

There were no complaints, as far as I'm aware, about the Caltex refinery.

You may have had some complaints and maybe you should give them to us so that we can start working on that. We will go anywhere – they are mobile stations and we will have a look at it.

Mr Deputy Speaker, we, however, don't go out to close factories. The whole purpose of air quality control is to improve air quality over the long term and to educate the firms and industries, etc. So, yes, you get people who will work with you and you get others who are a bit naughtier, but we will go there and prove to them that they are acting outside the national and international norms. They will then have to put some money into their industries to bring them in line with the norms. Within six months we will then find another problem and we will again go through the same process, because we don't want to see job losses. We don't want factories to close and to retrench people. We can't be so short-sighted with those kinds of issues.

The Green Scorpions are a very small unit and because of the state of the province and where we are currently, we do invest in education, health and the safety of our people. We don't have the money to do everything that needs to be done, Mr Deputy Speaker. I would love to expand the Green Scorpions, but the three people that we do have are currently doing brilliant work.

Fire-fighting is one of the huge successes and we're very proud of the achievements of the team. Again, they work tirelessly for long hours and long shifts so that we can be safe in our homes. They are doing brilliantly with limited resources. I just want to put it to the House that four years ago we had four helicopters and with the first fire we couldn't get one of them in the air to help to put out the fire. This year we have 28, so don't tell us that we're not putting in a huge effort to safeguard the lives of our people.

The Land Use Planning Bill, Mr Deputy Speaker, is one of the most complex pieces of legislation that this House will deal with. We are working towards bringing it to the House, hopefully, towards the end of 2013. However, as we get new court judgments, like the one for Lagoon Bay, it is not about winning; we learn from them. We may have to make changes and then it will take a bit longer. [Interjections.]

Mr M OZINSKY: [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER: It will come because we're not the ANC. You know about stopping the Land Use Bill, because you stopped it in 2004. [Interjections.] So, yes, it is a sore point for you, because the ANC could never deal with that but we will. [Interjections.]

The EPWP is doing brilliantly. Mr Deputy Speaker, solar and wind energy are obviously very important, but not at all costs. The issue with wind and solar, currently, is again a national problem. We are in a huge fight because national wants to escalate everything to a national level. We don't get permission to build new plants and it's a huge, huge problem currently, so we might now even use the Intergovernmental Relations Act to get a solution there.

We work very closely with all the universities in the province to help us find various solutions on the environment, so there is no problem there.

Solid waste is also getting the necessary attention. Hon Mbalo can just read my speech and she will see that we've dealt with 44 waste licensing applications. We will continue and improve on that with the co-operation of our municipalities.

You know, Mr Deputy Speaker, the point about the killing of animals is a bit of a low blow. To be quite honest with you, nobody in this House or in Cape Nature wants to kill an animal. [Interjections.] Nobody! There are, however, circumstances, as was the case with the whales, when you need to put them out of their suffering. It's a very hard call to make and it's not fair to use cheap politics and to criticise personnel members involved on the site.

We need to trust their expertise. I trust their expertise and I will always back them, because I know they have a clean agenda and one that cares about the environment and the animals and that they won't approve the killing of any animals if it's not absolutely necessary.

*I now come to hon Van Zyl. I have dealt with the vacant posts. Yes, the deterioration of the quality of our water in our rivers is a matter of great concern. I have dealt with it. You can read the whole verdict of Lagoon Bay, not only the newspaper reports. It is a very interesting verdict, and we are busy studying it because court verdicts are now sorting out our planning for us.

As a department we have no hold on any functions. A function that has to go to a local government – I come from there – must go to the local government, but I am worried that not all our boards are ready for it. That is why we have now started to focus on a training programme so that we can get the necessary capacity, because none of us in this province wants to bring planning to a stop. It will be catastrophic.

Mr Walters, thank you very much for your support and chairmanship of the standing committee. We are always prepared to come to you, and we are very thankful that you keep us on our toes.

I will conclude, Mr Deputy Speaker, by saying that this department was ranked on the financial management as second best in the country. I convey my thanks to our very good and competent officials. It is a pleasure to work with such a competent team. [Applause.]

Debate concluded.

The House adjourned at 20:26.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, TABLINGS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

MONDAY, 25 MARCH 2013

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Speaker:

1. Introduction of Bill:

Minister of Finance, Economic Development and Tourism:

Western Cape Additional Adjustments Appropriation Bill (2012/13 Financial Year) [B 5–2013].

2. Referral of bill to committee in terms of Rule 187

Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Development.

TABLING

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Paper tabled with *Western Cape Additional Adjustments Appropriation Bill* (2012/13 Financial Year) [B 5–2013]:

Budget: Additional Adjusted Estimates of Provincial Expenditure (2012/13 Financial Year) [PR88/2013].

Paper referred to relevant committee.

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Western Cape Seventeenth Gambling and Racing Amendment Bill [B 3–2013].

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TABLINGS

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**1. Report received from municipality and tabled in accordance with sections 132(1) and (2) of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act (Act 56 of 2003):
West Coast District Municipality**

- (a) Annual Report 2011/2012.
- (b) Oversight Report 2011/2012.

2. Bill received from National Council of Provinces and tabled in terms of Rule 219:

Division of Revenue Bill [B 2–2013] (NCOP).

3. National Treasury

- (a) Budget Speech 2013 [RP45/2012].
- (b) Budget Review 2013 [RP344/2012].

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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BUSINESS OF HOUSE

(Motion)

†The CHIEF WHIP (DA): Mr Speaker, I move without notice:

That, notwithstanding Rule 161 of the Standing Rules, the House deals with both the consideration of principle and the finalisation of the Western Cape Additional Adjustments Appropriation Bill [B 5—2013] on 27 March 2013.

Agreed to.

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(Motion)

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WESTERN CAPE APPROPRIATION BILL [B 2—2013]

(Debate on Vote 6 – Health)

†The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Mr Speaker, I recognise the Premier of the Western Cape, hon Helen Zille; ...

An HON MEMBER: She's not here!

The MINISTER: Don't be concerned about that – she's always here.

†Mr M SKWATSHA: Is she always here?

†The MINISTER: Yes, she's always here. [Interjections.]

†The SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.] Order, hon members! Order!

†The MINISTER: When I gave honours to you, Premier, they said that you're absent and I said that you're always here. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER: I suppose I scored that one. Mr Speaker, I recognise the Premier of the Western Cape; the hon Leader of the Opposition, hon Brown; the chairperson of the standing committee, hon Anroux Marais; hon members of the House; colleagues; friends; our visitors today, the guests on the gallery; and the citizens of the Western Cape.

INTRODUCTION

Mr Speaker, the budget that I am presenting today is the result of the Department of Health's continuous evaluation of the health needs of the people of the Western Cape in accordance with the strategic objective that we introduced three years ago – the strategic objective of increasing wellness.

The concept of increasing wellness as a public health management strategy is taking root across the world in countries facing the challenge of high-risk factors for disease. Our province is implementing the strategy with other departments. It requires a whole-of-society approach. The decrease of illness can only be achieved through integrated co-operation with the departments that create infrastructure – Local Government, Transport and Public Works, Economic Development – and the departments that can support the wellbeing of the people who live and work in the Western Cape, that is, Education, Social Development, and Agriculture.

The aim is to create a society where every person has the opportunity to make choices, as opposed to an environment that forces citizens to accept dire education, health and other government services. The only way to achieve an environment of options is to lead the province into economic growth and development, as my colleague, Minister Winde, set out in his Budget Vote on Friday.

Economic growth is only possible through good governance. The health budget for the province that I am tabling today is a work come together as a result of strict financial discipline, and I am proud to thank the management of the department for that.

Mr Speaker, in my address to the House I will focus on our department's growth through partnerships and the interventions that we have put in place to address the upstream disease factors. I will set out the budget allocations to improve service delivery as well as the allocation towards early detection and prevention of disease.

GROWING THE HEALTH ECONOMY THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS

In order to stay on par and set the trend in this country and this continent we need to partner with the private sector to stretch the health rand. One of the key ways in which the Western Cape government has tried to improve health care quality across the province is through innovative public-private partnerships that leverage the talents of the private sector for the benefit of public sector patients. It is based on a win-win philosophy that improves the physical health of patients and the financial health of the economy.

One example of such a partnership is the Clicks Helping Hand Trust. Partnering is a practical, sustainable way to expand the reach of public health care and enhance the quality of our pathways of care.

By tapping into the potential of the private sector, we are creating beneficial outcomes for our patients and for our private sector partners to earn revenue and create jobs.

In line with the strategic objectives of our government, this approach boosts the revenues of private businesses, thereby creating jobs, raising more taxes and growing the economy. This is the wheel that is turning the health sector from a money consumer to an economy driver.

The establishment of the Health Foundation in the past year was one of the largest strides made in this provincial government towards that goal. The Health Foundation has the legal independence to spearhead new and innovative initiatives to generate resources for health. This is a significant step in strengthening the key relationship between the department and the private sector.

In the 2013-14 financial year, the Health Foundation will primarily focus on provincial health facilities that don't have existing fundraising trusts in place, in particular primary health care facilities. The Health Foundation aims to facilitate donor funding through the partnership of local businesses with the district hospitals in their area, in view of their employees and their families who depend on these facilities for treatment. They will promote the Adopt-a-Facility strategy with potential donors.

The commercial partnership plans include viable retail kiosk opportunities, ATM opportunities and advertising opportunities at health facilities in accordance with agreed guidelines, as well as viable commercial rental opportunities for health care related businesses.

The monies generated through the Health Foundation will primarily be used to address the maintenance backlog at health facilities in the province. This model provides benefits for the public and private sector. Within this environment the private sector can co-operate with the state to deploy its expertise, currently only available to paying patients, to provide quality health care on a wider scale. It also implies a model to grow small and medium-sized private health care enterprises, by offering them access to government business opportunities.

The Western Cape Health Foundation is a vehicle that will facilitate an increase of funds and human resource capacity in the public health domain by offering economic growth opportunities for the private sector. It is a mutually beneficial vehicle which offers companies an opportunity to reshape the corporate social investment economy.

The establishment of the Health Foundation is a bold step by our government into new territory, and is strengthened by the department's Business Development Unit and the Public Private Health Forum.

CALL FOR PHARMACIES

One of the major projects tackled by the Business Development Unit in the past year was the call for tenders for proposals for the re-provisioning of family planning and vaccines in co-operation with the private sector, of which the agreement with Clicks was a forerunner, but will now be followed by other pharmacy groups such as Dischem and independent pharmacies. This call will eventually grow smaller pharmacy businesses.

The new private provider process to better manage the access to family planning and vaccines is a major part of strengthening strategic partnerships. Tenders have closed and the new service will commence on 1 July 2013. The project is in accordance with the Western Cape government's Health Care 2020 vision which aims to improve the patient experience.

ADDRESSING UPSTREAM DISEASE FACTORS

The department plays an important advocacy role ensuring that the upstream factors influencing the burden of disease are addressed by the appropriate departments or sectors of society.

The Department's Directorate: Health Impact Assessment identifies the communities most affected by the burden of disease and its associated risk factors.

The focus areas are:

- (1) Decreasing the incidence of infectious diseases, mainly HIV and TB
- (2) Preventing violence and road injuries
- (3) Promoting a healthy lifestyle
- (4) Improving Woman's Health
- (5) Improving maternal and child health
- (6) Mental Health

Healthcare 2020

The cornerstone of the 2020 strategic framework is improving the patient experience. In the next two years, the department will embark upon a change management programme to improve the staff engagement with patients and by doing so improve the quality of patient care.

Human resources

The current vacancy rate for Health in the Western Cape is 4,12% – the lowest in the country. In total, there are 31 672 funded posts, of which 30 366 are filled and 1 306 posts are vacant. Of the 1 306 vacant posts, 414 posts are in the nursing group and 562 in the group staff excluded from Occupational Specific Dispensations, which represents 1,31% and 1,77% of the 4,12%.

The reorganisation of the department to improve cohesion and deficiencies is a priority and significant in terms of the rationalisation of resources and simultaneous building of capacity to operate efficiently.

The Western Cape has an outstanding track record on filling vacancies, and we are regularly commended for our performance in this regard. We have a monthly monitoring system to check whether all vacant funded posts are being filled within a two-month turnaround time.

Nurses form almost half of the staff component of the health department, and play a special role in providing and maintaining the health care system through the provision of a comprehensive quality health care service.

Despite intense efforts to develop, recruit and retain specialised nurses, and despite the Occupational Specific Dispensation for nurses, the specialised services now have 25,4% less specialised nurses than four years ago. A main challenge remains to increase the number of nurses to be released and trained in specialty nursing.

Independent Complaints Committee

In terms of the handling of patient complaints, which forms an important part of our communication with patients, the Provincial Cabinet approved the drafting of provincial legislation to establish an Independent Complaints Committee to facilitate the resolution of complaints.

In addition, the pilot complaints call centre that we piloted at eight facilities in the metro in the 2012-13 financial year proved so successful that we it will be rolled out to all health facilities in the metro in this financial year. Each financial year another district will be added and eventually offer the service to all patients across the province by 2018.

Health facility boards

*We recently advertised in the media for nominations for the next three-year term, but in general the public once again responded poorly. I extended the current term to the end of September and it is my firm intention to have boards for all our hospitals in place. It is my experience that where properly functioning boards are in place, communication with the community is much better, the community take possession of their hospital and that this is to the advantage of the staff and residents of the relevant region. I want to appeal to all my colleagues here in Parliament to become involved in constituting effective hospital boards in their areas.

District health boards

The five rural district health boards have been functioning effectively for a year now and I am planning to have an oversight meeting with all the boards in the middle of the year to iron out growing pains and to learn from each other how to better use these boards to the advantage of the communities they represent. The Metro District Board was not effective and I have now obtained permission from Cabinet to adjust the legislation and to appoint subdistrict representatives on the board too. The process will start shortly. The Provincial Health Board meets quarterly and is an effective institution that fulfils an important policy formulating function to the advantage of the department and the public at large.

†Both the health councils and the facility boards have the potential to be meaningful channels for consultation and interaction with the public, and I encourage communities to support and use these structures to raise their concerns.

Wellness project

A major goal of the Department of Health is to create a “culture of wellness” at all levels of society in the Western Cape.

As part of the "Increasing Wellness" objective a group called Ideas42 Behavioural Economists from Harvard University, together with a UCT Research Unit in Behavioural and Neuro Economics, have been appointed for the behaviour change project for two years. It will be piloted from June this year till March next year. Thereafter evaluation will follow and possible roll-out after that.

The behaviour change project is anticipated to make a major contribution to our government's Strategic Objective 11: Building the best-run provincial government in the world. Health has budgeted R700 000 for two years towards this project.

Later in this year, I will make important announcements about stationary and mobile wellness centres to be rolled out in the Western Cape which will introduce the province's early detection and prevention plan. In brief, it will encompass the roll-out of wellness clinics across the province that will deal with lifestyle health issues that should be monitored on a regular basis, but which too often remain undetected until someone goes to the hospital for treatment.

Funded mainly by the private sector, these clinics will provide the opportunity to every state patient to have an annual health check-up. But more than this, these clinics will promote the responsibility that people must take to protect and enhance their own good health. As far as we can determine, this is the only project of its kind in the public sector.

Chronic Dispensing Unit Roll-Out

In the past nine months, the CDU service was expanded to all remaining facilities in the metropole, such as central and regional hospitals, with the concomitant expansion of ARV services in the metro. The delivery of patient medicine parcels is planned to roll out to rural districts in this financial year, with home deliveries, postal deliveries and decentralised deliveries to follow soon.

The CDU services are contracted using the following fees per prescription, which include VAT:

- R21 to Health and other sites such as NPOs and old age homes;
- R58 for home deliveries in the metropole;
- R20,52 additional fee per delivery for areas where there is a high risk to personal safety/ hijacking; and
- R50 for postal deliveries across the Province

IMPROVING SERVICE DELIVERY

The department has prioritised the following service delivery areas:

- (1) Mental health: The appropriate management of behaviourally disturbed patients, with the strengthening of community outreach and support to address the frequent readmission of patients to psychiatric hospitals.
- (2) Neonatal and child health: Improved and earlier ante-natal care with a continued focus on the factors that contribute to neonatal deaths.

- (3) Maternal and women's health: The department will focus on addressing the causes of maternal deaths, strengthening family planning and widening cancer screening programmes for cervical and breast cancer.
- (4) The Emergency Medical Services communications system will be replaced to improve EMS management and in particular the response time to medical emergencies.
- (5) Prevention, detection and effective management of chronic diseases, including communicable diseases such as HIV and TB, and non-communicable diseases such as hypertension, diabetes and heart disease.

BUDGET ALLOCATIONS

Mr Speaker, for the 2013-14 financial year, Health receives 36,34% of the entire provincial budget. This is a 7,47% or R1,103 billion increase over the revised estimate for the 2012-13 financial year.

The Department of Health is allocated R15,872 billion in the 2013-14 financial, R16,970 billion in the 2014-15 financial year and R17,940 billion in the 2015-16 financial year, amounting to a total of R50,781 billion over the 2013 MTEF period.

Of this, the provincial equitable share amounts to R10,906 billion in the 2013-14 financial year, R11,721 billion in the 2014-15 financial year and R12,414 billion in the 2015-16 financial year, with the contribution from national conditional grants amounting to R4,418 billion and the income from patient fees in the 2013-14 financial year estimated at R548,5 million.

The various national conditional grants are:

- National Tertiary Services Grant of R2,4 billion;
- Health Professions Training and Development Grant of R452 million;
- Comprehensive HIV and Aids Grant of R928 million;
- National Health Insurance Grant of R4,85 million; and
- as of the 2013-14 financial year, the Hospital Revitalisation Grant, Health Infrastructure Grant and Nursing Colleges and Schools Grant have been merged into a single infrastructure grant for Health, namely the Health Facility Revitalisation Grant. A total of R629,786 million is allocated to the grant in the 2013-14 financial year.

This National Health Grant is a new indirect grant introduced in the 2013-14 financial year that will be spent by the national Department of Health on behalf of provinces. The grant has two components, one to support infrastructure projects and the second to support National Health Insurance (NHI) scheme pilot sites. In respect of the infrastructure component, R61 million has been allocated to the Western Cape over the 2013 MTEF period. Detail on the provincial breakdown of the NHI component is not yet available.

Revenue

The Department remains committed to maximising revenue generation and collection from current sources of revenue whilst exploring alternative revenue streams to counter on going budget constraints.

Hospital patient fees tariffs that are applicable to funded patients, for example medical scheme patients, will be increased by 5,5 % with effect from 1 April 2013. However, I am pleased to announce that the tariffs for unfunded patients without medical insurance will remain at the current levels.

Distribution of the budget

The Health budget is divided between the eight programmes, with Programmes 2, 3, 4 and 5 funding the direct operational cost of providing health services, amounting to R13,851 billion or 87% of the total allocation to the department.

Compensation of employees accounts for R9,346 billion or 58,88% of the total budget. The department has allocated R4,849 billion or 30,55% of the budget to the procurement of goods and services.

PROGRAMME 1: ADMINISTRATION

Programme 1 receives R523 million and amounts to 3,3% of the vote in the 2013-14 financial year versus 3% allocated in the revised estimate of the 2012-13 budget. This amounts to a nominal increase of R74,731 million or 16,7%.

The increase is allocated to:

- Implementation of the JAC Pharmacy system in the smaller hospitals;
- the roll-out of the Primary Health Information System to rural facilities;
- Enterprise Content Management System;
- the accelerated roll-out of the Hospital Information System;
- the implementation of the Nursing Information System to manage the cost of agency staff – all those just mentioned are in the electronic space;
- a project to improve the behaviour of frontline staff – Ernest & Young will be funded from this;
- the increase of the volumes of scripts managed by the central Chronic Dispensing Unit; and
- additional posts for an inspectorate to ensure compliance to rules and regulations.

The Western Cape Health Facility Boards Act, 2001 (Act 7 of 2001)

This Act amends the manner in which the department regulates financial affairs of Health Facility Boards. Preparatory work is being done on a further amendment in order to accommodate the changes to this Act required as a result of the clauses of the National Health Act, 2003 (Act 61 of 2003) that came into effect on 1 March 2012. This Act will provide a legal framework for establishing clinic and community health centre committees.

The Western Cape District Health Councils Amendment Bill, 2012 [Bill 5 of 2012]

A Western Cape District Health Councils Amendment Bill has been drafted and published in the *Provincial Gazette* for comment. The purpose of this Bill is to allow members of sub districts to be appointed to the District Health Council in order to ensure that the representation in the Metro District is comparable with that of the rural districts, which is not currently the case.

In terms of section 30 of the National Health Act, the provincial Minister of Health in concurrence with the provincial Minister of Local Government can divide a province into sub districts and determine and change the boundaries of these sub districts. This has been done and published under Provincial Notice 34/2012 in *Provincial Gazette* 7063.

PROGRAMME 2: DISTRICT HEALTH SERVICES

This programme is responsible for the provision of health services within the district health system and is allocated R6,037 billion or 38% of the Vote in the 2013-14 financial year versus 37,6% allocated in the revised 2012-13 budget. This amounts to a nominal increase of R487,518 million or 8,8%.

An amount of R4,850 million is in respect of the National Health Insurance Grant in the 2013-14 financial year, R7 million in the 2014-15 financial year and R7,396 million in the 2015-16 financial year, which in terms of the overall programme are marginal amounts.

Primary Health Care Services are allocated R2 788,855 billion or 46,2% in the 2013-14 financial year versus the 47% that was allocated in the revised 2012-13 budget. This amounts to a nominal increase of 6,85%.

These funds are allocated to clinics, community health day centres, community health centres and community-based services, which provide primary health care services amounting to approximately 15,2 million head counts per annum at an estimated primary health care utilisation rate of 2,54 visits per person in the next financial year.

Community-based services are allocated R165,532 million. These services reduce pressure on facility-based care by providing health care directly to the community and empowering the community to participate in preventive and adherence health programmes.

Lay health workers employed by non-profit organisations fulfil many of the tasks and roles carried out at the CBS level. The development of integrated community care workers who are multi-skilled is a key challenge going forward.

Sub programme 2.6

HIV and Aids are allocated R927,547 million or 15,4% versus 13,3% allocated in the revised 2012-13 budget. This amounts to a nominal increase of 25,7%.

Sub programme 2.10

Global fund is allocated R190,862 million or 3,2% versus 3,1% in the previous budget. This amounts to a nominal increase of R16,727 million. Together these sub programmes fund the prevention and management of HIV and Aids with a combined budget of R1,12 billion.

Sub programme 2.7

Nutrition is allocated R32,376 million or 0,5% versus 0,55% in the revised 2012-13 budget. This amounts to a nominal increase of 5,6%.

Sub programme 2.9

District hospitals are allocated R2,097 billion or 34,7% versus 36% allocated in the previous financial year. This amounts to an increase of R100,853 million.

Mr Speaker, while the Khayelitsha Hospital is now fully operational, it is anticipated that the newly constructed Mitchells Plain Hospital will be operational midway through 2013, as well as a variety of other facilities which I will refer to later in the speech.

PROGRAMME 3: EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

I would like to use this opportunity to thank our EMS and Forensic Pathology Services for their outstanding service at the time of the recent tragic bus accident in the Hex River Pass where 24 people lost their lives.

This programme is allocated R786,339 million or 4,95% versus 4,8% of the previous budget. This amounts to an increase of R81 million.

An additional R50 million has been allocated for the new computer-aided dispatch system which will provide both the communication centre solution and a vehicle-based solution. It is anticipated that the system will improve the efficiency of the ambulance dispatch process by providing real time information. It is the first phase of an expenditure of R250 million over a five-year period.

Of the 52 EMS facilities, 73% are purpose built and steady progress is being made in providing 18 new stations.

PROGRAMME 4: PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL SERVICES

Provincial hospital services are largely funded from the Provincial Equitable Share but receive an allocation of R60,367 million from the Health Professions Training and Development Grant to address the cost to the services of training health professionals.

Programme 4 is allocated R2,49 million in the 2013-14 financial year or 15,7% of the Vote, which is unchanged compared with the revised estimate of the previous budget. This amounts to a nominal increase of R167 million.

Sub programme 4.1

Regional Hospitals is allocated R1,331 billion or 53,5% versus 52,8% allocated in the previous budget. This amounts to a nominal increase of R105 million or 8,6%.

The sub programme funds the Somerset and Mowbray Maternity Hospitals in the metro, and the Paarl, Worcester and George Hospitals in the rural districts.

An additional operating theatre at the new Somerset Hospital was commissioned during February 2013 and is fully funded in the 2013-14 financial year to address the increased workload within the Metro West area.

Sub programme 4.2

TB hospitals is allocated R223 million or 9% versus 9,3% of the revised budget. This is a nominal increase of R7,58 million which funds the six TB hospitals in the province. At present, the department has 23 GeneXpert machines distributed across the province, operated by the National Health Laboratory Services.

Sub programme 4.3

Psychiatric hospitals are allocated R660 million or 26,5% versus 27% of the previous budget. This amounts to a nominal increase of R34 million or 5,5% which funds the four psychiatric hospitals in the province.

Sub programme 4.4

The Western Cape Rehabilitation Centre is allocated R149 million or 6% versus the 6,1% of the previous budget. This amounts to a nominal increase of R7,7 million for this year.

Sub programme 4.5

Dental training hospitals is allocated R124 million or 5% versus 4,8% in the previous budget. This amounts to a nominal increase of R12,826 million.

PROGRAMME 5: CENTRAL HOSPITALS

Central hospitals are allocated R4,538 billion or 28,6% versus 28,8% of the revised budget. This amounts to a nominal increase of R280 million or 6,6%. Of this amount:

- R2,4 billion is funded from the National Tertiary Services Grant; and
- R304 million is funded from the Health Professions Training and Development Grant.
- Conditional grant funding therefore constitutes only 59.6%.

Clearly, the funding of the National Tertiary Services Grant and the Health Professions Training and Development Grant is insufficient to fund the grant-related activities. The unfortunate result is that the department significantly subsidises these services from the equitable share and other sources of funding which decreases the funding available for service requirements elsewhere in the department. These are the monies, and the reason why the national Minister wanted to centralise the tertiary hospitals, for which there is a shortfall in our province and which we are subsidising.

PROGRAMME 6: HEALTH SCIENCES AND TRAINING

This programme has been allocated R236 million or 1,7% versus the 1,9% that was allocated in the previous budget. This amounts to a nominal decrease of R18,133 million.

The allocated budget does not increase in real terms, and consequently the budget for bursaries has been materially reduced. It makes provision 470 bursaries allocated in this budget year, to the value R14,316 million.

PROGRAMME 7: HEALTH CARE SUPPORT SERVICES

This programme consists of 4 sub programmes, namely laundry and engineering services, forensic pathology services and the Cape Medical Depot and is allocated R340 million or 2,15% versus the 2,1% allocated in the revised budget. This amounts to a nominal increase of R19,729 million or 6,2%.

Sub programme 7.1

Laundry Services is allocated R73,697 million or 21% versus the 22,1% allocated in the previous budget, which represents a nominal increase of R2,7 million or 3,8%.

The modern equipment installed in the upgraded Lentegour Laundry is designed to use less water, steam and electricity than the equipment it replaced.

Sub programme 7.2

Engineering Services is allocated R103 million or 30,4% versus the 2,6% of the previous budget, which is a nominal increase of R8.6 million or 9,1%.

It is anticipated that funding for engineering maintenance will not increase significantly over the next five years and that increases will be largely inflation linked. The department has therefore initiated the Maintenance Hub Organisation Development Study to identify opportunities for efficiency and better utilisation of scarce technical skills. The establishment of a Supply Chain Management Office to implement a Construction Procurement System for the procurement of day-to-day, emergency and routine maintenance work remains a departmental priority.

Sub programme 7.3

Forensic Pathology Services is allocated R114 million or 33,6% versus the 33,5% allocated in the previous budget, which is an increase of R7 million or 6,6%.

Twelve of the 18 forensic pathology laboratories still need to be relocated or upgraded.

Sub programme 7.5

The Cape Medical Depot is allocated R48,795 million or 14,3% versus of the 14,8% allocated in the revised budget, which is a nominal increase of R1,2 million or 2,6%.

PROGRAMME 8: HEALTH FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

This programme is allocated R2,8 billion over the MTEF period. Programme 8 is allocated R893 million or 5,6% versus 5,99% of the previous budget. This translates into a nominal increase of R9,2 million.

The Health Facility Revitalisation Grant has been reduced over the MTEF by R61 million and these funds will be used to fund the National Health Grant allocated to the Western Cape. The National Health Grant is a new indirect grant introduced in the 2013-14 financial year that will be spent by the national Department of Health on behalf of provinces.

Seventy per cent of the programme's funding is derived from conditional grants, which include the Hospital Facility Revitalisation Grant made up from the Health Infrastructure component: R122 million; Hospital Revitalisation component: R493 million; Nursing Colleges and Schools component: R13,964 million; and Expanded Public Works Programme Integrated Grant for provinces: R3 million.

In addition, the following priority earmarked allocations of Provincial Equitable Share have been allocated for preventive maintenance: R20,4 million; baseline maintenance: R100 000 million; and baseline capital: R128 million.

Sub programme 8.1: Community Health Facilities

It is planned that in this financial year 43 projects will be in the identification/feasibility phase, with eight projects in the design/tender phase and three in the construction/handover phase.

The following projects are in the construction/handover phase:

- The new Du Noon Community Day Centre;
- the new Hermanus Community Day Centre; and
- the new Symphony Way Community Day Centre in Delft.

Sub programme 8.2: Emergency Medical Services

There will be 18 EMS services in the identification/feasibility phase and 2 in the design/tender phase. In addition to this, the new Robertson Ambulance Station will be in the construction/handover phase.

Sub programme 8.3: District Hospital Services

It is planned to have 20 district hospital projects in the identification/feasibility phase, 4 in design/tender phase and the following 4 in the construction/handover phase:

- New bulk store at Robertson Hospital;
- new emergency centre at Karl Bremer Hospital;
- new emergency centre and out-patient department at Knysna Hospital; and
- Phase 2 upgrading of the Vredenburg Hospital.

Sub programme 8.4: Provincial Hospital Services

It is planned to have seven provincial hospital projects in the identification/feasibility phase and seven projects in the design/tender phase.

Sub programme 8.5: Central Hospital Services

It is planned to have seven central hospital projects in the identification/feasibility phase with two projects in the design/tender phase. The Tygerberg Hospital emergency centre is in the construction/handover phase.

Sub programme 8.6: Other Facilities

Eleven projects will be in the identification/feasibility phase with seven projects in the design/tender phase. We also hope to make progress this year with the public-private initiative for new hospitals in Mossel Bay and Somerset West.

National Health Insurance

The national Department of Health, together with the provinces, identified 10 pilot sites in South Africa to develop frameworks and models that could be rolled out to facilitate the phased implementation of NHI.

The Western Cape pilot site is the Eden district. The reason for the Western Cape participation is the belief that the province can contribute to the development of the best ultimate model.

The Western Cape government policy, as an alternative to the NHI, is one of Universal Health Care for All which is supported by the World Health Organisation, but through a model of a functioning health system at provincial level without the centralising of all funding and management through the national Department. The Western Cape government opposes the centralisation of health facilities.

The extent of Western Cape government's management of the NHI pilot project is to strengthen health services in the Eden district and to provide the country with viable models of health care that have worked and will continue to provide quality patient centred health care services.

IN CLOSING

Mr Speaker, I want to take the opportunity to specifically thank a few people and institutions. I firstly want to thank the Premier for her vision in leadership. Her energy is the reason for us all working so hard. Thank you, Premier, for your leadership in our government.

Mr M OZINSKY: [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER: That is why the opposition is so lame. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER: I want to thank my Cabinet colleagues who always have to listen to the pleas of Health and usually consent to what we propose. Thank you very much. It is very often to the detriment of other departments.

I want to thank all members of the standing committee and specifically the chairperson, the hon Anroux Marais, for her dedication and hard work and for the good outcomes. Thank you very much.

I want to take the opportunity to also thank the 3 600 staff members in our department who worked tirelessly, 99% of whom are extremely dedicated and do an excellent task. I want to thank them specifically.

I also want to thank my office staff. It is not the easiest thing in the world to work with me. I want to thank you for that. [Interjections.] I want to specifically thank Helene Rossouw, my media officer, who usually has to redo my speech 10 minutes before the time. [Interjections.]

I want to thank the management of the department for their hard work, dedication and leadership that they provide in health care in South Africa. You are certainly leading health in our country.

I specifically want to thank the HOD, Prof Househam, for his dedication and hard work in our department. There is no doubt that Prof Househam is the most senior public health official in South Africa. We are very, very fortunate to have him in leadership. [Interjections.]

†The SPEAKER: Order, hon members!

†The MINISTER: I want to thank all our partners throughout the province and throughout South Africa who support our department so generously. There are so many partners who support us and also donors. There are too many to mention. I think it would not be right to mention numbers and figures, but I want to thank every big and small donor who contributes to the success of our department.

I also want to thank all the NGOs and NPOs who work with our department and with whom we have a very sound relationship and effective service.

Lastly, Mr Speaker, I want to thank my wife Sarie, in her absence. She is absent because she could unfortunately not be here as we have a Netherland film team on my farm today and she had to be there to support that.

I would especially like to also thank all the staff members in the department for being the backbone of health services in our province.

The increase of wellness is not a health-only objective, but an overall objective that is the responsibility of all departments, but also of individuals. The Department of Health will take responsibility for our tasks, but individuals also need to take responsibility for their health. That is a state of wellbeing, and that is the state in which each individual takes responsibility for his/her choices. That is what we mean by the “open opportunity society” in our government.

†Ms A J DU TOIT MARAIS: Mr Speaker, the department has a key acronym, C2AR2, which encapsulates the principles of competence, caring, accountability, respect and responsiveness.

*The budget is supported precisely for the maintenance of the above-mentioned principles. With this budget the Western Cape Department of Health is primarily responsible for the provision of health services to 4,680 million residents who do not have insurance, which represent 78% of the population of the Western Cape.

Mr Speaker, the services delivered by the department are clearly set out in the Budget Vote. The focus areas are also mentioned in the Budget Vote and are also supported by us.

According to a research document one could say that men are an endangered species. Men die of diseases that could easily have been prevented if addressed earlier. Men die of cardiovascular diseases, the No 1 disease among men, because they tell themselves that the chest pain is only a post-golf niggle. Men die of cancer, such as colon and prostate cancer, that has spread because they did not want to go for that test. Men die of the after-effects of untreated depression and bipolar disorder, which could end in a heart attack or suicide. In essence, men die because they neglect perfectly treatable diseases because they are unwilling to admit that they don't feel well. For this reason the initiative to take care of male health by introducing a male health programme in collaboration with private organisations is welcomed.

†Mr Speaker, in an attempt to avoid the Western Cape state of health care from plummeting down to that of health facilities in other provinces, especially that of the Northern Cape, Limpopo and Gauteng, the Western Cape Department of Health has revised measures to ensure that limited resources are optimally prioritised.

We were made aware of some facilities operating without running water or safe methods of medical waste disposal, while others lacked laundry services for soiled linen. Mortuary records revealed that 535 patients died in a space of four months at the Makweng Hospital in Limpopo due to the unavailability of resources. These are all as a result of poor management and the unavailability of resources.

I commend the Western Cape Department of Health for the measures put in place to make sure that this will not happen in the Western Cape and to the people of the Western Cape. These measures include: The reallocation of budgets between institutions to accommodate the service shifts with the opening of the Mitchells Plain Hospital; the relocation of the G F Jooste Hospital; the opening of the emergency centre hub at Heideveld; the additional capacity within the Groote Schuur Hospital to accommodate the specialist services from the G F Jooste Hospital; greater overall efficiency as promoted by the adoption of the lean management system; the view of current security service contracts; reduced allocation for incentives and performance bonuses; reduction of agency expenditure by facilitating the employment of appropriate fulltime staff, which is not only more cost-effective but also contributes to more organisational stability; continuity of corporate knowledge and improved quality of care; a greater efficiency in the use of departmental vehicles; and reduced expenditure on overtime.

We support the service priorities of the department, such as mental health, neonatal and child health, maternal and women's health, replacing the EMS communication system to improve the response time to medical emergencies.

Mr Speaker, the infant mortality rate correlates very strongly with and is among the best predictors of state failure. IMR is therefore a useful indicator of this country's level of health.

*In the Western Cape the Annual Performance Plan for the 2011-2012 financial year showed that there were 45 deaths per 1 000 births.

The department's special and sustained attention in addressing the child mortality rate is an indication of their dedication regarding effective service delivery.

†I encourage Minister Botha to promote the Western Cape's alternative proposal to the NHI, the Universal Health for All Plan, which stresses the need to strengthen the health system, using the current successful Western Cape public sector health delivery system as a model, together with increased partnerships with the private sector.

Mr Speaker, all present here today, even the opposition parties, cannot deny the fact that Minister Botha and his department, led by Prof Househam, have made considerable strides in increasing wellness in the province. I commend them on their excellence and professionalism in service delivery to the people of the Western Cape and beyond.

†Mr M SKWATSHA: Mr Speaker, as we engage in the debate on the budget of the Department of Health it is important that we congratulate the National Treasury for increasing its overall budget allocation to the Western Cape.

The ANC-led national government has answered the calls by the poor and marginalised in this province within the framework of our Constitution. As a result of national government's increased funding to the Western Cape, it is now possible for this important frontline service Department of Health to receive the chunk of the provincial budget allocation.

In the past two financial years, the Department of Health has even received more money than Education. As the natural and perfectly normal flow of South Africans across provinces increases, resulting in an increase in the Western Cape population, national government has considered that the Western Cape's share of the budget should be increased.

With even greater expectation being placed this financial year on MEC Botha's department to deliver health care to the majority of our people, it would be a shame if the hon Botha and the Premier stand before the House and blame the DA-led government's health care provision failures on an in-migration of so-called refugees to this province – a province that has been favored with superior infrastructure from the colonial period. This budget increase should put the Premier's refugee psychosis to rest once and for all.

For the vulnerable and marginalized living in this so-called open opportunity society with the ambition to become the best-run regional government in the world that boasts of world-class health care facilities which, in fact, the ANC initiated, I can already now tell you that many of these would be pipe dreams that will not be met. We will still have long queues, we will still have people sleeping on the floor and we will still have people sitting on hard benches at our clinics.

Unfortunately the failures of MEC Botha's department since 2009 have rendered the broad undertakings made in this budget to be empty promises.

Characterized by both the inconsistent lowering and inflation of performance targets, the Budget and APP fail to adequately speak to the major shortcomings and failures of the department regarding issues affecting children, patient hospital experience, hospital infrastructure and conditions, medical dispensing, and human resources. In fact, many challenges that the department faces are not even mentioned in its APP, let alone presenting detailed plans to address them. I think it would be quite important in examining the budget to give more time to examine the APP as well.

The provision of nutrition to our children has been poor. Since the 2009-10 financial year, Vitamin A coverage for 12 to 59-month-old children in our province has been below national targets. Last year, 64% of children in this age category were not covered with Vitamin A. For this year, the target has been set below the 80% of national government. The department has set a low 41% target.

In terms of infant mortality, the department has expressed no intention to reduce in-patient mortality of children under a year old to less than 2,5%.

The experiences of our patients from amongst the poor communities at these world-class medical facilities and flagship dispensing projects with its commercial partners have thus far been an embarrassment for us all, and the department in particular. Due to gross incompetence on the part of practitioners and service providers, our people have been put through immense trauma and harm.

At the state-of-the-art emergency hospital in Khayelitsha that now receives accolades all the time as the DA's flagship project for its early achievements and modern infrastructure, things are not as rosy on the inside as they appear from the outside. I know that this irritates the Premier and the MEC a great deal. Families of patients are coming forward, as we play our oversight role, with complaints.

In January this year, Nozuko Buthi, a Khayelitsha widow, complained that not only was her sickly husband made to wait on a hard bench for 18 hours before he was seen to or given a bed, but the hospital failed to dialyse him for two weeks, despite recommending that this be done twice a week. Her husband died of kidney failure in November last year.

At the end of January this year, Nolubabalo Mtshalala alleged that her ailing diabetic mother was neglected by rude staff at the hospital, leading to the deterioration of her health. It had also been revealed that she was then given medication on another person's prescription. The deterioration of her health thus ended up with her not being able to walk and eventually going into a coma, claims the family.

As for the tragic incident reported to me by the husband and family of the lady who supposedly died of HIV and Aids, as the Premier claims, but whom, according to her husband, had died as a result of suddenly falling ill following incorrect treatment at the hospital, records of hers at our disposal do not tie in with the hon Premier's knee-jerk defensive reaction to me in the House during her State of the Province Address.

The House will recall that, according to the husband, she initially went to the world-class Khayelitsha Hospital for an injection and needed to be rushed back to the hospital as she suddenly fell ill due to the injection being incorrect.

On this matter I take strong exception to the utterances of the Premier in the House, where she directly linked the deceased to HIV and Aids. I wonder who gave the hon Premier the right to do this. Where is patient-doctor confidentiality in this?

†The PREMIER: I didn't mention any names. [Interjections.]

†Mr M SKWATSHA: If this is indeed true, ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr M SKWATHSA: I mentioned the name, and the Premier directly linked this particular patient to HIV and Aids. [Interjections.] If this is indeed true, did the family of the deceased give her the permission to speak about her HIV and Aids status? [Interjections.]

†The SPEAKER: Order, hon members! Order! [Interjections.]

†Mr M SKWATSHA: In answer to your question, yes, they did give me permission. The Premier shows scant regard for the dignity and privacy of the deceased and her family. [Interjections.] The Premier contravened the ethical codes of the Health Act. I hold the Premier, the MEC, the department and the relevant doctors responsible for this recklessness. I wish to state that I will report this to Minister Motsoaledi and see how this can be further processed. [Interjections.]

The Premier comes to the House and tells the world that this particular patient died of HIV and Aids. This is exactly what I'm asking: ...

The PREMIER: [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr M SKWATSHA: Who gave the Premier permission to do this?

The PREMIER: [Inaudible.]

†The SPEAKER: Order, hon Premier! Order! [Interjections.]

†Mr M SKWATSHA: You say those are untruths. You must look here, and I've been given this by the family. If you say these are untruths, you must look here. These are the results from the hospital.

The PREMIER: [Inaudible.]

Mr M SKWATSHA: You must tell us where you got the information that she died of HIV and Aids and who gave you permission. If it is the MEC or the doctors, you must tell us.

†The SPEAKER: Hon Skwatsha ...

The PREMIER: [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Premier ...

†Mr M SKWATSHA: Instead of admitting to and reflecting ...

†The SPEAKER: Order, hon Skwatsha! Address me, the Chair, please.

†Mr M SKWATSHA: Okay, sir.

Instead of admitting to and reflecting upon these shortcomings and presenting concrete ways of improving with the increased budget, this government's knee-jerk reaction is to rubbish these claims.

In her State of the Province Address, the Premier announced with fanfare the medical dispensing and disease testing partnership between this department and the Clicks Group, which the hon MEC referred to. This venture in our province too has shown failures ... [Interjections.] Yes, there is a Clicks in Gugulethu. This venture has shown failures as far as patient experience is concerned.

On 21 February, when the partnership was announced, a young man went for a test and was declared HIV positive at Clicks in Gugulethu. I have been given permission by him to mention his results here. According to the young man, Clicks offered no immediate counseling or reassurance or explanation before and after presenting the results to him. [Interjections.] Naturally he was in a traumatic state. He then went to a general practitioner for a HIV and Aids test through Path Care. To his relief, the Path Care results reflected that he is HIV negative.

An HON MEMBER: So how could he have been counselled if he ... [Interjections.]

Mr M SKWATSHA: I've given up on you. Walk out! You don't deserve to hear the truth. [Interjections.]

†The SPEAKER: Order, hon members! Order! [Interjections.] Order, hon members!

†Mr. M SKWATSHA: I have the results in my hand, from both Clicks and the general practitioner.

The conditions of public hospitals meant to serve the poor and working class have left much to be desired and yet again no clear strategy has been presented in the Budget and the APP for revitalization in this regard.

The department has failed to provide sufficient amount of beds to hospitals used by poor people who cannot afford the comfort of private hospitals. Revelations in November last year about the Helderberg Hospital are a case in point. Many critically ill patients were forced to sleep on benches, plastic chairs and on the floor for days at a time because of a shortage of beds at the hospital. Similar conditions are very much evident at the Eerste River Hospital. I will continue to remind the House that MEC Botha's department fixed the Eerste River bed crisis by firing the whistle-blower.

The APP indicates a gradual decline in the number of beds at hospitals in the Western Cape. In the 2009-10 financial year, regional hospitals only had 2 364 beds. Last year, this decreased to 1 355. At district hospitals there has also been a decrease in beds since the 2010-11 financial year.

One is left to wonder as to how the department plans to reach its increased targets for the provision of beds at these hospitals.

For the Tygerberg and Groote Schuur tertiary hospitals, the APP reflects no targeted increases for the provision of beds.

Given the temporary closure of the G F Jooste Hospital and the fact that many patients will be moved to other institutions, this is a matter that should be worrying all of us because the facilities that we have are so much under strain at the present moment. One really tends to wonder how the ambulance services and all other services would be able to withstand the pressures that will come with this closure.

Another failure of this department that leaves us with very little hope that they will channel the increased budget towards real delivery is the fact that as the budget has increased the department's expenditure per patient has decreased.

In terms of hospital infrastructure, it is shocking to see the difficulties faced by our elderly citizens when they visit day clinics. Due to a lack of infrastructure at clinics many a time our elderly are not protected from the cold and rain whilst waiting to be attended to, as we have seen in some areas. I urge the MEC to make sure that there is some infrastructure in place that will make the elderly who go to clinics at 05:00 a bit more comfortable, like clinics in Franschhoek. Unfortunately the plan fails to speak to this reality.

The department has also shown little regard for the provision of lifesaving chronic medication to disadvantaged people. The province's medicine dispensing chaos early last year, which we have been told about earlier, has improved. We hope this is going to be the case for some time. Insulin for diabetics and inflammatory reducing and chemotherapy treatment are generally not readily available in hospitals serving poor communities.

The elderly continue to experience this chaos on a daily basis at the Hanover Park Community Health Centre. The medical dispensing chaos in Hanover Park is compounded by the department's failure to monitor and ensure quality control with regard to the conduct of tablet collectors. Tablet collectors are people who collect prescription medicines for patients who cannot make it to the hospital themselves and get paid up to R20 per collection.

Elderly patients of Hanover Parks complain that these tablet collectors are often rude to them, are unreliable in delivering medicines and are most of the time lazing around in a drunken state at the hospital. They are also very popular with jumping queues. One patient has actually described the hospital as a shebeen due to the conduct of the tablet collectors.

When the community objects to the authorities about this, it is alleged that the District Manager not only refuses to engage with them but prevents the community from meeting on the hospital premises.

Yes, Mr Speaker, this is the Western Cape of our dreams. The plans fail to address the human resource issues which have been inhibiting the department's ability to deliver health care services to our people whilst the budget increases. For example, medical officers per 100 000 patients has remained consistently low at approximately 33.

It is disheartening that the Budget and the APP make absolutely no mention of the safety of the EMS staff who are critical and tirelessly and bravely serving our people. We should go well beyond merely congratulating them but provide them with the necessary support to ensure that they are safe and able to continue with their work. We are extremely concerned that the department's position of Director of Supply Chain Management is still vacant. We know that supply chain management is the Achilles' heel of the Department of Health. It directly affects the delivery of consumables such as medicine at the hospitals.

This failure to fill the critical vacancy means that our hospitals will continuously be short of critical items at the expense of our peoples' wellbeing.

Yet again, it is clear that this DA-led government is not serious about the proper provision of health care to the province's majority.

†Ms T N BEVU: Mr Speaker, there are promising signs that the department is taking community-based services seriously but we still feel that what is being done is not enough.

The department has increased its total funding to NPOs for community-based services from R155,592 million in the 2011-12 financial year to R164,928 million in the 2012-13 financial year, which is an increase of 6%. This is a nominal increase when you compare it to the increase of the relevant grant, which is about 15,36%.

There are also signs of lacking quality in the 145 NPOs contracted by the department for the 2012-13 financial year to provide a full community-based service since a lot of complaints are still being made on the ground.

We commend the department in the Metro District Health Services for integrating TB Dots and ARV adherence supporters which seem to be working well. The same cannot be said of the rural areas, though, where the adherence supporters seem to be failing to perform their duties while happily getting stipends. Perhaps the department might instigate a system of paying these stipends by performed results or something.

The problem of chronic medicine dispensing in primary health care institutions persisted beyond June 2012, even though the department entered into a contractual relationship with a new provider, UTi, for the chronic dispensing service as from 1 April 2012.

Since the department established district health councils there has been noticeable marginalisation of community participation. While I heard the Minister saying that they have readvertised for the appointment of members for the hospital facility boards, I must say that the appointment is not transparent and community representatives are not given a proper platform to participate, instead unknown community representatives are imposed on them.

Primary health care facilities, clinics and community day care centre committees still have no community representatives, even though the department promised to establish legislation for the establishment of these. Formal community participation in governance structures makes the community custodians of institutions in their areas. They are willing and able to look after them. It is also high priority of both provincial and national Constitutions.

As Cope, we do not have in-depth knowledge of what is happening in the mental health, which we want to focus on this year.

However, we are happy to see the department reviewing and making available additional funding for community mental health services. We think that an increase of R62 in the stipends for the community care workers, from R1 028 to R1 090 at entry level, is too nominal even if we are happy that the department is paying for them to get formal education. That is commendable.

I must also say that there is a growing number of complaints about negligence in our public health institutions. Currently in our office we are sitting with six cases, two of which we shall be recommending that the family should open a civil case against the state.

The Nxazonke family lost a young boy on something we strongly feel could have been avoided. He was attacked and stabbed with a sharp object early one evening. He was only 25 years old and a father of one child. He went to Joster Hospital where he was stitched and released. A few days later he had chest complaints and went back to the hospital. He subsequently died the following day before they could ascertain what was wrong with him. A state forensic has revealed that he had internal injuries. The sharp object, believed to be a screwdriver, punctured his lung. On his chart it clearly shows that an X-ray was done on him. How the internal injuries could have been missed is a mystery only a charge of negligence might reveal.

*Ms C LABUSCHAGNE: Mr Speaker, I support the budget of R15,87 billion of the Western Cape Department of Health. At 36% this represents the biggest single expenditure by the provincial government.

Investment in health is an essential component for economic development. However, investment needs more than mere financial support; it needs a whole-of-society approach to bring about a lasting change in people's lives.

In a broad context the budget is applied so that improved quality of medical care can be offered while at the same time accomplishing a better patient experience. This is done against the background of the department's strategic objective of improving the total health, or wellness, of the Western Cape people.

The department's Health Care 2020 strategy contains specific interventions and outcomes to achieve these objectives, and this includes the management of the burden of disease, a decrease in the incidence of infectious diseases, a decrease in non-transmissible diseases, a decrease in infantile diseases, addressing female health, and mental health.

Then it is also fitting to remind the House that today is International Epilepsy Day and we are thinking especially of those who suffer from epilepsy. The National Development Plan has identified as problem areas the absence of proper management at health care establishments, the shortage of trained health care officers, as well as shortcomings in patient information systems.

In this respect it is therefore gratifying to note the R74,731 million increase in Programme 1, which, among other things, must ensure that primary health information systems are rolled out to rural areas.

These systematic changes and system improvements are going to make a positive contribution to service delivery in rural areas.

However, Mr Speaker, it is alarming that 80% of the Department of Health's budget has to be spent on preventable diseases. This is why a whole-of-society approach is called for. Bigger personal responsibility can make a big difference in releasing extra funding to offer public health care to those who need it most.

The incidence of HIV/Aids is still the highest in the age group 25 to 25 years. As a result of the improved availability of antiretroviral medicine the number of patients receiving ARV medicine has increased from 14 370 to 132 279. Actually we want to thank the department very much for their dedication and continued hard work in this regard.

The prioritising of the integrated treatment of tuberculosis (TB) and HIV at the level of a provincial health programme is welcomed. The incidence of TB in the province is still too high, but at least the Western Cape is showing the highest cure rate in the country – 82%, for the information of the hon Skwatsha. Mental health is also an area that should receive extensive support.

Neuropsychiatric conditions such as anxiety and depression are the third-highest contributing factors to the burden of disease in South Africa. The department has identified it as a priority area in an effort to prevent readmission to psychiatric hospitals as well as to ensure access to the full package of services offered by psychiatric hospitals by providing 1 698 available psychiatric hospital beds by the 2014-15 financial year.

Transverse programmes and a whole-of-society approach also apply here. With 41,4% of Grade 8 to 12 learners that can be classified as medium-risk cases for mental health problems and 14,9% as high-risk cases for mental health problems, it is essential that the burden of disease should already be reduced upstream at an early age.

Mr Speaker, it is gratifying to see that the Department of Health is focusing on the improvement of health systems, the health of women, an improvement in the provision of neonatal care, as well as improving the health of children. Improvement in the provision of neonatal and child health as well as early intervention in both these areas, together with the prevention of mother-to-child transmission of diseases have been prioritised by the department. Neonatal problems, diarrhoea and pneumonia are jointly responsible for 64% of deaths among children under the age of 5 years.

Mr Speaker, one of the core objectives for improved health care in the Western Cape is the way in which patients are cared for. A pilot project for measuring patient satisfaction is the complaints call centre. A solving rate of 97% is indicated and the expansion of the availability of such a service to the rest of the province is welcomed. Through the call centre the residents of the Western Cape therefore also get an opportunity to call a service provider to account, should this be necessary.

Another core objective of the Department of Health that is welcomed, is the focus on the strengthening and improvement of the health care service-delivery system. Some examples of this are the optimal use of human resources, which includes the focus on poor performance, the reprioritisation of services, as well as the geographical service-area management mechanisms and the reorganisation of the Department. It is generally known that permanent changes are brought about by means of system changes.

Improved service delivery can also be seen in the innovative way in which the department sets about making the necessary services available more easily to the people of the province. The cooperation with Clicks, for example, is welcomed and I support the call for other private pharmacy practices to become part of this.

†The SPEAKER: Order! Hon Minister Carlisle, you are crossing the line while the member is busy speaking. [Interjections.]

†The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: I miscalculated. I beg your pardon, sir, and I beg her pardon too.

†The SPEAKER: I said while the member was still on the floor you crossed the line.

An HON MEMBER: Put him out!

†The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: You can put me out, if you want to. I said, Mr Speaker, that I apologise.

†The SPEAKER: Thank you.

†The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: I had miscalculated as I came across. I am sorry.

†The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member. You may proceed, hon Labuschagne.

*Ms C LABUSCHAGNE: Mr Speaker, I support the budget of the Department of Health for all the above-mentioned reasons and I thank the hon Minister, as well as his department, for their sustained dedication to improved health for all in the province.

†The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Mr Speaker, I thank all the members for contributions. I really appreciate it.

*The chairperson of the standing committee, the hon member Marais, thank you very much for your contribution. You specifically referred to men. Thank you for that. It doesn't often happen that somebody is concerned about men. We appreciate it. Unfortunately men are also often the monsters, but in this case I understand what you mean. [Interjections.]

It is very serious and very disturbing how many preventable diseases there are, for which our people must get treatment and that they eventually die of, such as cardiovascular diseases, cancer, depression and so forth, as you mentioned. However, I think in this case it is also important for us to measure our objectives and effectivity against international standards, for instance the World Health Organisation's norms, the 10-point plan of the national department and our own strategic objectives in our government. Although marginal, there are steady advancement and improvement in this regard. At least we are moving in the right direction.

The whole wellbeing concept is specifically addressing these issues to remove the stigma from medical examinations, timely examinations, etc. We should make an appeal to our people to do this. Thank you for that.

†You referred to services elsewhere in the country – the Northern Cape and the Eastern Cape specifically. I think it is not necessary to actually mention much about that. It's well-known in South Africa that the health systems in the rest of the country, in all practical terms, have actually collapsed – more so to our immediate neighbours in the Eastern Cape, but also to a large extent in other provinces, specifically Limpopo. The two provinces that are mostly affected by this are the Western Cape and Gauteng. We absorb the majority of the patients that are seeking services elsewhere due to the lack of services in their own provinces.

Regarding the specific instance in Limpopo, yes, 550 people died. If you look at the report of the national Minister on why they died it is so much more troubling, because they really died because of the absence of basic services – water and things like that. It is unthinkable in the modern era of human rights that we have a government in this country with a health service and 550 people die in a hospital in a very short period of three or four months. It's unbelievable.

I specifically want to mention this in relation to what my hon colleague member Skwatsha has mentioned about Khayelitsha, and I will deal with that later. It's astonishing that he mentions Khayelitsha, which is actually a centre of excellence, in the same session where we speak about a hospital where 550 people died. [Interjections.] It's remarkable but, in any case, that is typical of the ANC. Denial is part of their existence, and we will deal with that. We will not be deterred by that; we will simply carry on doing what we need to do.

It is so, member Marais, that we are spending the most money ever on capital projects to improve the infrastructure. I don't want to mention sums, but it's billions of rands which we are currently spending. It's very encouraging that we are spending so much money, because new facilities have become so important in efficiency and outcome – to accommodate new methodologies and so on. These capital projects are also very important in redressing the imbalances of the past to ensure that our facilities are properly distributed and that they are at the communities that need them most.

For us, it is a whole exercise of redress in spending all the money on capital projects. It's actually a very pleasant experience to be involved in opening new facilities in areas that were previously disadvantaged, to see what effect they have on that community. It's really a wonderful experience.

We are reducing constantly, year-on-year, the agency staff by replacing them with permanent staff. It's an on-going process. Permanent staff are more expensive than agency staff, but the efficiency is much better and therefore we are doing that.

You mentioned the mortality rate of 45 per 1 000. I think 45 per 100 000, is it not? [Interjections.] It's not 45 per 1 000. It is alarming, but in terms of all the indicators, although we haven't met the targets yet, we are progressing well and we are improving year-on-year in that regard.

The alternative to the NHI, which the hon member Marais mentioned, is very important – the universal health care to all. Even the national Minister has admitted at the public meeting we had in the Eden District in George that maybe the "I" of the NHI should not be there.

I think that is probably the most important aspect of National Health Insurance, but I don't want to spend too much time on it now because it's a topic all on its own.

We say that we need a universal health care system in this country to provide for those who cannot provide for themselves, but to have any system working in our country, you need proper management, which we have in the Western Cape; you need very strict and disciplined financial control, which we have in the Western Cape; and you need political responsibility, which we have in the Western Cape. These are the things which are absent in other provinces. That is what we regard as the biggest problem with health care in South Africa – management, disciplined financial control and the absence of political leadership. Thank you, member Marais.

Hon member Skwatsha, if I may interrupt your conversation, the National Treasury have allocated substantial amounts to us – yes, that's true, but I want to remind you of my speech, which you probably didn't listen to all that well. I specifically want to refer to the component where I mentioned in relation to the national grants that –

Clearly, the funding of the National Tertiary Services Grant and the Health Professions Training and Development Grant is insufficient to fund the grant-related activities.

The result is that the department significantly subsidises these services. In other provinces, the Minister's problem is that the money is not utilised. The money which is allocated for this is not fully utilised for this purpose by other provinces. That is his reason why he says that he wants to centralise tertiary hospitals, because provinces are irresponsible with these grants.

In our province, we do not only use the grant 100% for what the purpose is, we augment it because it's a shortfall. I don't have the amount with me, but I think it is a few hundred million rand a year by which we subsidise the national department's contribution for these services. The opposite, hon Skwatsha, is actually true, and you should know that if you know your subject and the finances of the Department of Health in this province. You actually do know it – I know that you do – but you prefer not to mention it.

†The PREMIER: Someone else wrote his speech.

†The MINISTER: Yes. The Western Cape budget increased, and you thanked the national department for that, but I suppose you also thanked the national department, hon Skwatsha, through you, Mr Speaker, that our province grew by 30% with in-migration. We know the in-migration to this province is not only because it's a very beautiful place to live in; it is because people are desperately searching for basic services such as health and education. [Interjections.] That is why people migrate. There are studies about it. [Interjections.] That is why people migrate. People migrate ... [Interjections.] ...

†The SPEAKER: Order, hon members!

†The MINISTER: ... because of the basic need of health and education.

Mr M OZINSKY: [Inaudible.]

†The SPEAKER: Order! Hon Ozinsky, order!

†The MINISTER: Do you support the notion of sugar daddies?

Mr M OZINSKY: [Inaudible.]

†The SPEAKER: Order, hon members! Hon Ozinsky, order!

†The MINISTER: Mr Speaker, what is actually remarkable ...

†Mr M OZINSKY: Mr Speaker, on a point of order: The hon speaker is addressing me directly, so I must reply to him.

†The SPEAKER: Order! Sit down, hon Ozinsky. Please take your seat. That's not a point of order. [Interjections.] Order, please!

†The MINISTER: Calm down, Max! Calm down, Max! [Interjections.]

†The SPEAKER: Order! Skwatsha, the Minister ...

†The MINISTER: We just spoke about heart diseases and cardiovascular issues here.

Mr Speaker, the remarkable fact is that despite this in-migration that took place over the previous census period, despite the fact that we were short-funded by the National Treasury in certain regard and despite the fact that the burden of disease and the profile is changing so much due to many other factors, which I don't want to discuss now, we were able to operate within the budget. That is truly remarkable, because those provinces where these people come from to make use of our services cannot operate within their budgets. They overspend the budgets with billions of rands. There are even provinces that, three months into their budget cycle, don't have money for medicine. Yet, we provide those people with the services and we remain within the budget.

†Mr M OZINSKY: Because people go to Gauteng.

The SPEAKER: Order!

†The MINISTER: Hon member Skwatsha was critical about our objective to become the best-run regional government in the world.

Mr M OZINSKY: [Inaudible.]

†The SPEAKER: Hon Ozinsky, order! [Interjections.] Hon Ozinsky, order!

†The MINISTER: Mr Speaker, he mentioned that many of our things are pipe dreams. For instance, he mentioned long queues, people sleeping on the floors and hard chairs. He says it's empty promises.

We are well aware of the challenges in health and we know that they are challenges which we are slowly progressing on, but there is no fast and quick solution to all these problems. We operate within our budget and we try our best. However, there are numerous projects which we are undertaking ...

Mr M OZINSKY: [Inaudible.]

†The SPEAKER: Order, hon Minister! Hon Ozinsky, if you carry on undermining my authority ...

†The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Throw him out!

†The SPEAKER: ... as the Chair then I will have you thrown out of the House. [Interjections.] Order, hon members!

†The MINISTER: Mr Speaker, we are addressing the pipe dreams that the hon Skwatsha have mentioned. That is why we've expanded and done the new CDU contract with UTi. It is to address the pressures, to take away the chronic medication component out of our facilities to eventually do home deliveries, which are already busy doing, decentralised deliveries and so on.

He mentioned the fact that patients sleep on the floor. The patient increase in emergency services and mental health services is much higher than the general patient increase. This is due to crime, drug abuse and alcohol misuse. The patient load is increasing. I want to give one example of why it is necessary ... [Interjections.] Do you want to take a picture of me? [Interjections.] In George, my predecessor, the hon member Uys, was in this position when he started rebuilding the George Hospital and I inherited the project. It included a new emergency centre. By the time this project was completed – it took three or four years, I think – the emergency centre had to be rebuilt. The profile of disease and emergency cases in that community changed so much. It changed during the construction period. That is what we are facing. You will notice that we are building a few more emergency centres. We are increasingly modernising them. You will notice the amount of money we spend on the EMS to address this problem. We therefore know about these queues, but we are at least working on them.

I did not inherit a single programme from your government who addressed these problems – not a single project.

†The PREMIER: They never do.

†The MINISTER: All the projects were initiated by us, so they are indeed not empty promises, and you know it.

You spoke about the medical distribution. Mr Speaker, member Skwatsha referred, and he kept on referring, to the problems we experienced with the contractual handover from the one service provider to the other service provider with the CDU.

We experienced problems; we acknowledged those problems; we mentioned it to the media and we often apologised profoundly; and we also spoke to the mother company in the USA. We did anything possible to improve the situation. We had emergency plans and so on. It is now running smoothly.

There were implementation problems, but we don't have stock-outs. We do not have stock-outs; it is not true. We had stock-outs with the national provision of medicine, but we buy our own medicine, we procure our own medicine when the national department cannot provide us with what they should. The medical stock-outs in the province are minimal; it is actually not even mentionable.

He mentioned nutrition to our children which is poor. [Interjections.] This is not really a health issue. He also made mention of Vitamin A. Let me say to you, member Skwatsha, that we have an 87% immunisation percentage in the province; our target is 90%. We immunise 87% of our children every year. We cannot improve much on this because it is a constant migration of people which are then out of the cycle when we do the immunisation and we have to do them in the following year.

I want to mention only three issues to you about children. One is the number of baby-friendly institutions that we have in the province – we have 21. I think there are 24 baby-friendly institutions in the province, but there are 21 in our service. Please go and read about the baby-friendly facility and you will see how remarkable that is. We have the very successful kangaroo-care project with breastfeeding and so forth and we have a high immunisation rate, so we are really trying to do everything possible to secure the health of our children.

You mentioned trauma and pain at Khayelitsha. Mr Speaker, I think it is obvious to me, and it is no secret any more, that the Khayelitsha Hospital is a big thorn in the flesh for the ANC. I don't know why. I don't know why we can't unite ...

†Mr M OZINSKY: [Inaudible.] ... keep on complaining all the time; that's why.

†The MINISTER: I don't know why we can't unite behind this remarkable project. [Interjections.] I've got the whole day to speak. I don't know why we can't unite behind this project. It is a remarkable project; it is more than a health institution, and I've mentioned it often. I've also often mentioned that it is not only our government that should get the credit for this. It is a combined effort between us and the national government, and the City of Cape Town was also involved. This is a remarkable project for our country. Why are you complaining about this facility? Why are you doing this to the staff and the management of that facility? [Interjections.]

Mr Speaker, the bottom line of the Khayelitsha Hospital is: It is the biggest emergency centre in the province and it is the busiest emergency centre in the province. You can imagine what cases in emergency presents to that facility. It has a mortality rate of below 1%. [Interjections.] Compare that to a hospital with 550 deaths. [Interjections.] You keep on complaining about this centre of excellence. It was awarded the award as the best public institution – not the best hospital – in South Africa ...

The PREMIER: Hear, hear!

The MINISTER: ... yet the ANC is complaining. Do they not want this facility for that community?

†The PREMIER: No, they don't; they don't.

†The MINISTER: They don't want that facility for this community. [Interjections.]

†The SPEAKER: Order, hon members! Order! [Interjections.]

†The MINISTER: The ANC will never ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER: Mr Speaker, member Skwatsha mentioned ... [Interjections.] I am not going to continue about Khayelitsha. Member Skwatsha ... [Interjections.]

†The SPEAKER: Hon Prins and Hani, order, please! I can't hear the Minister.

†The MINISTER: Member Skwatsha mentioned a few individual cases at the Khayelitsha Hospital. The truth of the matter is that not a single case that hon member Skwatsha has brought to the House was not investigated; we investigated them all, and none of them corresponded with the information he gave us.

†The PREMIER: Absolutely none.

†The MINISTER: I keep on challenging him: Bring me the evidence. Don't come and say who said whatever; bring me the evidence of any case. We can make mistakes; I don't have a problem with that, but hand it in. We can make mistakes obviously. We are not saying that we are infallible and don't make mistakes, but we have investigated everything.

Mr Speaker, I want to refer to the matter regarding the Premier and the patient who died in the Khayelitsha Hospital. It was member Skwatsha who mentioned the name in the House.

An HON MEMBER: That's right.

The MINISTER: It was him who mentioned the name and the Premier replied to that question. [Interjections.] If there was anyone who did anything inappropriate, it was member Skwatsha who did it and ...

An HON MEMBER: That's right.

The MINISTER: ... not the Premier. She only replied to his question. [Interjections.]

†The SPEAKER: Order! Order, hon members!

†The MINISTER: I think it is a sad day when the ANC spokesperson on Health uses individual people with a condition such as Aids to try to make a political point. [Interjections.] It is a sad, sad day. [Interjections.] I really would have thought ... [Interjections.] ...

The SPEAKER Order!

The MINISTER: ... as an esteemed colleague of mine ... [Interjections.] I would have thought that hon Skwatsha would have risen above that in his approach and in his deliberations about Health and not go to that depth. [Interjections.]

†The SPEAKER: Order! Order, hon members! Order!

†The MINISTER: I am very, very disappointed.

Mr Speaker, the Premier has expressed herself very often, and on many occasions, about HIV and Aids.

Member Skwatsha asked: Who gave her the permission? I'll tell you who gave her the permission: The majority of the people in the province gave her the permission, and they are going to give her the permission again, and they are going to deny you from having the permission to do this because you are a party of denial. [Interjections.]

The Premier has mentioned this issue of intergenerational sex, and you tell me if you don't agree with this. The Premier said there is this phenomenon of intergenerational sex in South Africa, and she mentioned the statistics which were ...

Mr M OZINSKY: [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER: ... announced in KwaZulu-Natal. [Interjections.] I want to say shut up, but I am not allowed to do so. [Interjections.]

†The SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.] Order! [Interjections.] Order, hon Minister! [Interjections.] Hon Minister ... [Interjections.] Hon Premier ... [Interjections.] Hon Ozinsky, I've warned you, and this is the last time I am warning you. [Interjections.] This is the last time.

†The MINISTER: Mr Speaker, be kind to him, there are only a few of them here.

Mr Speaker, the statistics in KwaZulu-Natal indicates that there is an enormous disparity in HIV-infection between young girls and young boys – an enormous disparity; I think it is 40% to 4%, which means ...

†Mr M OZINSKY: Mr Speaker, on a point of order: Will the MEC take a question?

*The MINISTER: No, man! [Interjections.]

†The SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.] Order, hon members!

†The MINISTER: No! [Interjections.]

†The SPEAKER: Order, hon Skwatsha! Order! The Minister said no; please take your seat. Over to you, Minister.

†The MINISTER: The only deduction one can make from that disparity is that it is from intergenerational sex. How do these girls get infected if it is not from the boys of the same age? I want to put this to the hon Skwatsha, through you, Mr Speaker: Does he agree? Is he happy with this situation? Does he agree with this situation? Shouldn't we address it? That's what the Premier did and now she gets crucified for speaking out about the truth. [Interjections.]

†The SPEAKER: You don't have the chance now to respond to the question, hon member. [Interjections.] Take your seat. [Interjections.] Order! Sit down. Not now. I think you must ... [Interjections.] Not now. Take your seat.

†The MINISTER: Mr Speaker, the Premier has on many occasions expressed her opinion about multiple concurrent sexual partners.

It is something we have got to address in South Africa. We are avoiding these issues, but these are the causes of HIV and Aids. Why are you reluctant to address it? Why are you reluctant to face it? [Interjections.] You're a party of denial; you do not want to face it because you think it is politically unpopular. I'll tell you what: It is politically unpopular towards irresponsible people, but not towards the majority of the people in this country who are very responsible people. So please, become ... [Interjections.]

†The SPEAKER: No, no, take your seat, hon member. You had your chance, hon Skwatsha. These are now replies from the Minister to your questions and comments. Take your seat. You will get another day to ... [Interjections.] No, no, no, take your seat. [Interjections.] Hon member, take your seat.

†Mr M SKWATSHA: Mr Speaker, on a point of order: ...

†The SPEAKER: What is your point of order?

†Mr M SKWATSHA: Mr Speaker, I think you are unfair to the ...

†The SPEAKER: Take your seat, hon member. Take your seat, please. [Interjections.] Minister, please continue and address the Chair.

†The MINISTER: Mr Speaker, I am never unfair towards my very good friend Skwatsha. Everyone knows we are very good friends. [Interjections.] I am actually trying to deal with him in a way which will make it possible for him to join me here. [Interjections.] I know it will happen sometime.

The hon member Mr Skwatsha mentioned Clicks. Let me say to you, hon member Skwatsha, I am again disappointed that you don't know what the transaction between us and Clicks is. The interaction is that they do vaccinations and family planning for us. They do not do HIV-testing for us. That is a private institution, a private function like in any other private institution in the province, and it is not a matter which you can bring to the House and it is not the responsibility of Health. I also want to say I do not believe what you said. [Interjections.]

You mentioned Eerste River and that we fired the whistle-blower; it is a done-deal case. The facts are well-known. I am not going to deal with it again.

Member Skwatsha mentioned the expenditure per patient which decreased. The fact of the matter is that we are stretching the Health rand and we are spending much money per patient.

The issue of elderly people waiting at hospitals was also raised. You can't go to a hospital unless you are referred to a hospital. The system works differently. It is a primary health care system. We have this appointment system now; it is not necessary to wait. The people have become accustomed to going early. Because they are concerned that they will not get the service in time, they all go early and they all have to wait a long time. It is not necessary; we have made alternative plans. The CDU and the appointment system and many other projects are addressing that.

The hon member spoke about tablet collectors. I don't know what you are talking about. I've never heard about tablet collectors; this is the first time ever that I hear about it. Thank you for the information.

The issue of human resources regarding the health professional ratio was also raised. Our ratio per health professional and patients is the best in the country, and our bed ratio is the best in the country. I don't know what more I need to say about that.

The issue of supply chain management was raised. The previous official was dismissed because we discipline and we address fraud. We address these things and we don't do cadre deployment and look the other way when there is a problem. This person was dismissed due to disruptive behaviour. The post was advertised and applications closed on 22 March. An appointment will be made soon.

The issue regarding the shortage of items was mentioned. I have actually mentioned it. Please bring me any information on the shortage of items.

The Hanover Park issue relates to the clinic committee, which is an unofficial body, that had to be disbanded due to internal disruptive behaviour. Again, it was members of the community who formed this committee, with no status, and it was because of their behaviour that this thing was disbanded.

Mr Speaker, I am done with Mr Skwatsha. I think I will leave him now; he has had enough of a hiding now.

Hon member Bevu mentioned that what we did is not enough. I firstly want to say I agree one hundred per cent with you. Health is a bottomless pit. Certainly we can do much more, but we haven't got the resources to do much more. We are trying to use our money as effectively and as efficiently as possible. I think the record that we have in that regard is well-known but, yes, much more can be done.

You mentioned community participation. I again refer you to the Hospital Facility Boards. You mentioned that Hospital Facility Boards are not appointed impartially, or that there is something wrong with them. I asked you, and I asked in my speech: Please bring me the names for the hospital boards.

We have established district health councils. There is new legislation under way to establish primary health care boards and we have the Provincial Health Council. I don't know what more community involvement and participation you really want if we've done all that.

You made mention of six medico-legal cases and you said that civil proceedings should be instituted against the state. Medico-legal cases against the government are becoming a real concern. It seems to us as if there is a renewed effort by the legal fraternity to institute civil proceedings against the state. I must say it is an open field in the rest of the country with what is going on there. It is a huge concern and we are trying to deal with that. I again remind you of the complaints line that we've instituted, which is very successful. It has a 97% success rate, where we solve smaller cases in real time while the patient and the staff are at the facility. I also want to remind you of the facility that we are busy creating with the new legislation for the Independent Complaints Committee.

Mr Speaker, the aim of the Independent Complaints Committee is to create a mechanism where our patients can get an impartial, independent outcome without the necessity of litigation, which is a very expensive process. I really hope that you will recommend that the six cases you mentioned wait for that and use that facility.

*I now come to hon member Labuschagne. I can't read my own handwriting! [Laughter.] You supported the budget; thank you very much for that. I usually cannot read Prof Househam's handwriting, but mine is also not readable. The hon member specifically referred to information systems. I am very proud to say that we have spent money on five electronic information systems that are going to improve our whole Administration with respect to pharmacies, rural facilities, content management, hospital information systems, the nurses' shift systems, etc. This is a very big achievement. I don't know for which one of the five, but for one of the five systems we won the international award. It was an internal development system. We are doing very good work in that respect and we are spending a lot of money on it.

You mention that 80% of our diseases are preventable; this is indeed the case and this is what the wellbeing approach specifically wants to address.

You mentioned the number of people who are on antiretroviral medicines. The last count was 156 000, if I remember correctly. It is a dramatic increase from the 14 000 in 2009 – which we inherited from the hon Uys – to 156 000 in a little over three years. I don't know what he did. I think he just "idled" in the post, but we have now put renewed action into it.

Mr Speaker, the incidence of tuberculosis in the province remains a huge problem. On Sunday I met the Deputy President of South Africa at the Pollsmoor Correctional Facility and we talked about this for a long time. The high incidence of tuberculosis in the Western Cape remains a unique story. The only thing in the Western Cape that is different from elsewhere, is the abuse of alcohol. That is why I think that we should again look at the prevalence of liquor. I think the negative effect of alcohol abuse on health is being totally underestimated. We must look at it again.

We are very privileged to be able to say that we have this wonderful curing percentage – 82% – which is the best in the country. This new Gene Expert Machine is going to give us a lot of improved outcomes because it can analyse 4, 16, 24 or 48 different samples of sputum and within two hours the results are available. This is a tremendous advance and is going to make a big difference in the identification of TB cases, because this is the big challenge.

Now that I have mentioned Correctional Services, I just want to mention that we are at the point of entering into a new service agreement with Correctional Services. Correctional Services, as an institution, is the place where the most new TB cases per thousand occur. How we handle it in cooperation with them is going to be very important and also following up on the outside when they are released and are with their families. We are going to work hard on that too.

Mr Speaker, I want to use this opportunity to say thank you for the contribution. I also want to say thank you for the support. I hope that in the year ahead we will not disappoint you with how we spend our money in Health.

Debate concluded.

†The SPEAKER: Order! The proceedings of the House will be suspended for five minutes to give the guests of Minister Botha a chance to leave the Chamber. Thank you very much.

WESTERN CAPE APPROPRIATION BILL [B 2—2013]

(Debate on Vote 4 – Community Safety)

†The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Mr Speaker, hon Premier, Cabinet colleagues, members of the Standing Committee on Community Safety, Members of the Provincial Parliament, provincial Deputy Police Commissioners, municipal police chiefs, provincial heads of the justice cluster departments, members of the law enforcement agencies, leaders of local government and Mayco members, the Director-General, Head of Department, departmental staff, SO5 Steering Committee and working group partners, members of the provincial CPF boards, CPF members, neighbourhood watch members, NGOs and special guests, one of the strategic objectives of the Western Cape government is to increase safety for all our communities.

By increasing safety, we aim to make every community in the province a safe place to live in, work, learn, relax and to move about. A safe place is closely linked to a person's freedom – the freedom to move around, relax and work and the freedom to do so without fear. This is freedom you can use. This is what we are working very hard at to achieve, through a proactive rather than a reactive approach.

Mr Speaker, the total budget of the Department of Community Safety for the 2013-14 financial year is R388,5 million, which represents an increase of 6,57%. We are using this budget to make the Western Cape safer through partnerships, innovation and sustainable interventions.

Our broader safety strategy looks at the whole of society, mobilising the resources, knowledge, creativity and the concern of all role-players, including all spheres of government, civil society, business and individual citizens, to build safe communities on a partnership basis. Our motto, "Better Together", is one that we live.

As the Premier said in her State of the Province Address a few weeks ago:

There is no other area in the province where the whole of society approach has a more important role to play than in tackling crime and violence.

We have challenged the way safety is traditionally thought about, and have conceptually shifted our approach and instead emphasised prevention. To give you some examples, the norm has been to think that institutions are responsible for safety within their boundaries. We say that institutions are responsible for the safety of people who use them, within and beyond their boundaries.

Mr Speaker, historically safety has been viewed as the responsibility of security professionals and the police only. We say that safety is everyone's responsibility, and that there is an important role that can be found in a great diversity of actors to promote safety. Take, for example, grime. It is well-documented that grime attracts crime.

A dirty, graffiti-laden, littered dark alleyway says that this space is not governed and provides the opportunity for crime. The opposite is also true: A clean, positively occupied, well looked after space gives the opposite message and opportunities for crime are removed.

The Broken Window principle is one that is used and promoted by Community Improvement Districts (CIDs). Urban design also has an important role to play and is one of the focus areas of the Violence Prevention Through Urban Upgrade (VPUU) and particularly relevant to the City of Cape Town as the World Design Capital next year.

Mr Speaker, in order to achieve our strategic objective of making our province a safer place, the Department of Community Safety is focusing on four major policy thrusts. My speech will focus on these four areas to illustrate to the House and to the public the kind of projects and programmes that we are using our resources and budget towards. These projects and programmes give life to our strategy and will be the vehicle that will drive us towards our destination of a safer Western Cape for all.

The first area is that of effective oversight because we believe that proper oversight can act as a catalyst for better policing for the people of the province. This is also a very important area, because provinces have a constitutional responsibility to conduct this oversight role.

The second is increasing safety on our roads which demands the tireless work of our traffic officers and the collaborative effort with the Department of Transport on our Safely Home campaign, as well as with municipal traffic services and the South African Police Service (SAPS).

The third area is maximising the safety contribution of the Western Cape government buildings and institutions. With thousands of spaces that the province is responsible for, the potential for these places and spaces to contribute to safer environments cannot be underestimated.

The final focus area is partnerships. All of the focus areas have a whole of society element to them, but strengthening community safety partnerships is where the whole of society thinking is most evident.

Each of these focus areas also takes into account certain principles. These include forward-looking to get the future right rather than repairing the past. It includes identifying what happened that enabled the problem to occur, and what can be done to reduce the likelihood of this happening again. Prevention is a key principle.

Mr Speaker, any crime requires a motivated actor, an opportunity and a conducive environment. While we might not be able to change the mindset of a motivated actor, we can reduce the opportunities for crime, and we can focus on fixing our environments. This will reduce the availability of that motivated actor from committing a crime.

1. Improving Policing through Civilian Oversight

Mr Speaker, we are focusing our efforts on programmes that support our constitutional mandate, namely oversight over the police, in order to improve policing in the province. We are challenging the convention that we are powerless to change the police.

We believe that through effective models of oversight that are in compliance with provincial constitutional powers, service delivery by the police can indeed be improved.

Oversight can act as a catalyst for improved police efficiency and that is what we are after – better policing for the people of the province.

It is an understatement to say that the SAPS is going through hard times. Looking at the fiasco with the original investigating officer assigned to the Reeva Steenkamp murder case, it is time that the SAPS understand that there are some serious systemic problems within the service that need to be addressed. A report, released by the Public Service Commission during the past financial year, found that detectives at all three stations that were visited in the province were dealing with workloads well in excess of the norm.

The norm, according to the report, stands at 1:20. However, stations reported docket allocations of 1:95 and even 1:132 and, according to the Community Police Forum in Hout Bay, the case allocation for each detective at the Hout Bay Police Station is 1:150.

The editorial in a recent *Sunday Argus* stated that the National Planning Minister, Trevor Manuel, had identified levels of skill, training and commitment amongst civil servants as a major concern, calling at the same time for serious consequences to be visited upon state employees failing to live up to the public trust, but nowhere was this more resonant than in the case of the police.

Profoundly, that newspaper editorial stated:

In the face of institutionalised incompetence, crime is never going to be beaten.

The Editorial in the *City Press* on 17 March said, and I quote:

Today we do not trust police sufficiently to teach children that they should seek out police officers if they are in trouble.

When a national newspaper's editorial makes a statement such as this one, it would suggest that something is seriously wrong with the service that is meant to protect us.

Mr Speaker, however, we firmly believe that with the help of proper oversight, which includes promoting good relations between communities and the police, these problems can be identified and fixed. We do not want to look back and blame; we want to look forward and fix the future so that we have better police and together we can, in fact, beat crime.

As part of the Western Cape government's oversight function we have started instituting watching briefs at courts to identify systemic failures in policing, with a particular focus on gang-related crimes. Watching briefs are undertaken by a team of trained legal experts in the department, or university postgraduate law students, under the leadership of one of our senior advocates. They attend court cases, observe and report on the proceedings.

A man accused of murder – a murder which was classified a Schedule 6 offence because the accused appeared on a murder charge which was allegedly committed whilst he was out on bail for another crime – was granted bail of R500 and the matter was postponed for two months. This case is an example of why so many people in South Africa feel that the pillars of our criminal justice system are starting to crumble.

At the hearing the investigating officer failed to turn up at court and, by extension, the docket was not present either. The magistrate expressed his frustration at the tardiness of the SAPS official dealing with this case and instructed the prosecutor to contact the relevant SAPS station and warned that if the docket was not in court on 16 October 2012 he would strike the matter off the roll. Disturbingly, on 16 October the investigating officer once again failed to turn up for the hearing and the magistrate, as he had warned, struck the matter off the roll. The murder accused was set free.

Cases like these are not only a travesty of justice for the victims of crime, but point to broader problems that need to be addressed. Had we not had one of our team members sitting in that courtroom, you would not be hearing this story today, but we were exercising our oversight role efficiently and had our Department of Community Safety team present in that courtroom. I can tell you today that this serious problem was raised with Police Comm Gen Lamoer and we now await this case being placed back on the court roll and remedial action being taken against the police officer.

Mr Speaker, now more than ever, effective oversight is needed and this is precisely why we need the Western Cape Community Safety Bill. The Bill is now in its final stages and will be debated in the House tomorrow. The Bill sets out how we, as a province, should be conducting oversight and will assist us to better do what we are constitutionally mandated to do.

After an initial round of public engagement by the department, additional public hearings were held by the Western Cape Provincial Parliament recently and a range of comments were submitted on this pioneering legislation, and I am pleased that there has been enthusiastic engagement on this Bill.

Mr Speaker, safety concerns differ from province to province and there is no one-size-fits-all approach to crime. In fact, section 206(2) of the Constitution explicitly provides for differing policing policies for different provinces, simply because each province has different needs when it comes to safety.

This is why the Bill aims to improve the identification of the policing needs and priorities of our communities, making it more proactive and which must be taken into account by the Minister of Police in the determination of national policing policy.

We want to make this process not only more effective and holistic, but also more transparent by requiring that it be debated regularly in a multiparty forum in the provincial Parliament.

Importantly, this Bill seeks to develop and introduce provincial police oversight models and to promote good relations between the police and communities to fix the future and to be safer together – better together.

In last year's Policing Needs and Priorities (PNP) report we consulted with communities across the province and conducted a household survey with a sample size of 13 347 households. We invited CPFs from the 25 police precincts to take part in focus group discussions, and we conducted stakeholder interviews with leaders from business, the religious sector, farmers' organisations, NGOs, research institutions and the Western Cape Community Police Board.

The report also included real performance information gathered during structured oversight visits and regular police station evaluations and information from watching briefs. Importantly, Police Minister Mthethwa has informed me that the SAPS is considering our recommendation of including domestic violence as one of the crime categories reported on in the national crime statistics. The 2013 PNP draft report will be available shortly.

Mr Speaker, on the topic of crime statistics released by the SAPS once a year, the Western Cape Department of Community Safety has now developed a system which uses alternative indicators of crime statistics and other crime information to compile a shadow safety information report. This information allows us to conduct multiple analyses with critical additional information needed for proactive responses. This information allows us to be more responsive, allocating our limited resources to where and when most needed and to move away from a one-size-fits-all approach to crime, allowing for localised responses according to the safety needs that exist in communities.

The Premier has already made mention of this innovative project in her State of the Province Address in the House a few weeks ago. The next report is due in the coming weeks and will focus on information gathered from the next of kin of murder victims, statistical forecast models and profiling the perpetrators of murder in the Western Cape.

Another example of where the whole of society is in action in our oversight projects is through the Expanded Partnership Programme (EPP) pilot project with the community police forums (CPFs). The Department of Community Safety has developed a web-based Expanded Partnership Programme according to which the functions of CPFs, as stipulated in section 18 of the South African Police Services Act, is translated into measurable standards of service delivery which, in turn, is linked to a funding model.

This programme allows for CPFs to accumulate funds whilst performing their legal role. It also allows for structured problem resolution, improved communication, focused training and other support interventions. The EPP has been piloted for a period of almost 18 months with 32 CPFs throughout the province. During this period the programme was subjected to a full internal audit. Extensive consultation took place with the SAPS, CPFs and the provincial CPF Board during the course of the pilot study.

Mr Speaker, I am pleased to inform the House that I believe the chairpersons of the five top performing CPFs of the pilot study are with us in the House today. The stations and the areas are: Bishop Lavis, Prince Albert, Laingsburg, Saron and Lingeletu West. I will not announce the money figures attached to each station.

A total of just over R68 000 was paid out to these CPFs which they then used for a number of projects. We have now set aside R4,5 million to roll out the EPP to all 149 CPFs in the province. This is without doubt the biggest investment ever made into the functioning of CPFs at station level.

II: Increasing road safety

Mr Speaker, our second policy thrust is that of increasing road safety. The bulk of the department's budget – 52,3% – is allocated to the Provincial Traffic Service. The Western Cape is the only province to offer a 24-hour, 7-day-a-week service. The province employs 450 traffic officers who patrol over 6 500 km of tarred roads and over 10 000 km of gravel roads. Our men and women in blue literally work day and night to keep our roads safe.

At the department's service excellence awards this month officers were praised for the good work done. I wish to highlight one of the many examples for the benefit of the public. One of the awards went to an officer who risked his life removing a child from a burning car in the Knysna area after an accident between two vehicles. Mr Malgas removed the injured child from one of the vehicles that had caught fire and had been trapped in the vehicle after the accident.

The Western Cape government is making our roads safer through traffic training and development, law enforcement and road safety management. However, Mr Speaker, our citizens have a responsibility to engage in safe road-user behaviour, because it is through this kind of partnership that we can lessen the number of lives lost on our roads and make our roads safer for the people of the Western Cape and our visitors.

In terms of training, the Provincial Traffic Training College, the Gene Louw College, is the only A-grade traffic college in the Western Cape, which means that it can facilitate traffic officer training, examiner for driving licences and examiner of vehicles training. This traffic college also enjoys full accreditation with Sasseta, the Road Traffic Management Corporation (RTMC) and with the SAPS as an official institution for firearm training.

With the introduction of the traffic qualification in January 2011, as well as the demand for additional training and resultant need to grow the staff complement, we urgently needed to upgrade the facilities to meet the desired requirements and to enable the college to maintain its accreditation with the respective professional bodies and to ensure service excellence. Phase 1 of the upgrade has now been completed and the college was reopened last month.

This much needed upgrade – which I am happy to say is ecofriendly – boasts modernised office spaces and furniture, boardroom facilities, a full gymnasium, library resource centre and breakaway rooms, to mention a few of the improvements. I hope that you will all be offered the opportunity to see the lovely new facilities at our college.

As part of the strategy of the Centre for Learning Excellence it will be the first traffic college in South Africa to pioneer an e-Learning training programme to our qualified traffic officers in the Western Cape. This will start in April 2013 and will form part of their continuous development programme.

With regard to law enforcement, our provincial traffic service has numerous campaigns and enforcement plans in place to really maximise road safety and minimise loss of life. Some examples include the average speed-over-distance project on the N1 between Laingsburg and Beaufort West, Beaufort West to Three Sisters as well as on the R27 West Coast Road.

This was done to curb the high speeds that have resulted in numerous fatalities over the past number of years. At the same time, Provincial Traffic has diverted back to the practice of manually stopping speedsters and the issuing of on-the-spot fines.

Another project that has been welcomed by motorists is the fatigue management programme, where all public transport vehicles are stopped every evening between 20:00 and 08:00 in Beaufort West and in Laingsburg. Drivers who show signs of tiredness are asked to park their vehicles and rest. Since 22 December 2011 to 13 March 2013, 24 736 vehicles were stopped and 2 838 were parked.

The impact of this project can be seen in the drastic reduction in public transport-related fatalities on the notorious road of death. Over the two year period of 2010-11, over 100 people lost their lives during those hours, and this figure has significantly dropped to only six fatalities in 2012. Despite these efforts, lives continue to be lost on our roads. I offer this government's heartfelt condolences to the families and friends of the victims of the tragic bus accident near De Doorns on 15 March.

Mr Speaker, another great challenge we face in the province is alcohol and drug abuse. Most people living in the Western Cape are aware that we have no tolerance for drunk driving. Every weekend our traffic officers conduct 24 roadblocks throughout the year, where drivers are screened for the use of alcohol. Every weekend we screen between 4 500 and 5 000 drivers. Since we started the alcohol blitz roadblocks in April 2010, and up to the latest period where information is available, our officers, in conjunction with other law enforcement agencies, have arrested 3 737 drivers.

Our officers have also removed over R60 million worth of drugs and illegal substances on national routes. We are now training traffic officials on the identification of drugs as well as on the identification of illicit cigarettes and how these items are hidden in different modes of transport. This clearly shows the need for us to do much more than only traffic offence enforcement, but also to address the use of our roads for other criminal activity to help curb drugs entering into our province.

This month has been identified as "Drugfree Month". Provincial Traffic has already confiscated 400 mandrax tablets, 15 bags of dagga and 18 bundles of CAT in integrated operations with the SAPS and the Correctional Services while using their dog units.

Having witnessed the value of incorporating the dogs in carrying out our duties, we are now working towards establishing our own dog unit to assist in fighting drug trafficking on national and provincial routes. I welcome this initiative and innovative approach to tackling the root cause of crime.

Our traffic services also employ the whole of society thinking in their endeavours. Learner licence training is an example. The department teaches and assists learners and the unemployed youth to acquire learner driving licenses. A total of 849 learners have benefited from this training this last year.

We are now improving this project to not only provide lessons and materials, but will sponsor the registration fees of about 1 000 learners and unemployed youth in the next financial year to write an official test at the Driver Learner Testing Centre.

Road safety is an excellent example of how the whole of society can make a difference. The change in driver behaviour, together with government departments working together and innovation, has had a massive impact on our roads.

Mr Speaker, this government has a zero tolerance for corruption. Late yesterday afternoon two Western Cape traffic officials were arrested on charges of corruption. The arrest follows a thorough investigation by the SAPS, in collaboration with the Western Cape Department of Community Safety. I welcome these arrests and I hope it will send a strong message to all employees that corruption will not be tolerated.

The PREMIER: Hear, hear!

The MINISTER: The allegations of corruption were brought to the attention of the Provincial Traffic Department when members of the public came forward, alleging that the two officers were soliciting bribes from motorists.

Kenny Africa, the Provincial Traffic Chief, immediately alerted the SAPS who, after investigating the matter, were able to make the necessary arrests, and it happened yesterday.

III: Maximising the Safety Contributions of WCG institutions, assets and people

The department has revisited the security risk management function. A paradigm shift assisted by the Provincial Strategic Objective 5 (PSO5) – Increasing Safety – has been initiated and informs developments within the security risk management domain. To accommodate these developments, it has become necessary to revisit current systems and processes to demonstrate how safety and security can be enhanced by influencing planning processes.

A detailed security diagnostic was conducted through a tender process to look at how the provincial government is dealing with security-related issues currently and make recommendations on how security can be improved.

The diagnostic findings are to inform the development of a transversal security strategy for provincial government and are due to be completed by the end of April. It is through the collective efforts of departments and their respective staff that we will make our environments safer.

Mr Speaker, over and above this, communities have a critical role to play to ensure that government services remain accessible to communities. Active citizenry must be encouraged.

Accordingly, the need has arisen for government resources applied in any given community to be consolidated in such a manner that we are able to benefit from economies of scale. In addition, our planning processes must increasingly emphasise that community ownership needs to be real in as far as our schools and hospitals are concerned. It will be a sad day when the cost of securing a health or education facility within a community deprives that community from health or education services which such facility is intended to provide.

The planning and design of government facilities within communities will in future receive greater attention from a long-term safety perspective.

IV: Whole of society community safety initiatives through partnerships

Mr Speaker, I want to say something about whole of society community safety initiatives through partnerships. With regard to partnerships, I cannot emphasise our final policy focus area enough. This is where we concentrate whole of society community safety initiatives which are developed through partnerships. With no operational control over the police, our interventions are focused on creating safe, positive environments and communities in which crime is less likely to happen in the first place.

Again, this can only be done through prevention by removing opportunities to commit crime, decreasing the motivation of offenders to commit crime and by removing the longer term root causes of crime.

The Premier, shortly after taking office, said to the House that the government would create partnerships to promote community involvement in safety initiatives. We have embraced this wholeheartedly and have created exactly these kinds of partnerships to increase safety and prevent crime. Some examples include neighbourhood watches (NHW). Neighbourhood watches have an important participatory role in the whole of society approach and are crucial safety partners. Having said this, we now have a recorded 472 neighbourhood watch structures with more than approximately 38 000 volunteers.

This year, we shall focus on the development of models other than only providing neighbourhood watches with basic training and equipment. We have revisited and developed a new neighbourhood watch training programme to ensure that the principles of our strategic objective are embodied and take into account the unique safety needs of each community. This new training programme is being piloted in Saldanha and Prince Albert and will be rolled out in the next financial year.

In promoting a whole of society approach towards improving safety in the Western Cape, the Department of Community Safety has partnered with the religious community to assist with keeping our youth safe over the past festive season and upcoming school holidays. We allocated R1,5 million rand to the programme which ran from December until mid-January when schools reopened.

The approach to this partnership was innovative in that the department did not prescribe to the religious community what the content of the programmes must be, but allowed for each community to accommodate their own needs from playing sport to hip-hop dancing, thus creating programmes for the community by the community.

This partnership, a first of its kind, saw 35 organisations across the Western Cape running youth development programmes for around 6 000 of our most vulnerable youth. We shall repeat it now during the April school holidays after which a full cost-benefit analysis will be made.

This partnership recognises the invaluable role played over decades by faith-based structures in all our communities in increasing safety. They are important partners and we want to hold hands with churches, mosques, synagogues, temples, community halls, and every place of worship where good morals and values can be learned to help make our children and youth safe. This is an example of how communities and the Western Cape government can form partnerships which are aimed at making us all safe, because we are better together.

The success of the Chrysalis Academy in youth development and its valuable contribution in preventing and diverting our most vulnerable youth away from a potential life of crime is well-known to the House. The Chrysalis youth programme equips youth with skills for a trade and skills to help them on life's journey. The three-month empowerment training interventions focus on the individual's physical, emotional, mental, energetic and spiritual development. To our knowledge, this kind of youth intervention is unique. The Chrysalis programme is a preventative initiative, as opposed to rehabilitative.

Mr Speaker, over the last financial year 501 youth will have graduated from the academy. The Chrysalis Academy programme has grown from strength to strength and we have witnessed many students leave the academy upon graduation and proceed to study at FET colleges. Many students have also been placed in internships at various places of safety. The Department of Community Safety has now successfully linked this youth programme to the national Expanded Public Works Programme which will see a cash injection of about R30 million into the programme over the MTEF period.

Through this initiative, the duration of the current programme shall be extended from three months training to nine months. This will include a formal work placement of six months with many of our partners, during which period these youngsters shall gain work experience and be introduced to a new world of opportunities. [Interjections.] Thank you for that, member.

During the festive season graduates of the programme were placed, with much success, at a number of partners, most noticeably the City of Cape Town and City Improvement Districts (CIDs). From the current intake of students who will be graduating next week, more than 90% will be placed with our partners to gain formal employment experience.

We are now discussing plans to expand the Chrysalis Academy programme to other areas and the introduction of a non-residential Chrysalis programme, so that more young people in the province can access the opportunities on offer at the Chrysalis Academy.

We are also exploring how to best ensure integration of this programme with other important youth programmes such as the Mass Participation Access to Opportunity and Development programme, known as the MOD Centres.

Last year, we introduced the junior instructors' programme which saw 10 of the best Chrysalis graduates being taken up in a three months' training programme as instructors. We now envisage deploying them at our MOD Centres, supported by other graduates, to initiate youth programmes for those communities, by those communities, whilst being funded by the Department of Community Safety through the EPWP.

City Improvement Districts are vital players in the field of increasing safety for all the people in our communities, with 24 CIDs operating throughout the Western Cape. Through the CIDs hundreds of people work to improve the areas in which we live and work and address the root causes of crime in a sustainable manner.

Partnerships are a big focus for the Western Cape government and working with the City Improvement Districts is a perfect example of how working better together can benefit our societies in so many ways, because ultimately safety is everyone's responsibility.

Through a whole of society approach we can win the war against crime, and this war starts by mobilising the youth. When our learners graduate from high school and go on to study at a tertiary institution, they are as a result in a much better position to find employment. The opportunities that are open to them become far more than for the uneducated, unemployed youth.

It is for this reason that we have piloted a project with FET colleges, and particularly with Northlink College, where the Department of Community Safety (DoCS) facilitated the registration process for learners in disadvantaged communities to take advantage of bursary opportunities. The aim is to help learners who failed to complete matric to return and complete a matric-level education.

Those that already completed matric are encouraged to learn a trade, like carpentry, plumbing, construction, becoming a diesel mechanic and many others. We went to see youth across the province. We saw them in Manenberg, Nyanga, Lavender Hill, Robertson, Touws River, Ashton, Worcester and Wesbank, to name only a few. We had over 1 000 people come to learn about these opportunities.

During the month of April, we will visit Bredasdorp, Elsie's River, Joe Slovo and others with Northlink College to reach out to the most vulnerable youth to steer them away from drugs and gangs and to provide them with real alternatives and real opportunities.

During the month of May, I will be visiting 10 areas in the province – which reported the highest number of domestic violence and rape cases – and hosting public meetings with the local police, religious sectors and residents to work towards a solution to these horrific crimes.

Mr Speaker, we must speak out against these horrific crimes against our women and children and we must engage with our communities so that together we can prevent these types of crimes from happening.

Last, but certainly not least, is The Safety Lab. This is a project that was conceptualised through the Western Cape Government's Strategic Objective 5 – Increasing safety.

It is currently funded by the department and embodies the ideals of partnership and across-society thinking. It is a new, small team of five highly skilled professionals in its first year of existence.

The Safety Lab is an experimental organisation that drives innovation in safety and security through partnerships and by connecting entities and people that can collaborate to increase safety. They are currently working on a handful of safety ideas and projects.

One of the Safety Lab's first projects is the CCTVision project. The Safety Lab collaborated with the City of Cape Town to launch a creative way to increase awareness and prevent low-contact crimes, such as remote jamming. The project uses footage from the City's CCTV cameras in an interesting, informative comic-style booklet. The campaign provides clear, actionable advice on how one can significantly reduce the chance of becoming a victim of this type of crime. In essence, it helps citizens to reduce opportunities for crime to occur. I have put a copy of the comic booklet into each of your speech packs.

Mr Speaker, 50 000 copies of the booklet were distributed on street corners and at public transport hubs today. Almost 10 000 of these booklets were handed out by Metro Police officers, giving them an opportunity to engage with the public and thereby promote good community police relations.

V: Conclusion

Mr Speaker, in conclusion, we have moved from design to pilot in the last year. We are now moving into our learning and roll-out year, and as we progress towards our strategic objective the successes become more and more apparent.

We are being creative with our limited resources to benefit society as much as possible and on a localised level. We are very mindful that there is no one-size-fits-all approach to safety and that each community, each safety problem, has its unique causes and also its unique solutions. Local context can and should never be underestimated and this is why partnerships are so important. Partners help us with local understandings and solutions so that our responses are ones that actually work.

Mr Speaker, I am very pleased to say that we are achieving all of this with sound financial management. The Department of Community Safety has received three clean audits in a row which is worthy of great applause.

In conclusion, I wish to say thank you to Dr Lawrence for his leadership and custodianship of the department – and it was his birthday yesterday as well! We miss the cake in the House!

Dr Lawrence has been a fine accounting officer and has turned the department around from a catastrophic financial position in 2008 to one of the Western Cape government's gold stars. I also thank our CFO, Mr Frizlar, for ensuring sound financial controls and making the clean audits possible.

I wish to thank all the Chief Directors, Mr Morris, Mr Steyn, Mr Africa and Mr George, and other staff as well. The contributions you make to the department, and your leadership in guiding the department to a more efficient, innovative and results-driven entity, is remarkable. Much work is yet to be done, but with a team like this we have nothing to worry about. A special thanks to Adv Gerber and his team as well.

I thank each staff member who has been a shining example of excellence to ensure safer communities, safer roads and a better administration for all the people of the Western Cape. There are many staff members who show exceptional commitment and excellence in service delivery, and have achieved outstanding results that have impacted on the department, community members and their work colleagues. I thank the staff in the Ministry for being these exceptional persons.

I would like to thank the CEO of the Chrysalis Academy, Ms Lucille Meyer, and her team for the great service they are providing to our youth.

I thank my Cabinet colleagues and the Premier for their support as well. My thanks also go to the City of Cape Town and Mr Richard Bosman for their important and efficient service to the people of Cape Town. Special thanks to Alderman Smith and the Safety and Security Director of the City with whom we enjoy a great work ethic. I thank them for their willingness to partner with us on so many projects.

I also want to thank the SAPS, Gen Lamoer and his men and women in blue for their support as well.

Members of the standing committee, also our partners, the religious sector, FET colleges, neighbourhood watches, CPFs, the Community Safety Board, and all the other partners, thank you very much that we can rely on you when needed. Have a nice day. Thank you. [Applause.]

†The SPEAKER: Order! Proceedings will be suspended and we will resume at 14:00.

BUSINESS SUSPENDED AT 12:57 AND RESUMED AT 13:58.

†The SPEAKER: Order! We will now continue with our speakers' list. I recognise the hon Wiley.

†Mr M G E WILEY: Mr Speaker, this is probably the most difficult time of the day to speak after a meal, so I will try and keep you reasonably entertained.

†Mr P UYS: An excellent meal!

†Mr M G E WILEY: Yes. The Standing Committee on Community Safety supports the 2013 budget of R388,589 million. The committee considered the matter and raised some concerns that needed amplification, and which I will address shortly.

This financial year will be a watershed year for the department. Following years of research, analysis and debate, the department is about to embark on a road that will determine if provinces have any significant role in policing oversight, or whether they will simply be passive observers.

If it is the latter, it will be a tragic waste of the department which has been one of the few throughout this country that consistently obtained good results from projects, clean audits and demonstrated excellent management skills. Dr Lawrence needs to be congratulated on a job well done.

I want to pay special tribute to the staff who have worked so hard to bring the department to this point.

The Minister mentioned many of these projects, but the safety barometer that policing needs and priorities and the watching briefs stick out.

The department has the legal obligation to exercise oversight of the SAPS as well as municipal police services in the province. Tomorrow the House will debate the Community Safety Bill and therein lies the path to capacitate the department with the legal framework to guide this oversight role and to give it the opportunity to contribute to creating a safer South Africa.

Again the department has done an excellent and exhaustive job in preparing the Bill. The Minister has covered the critical theme of the whole of society approach and the need for partnerships. I am not going to speak any further with regards to the Bill of tomorrow as far as policing is concerned. I will leave that for the next day.

In this regard, as far as the partnerships are concerned, I would like to congratulate those CPFs on being identified for their good efforts. The support cannot come too soon, as in many communities time is running out. The horrific cases of vigilantism in Khayelitsha that have seen so many die by the necklace method, and which has led the Premier to call for a commission of inquiry, is a case in point.

I know of neighbourhood watches who invested millions in technology and staff and are effectively running their own affairs. This may be effective in the short term but these efforts cannot be good for it simply displaces the crime to an area of less affluence. We cannot survive without the SAPS and its legal mandates.

I will not go into this matter any further here today, other than to say the need could not be more urgent, and the timing more appropriate, as far as the tabling of the Community Safety Bill is concerned.

Mr Speaker, for the last number of years the funding of Chrysalis Academy has remained constant. Given that this project has been one of the most enduring and successful, even by national standards, it is a matter of concern that funding has not kept up with inflation nor with the increasing demand of the services of the academy – and I am now speaking about the core funding as far as core training is concerned.

I would also like to welcome the CEO of the academy, Lucille Meyer, here today and wish her and Course 12 Charlie well on their graduation on Saturday. For those of you who have not been to a graduation at Chrysalis, I would suggest that you get yourself a ticket.

There are those that decry the cost of training Chrysalis students. The question is: What are you comparing this cost to, normal schooling and education? Is that with or without residential capacity, or corrective training, or specialist training, or incarceration, or rehabilitative training? Each methodology has its own cost drivers and each its own desired outcomes.

The standing committee has requested the department to do a comparative cost exercise over a range of existing training, correction and rehabilitation models. If one accepts that Chrysalis training is geared to being preventative, as the Minister has already said, as opposed to being rehabilitative, then this puts it into a category that most governments talk about but few have the courage to implement.

The underlying Chrysalis methodology is based on a normative principle. In short: What can we expect from our youth in a normal functioning society, and how will they succeed best in that society? Given that the average South African still lives in a segregated economically depressed environment where crime is a daily reality, then one will understand that to break people out of their mind set takes time, dedication and a focused, even radical, approach.

Critically, in order to give the impact of the base training the best opportunity to succeed it is essential to keep the graduates in contact with the academy and to offer support and opportunities for an extended period of time. In the case of Chrysalis, the academy keeps contact with its graduates for five years, in theory, because that is not necessarily funded these days, offering retraining annually, job opportunities and support in driving positive community initiatives. It is all about behaviour change.

This aspect is essential as it substantially increases the margin for success for these youths. Success would be reduced if one simply takes a youth out of his or her own negative environment for three months, motivates and skills them and then dumps them back into their original surroundings. They will hold out for a while, but many will succumb to the negative behaviour after a while unless there is an avenue to escape. This maybe a job, an activity outside their previous haunts, a new circle of friends, or some health-driven activity that sets them apart from others and which creates external opportunities.

Let us remember that Chrysalis recruits are unemployed, most will have been exposed to negative – and even engaged in – behaviour and circumstances. This would include substance, including legal smoking and drinking, minor crime and limited education qualification. Many will have been exposed to some form of abuse and/or dysfunctional family environment or relationship. In every respect they can be categorised as “youth at risk”. Some are clearly high risk, but practice has shown that even they have a chance of coming right. Breaking that cycle before the youth finally steps over the line of no return takes a sincere and dedicated effort by a team.

Mr Speaker, here it is important to analyse the cost of crime. We have heard from the Minister about dysfunction occurring in both the docket preparation and also in the court processes. Postponements are increasing by the day in the courts, and criminals are loose on bail or simply let off.

Some time ago, Nedbank did a calculation that a murder accused costs some R2 million to the point of sentencing – just to the point of sentencing. I would suggest that that figure is much more today.

The fact that the Chrysalis concept has been a resounding success, even during a period of neglect for close on 15 years, should be a signal to any observant and fair-minded person. Others have acknowledged its success and for this reason the academy has won numerous awards and recognition internationally. The concept has been replicated both elsewhere in South Africa and the United States, albeit with a slightly different methodology.

In the past, I understand – and in the recent past – several African and European countries have expressed an interest in the project.

I understand also, more recently, that other provinces are currently investigating the concept and that this province is wishing to expand its footprint within the province.

As welcome as it may be, it will be folly to embark on any expansion without thorough pre-planning, feasibility studies completed by competent persons and the minimum standards that will protect the brand. The exporting of a weak version, or one that is under-capacitated, will not lead only to the brand damage, but also to the possible undermining of the concept itself.

Without wanting to draw a direct parallel, one can look at the current tragedy playing out in the Central African Republic to see what will happen if one does not pay attention to detail. As we say in the military, “The quickest way to see failure is to allow a mission creep to overtake budget and your mandate.”

The benefits of a focused and successful youth development programme would be limitless, in the vernacular a game-changer. The majority of the population bulge lies in the under-24 age group. Not all, especially males, will be able to avoid negative influences, like drugs, alcohol and gangs.

The phenomenon of a child-headed household and a generation of orphans is and will continue to create unique challenges on how best to engage these youths. This province lends itself to youth development. Its climate and geography are ideal to building strong and durable characters. Our nature reserves have been underfunded for many years and an opportunity presents itself to develop in a similar vein as did the US Park Service in the 1930s when they used youths and work skills programmes, called The Civil Conservation Core.

Its legacy can be seen today in the finest park infrastructure in the world. It is imperative that government create the opportunity and set the example where youth can look for a way out. The private sector has limited capacity and is driven by economics. Government does not have that luxury of choice in the matter, only an obligation to create the correct and conducive environment in this regard.

I want to congratulate the department on its role in policing our provincial roads, and that has led to the lowering of the death toll on these roads. Mr Africa and his men and women in uniform are owed a huge debt of gratitude from the countless families who are still alive today and enjoying life as a result of the dedication of the traffic authorities. The innovation has proved that good management can achieve results and the driver-fatigue programme, the 24-hour service – and, amazingly, we are the only province that provides a 24-hour provincial traffic service – and soon on-the-spot speeding fines, will all demonstrate this enthusiasm.

Poaching of our traffic officers by other entities remains a massive loss factor and it is cause for serious concern, and some mechanism has to be found to retain these officers. I recently attended the Gene Louw College reopening. The province can be proud of this facility, already the premier traffic officer training facility in the country, as acknowledged by the national department. However, a major shortcoming is the lack of accommodation for trainees, and one hopes that this will be addressed in the foreseeable future. Long may they remain in place.

We wish the department well for this coming year, which promises to be exciting. The department has many dedicated and experienced staff, and I am confident that the difficult road ahead will be capably navigated.

In conclusion, I would also like to wish the hon member Gopie, who will be speaking after me, well on her maiden speech and hope that she will be fair! [Laughter.]

†Rev D GOPIE: Mr Speaker and members, and everybody that is present here today, this budget Vote of Community Safety needs a lot of explanation, not merely because I am a new member in the House or its community, but because there are hikes to the tune of 1 340% on certain subprogrammes, as in this case, for traffic management's inventory under the subheading medical supplies, and more than 341% on fuel, oil and gas. These figures make any ordinary person's head spin.

There are more disproportionate hikes. In the programme: Administration, entertainment goes up by 26%, property payments jump by 43%, external audit costs by more than 41% and the dreaded expenditure for contractors by more than 45%.

Although continuous learning and training is necessary, it is odd that this new financial year will see huge hikes in this department, with 203% on training for crime prevention and community police relations, 110% more for traffic management and overall this expenditure more than doubles.

One of the more concerning upwardly adjusted trends that needs proper elucidating is the passage under traffic management that merely says a "substantial increase of 35,57%" is attributed to funding for "strategic support services". The Annual Performance Plan (APP) of the department does not help much to give insight into this matter. The same sterile sentence is used there as an afterthought, but the table shows jumps in communication, consultants, contractors and special services as well as compensation for employees. Travel and subsistence and the unspecified classification of so-called "other" accounts for more, but why the department is allocated more than a third more for this sub programme is not clear enough.

Citizens must be able to grasp the reason why such a substantial increase is there when they read the budget and the APP, but unfortunately these documents do not assist much in this specific case.

Under the specific indicators for traffic management, one finds four performance indicators that seems to have been non-existent, namely the number of speed operations conducted, K78 roadblocks held, the hours weighbridges operated, the roadside vehicle checkpoint operations, and road user compliance reports audited shows a zero where the number is to be reported.

There are zeros for the past four financial years in these columns, and although a footnote says it is demand-driven indicators, there must be a very good reason why not even one was audited or recorded in these four preceding years, while the targets over the medium term shows thousands of operations to be conducted.

There is also not much said about the fact that the number of schools involved in road safety education programmes will be cut by almost half, compared to the past two financial years, as is seen on p 73 of the APP.

This cannot be regarded as a solid investment in the future of our upcoming and young road users, especially since half of the road fatality victims in the province are pedestrians.

Mr Speaker, vehicle plans are flagged in order to address road fatalities, but no specific plan has been furnished to show a commitment to bring down the number of deaths on our roads on the side of pedestrians. The very APP states that nearly 750 people, or 50% of the fatality rate, annually die on our roads.

In the light of this it is even more worrying that road safety education seems to not get the same priority as in the past two years. One can only hope this will get as much attention as education and awareness interventions on p 71 of the APP.

The traffic management part of this portfolio needs a lot of attention and the involvement of the present political head of the department. It is mainly their duty to change road user behaviour, which cannot be passed like the proverbial buck.

The massive increase of about 35% in the crime prevention and community police relations programme indicates an unusual activity at the end of this government's term of office. This, read together with other expenditure like communication, starts to make a pattern. This embarking on public relations is obvious, but the motivation for it is absent. If it is to educate and bring about behavioural change in people, it is to be welcomed. It is not drugs and alcohol that are at the root of violent and unacceptable behaviour and crime. We must, of course, fight any such substance abuse.

If it was only a matter of alcohol and drug use, then it would be easy to control; it is human nature that needs to be addressed. Murder, rape and abuse predate any drug and even man's fermenting alcohol. It is as old as paradise itself and real intervention is needed to turn the tide, not merely a simplified blaming of substance abuse. I do not negate the contribution it has in certain cases, but we should look at the perpetrator and not the weapons of choice or other things.

The day after the effects of a substance are worn off, we still have the same person with the usual traits and strife to contend with. We have to continuously build on the good and curb the evil; blaming substances does not change the tendency.

In fact, in some cases it even adds to romanticising and elevating such substance abuse. We cannot put criminals and abusers on pedestals. We must side with the law-abiding and the balance of good, as the majority have a greater inclination to justice and what is right.

We all want an organised and orderly society and safer communities. In contrast, it is a pity that a critical watchdog programme for the constitutional and legal imperative of civilian oversight gets almost R4 million less in the new financial year. This is another matter that must be made understandable.

The increase of 18% allocated to the Office of the MEC is also noted. The department's Estimates shows a reduced amount for fines, penalties and forfeitures, while there seems to be a drive to increase policing. It also shows a downward trend when compared to the last two financial years. Is the enforcement of discipline not accompanied by an increase in fines? This must also be explained to me.

I will continue to explore these topics during the oversight year ahead and search for answers that are not obvious at this stage. I will play my full role to the best of my ability and will contribute as far as I can. I will ask questions and I will offer criticism as I go along. This I will do as a public representative and as a servant of my people as I raise their plight. I expect the co-operation of all in the Chamber and Legislature to do just that. It is in this spirit that I wish to place a few issues on record.

The inconsistent use of terminology for community police forums is a source of concern. In the budget a lot of political emphasis is placed on neighbourhood watches, while the more technical APP mostly speaks to CPFs.

It is clear that this government favours vigilante-style neighbourhood watches over CPFs and actively seeks to bring them into the fold. By looking at the targets for the Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF), it seems as if these CPFs will be managed down to make way for the preferred neighbourhood watches. By looking at the figures entered on p 60 of the APP under the sector indicators one will see the number of CPFs that will be functional for the present financial year, while for the next two years the figure goes down from 175 to 149. For no apparent reason a large number will be excluded. There is also no indication where and who these omitted CPFs are.

On p 48 of the APP, under Programme 2 – civilian oversight – the numbers of stations monitored dropped drastically by a staggering two thirds from the 2011-12 financial year to the 2012-13 financial year with no real urgency over the next two years to correct this situation and the number of stations evaluated will also drop by two thirds over the next three years. Again no target is set to improve this. This discrepancy needs more explanation.

The so-called reward or report-a-cop-system mooted in the APP and main budget is flawed. It only concentrates on reporting police members; it looks like a witch-hunt. The accentuated part is the report and very little is said about the reward part to acknowledge cops in order to encourage good service.

The notion that it is only an informer programme is underscored by the APP on p 90, where the e-mail address is bluntly called "policing.complaints@westerncape.gov.za", and again on p 22 where it is stated, "The department has successfully established communication channels for the reporting of service delivery complaints against the SAPS."

The big question is why this reporting system is only aimed at the SAPS, as a large number of the complaints to the Independent Police Investigation Directorate (IPID) in the province involve the Cape Town Metro Police. It is also not clear whether the public can also report, for instance, traffic or law enforcement officials to these numbers.

It is also worrying to read that the way that these complaints will be handled will be by just referring them to the SAPS. It is therefore creating another layer of bureaucracy to simply act as a postbox by passing it on to the very institution that is the source of the grievance. It is therefore redundant and duplicating the very work that the IPID does. It would be more advisable for citizens to complain directly to the IPID, or other watchdog organisations, like the Public Protector of South Africa.

The overly eager collection of crime intelligence also smacks of a duplication of the SAPS competency and it would be a very bad day when we start to put parallel action in place, like the complaints and so-called gathering of safety information. This is a recipe for conflict and not a very good idea ... [Time expired.]

†The SPEAKER: Order, hon member! Your time has expired. Congratulations on your maiden speech. Thank you very much.

†Rev D GOPIE: Thank you, Comrade.

†Mr G C R HASKIN: Mr Speaker, allow me to add my voice to congratulating hon member Gopie on her maiden speech. Allow me also to congratulate the HOD on his birthday yesterday – I do believe it was the HOD whose birthday it was yesterday – and for running a very efficient and professional department and for getting clean audits. I would also like to thank the chairperson of the standing committee for a very inclusive and professional approach in the way which he runs the standing committee. Thank you very much.

In the two minutes that I have available to me I would like to focus on two things quickly. The one thing is with regards to community policing relations with the police. We all know that the SAPS is in a crisis, and I agree with the Minister in that respect. The confidence in the SAPS, their respect of civilians, of citizens, and indeed their legitimacy is under the spotlight at the moment. Quite frankly, the commission of inquiry must go ahead.

The ACDP is appalled at the way in which Minister Mthethwa and the Commissioner is working at delaying and preventing the truth from coming out with regards to the Khayelitsha Commission of Inquiry. But let's also say that they are also spending our money, as citizens of South Africa, by dragging this process through the courts. Quite frankly, that is unacceptable and it should be stopped immediately.

Mr Speaker, we need the truth to come out ... [Interjections.] ...

†The SPEAKER: Order! Order, hon Skwatsha!

†Mr G C R HASKIN: ... because what is happening here is that instead of communities legitimately being able to say that they can trust the police, that they can take a complaint to the police and that the police are approachable and that they are heard, that they are efficient and that they are fulfilling the justice process that is designed for the SAPS, we are unfortunately having to say the opposite.

That needs to change. It is a massive task that the Department of Community Safety and the Minister has in front of them, and we wish him well for the year ahead.

Mr Speaker, in terms of traffic management I would like to thank the committee for taking on board the ACDP's suggestion that we focus on pedestrian safety in this year ahead ...

†The SPEAKER: Order! Please complete your sentence, hon member. Your time has expired. [Interjections.]

†Mr G C R HASKIN: Was that a long two minutes, or was ...

†The SPEAKER: Your time has expired, hon member. [Interjections.] Order! [Interjections.] Order, hon members! [Interjections.] Order!

†Mr M NCEDANA: Mr Speaker, the speakers' list before us is kind of confusing, because I am busy relaxing here and now I am told to speak!

It sounds as if the department is doing well, in terms of the speech presented by the Minister, but I think challenges continue to face the people of the Western Cape and the communities, where you have drugs and where you have gangsters. That challenge is going to continue to face this department until we all together hold hands to fight for safer communities and until the day we stop politicising issues of crime.

We had very good working community policing forums, and I want to believe that there are communities that still have effective community policing forums. However, there are communities where policing forums have been politicised to the extent that they are no longer functioning the way they used to. I trust that the Minister has the ability to change that situation for the better that will benefit the communities in the areas where we stay.

Mr Speaker, I am surprised and worried to learn that the necklacing that has taken place, particularly in Khayelitsha, has been registered as an inquest inquiry instead of a murder case. If this information is correct, I would appreciate it if the department, when they have time, could respond to this. I am not a learned man when it comes to inquests and murders, but all I know is that if a person is necklaced, that is murder to me. These issues need dedicated men and women to fight, not a person who stands up as a populist to gain the support of the community when, in fact, you are doing nothing for that community.

The day we stop the fight between the Police Service and this government, the day we find a way of doing away with that and begin to work together with the Police Service instead of seeing them as enemies ... [Interjections.] You do. [Interjections.] You do, the fact that you consistently fight in courts of law with the Police Service. You should veer away from that and engage to find ways ... [Interjections.] ...

†The SPEAKER: Order! Order, hon members!

†Mr M NCEDANA: ... that will benefit the community. The fact that this government does not have control over the Police Service is the reason why you go to court – we all know that. We are saying stop that and focus on building a safer community.

Mr Speaker, we have programmes that work very well, like the Violence Prevention through Urban Upgrading programme (VPUU) – and the hon Minister is aware of this because he was a Mayor in the City of Cape Town – which is very effective in the communities where it exists. This programme should be extended. I am worried that the Minister did not specifically refer to the VPUU because it is one of the important programmes that are run in the City of Cape Town.

The CCTV cameras remain a challenge because, firstly, in the evenings you are unable to identify the perpetrators and when it is a far distance the camera is unable to capture the image to allow you to be able to make an arrest.

Yeyokuba niza kuqhubekeka Mnu Somlomo ningabantu abangathi abahlonitshwa yeminye imibutho yezopolitiko nokuhlala ngokubanzi ngoba niziinkokheli ezingafuni ukumamela uluvo olwahlukileyo kwaye nifunde kulo khonukuze uba ngaba kukho into eninokuyithatha niyenze nakhe eluntwini njengokuba nisitsho nisithi “better together” niyenze isebenze loo nto ningayithethi ngomlomo nje kuphela.

Ninezinto ezininzi enizenzayo ningulo rhulumente aniyixeleli eminye imibutho yezopolitiko elapha ngaphakathi kodwa nithi “better together” nisakufika ekuhlaleni imibutho karhulumente engasebenzisani nani okanye eniyoyikayo nazo nizithathe nizibekele ecaleni. Yithatheni yonke le mibutho niyisebenzise yonke khonukuze nakhe iNtshona Koloni engcono yethu sonke.

[Translation of isiXhosa paragraphs follows.]

[It is a fact, Mr Speaker, that you are people who seem not to be respected by other political parties and the society at large because you are leaders who do not want to listen to a different view and learn from it so that if there is something which you can take you better the lives of the people as you have done by saying “better together” and make it work, not just saying it.

You have so many things you are doing as this government without informing other parties which are here, although you say “better together” when you arrive in our places but at the very same time you are sidelining the non-governmental organisations which differ from you. Take something from these organisations in order to build a better Western Cape for all.]

*Ms A J DU TOIT MARAIS: Mr Speaker, it is gratifying to know that the department's budget has increased by 6,57%. The department's objective is to ensure and maintain safety in our communities. This does not only address the safety of people against violence and crime, but to an increasing extent the safety of pedestrians and motorists.

Safety is everybody's responsibility. Criminal acts must be condemned and agreements of cooperation must be entered into with communities. In this way society is safeguarded against criminals.

In 2012 a study by the Institute for Racial Affairs found that too many members of the SAPS were involved in violent actions. This finding may be seen as a generalisation. Such actions by members of the police harm the image of the police force and the perception is created that even those who are excellent members are not to be trusted. I want to thank all these excellent members of the police and salute them for the service they deliver.

This report also pointed out the tremendous stress under which the members of the SAPS work. The high murder figure contributes to this stress. In South Africa the murder figure is eight times higher than in the USA and 20 times higher than in most Western countries. In one year a SAPS member is exposed to more violence and brutality than officers in, for instance, the USA in their entire career. This is a shocking fact.

The department does have support systems in place to support SAPS members who suffer from post-traumatic stress. To my mind this is still not enough. Counsellors are required to counsel SAPS members. More should be done from national level to provide medical and financial support through Polmed.

In 2012, 2 763 officers reported for counselling – and that is only those we know of – and some of them were diagnosed with post-traumatic stress. The monitoring of police action by the provincial department is an important function. This mandate of the province is especially important during protest marches and the recent events that showed that discipline among the provincial police members contribute to effective service delivery.

Mr Speaker, the road network of the province is extremely important and could become the connecting and transport networks for drugs and criminal activities. I want to thank the Provincial Traffic Chief, Mr Kenny Africa, today for the role he and his team play in traffic law enforcement.

Not only do they ensure that the law is enforced, but he and his team are instrumental in the Home Safe Initiative. There is a systematic decrease in road accidents and deaths in the province. They also ensure that the behaviour of motorists is changed in a positive way.

Mr M SKWATSHA: [Inaudible.]

†The SPEAKER: Order! Order! Hon Skwatsha, order!

*Ms A J DU TOIT MARAIS: During regular road blocks drivers who drive under the influence of alcohol are caught out. Drug networks have been exposed in this way and illegal ammunition, stolen goods and abalone are found in this way.

The department addresses the safety of the residents of the Western Cape in an integrated way. Mr Speaker, community policing is essentially cooperation between the police and the community that identifies and solves community problems. [Interjections.]

†The SPEAKER: Hon Skwatsha, order!

*Ms A J DU TOIT MARAIS: Building a constructive relationship requires energy, creativity, tolerance and especially patience from all concerned. Trust is the core value that is important here. Trust is the link between the community and the police. Without trust effective policing is impossible.

I believe that, with this budget speech, the department and the Ministry focus their energy on one objective: to learn and work together to make our beloved communities, the province and, in the end, South Africa a safer place to live in.

†Mr M NCEDANA: Mr Speaker, with due respect, I just want to check. The speakers' list I have in front of me indicates something different. Aren't you supposed to inform me if there's a change in the speakers' list?

†The SPEAKER: Order! Hon Ncedana, I don't make any changes to the speakers' list. It is done by the Chief Whips and the Whippers of the political parties, so perhaps they should give you an answer. Where are the Chief Whips and can one of them answer that?

†The DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP (DA): Mr Speaker, there was a problem with the speaker's list. The Chief Whip did inform some of the parties. Apparently she did not speak to Cope, and I tender our apologies.

†The SPEAKER: Can you in future make sure before you make any changes that you consult the other political parties, please.

†The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Mr Speaker, I promise you I will not take as long as I did with the budget speech.

I thank hon Wiley for his support for the Bill. [Interjections.]

†The SPEAKER: Order, hon members! Order!

†The MINISTER: With regard to the Bill, I am not going to say anything further. We will debate the Bill and the issues surrounding that tomorrow.

Thank you for acknowledging the clean audits. Also, thanks from me to the staff once again. I think they're doing a marvellous job in ensuring that there are sound financial controls in place in the Department of Community Safety.

Mr Wiley also referred very briefly to the commission of inquiry. I think it is imperative that the inquiry continues, but later I will refer to that a little more. Also, he acknowledges the Chrysalis Academy's successes. Currently it's a success story if we look at what we want to achieve with regard to our vulnerable youngsters out there.

I just want to highlight one issue to show exactly what we are trying to do to reach out to those in the disadvantaged communities to take up the opportunity to change their lives and their behaviour and it is exactly what the academy is doing.

Let me say with regard to all the other issues you've raised: There are and always will be gaps. It's a case of identifying the gaps and what you are doing about it, how you put your necessary structures and systems in place to eliminate the gaps and the problems. We learn lessons and we try to do better – and we will do better. We have come a long way in what we have achieved so far in the Department of Community Safety.

You also mentioned the possibility of Chrysalis being copied by other institutions. This past Friday, if I'm not mistaken, a delegation from the Gauteng Legislature was in Cape Town. I was not party to that visit, but be that as it may, I think they were quite positive about what they saw and experienced. According to the message I received, one or two of the senior members had said that this is what the National Youth Agency should do.

They should create and structure entities like Chrysalis all over the country to look after the youth and to provide them with the necessary opportunities.

Member Gopie, it was your maiden speech today, but I think you can only do better from here onwards. We have also been dealing, in the standing committee, with a number of the issues you raised, so I am definitely not going to mention all them. You talked about the traffic budget, the audit cost increase, etc, but for me those are typical standing committee issues.

Your points, however, are well taken. I should just mention to you that we must realise that with traffic officials, the police and things like that it's all about cost. They have to drive in vehicles and they have to have the necessary equipment and resources in order to fulfil their function.

That is where some of the high costs for them come from. Be that as it may, some of the other things you mentioned are typical standing committee matters and you need to raise it there where you can pinpoint each and every specific issue.

You are quite right; we must have plans in place. You said there are no plans in place to bring down the death rate on the roads, if I understood you correctly. You must understand that a government can only do that much. Some of the other speakers referred also to the human factor, human behaviour and the role of the individual.

Governments can have all the police in place in each and every street and traffic officers on every road, but if people want to step over the line they will do so. At the end of the day, we must also look at that issue: What is the role of the individual in complying with the laws of the road and the other laws of the country.

You also mentioned road safety education as a priority. You want to see that we implement it and we note that very seriously.

Substance abuse is a problem for us and I can say a lot about substance abuse. My colleagues also mentioned similar issues, as did previous speakers. However, the point about substance abuse is that as the provincial government we are on record, the Premier and I ... [Interjections.]

†The SPEAKER: Order, hon members!

†The MINISTER: The Premier and I are on record for looking at the substance abuse problem we're facing in Cape Town and the Western Cape at large. Drugs, specifically, as well as alcohol are a major problem in the Western Cape. This morning Minister Botha also mentioned the dire effect of alcohol on health issues.

If government, specifically national government, does not come to the party to deal with the drug problem in the Western Cape, drugs are going eat us all within the next couple of years. That is where the fights are coming from on the Cape Flats. We read about the drug turf wars on a daily basis and our youth are dying on a daily basis. How are we going to deal with that issue?

Drugs are coming into the City of Cape Town through the road system, by air, by sea and by whatever other means. I don't think national government is doing enough to curb the drug problem.

That is why we asked for the Drug Unit to be reinstated and we asked for the Gangster Unit to be reinstated, but this is falling on deaf ears. The drug problem is being left to us, the Western Cape government, to deal with on our own.

With regard to your comment regarding the neighbourhood watches and the CPFs, I don't think that we are saying that neighbourhood watches must take over some functions of the CPFs or that sort of thing. There is no political emphasis being put on neighbourhood watches. I think we must look at the Community Safety Bill. If you read the Bill and look at some of the conditions and matters in the Bill, you will find that we put equal status on neighbourhood watches and CPFs.

In the past, neighbourhood watches were not recognised by any legislative structure. Now for the first time, we're going to give neighbourhood watches their rightful place in legislation. It's exactly what we are going to do.

With regard to your comment about Report-a-Cop and things like that it is definitely not a witch-hunt to get at the SAPS. There's no referral even to the current systemic problems we face with the SAPS. It's a case of if a policeman is doing something good, report it. We also refer all the good issues to the Provincial Commissioner. If someone Tweets us or sends us a fax or an e-mail giving us the name of a policeman or a police station, we mention it to the police for them to be aware of it because there are also good things happening in the SAPS.

It will be a very, very sad day if a cop is doing something wrong or not fulfilling his or her function and we sweep it under the carpet. I don't think that is what we want to happen in South Africa or in the Western Cape. I want to state it categorically that there are SAPS members, men and women in blue, doing a really good job. Some of them have the passion for and the drive to do their work, but we have to admit that there are approximately 19 000 to 20 000 SAPS members working in the Western Cape.

Where two or three are not doing a good job, I don't think there's anything wrong with highlighting the problem. But then fix the problem. Tell that SAPS member that he or she is doing something wrong – like taking brown envelopes.

You know as well as I do that that is a message we receive on a daily basis, but what are we doing about it? If we are not going to mention these things, the problem will escalate and grow bigger and bigger and then we will have a Khayelitsha situation with vigilante killings where people are taking the law into their own hands.

Some of the other issues you mentioned, member Gopie, you should take up with the standing committee.

Member Haskin spoke about the relations with the SAPS and I understand what he is getting at. I don't think the confidence in the SAPS is as low as he put it. I think again it's the case that with all the issues, luckily, we are not experiencing the problems with the SAPS down here in the Western Cape that there were at Marikana, Daveyton and those areas.

We don't want the same problems and issues down here in the Western Cape. However, it is a case of saying where there is a systemic problem, deal with it, highlight the problem and fix it.

I'm very glad you mentioned that you want the Commission of Inquiry to go ahead. I don't think the Commission of Inquiry has to get at the SAPS; it's got nothing to do with that. It is to identify what I have just said; to identify the systemic problems.

Why is it that the people in Khayelitsha – and I was in Khayelitsha again last week – at each and every meeting say they have no trust in the SAPS? Why? [Interjections.] Why is it that the people of Khayelitsha are of the opinion that they cannot trust the SAPS? At the end of the day, that is an issue we must fix. We want, through the Commission of Inquiry, for people to come and testify what their particular problems are with the SAPS. That's what we're after.

You also highlighted pedestrian safety and thank you for that. [Interjections.]

†The SPEAKER: Order, hon members!

†The MINISTER: Regarding the challenges, hon Ncedana, I thank you for the issues you have raised.

†Mr M SKWATSHA: Is the Minister ready to take a question?

†The MINISTER: Let me finish with what I'm doing right now. [Interjections.] No, sorry.

†The SPEAKER: Thank you, Minister. Carry on.

†The MINISTER: Regarding the challenges you raised, hon Ncedana, with regards to drugs, gangsters and that sort of thing, I think I've already answered that question to a large extent. You mentioned we should join hands and not politicise the issue of crime. I agree with you. We are definitely not politicising the issues. We're just saying allow us to fulfil our constitutional rights. That is where we're falling short.

I have no problem with the SAPS members in the Western Cape *per se*. We are good friend and have a very good working relationship. I think it is the SAPS hierarchy that is the problem. Everything we try to do in the Western Cape they see as a problem and they see it as a political issue. They must steer away from that notion. Allow us to do what we need to do as a government and as a department in the interest of the people of the Western Cape. That's all we're asking.

Once again, I cannot understand the thinking of national government, specifically national Minister Mthethwa. He sees the number of youth under the age of 30 years being killed on our streets on a daily basis and lets it go. Why? Why are they afraid to reinstate the Drug Unit? [Interjections.] Why do they fear the reinstatement of the Gang Unit to assist us to deal with these problems in a very meaningful way? I want to say to you, Mr Speaker, that I believe there's an ulterior motive behind this. There's another reason why they don't want us to deal with these specific issues. I'm pretty serious about that.

With regard to the vigilante killings, I think I've answered that question already. It is unheard of that so many people are killed in this way. The latest killing, Mr Speaker, was yesterday in Makhaza, Khayelitsha, and government let it go.

People must simply continue taking the law into their own hands and nothing happens about that.

We're not fighting with the police. We do not see the SAPS as our enemy. As I've said, wherever I go, all over the Western Cape, I've received as much assistance as possible from the SAPS and I cannot complain about that. That is why I'm saying that I think the SAPS, locally, is getting its directives from somewhere else. It gives a clear impression that there's a problem in our relationship and that is what we need to fix. [Interjections.]

Then with regard to the Visible Policing Unit (VPU), thank you very much for referring to the fact that the VPU is a very good measure to change communities and the environment. I also note your comment with regard to the CCTV cameras, specifically at night time with regard to identification and so on.

*Hon member Marais, thank you for your input. I take note that you're coming up for those SAPS members who are working under stress. According to you, their stress levels are very high and something has to be done about it. I think the police have the means in place to work with those members.

I also think the traffic authority is doing very well with traffic enforcement, but you also address the behaviour of motorists and then you plead that there should be bigger cooperation between us, the department, the community and the SAPS. We take note of that.

Mr Speaker, thank you for this opportunity.

Debate concluded.

†The SPEAKER: Order! The proceedings will be suspended for five minutes.

WESTERN CAPE APPROPRIATION BILL [B 2—2013]
(Debate on Vote 7 – Social Development)

†The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Mr Deputy Speaker, I acknowledge the Premier; Cabinet colleagues; members of the House; leaders in local government, whom I see in the gallery; representatives from our service delivery partners and NGOs – and I see a number of very interesting NGOs – colleagues and friends, and I see Mr Mike Waters, our colleague in the national Parliament; and all the citizens of the Western Cape.

Mr Deputy Speaker, in delivering my budget speech I am reminded of the many people in this wonderful province of ours who start each day determined to make a positive difference in the lives of others. Much of what is done and achieved by these dedicated and patriotic citizens never make the headlines and they are seldom acknowledged.

I want to start off today by acknowledging and paying tribute to all of those in our province, of all backgrounds, classes, denominations, faiths and cultures – you will notice I don't say colours because I absolutely reject the notion of colour – who strive to make the world we live in a better place for us and for the generation that will follow.

It is the expressed goal of my Ministry, the department and indeed the entire DA provincial government to find creative and sustainable ways of linking hands with all of these citizens so that we can extend opportunities to people that will enable them to lead lives they can value and freedom they can use.

Mr Deputy Speaker, in outlining my priorities for the coming financial year I want to start off with the basics by restating the importance of development in Social Development. This means that while a critical part of what we do is to provide various kinds of services and programmes aimed at assisting the vulnerable, the poor and the destitute in our society, it takes place in a context of development.

The development outcome should always be to ensure that the services and funding we provide will lead towards such recipients taking charge of their lives and that the overwhelming reliance on hand-outs from government is reduced over time. After all, such a process of development is central to addressing our strategic objectives of reducing poverty and increasing social inclusion.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the challenge of social development in this province is great. While the provincial government, under the able leadership of the Premier, continues to make great strides in meeting and addressing these challenges head-on, the journey ahead is still long and complex. I want to emphasise that, Mr Deputy Speaker.

The Department of Social Development is fully aware of its critical role in contributing towards the whole of society meeting these challenges. Social development is there for you from when you're born right until you die. That is the journey we travel with every citizen.

We move out of a previous financial year in which a number of events have starkly illustrated the disturbingly high levels of social dislocation – I want to use that term “social dislocation” – and distance trauma in many of our communities, urban and rural. I told the Premier just yesterday I went to visit an area in Kraaifontein where you see family dislocation and disintegration every weekend when you go there.

The scourge of poverty, unemployment and gangsterism as well as abuses of various kinds, particularly gender-based violence, continue to press down on and prevent many of our people, particularly the youth, from reaching their potential. I believe that as the Department of Social Development we are uniquely and strategically placed to put together a strategy that can begin to address these issues in a sustainable way, hon members – and I want to use the word “sustainable” in the correct context – and in a developmental manner.

I am therefore announcing three elements in this regard. The first is to work closely together with the Departments of Community Safety, Health, Economic Development, Cultural Affairs and Sport, and Education to develop a comprehensive strategy that addresses the unravelling of the social fabric of many communities.

This is not something that can be tackled effectively by a single department. It requires the active support of all levels of government, indeed, of the whole of society, and social development will take the lead in the development and implementation of such a strategy.

Secondly, in relation to the proliferation of gender-based violence, specifically, there are two initiatives I can announce immediately. Firstly, we will appoint, train and operationalize 25 social work graduates, who will work as specialised community-based trauma councillors. We will use these councillors in a number of different locations, including Khayelitsha, Atlantis, Nyanga, Mitchells Plain and Vredendal.

They will operate from our local social development offices and will play a critical role in ensuring that we build local community capacity to deal with and address trauma at a local level.

The second announcement in this regard, Mr Deputy Speaker, is the identification of suitable government-owned properties that are standing empty and their space going to waste, which could be utilised as safe houses, particularly for women and children who are victims of abuse. These safe houses will be run by the department and I'm very happy to say we've already identified a couple of these houses.

Mr Deputy Speaker, as for our mandate, the social development budget is first and foremost tabled in the context of increased service delivery to the poor and vulnerable in our society.

Mr Deputy Speaker, contrary to the accusations we hear many times in this House, that Social Development and the Western Cape government are cutting back on services to the poor and vulnerable, it is a fact that across all departments 76% of the province's total budget is being spent on the poor – and I wish I could spend some money in Constantia, hon Magwaza. [Laughter.]

Mr Deputy Speaker, as a department we remain steadfastly focused on meeting the challenges of delivering on Strategic Objective 8 ... [Interjections.]

†Mr M OZINSKY: Chrysalis is in Constantia.

†The MINISTER: No, Porter Estate in Tokai.

This objective aims to promote social inclusion and reduce poverty in the Western Cape. As the lead department for implementing key priorities under PSO 8, we place great emphasis on the following programmatic areas. [Interjections.]

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

†The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: That's more than she does.

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Minister Carlisle, please allow your own member to continue. Please continue, Minister. [Interjections.]

†The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: The first area we place emphasis on is early childhood development; the second one is youth and family development; the third is the reduction of drug and alcohol-related harms – and you will notice we say "harms" – and the last one is support for vulnerable groups.

Mr Deputy Speaker, in delivering on our mandate in terms of our care programmes, we have been very diligent in realigning our targets and budgets to deliver on these priorities. We have done so with due care to the delivery of quality services that are appropriately targeted, rely on evidence-based best practices and are cost-effective and, can I lastly add, that have some impact. We don't just dump the money without checking on the impact it has.

In my previous budget speech I made a commitment to cutting down exponentially on the procurement of unnecessary goods and services, advertising, catering, salaries, travel and subsistence and the like.

I take great pride in saying that we have kept to this commitment and significant savings in this regard have been passed on to our programmes. In this way we will at all times ensure that our scarce financial resources are spent on service delivery via our partners in the NGOs.

Mr Deputy Speaker, let us look at the budget. Please allow me to give you a short overview of my department's budget for the 2013-14 financial year with a focus on the most significant funding allocations. The department's total budget allocation for the 2013-14 financial year amounts to R1,578 billion, and it shows a substantial increase of R168 million from the previous financial year.

For Programme 2, in keeping with this government's approach to spending the bulk of our budget on the poor, Social Welfare Services once again takes the lion's share of the budget. In fact, of the R168 million total increase in the budget, R166 million or 99% of it goes to Social Welfare Services.

This means that it has received the biggest proportional increase in the budget. This reflects our shift away from unnecessary internal departmental costs in favour of service delivery to the poor and vulnerable.

Mr Deputy Speaker, in the past four years this administration has increased its allocation to Welfare Services from 78% of the total social development budget in 2009, to over 85% for the 2013-14 financial year, which is also up from nearly 84% in the 2012-13 financial year's budget.

By far the bulk of this amount is transfer funding earmarked for NGOs providing welfare services to the public on behalf of the department. We have hugely increased this allocation to NGOs from R767 million last year to R890 million this year. This is contrary to the hollow claims of funding cuts made by some in the opposition. I have no doubt that we will hear these claims again today, but I urge that the public looks past the rhetoric and focuses on the facts.

Indeed, Mr Deputy Speaker, probably for the first time in this department's history, the budget we table today for the 2013-14 financial year will ensure that all currently funded NGOs, which continue to be funded in the new financial year, will receive at the very minimum an inflation-related increase of 6% on their allocations. I know Mr Phillip Bam is very happy to hear that.

Previously, under the ANC government, year after year NGOs were paid the same amount of money to render the same level of quality and quantity of services to the public. This trend has nearly bled the NGO sector dry as inflation effectively decreased NGO income, while the same outputs were expected. As we will see, some sectors will receive increases well above inflation to ensure their sustainability.

At the same time, however, we will be implementing systems to ensure increased accountability from the NGO sector. I want to repeat that: We will implement systems to ensure increased accountability from the NGO sector. [Interjections.]

Mr Deputy Speaker, some programmes will also be receiving increased funding to enable the expansion of existing projects or to introduce entirely new projects in line with the imperatives of the Provincial Strategic Objective 8. The following sub programmes in Welfare Services have been prioritised in this budget.

Firstly, Child Care and Protection Services, which includes our ECD programmes, sees an increase of R76 million, or nearly 19%, to R482 million this year. That's up from R406 million last year. Nearly 100 000 children will benefit from this allocation. The increase in funding has also come with a drive to improve the quality of ECD services.

While statutory requirements, such as full registration with the Department of Social Development, are still a priority, our focus also expands to the quality of the teaching. Last year we trained more than 400 ECD practitioners across the province to work according to a hands-on curriculum that they had helped to put together.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I am furthermore delighted to say that we have increased the subsidy for children in ECDs to R15 per child per day. This is up from R12. This may seem like a small amount, but it makes a huge difference to the resources at ECD centres across the province.

Secondly, our services to vulnerable persons receive significant increases. Programmes for persons with disabilities will be funded to the tune of R86 million, up from R70 million in last year's main budget. Over the past two years, the allocation to this programme has, in fact, doubled. I want to say that in this specific programme for People Living with Disabilities, we will continue to pump in as much money as we can to improve the quality of people's lives.

Over the past two years, the amount for care and services to older persons increased to R166 million from the R154 million budgeted for in the 2012-13 financial year. Both of these areas of service are of critical importance to my department. We, as government, have a responsibility to do for people what they cannot reasonably be expected to do for themselves. Therefore, as a caring government, we should ensure that disabled citizens and frail and impoverished older persons are prioritised for services and protection.

We will continue to expand our service centres for persons with disabilities, especially focusing on the rural areas this year. I am so happy to have Ms Nina Klein here – she's somewhere in the gallery – who is doing sterling work in the disability sector.

Service centres for older persons are becoming very popular amongst our seniors and we shall continue to expand our current service centres, in addition to the 220 centres that are currently operational across the Western Cape.

At these service centres the older persons take part in programmes and activities that promote active ageing, like jumping up and down with a telephone directory, and overall wellbeing. Physical exercise is now part of their routine. We provide the facilities, the social welfare services and healthy nutrition. Hon Magwaza, we also provide them with healthy nutrition. They attend the programmes and in this way we can make their lives better together.

Mr Deputy Speaker, every day we are reminded of the alarming statistics of violence against women and children. We know that in South Africa a woman is raped every four minutes. We value the work done by our NGO partners in this field, so much so that our budget for this programme has nearly doubled from R9 million to R18 million for the 2013-14 financial year.

Also worth noting is that substance abuse, prevention and rehabilitation increases from R77 million last year to R81 million in the 2013-14 financial year. This will enable us to provide treatment for over 13 515 individuals in need of facilities and community-based outpatient treatment across the province.

This amount also includes increased provision for public information and early intervention services to help prevent the onset of drug and alcohol-related harms. In addition, we are increasing our provision for youth treatment and early intervention, and for fetal alcohol syndrome prevention programmes, especially in rural areas and on the farms.

I've given Minister Grant a copy of this. It is plain and simple information for every mother, father and teacher to know where to access some of these services. I'll also hand over a copy to hon Magwaza. I'll give ... [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

We have already seen positive results with our pilot outpatient projects for schoolchildren in Eerste River, Mitchells Plain and Khayelitsha, and we intend to extend these services in the 2013-14 financial year to Lavender Hill and Hout Bay. In addition, we are engaging with the Department of Health and the Sultan Bahu Treatment Centre in Mitchells Plain with a view to establishing South Africa's first outpatient opiate replacement programme.

This initiative is aimed at addressing the harms associated with the shifting trend toward heroin abuse in the province. This is an interesting development in the substance abuse sector, hon Magwaza. Until now, opiate detox and replacement therapy has been exclusively offered by in-patient facilities, but as research by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and other research has shown, these programmes can be very effective and offer a wider reach if rendered on an outpatient basis.

The Subprogramme: Care and Support Services to Families, receives a total allocation of R40 million. This will include the HIV programme, as well as other chronic illnesses and psychosocial support services.

Mr Deputy Speaker, our budget for Programme 3: Development and Research also sees significant shifts to align our funding with the strategic priorities of PSO 8.

Most notably, our youth development budget continues to grow from R24 million last year to R31 million for the 2013-14 financial year. This figure includes a total of R24 million budgeted for the supply of nutrition support for the MOD Centre programme.

The youth development budget has thus grown exponentially from a base of only R2million two years ago. It is no secret that I am passionate and committed to extending as many opportunities as possible to the youth of this province. The 2011 Census tells us that there are almost 3,6 million young people between the ages of 0 and 34 years in the province. If we break that figure down further, about 1,1 million are young people between the ages 14 and 25 years. This age group is the target of our newly completed Youth Development Strategy. For the first time the department has a comprehensive, detailed youth development strategy that will guide all our programmes targeting young people.

Before I go on I just want to welcome Brian and Sikulele, two of our young people who have been on some of our programmes.

It's just phenomenal to meet guys like these. Everyone talks about people on drugs and here we have a whole lot of great guys who are not on drugs. We are getting those with problems into our programmes. So it's great to have you guys here. [Applause.]

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Hear, hear!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Mr Deputy Speaker, the youth strategy puts us on a footing to ensure that the programmes we fund via NGOs, and those that we deliver through our own services, have a clear understanding of what the developmental outcomes are that they must meet.

Many times, hon members, we find a situation where we fund programmes and no one ever checks what the impact and outcome of these programmes are. For the first time we are looking to see what difference there is in a particular community. It may be slow, but one should see shifting trends all the time – like the shifting sands James Matthews wrote about.

The most important outcome that the strategy puts in place is that by age 25 all young people of the province should be economically self-sufficient and independent, healthy, with positive family, personal and social relationships, and should be active in their community. In pursuing these outcomes for young people the strategy identifies a wide range of services, programmes and support for young people that will ensure that they have access to the kinds of opportunities they need for their own development.

In the audience today is a young woman I invited, Kim Smith. Can I see where she is? She's a woman who grew up in a place called Bishop Lavis, Mr Deputy Speaker, and saw the planes flying over every day and heard the noise. She said to herself that she wanted to fly in one of those planes and travel the world. She wanted to get educated to get out of Bishop Lavis and wanted to meet Nelson Mandela, and eventually, when grown up, get married and have children.

She has done all of that, except for the last one – she said that can wait for a while. She has fulfilled all her dreams and all the goals she set for herself. As a government we should be able to facilitate the hundreds of Kims in similar circumstances to achieve that. Kim, we're very proud of you. Great! [Applause.]

Mr Deputy Speaker, we, however, also recognise that the implementation of this ambitious strategy will require the co-operation of all in my department's programmes, subprogrammes and transversal linkages with other government departments. Also, most critically, it will require implementation partnerships between us, NGOs, communities, families and, most importantly, the young people themselves.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I want to announce two further priority areas around youth development in this regard. The first is that we will be focusing a lot on those young people who are colloquially referred to as Neets – those young people not in employment, education or training. At the risk of sounding trite, Mr Deputy Speaker, we want to ensure that we have more Eets – people in employment, education, training and all our programmes – than Neets.

I'm so happy to see Prof John Cartwright here. He doesn't know it yet, but he's going to work on a couple of these programmes.

Our Neets strategy will be a transversal one and will involve ensuring that we create the broadest spectrum of opportunities, services and support for these young people, via the Extended Public Works Programme, the Community Works Programme, the Premier's Project for the Advancement of Youth (Pay) and other similar initiatives.

†Ms C F BEERWINKEL: And the MOD Centres?

†The MINISTER: Of course, the MOD Centres are always included, but these are for ones who are not in school.

The second important youth priority programme I want to briefly focus on is that of the Chrysalis Youth Academy. A lot has been said today about Chrysalis, but I'd like to say to the CEO of Chrysalis, Lucille Meyer – I don't know where she is – I think all of the Ministers have spoken about Chrysalis today and acknowledged the turnaround that you have brought about at the facility.

We are very, very proud of the work that you are doing and I want to support Minister Plato in acknowledging the work that you are doing. To you and your team I would like to say, as the government, we are incredibly proud of the work you are doing, ...

†The LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION: So are we.

†The MINISTER: ... and on behalf of the House and everyone here. It's nice to hear the Leader of the Opposition feels the same. [Interjections.]

Mr Deputy Speaker, we believe that the importance of the work done by the academy cannot just be measured in the short term. We say this, because even though we see the vastly changed young men and women who emerge from the three-month courses, we also believe that these young people will go on to play a critically important leadership role in their communities and society at large in the future.

This coming Saturday – I know it's the Easter weekend – we're having the graduation. It's always great going to graduation and it will be great to see many more members of the House there at Tokai on Saturday. It's nice to see how the mothers celebrate the changes in their children after three months. They now are beautiful butterflies coming out of the Chrysalis egg. This year we again aim to support them.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I now turn to an initiative that I'm personally incredibly excited about. As part of the move towards maximising youth opportunity creation, we will be establishing what we call "youth cafés", Ms Magwaza. I must emphasise that this is not a reference to the fast-food enterprises that young people love so much, but rather it will be a local fulcrum for the provision of services, support and opportunities for young people.

Youth cafés will be safe and youth-centred places where young people across the board can meet, gather, socialise as well as do social networking, learn, explore, identify opportunities and, importantly, network. It will be a place where young people will want to be seen, because it will speak to and address their needs.

Penny is already doing some great work for us on the career path aspect of the youth cafés where young people will, in a multimedia way, be able to look at what possibilities there are for accessing bursaries and jobs.

The youth are wondering what they can do besides becoming teachers. I think teachers are great people, but there are other things.

I want to emphasise it won't be the normal, boring office-based projects that young people generally don't want to use. It will be an exciting place, most probably located in places like shopping malls with high levels of youth traffic, a place where young people can listen to music, listen to the Swedish House Mafia, and sing and enjoy themselves or just meet friends. It's going to be quite an exciting place for all of us.

The youth cafés will therefore be much more than simply a job-and-CV processing centre, but they will allow young people to access a full range of services, support and opportunities. I have great pleasure in announcing that we will be establishing youth cafés in the following areas: Bredasdorp, Vredenburg-Saldanha, Worcester, Athlone, Khayelitsha, Atlantis, Gugulethu and, of course, Mitchells Plain. [Applause.]

†Ms E PRINS: What about Oudtshoorn?

*The MINISTER: We'll get there, but let's just start somewhere. Don't worry about that.

†Child and Youth Care Centres for Youth at Risk, as regulated in the Child Justice and Children's Acts, have been our focus in the past financial year and will continue to be a focus in the coming years. Lindelani Child and Youth Care Centre for boys has been repurposed following specific needs that arose over the past few years for certain programmes and services for our youth at risk. This is the first of three such centres that we plan to roll out over the next three years in the Western Cape.

The reasons are:

- To ensure a proper assessment and risk determination of those "difficult-to-place" youth, in order to prevent an automatic placement in a restrictive facility from being done. These are our Roar centres, better known as Reception, Observation, Assessment and Referral centres or programmes.
- To stabilise behaviour of youth by attending to their holistic needs, structuring their requirements and then reintegrate them into more suitable placements, a special Care and Development Unit has been established.
- A Place of Safety programme for older youth, 12 to 17 years, is also necessary as this is the category of child that cannot so easily be placed in a children's home, pending finalisation of their cases before the Children's Court.
- Lastly, there is a category of awaiting-trial children who are extremely vulnerable due to their physical, behavioural or mental challenges or risks.

Our bed space for sentenced youth will be increased from 80, only in the Metro, to 136, and by a further 56 bed spaces in the Eden-Karoo region. Again, you see, we are in Eden-Karoo and Oudtshoorn-George. The programme delivery that focuses on offence-specific programmes also receives special attention. We tend to just throw everyone together; let us look at offence-specific programmes.

Infrastructure, IT and goods and services enhancements have already commenced and will continue and the recruitment of professional staff for these centres will be finalised by July 2013.

In this regard I want to announce the appointment – and again we have put our money where our mouths are – of Chrysalis graduates as independent facility visitors. They will visit all DSD facilities on a regular basis to ensure that the conditions of the centres and the treatment of the youth in those centres comply with international human rights standards. I think this is a first for South Africa. Please give me a hand for that. [Applause.] [Interjections.]

Last year, Mr Deputy Speaker, the increase in the youth development budget came against a significant decrease in the budget for the Sustainable Livelihoods Programme, mainly due to the detection of massive corruption and misuse of funds in that programme by officials and certain NGOs. Investigations in this regard are ongoing, funding to the culprits has been cut and disciplinary action is ensuing.

In fact, Mr Deputy Speaker, I am now also investigating the possibility of giving our Provincial Traffic Department the authority – and I will talk to hon Carlisle and hon Plato about this – to stop and check all government vehicles in my department for the relevant documentation pertaining to the use of that vehicle. I remember in the old days they stopped every car and asked, “Waar’s jou ritstaat?” So help you if you didn’t have an appropriate log sheet.

The reason I want to do this is because I get calls early on a Sunday morning, sometimes when I’m in church, hon Ozinsky, and then I’m told there’s a GG car of mine – not my own one – standing in front of some shebeen, but there’s nothing we can do.

An HON MEMBER: Really?

The MINISTER: Yes, at shebeens. Cars are standing all over. We are taking proactive measures so that we can save more money for the department that can go to the NGOs.

Judging by the number of cases that have been investigated in the past with regard to the abuse of GG vehicles, I estimate conservatively that in my department alone, hon Skwatsha, we can save in excess of R20 million per year in wasteful and unauthorised expenditure. This saving can be ploughed straight back to the poor and vulnerable. Imagine what could be saved if this were implemented across the 10, 11 or so departments.

In the meantime the remaining budget for this programme has increased slightly to R4 million. This is so that we can continue with the emergency provision of food for communities where the Department of Health has identified a high incidence of malnutrition. We have heard the opposition claiming we are unduly cutting back. Let me be very clear about this: I think we are giving far more.

This province will never deny the provision of emergency nutrition to those genuinely in need of it. In fact, where we can, we endeavour to include food as part of a package of services that will promote the more sustainable social inclusion of the beneficiaries.

I know the hon members know that. I think sometimes they just make comments here, but we all know that in every programme there's a nutrition component.

We provide food as part of our MOD Centre programmes; our protective workshops for the disabled; our ECDs provide food; in the case of the education department, they have food at schools; in the older persons programme; and I can go on and on.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I am also pleased to announce that under Programme 1, the budget for Administration continues on a downward spiral. Don't you think this is good news? This is down from R179 million last year to R175 million for the 2013-14 financial year. This means that we are able to redirect more funding to service delivery areas and priorities.

*Stop spending up there; spend in the areas. [Interjections.]

*Ms J WITBOOI: How many times have you been overseas?

*The MINISTER: Never. I hope to go now on a sponsored one. [Laughter.] It's nice to say "never".

†Compensation of employees sees a slight increase from R478 million from last year to R521 million for the 2013-14 financial year. We have allocated funds for the much-needed filling of vacancies in our service delivery departments, for increasing the capacity of the office of the CFO and for the implementation of the departmental facilities strategy.

I am also delighted to be able to further capacitate our NGO partners by appointing graduate social workers to work at NGOs. They will gain invaluable experience while at the same time making their skills and knowledge available to organisations desperately seeking more hands on deck in order to render vital services in vulnerable communities.

My pledge to the NGOs was that we would cover the salary costs of the graduate social workers, while they reaped the benefits of the additional human resources.

This brings me to another key shift in our focus and approach to NGO funding. I am pleased to say that with our increased allocations to NGOs for welfare and other services, we have also introduced increased accountability mechanisms to ensure that the public gets value for money, and that the beneficiaries of our services receive quality services. So, if there's 35 plates of food, hon Magwaza, let the people get 12 plates of food and not two.

In this regard we have concluded a new funding policy that significantly improves and simplifies the process via which proposals for funding are assessed and processed in the department. The policy will ensure that transfer payments are managed in a manner that promotes accountability, efficient administration, clear performance requirements and the principle of administrative justice.

It is premised on ensuring that the department, within its available budgetary resources as provided for annually by the Vote, funds the provision of statutory social welfare services to achieve the progressive social services rights pertaining to children.

Here we go for the aggressive implementation of section 27 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa. It specifically pertains to older persons and other vulnerable members of society, as envisaged in section 27.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the department continues to demonstrate in practice its commitment to extending opportunities to people that will contribute towards lifting them out of poverty and helping them to build and lead lives of value and purpose. Through the generous increases to key programmes, as outlined in this budget speech, we believe that such efforts will play a significant role in improving the lives of the poor and vulnerable of this province.

At the same time, though, we shall continue to promote and practise austerity measures so that we maximise the amount of funding available for service delivery in our sector. Reducing poverty remains a huge challenge, and I am hopeful that the shifts and changes we will implement will result in more people being able to access much needed services.

Before I finally conclude, I really wish to thank the Premier passionately for her astute, wise and inspiring leadership, guidance and unwavering support. The Premier continues to set the standard that sees this provincial government well on its way to its stated objective of being the best-run regional government in the world.

I want to say to my Cabinet colleagues, passionately, thanks for your support – I think we are far more than Cabinet colleagues. At Christmas I wrote a little thing that said “love you”. Men can’t deal with love you, but I wrote “love you” to all of them. I think we must say that to each other. Mr Skwatsha looks very worried about the “love you”. [Laughter.] [Interjections.]

To my Cabinet colleagues, thanks very much for your support. To the members on our side the House, I also want to say thank you for your support; you’re a great caucus to be in. There are great people in this group.

To the people on the other side of the House, the opposition, I’ve always had a fantastic time with you so let us continue with this work. [Interjections.] Yes, with you, specifically, hon Magwaza. Let us join hands and move forward so that we may get young people off the streets and onto our programmes. Let’s move forward like when we marched in Bredasdorp, hon Magwaza, with you on the one side and Ms Prins on the other, hanging on to me in the middle. [Laughter.] Then the next day you made a statement that said the opposite about me. [Laughter.] [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER: To my Ministry staff, David Abrahams and all the people in the Ministry, thanks very much for all your work. I’d like to say to the staff of Social Development – and a lot of people have a lot say about them – and to all the social workers who get harassed and chased out of townships at night when they have to go and remove children, nobody knows about that and the trauma you have to go through. It’s not known and there are no newspaper headlines, but I’m saying to every single social worker thank you for the work you guys are doing. [Applause.]

To every member of the administrative staff and the financial people, whose nerves I get a lot, thank you for the work. I want to say to all of you, great work, you do a great job. I'm personally very proud of you and I don't care what other people say.

To all the facilities guys – and there are a number of them sitting here – continue with making our places a place of change for young people. When they leave let them have hope and let them have a future that they believe in. Let us continue so that we will make a difference, and that's the point. Let's not just talk a lot – let's just go and make a difference.

Lastly, to my wife: Thanks for all the support. To my son whom I love dearly – again, I'm a father who says he loves his son – he's not here, but I extend my warm love to him. To my friends in the gallery: It's great to have you as friends. Great stuff! Thank you very much.

*Ms A J DU TOIT MARAIS: Mr Deputy Speaker, it's always exciting to listen to Minister Fritz, just because he is so passionate about what he does. I want to congratulate him with the practical examples that he highlighted today of what he, as Minister, and the department have achieved. Congratulations on that. It is really heartening.

†Mr Deputy Speaker, with the horrific prevalence of rape; gang violence; domestic, women and child abuse; broken homes; poverty; and substance abuse in the Western Cape, we welcome and support the allocated budget for the Department of Social Development.

The department will be held accountable for providing integrated developmental social welfare services to the poor and vulnerable in partnership with stakeholders and civil society organisations as well as providing sustainable development programmes, which facilitate the empowerment of communities. These programmes will be based on empirical research and demographic information.

I thank the Minister and his department for their transparency in stating the demands and changes in services and the expected changes in services and resources.

The Minister and his department now know that the population of the Cape Metro is consistently increasing and as the metro and district municipalities have distinctly different economic features, social development programmes and projects should now be focused and planned with this knowledge in order to deliver to the people of the Western Cape.

Faced with an increase in reported rapes and acts of violence which tear apart the cohesive fabric of society, we welcome the department's plans and budget, which will continue to be redirected for the most effective and efficient fit between community needs and national and provincial strategic priorities, of which the most significant is Provincial Strategic Objective 8: Promoting social inclusion and reducing poverty.

For the 2013-14 financial year, the focus will be directed at the following: Family strengthening; early childhood development (ECD); youth at risk; vulnerable groups, in particular older persons and persons with disabilities; and preventing and reducing violence.

Mr Deputy Speaker, it is all good and well to have all these plans and projects on paper, but human resources are required to put all of it into action. With this said, I was pleased to see that provision is made for the appointment of permanent staff, including the new CFO structure and interns; intensifying training and development of staff; improving systems; and redirecting resources to service delivery areas.

I congratulate the Minister and his department on the past success of their programmes. I will only mention a few as I feel each of them has had a significant influence on the department's overarching objective to promote social inclusion and reduce poverty.

The programmes for the 2012-13 financial year included, amongst other things, a programme for persons with disabilities. Funding levels for protective workshops and homes for people with disabilities were increased. During Deaf Awareness Month, the programme partnered with Deafsa through the Chief Directorate: Service Delivery to conduct deaf awareness sessions which reached out to 144 officials of the Department of Social Development.

There was also the Victim Empowerment Programme and, Mr Deputy Speaker, it is a myth that rape is the product of an overwhelming sex drive. It is a fact that rape is an act of violence and not a sexual act. It is a myth that rape is only a women's issue. The fact is males are the least likely to report a sexual assault, though it is estimated that they make up 10% of all victims. Seventy-one per cent of male victims were first raped before their 18th birthday, 16,6% were 18 to 24 years old, and 12,3% were 25 years or older. I would like to encourage the department also to look into this issue.

The Older Persons Programme made significant progress in registering all funded residential facilities, as prescribed by the Older Persons Act. I want to commend the Neighbourhood Old-Age Homes (Noah) and Sttop for the excellent services delivered to our senior citizens.

Under the Child Care and Protection Programme the roll out of training on the development and implementation of the ECD Programmes proved to be very successful and the first 200 programmes are ready for registration. Work on the priority projects identified by the Provincial Integrated ECD Strategy is progressing well in conjunction with the Departments of Education, Health and Agriculture, and the City of Cape Town.

The Substance Abuse Programme piloted the new monitoring tool which is aligned with the Prevention of and Treatment for Substance Abuse Act, Act 70 of 2008, for all substance abuse treatment programmes.

Under Crime Prevention and Support one therapeutic programme by Khulisa was rolled out to sentenced children in Wellington to manage children with severe behavioural problems. A protocol document for the designation of children to CYCCs, as part of the transfer process, was drafted and disseminated to the regions and the WCED.

The Care and Support to Families Programme co-ordinated the provincial public hearings and consultations with service providers and beneficiaries on the National Green Paper for Families. In an effort to strengthen specialisation in work with families, 12 social workers attended the first phase of the Post-Graduate Diploma course in Child and Family Studies at the University of the Western Cape.

The Youth Development Programme was able to expand the rural footprint of services and organisations.

I look forward to the programmes as planned for the 2013-14 financial year, and the Minister and his department should expect sustained interest from the standing committee in their progress on these critical issues.

†Ms N P MAGWAZA: Mr Deputy Speaker, it is important that we congratulate the national government on increasing the overall share of the budget of the Western Cape. This has made it possible for the budget of the provincial Department of Social Development to be increased. Let me leave it at that.

I wanted to highlight that, but I also want to say that this department, the staff in particular, are dedicated members who have been there for ages and are doing their work diligently. However, to sit without a head is problematic. This department has had one head after the other. In three months we have this head and in another three months we have another head.

We have to have a head of department, the driver of the department who will drive all the programmes and will assist the center to hold in order for the department to be successful.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Ms N P MAGWAZA: On 9 May 1994, the leader of this country, the honorable Nelson Mandela, said the following, and I quote:

We enter into a covenant that we shall build a society in which all South Africans, both black and white, will be able to walk tall, without fear in their hearts, assured of their inalienable right to human dignity – a rainbow nation at peace with itself and the world.

Fifty-one years before the historic occasion of 1994, the ANC had adopted the Bill of Rights in 1943, which is also known as the African Claims document. This drew upon the Atlantic Charter of 1941 and was deeply inspired by some of the key ideas such as that there was to be an advancement of social welfare and that the participants would work for a world free of want and fear.

Today, as we discuss this Budget Vote, we have to continue being the champions for the fulfillment of those ideals of 1941. I know that it will be difficult for the DA to grasp and understand this. [Interjections.]

Today we are discussing the Budget Vote that deals with the social development of those people who have an inalienable right to dignity and safety in our society; those people who through no doing of their own find themselves in a position where they need to be taken care of by those who are in a better position than theirs.

They are the battered women and children who are in most cases victims of the society that they were born into; the disabled, who were either born with a disability or through some mishap in their lives have become disabled; and the elderly, who deserve to spend their last days in dignity and peace.

In the South Africa that we live in these people become the conscience of everybody, including the government.

Any government should be called to account when it comes to the care of these people. It should provide for these people in our society and the government of the Western Cape should be judged for the way in which it fails to take care of this special group in the province.

Last year we heard that the department would directly focus on strengthening families; early childhood development; youth at risk; vulnerable groups, particularly older persons and persons with disabilities; and preventing and reducing violence.

By her own admission, the Premier, in her State of the Province Address, acknowledged that the DA had failed the most vulnerable in the province, with the prevalent rate of HIV that had increased from 16% to 18,4%, with the biggest increase among women between 30 and 39 years of age.

She admitted that disability is a neglected field. Drug-related crimes increased from 70 588 to 77 067 cases. Driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs increased to 17 534 cases. It is no wonder, then, that the budget decisions for this financial year are exactly the same as that of last year. [Interjections.] This is an indication that the department has stagnated and lacks vision, and that it needs new political leadership. I have read the budget and I'm very sure of the facts.

Last year, the Minister of Social Development said that the department had realigned its budget to meet the demands of the new priorities it had set for itself, and I quote:

Our approach is reflected in the key shifts in the budget. Primarily, we have shifted funds away from unnecessary goods and services such as advertising, catering, salaries, travel and subsistence.

Yet we see that this year the provision for catering, for example, for departmental activities has increased by 15,9% from R4,578 million last year to R6,909 million this year. Salaries have increased from R449,289 million to R521,3 million.

According to the Annual Performance Plan (APP) for the 2012-13 financial year, the department had set itself a target of 2 431 posts to be filled. The reality according to the APP for the 2013-14 financial year is that only 1 581 posts were filled. The Minister needs to explain why there is such a massive shortfall in the target that it has set for itself. The department indicates that the sizes of households are increasing in the Cape Metro while they are decreasing in the different districts in the province.

With the typical vagueness that we have become accustomed to, there is an indication that provision has to be made in the planning of services to deal with these trends, but there is no mention of any plan to deal with the challenges. We have seen over the past year that the department is very good at identifying challenges but lacks the ability to come up with suitable plans that could alleviate the problems.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the Department of Social Development is the one department that could bring about change in our society and it has an obligation to do so. We are all aware of the scourge of gender-based violence that is escalating by the day, and it is time that the government of the Western Cape takes note of this increase in crime against women and children.

It is a fact that violence undermines national development efforts by fueling the brain drain of skilled South Africans who cite fear of violence as the number one reason for emigration. It frightens off international developers, negatively impacts on South Africa as a tourist destination, causes immeasurable personal suffering and has created an atmosphere where the average South African, irrespective of race, colour or socioeconomic situation, feels unsafe in his or her communities.

Violence against women and girls increases poverty and illiteracy. It affects productivity and undermines the health and wellbeing of victims and their families. It also places South Africa's attempts to meet the Millennium Development Goals out of reach.

The province should seek the knowledge and understanding of what would work to address the high levels of gender-based violence in the province instead of running away when women of the province merely want to hand over a memorandum seeking to meet the provincial government to find ways of working together to deal with this scourge. The province should go back to the drawing board and look at whether their strategies are still relevant. We need to call upon everyone so that we can say, all of us – like the ANC – that together we can do more.

The issue of women is supposed to resort under the watchful, hawk's eye of the Premier, but there isn't one dedicated, sustainable programme regarding women among the programmes of the Department of the Premier. Instead, we will find sporadic events aimed at women's issues and then it is only to get publicity for the DA.

The Sixteen Days of Activism for No Violence against Women and Children campaign should not be left to a certain period of the year when we take the issue out of the closet only to put it back 16 days later until the next year. Activism against violence against women and children should be an ongoing campaign for 365 days of the year.

We need to work with the national government and the local government and copy the good work that has been done by the national government which has undertaken and supported a range of measures to prevent and address violence against women, including strengthening legal policy and institutional frameworks, improving the availability of services for victims or survivors of violence, engaging multiple stakeholders to prevent violence against women and children and announcing a data collection and analysis programme. The department should do the same.

Despite these efforts, sexual and gender-based violence remains widespread. Efforts to address the issues in the Western Cape are without a doubt not comprehensive, consistent or sustainable. In spite of the DA-government's claim that it wants to be the best-run regional government in the world, all its systems are controlled from the Premier's Office.

There continues to be insufficient co-ordination among the relevant sectors and departments, which still operate in silos when it comes to addressing gender-based violence.

If the government of the Western Cape is serious about protecting our girls and women then we would have heard more about that from the Premier in her State of the Province Address as well as from the Minister of Social Development today. [Interjections.] To utter a few words of sympathy and shock about the brutal rape and murder of a young girl is simply not enough.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the social ills of abuse against women and children reaffirm the need for us to build strong families to enable them to protect the most vulnerable members of our society. There needs to be a shift in the focus of government services from merely targeting individuals to rather responding to their needs as family members.

The department needs to assist social workers in the province to enable them with the necessary skills in order to deal with the matter holistically. It is not enough to just say, thank you, social workers. Their plight must be addressed. Social workers have been taken for granted for a long time in the province. In my time we did seek to address the problem. When you came into power it was easy because you just passed what was there. [Interjections.] I said that you need to assist social workers.

The presence of social workers in communities is crucial to the success of the department's half-hearted effort to address the social issues within our communities. There has to be a change in attitude towards the social workers in the Western Cape, who are underpaid and overworked. The Minister should take cognisance of the needs and workload of social workers.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the evidence attests to the fact that the first 1 000 days of a child's life offer a unique opportunity for optimal physical and cognitive development and for the overall health of the child. The department is lagging behind in a qualitative early childhood development policy that involves the broader community and civil society.

It is not enough to engage with the Departments of Education, Health and Agriculture and the City of Cape Town. It is obvious that the DA thinks that the Western Cape ends at the boundaries of the City of Cape Town. The needs of the people in the rural areas of the province are just as great, if not greater, than those in Cape Town. [Interjections.] Hunger and malnutrition are not only physical conditions; they also lead to many of the problems that we have to deal with in our community.

The typical practice of the DA is to spin by speaking about its outreach programmes and feeding schemes, but it does not recognise the true needs of the people or the real reactions of the department to that. One of the department's strategic objectives is to give children, their care-givers and households at risk of hunger access to appropriate nutrition. Let the department's numbers in the APP speak for themselves on this matter.

In the 2010-11 financial year the figure was 74 700. It then dropped to 3 307 in the 2012-13 financial year and now the target is 19 140 for the 2013-24 financial year. On what does the department base these figures? Is it just a figure that dropped out of nowhere, because the APP indicates that no profiling was done and that there is no plan in place to do such profiling? We will watch this space next year when you have to report on this matter.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the department clearly lacks the ability to plan or to learn from past experience. There are numerous examples that can be used to illustrate this.

One such an example is the number of clients who access substance abuse services. There is an increase in substance abuse in the Western Cape, yet the department sees a decline in the figures for clients who make use of these services. In the department's strategic-plan target it makes provision for 14 150, but the actual figures run from 40 711 to 45 303. Suddenly the increased numbers of substance abusers are missing. The department predicts a client total of 13 515 for the 2013-14 financial year.

We live in the province with the highest serious crime rate in the country, and then the other provinces follow. The Western Cape has the second highest incidence of reported sexual offences. The department's crime prevention and support programmes cannot deal with the reality of the situation. It is clear that the government of the Western Cape does not have the ability to deal with the threats to its citizen's right to live in a crime-free environment.

Mr Deputy Speaker, in closing I want to stress that the Department of Social Development in the Western Cape is failing in its mission to ensure the provision of a comprehensive network of social development services that will enable and empower the poor, the vulnerable and those with special needs. Therefore, it cannot create the self-reliant society that it wishes to create in the Western Cape. The Minister and his department are not only letting themselves down, they are letting the people of the Western Cape down.

†Ms J A VAN ZYL: Mr Deputy Speaker, according to Statistics SA, the Western Cape province has more than 5,2 million people. Half of them earn between R401 and R1 600 per month and are thus classified as poor. A third of those classified as poor are indigent and thus are living on less than US\$1 per day – and the exchange rate at 12:30 today showed that the rand is R9,50 to the US dollar.

*The core functions of this department are to provide to the poorest and the most vulnerable programmes that empower communities. The most vulnerable communities are, apart from the fact of economic inequalities, also subject to violent crimes, gender inequality, drug and alcohol abuse and gang violence.

Cope therefore welcomes the strategy announced by the Minister and the inclusion of various departments to work together to find solutions for the social decline in communities. However, we also share in the grief of families who have lost loved ones in the ongoing gang violence. When Minister Plato tells you about the three-month-old baby who was shot on Sunday, one feels a chill down the spine and it leaves you speechless. You can feel the emotion and the grief tears at your heart.

Children grow up in these circumstances of drugs and alcohol abuse and gang violence and regard it as their ideal world. There is no space for children outside where they can play undisturbed and safely. The disciplineless, disrespectful behaviour of children, who are born from the examples set by their parents, further leads to family violence, child abuse, rape and murder and this is transferred from one generation to the next.

In the department's overview this and other focal points are dealt with. As far as drug and alcohol abuse are concerned more attention will have to be given to rural areas because this is where foetal alcohol syndrome become a very big challenge. Minister Botha also reacted to this in his budget debate this morning.

Older people will be helped to stay in their communities longer and will receive support from community-based aid centres, which includes exercise programmes and nutritious meals.

As far as child care and protection programmes are concerned, the department will from the end of April this year be responsible for the implementation of section 196(3) of the Children's Act, which deals with industrial and transformation schools. The aim of this programme is to return children to their parents or original communities.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the department also provides 15 400 children and youths who participate in activities at MOD centres with food, which consists of a sandwich and a fruit or juice per day.

This morning I made a few calls to schools regarding the facilities at MOD centres and to my astonishment I discovered the following: three schools in the metro did not know where their nearest MOD centre was and one school confirmed that they had to register 200 children before they could get the sandwiches and fruit or juice, while a rural school confirmed that between 80 and 100 children per day attend the MOD centre and that they do get a sandwich and fruit or juice per day.

Is the message about where the MOD centres are situated and the facilities available there being clearly communicated to communities? Mr Deputy Speaker, can the Minister explain why 200 children had to register first before food could be provided to them? A hungry child cannot do homework or take part in sport. In what income bracket do these children's parents fall? Is it likely that they fall in the group who earn less than US\$1, or R9,50, a day?

†Ms J L HARTNICK: Mr Deputy Speaker, the oversight role that we, as Members of the Provincial Parliament and the standing committee, play over this department is of pivotal importance as this department provides social development services that enable and empower the poor, the vulnerable and those with special needs.

*Mr Deputy Speaker, while studying the department's subprogrammes it is gratifying to note that they were drafted with the aim of empowering especially previously disadvantaged communities. Although the Western Cape's socioeconomic indicators are relatively favourable compared to the other provinces, it appears that the standard of living of the residents of this province is much higher than in the rest of the country. Many people, however, are living in poverty because of unemployment and therefore it is this department, in cooperation with non-governmental organisations, that brings relief to many households.

†Mr Deputy Speaker, I want to commend the department for the finalisation of the Provincial Child Protection Strategy – which is aimed at securing a properly resourced, co-ordinated and managed child protection system in accordance with the Children's Act, Act 38 of 2005 – as well as the Green Paper, the main aim of which is to foster family wellbeing and to promote and strengthen families and family life.

*I want to express my appreciation for the R86 million increase budgeted for the benefit of people with handicaps, as well as day-care programmes for handicapped children and adults in areas where the need is very high, including Genadendal, Gansbaai, Saron, Riviersonderend and Hawston. Mr Deputy

Speaker, I visited the workshop in Hawston and I was impressed with what I saw. A big thanks to all the officials and volunteers involved there.

Mr Deputy Speaker, over the past few months we regularly read front-page reports about abused women and children and drug-related crimes. In view of this I appeal to every official in this department to see to it that all funds – almost R220 million – budgeted for these two programmes are applied in full to put an end to this evil in our communities.

Mr Deputy Speaker, this morning a former ANC-MEC in Limpopo was arrested by the hawks for alleged fraud involving R15 million. It is tragic that public representatives daily talk about the level of poverty among especially previously disadvantaged people, but when they have an opportunity to change those people's circumstances they commit fraud to enrich themselves.

It is this department that daily works with the marginalised and broken people in our communities. Mr Deputy Speaker, I have learnt to give credit where and when necessary. What you are doing, Minister, does not go unseen. You must therefore continue the selfless service you are rendering by applying the money where it is needed.

*The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Mr Deputy Speaker, in opening I want to make a statement. There is a tradition in this House. I first want to say that there is a member I greatly admire and he is the hon Ozinsky. I suppose he will feel flattered now.

†I deliver a complete speech of 30 pages and someone will get up and stress the opposite of what I have just said. The facts, the stats, everything is the opposite. So the question is: What is the purpose of the House? [Interjections.] Is the purpose of the House, Mr Deputy Speaker, that we just come and read here? Surely one would think the guy said this or that so I should change a bit here and there. The reply delivered, is total nonsense.

There is a reason why I say that. Hon Magwaza knows I really like her. I personally like her and she knows that. [Laughter.] She knows her job as a politician is not to get up, just for the sake of it, to say anything as long as it's the opposite of what I've said, whether it makes sense or not.

†Ms N P MAGWAZA: It's what's in the reports.

†The MINISTER: You know a lot about those reports. I want to come to the other hon members, but I really want to firstly deal with the hon Magwaza. She makes some great points, but they are not related to the speech. They are very, very good points.

The first point I want to make is that I want to give her the undertaking that we honour the sentiments of Nelson Mandela, when he said that we should build a society for all South Africans, where we treat people with dignity and specifically when people are poor we should treat them with dignity and humanity.

I think everyone sitting here – and it includes the opposition – knows that is one of my first priorities. I once went into one of my department's offices, because I was just in the mood to, and I said, "Sassa sent me here, so where must I get my pension?"

She then said: “No, go down the road.” I again asked: “Where must I get my pension?” Then the woman looked up and saw it was me because there was a photo of me hanging against the wall. She then realised that I was the Minister.

The point I want to make is that I take strong exception to anyone treating any of our people with disrespect, in an undignified manner and in a way where the humanity of that person does not prevail. When you're poor the only thing you have is your humanity and dignity. [Interjections.] That is all that you have left.

I can give you the assurance – that's the one good point you make – that we in the department will continue with this culture and we will impress it upon our staff to treat every single person with the required dignity.

I'm not sure whether Sassa is doing that, and I say this with respect. Every month with the pay collections people stand in the sun. [Interjections.] Yes, I do that, because you praised your national counterparts. Let me also say that I'm not in competition with national. I think we work very well together. There's no competition if we really want to get the best for our people on the ground. I really want to make that point.

Hon Magwaza, I'm not going to relate the other point you made, because I don't think you realise what was in this speech.

That's why I asked you to give me your speech and I'll give you mine. Then we can talk sense ... [Interjections.] ... and not talk past each other. I want to make two points ... [Interjections.] Yes, we give it to each other, then we understand each other.

Ms Magwaza, your second point is about the decrease in the numbers; and I think it was the 13 500 relating to the drug problem. You know as well as I do that the programme before that was the Ke Moja programme. Mr Deputy Speaker, we explained to the hon member that before that there was a programme called Drug Awareness, ...

*Mr H P GEYER: It's difficult for her to understand.

†The MINISTER: ... where you went into a classroom with the Ke Moja programme. Then you could say you had spoken to so many people and then you simply ticked it off. You didn't worry about the impact, but you can say you reached 40 000 people.

We explained this to you in the standing committee. We have moved away from that and it's now part of life orientation in the education curriculum. You were speaking about the sustainability of the programmes. We must do it in a sustained way through education, so that the behaviour around substance abuse will change.

I concur with you, hon Magwaza, no one wants to visit a town that is not safe – and I wish I were the Minister of Police, by the way. [Interjections.] Yes, I wish I were, because I would have done something about the unsafe situation. [Interjections.] No, I'm talking about Minister Mthethwa. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

The MINISTER: Mr Deputy Speaker, that's the point I want to make; I agree with you that no one wants to visit a place that's unsafe.

Hon Skwatsha will remember we all speak about the whole of society all the time. This includes all departments, all of society, the NGOs and the ordinary people. I myself must not go walking around at any time I like. Then I was attacked for saying I shouldn't walk in the bush or any place where I may be attacked. I'm talking about myself, not anyone else. So don't create the opportunity for crime. [Interjections.]

That's why, hon Skwatsha, through you, Mr Deputy Speaker, we take these things seriously. I know you made a point about this after the attack on Anene Booysen. You know I don't politicise social issues, but your leader, Marius Fransman, politicised the issue. He didn't even know the three of us had marched in Bredasdorp. He didn't even know it yet, but he politicised it and he attacked me personally. That is why I raise it, because it affected me.

The point I'm making is that we should be far more serious about not trying to score political points. Therefore, there are practical proposals about safe houses, trauma counselling and working with the police when it comes to domestic violence. I see the police have a domestic violence pilot project in Mitchells Plain and we want to work with them on that.

On a lot of the issues, hon Magwaza, we will always work transversally. The department can't avoid it. That's why we have the PSO8 that's transversal. In this regard I want to thank the hon Minister Meyer for the support that he's been giving the department and me. We use sport and hip-hop dancing – there's no stripteasing, hon Magwaza. We use everything in sport and culture as tools to assist us. As the hon Minister said in his speech, a child in sport is a child out of court. We work very closely with the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport around a number of issues.

On the food issue, hon Van Zyl, ... [Interjections.] Can I respond? I want to respectfully say: Don't ever phone a school. [Interjections.] Minister Meyer went to a school personally to do oversight and asked the principal where he gets the bread from.

†Mr M SKWATSHA: On a point of order, Mr Deputy Speaker: Can the Minister talk through you, Mr Deputy Speaker?

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I'm watching it very carefully. Minister, please heed that call.

†The MINISTER: Mr Deputy Speaker, I just want to point out to hon Van Zyl that the Minister went to a school principal and he told the Minister there was no food. When the Minister walked to the field, however, he saw food being distributed. So I think it's dangerous to make a phone call to a school. I would suggest that we rather visit a school. Go and do physical oversight. Don't phone a school and call that oversight. Please! [Interjections.] [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

The MINISTER: I want to say to hon Marais and, as usual, ...

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Minister, before you continue I want to say to the gallery, you're all very welcome in the House, but you are not part of the proceedings. Please refrain from making comments or applauding. Thank you. Please proceed.

†The MINISTER: To hon Marais, thank you for the way in which you chair the Standing Committee on Social Development and for the passion. In Afrikaans we talk about the heart – I don't know what the English word for that is – that you put into it and that you care.

This is very important, Mr Deputy Speaker, when we are talking about the rape crisis in South Africa and about issues of social inclusion. What does it mean when we talk about social inclusion? Let us include the people on the periphery of society. In the process, when we bring them – like the two young men in the House – into the internship programme they will rise out of poverty. In that way we will reduce poverty. [Interjections.] You must really come and do the course with me at UCT. [Inaudible.]

So, hon Marais, thank you for all your support and for your passion and everything that it includes.

I want to talk about the point that was made about the HOD. I sometimes wish, when we sit in interviews, we could have the powers to see into the future and into the minds of people. It was probably a good learning experience to have all sorts of people as HODs, but I want to thank Dr Robert MacDonald for a job well done in the first three months of the year.

You have already changed the course of where we're going. You have turned the ship – and it has a very heavy wheel – in the direction in which we want to go. I thank Dr MacDonald for that. He has a quiet quality about him. He is not an exhibitionist. He is calm and does not have a lot to say. He has a quiet stability. Of course, everyone is going to hate you for that, because you're doing the right thing. When you do the right thing everyone hates you. [Interjections.]

The Noah group in the Overberg are doing phenomenal work and we should really have look at how we can capacitate them. I know Charles Jordaan will look at that.

I don't want to leave anyone out. Someone mentioned the brain drain. Hon Hartnick, thanks for looking at the good things and those that are going very well. You talk about the victim empowerment programmes that we are putting in place. I find it interesting that when you have policies, be it for facilities or child protection, one knows that you have to work within that context. It's always good, and thanks for talking about that.

I want to urge the hon members in the House to stop and pop in anywhere when you drive past one of the facilities of the Department of Social Development. Go and make unannounced visits to our places so that people can really get ...

†Mr M NCEDANA: Can the Minister take a question?

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Is the hon Minister prepared to take a question?

†The MINISTER: Yes, he can put his question. The hon Minister here is waiting.

†Mr M NCEDANA: I just want to know, when you say the members should visit instead of phoning, are you implying that the principal or the person that he spoke to at the school may not be telling the truth?

†The MINISTER: No, I didn't say that. All I was saying, Mr Deputy Speaker, was that we had a testimony in the House yesterday. I don't think the hon member was in the House. The Minister in charge of MOD centres said he physically went to a school and asked the principal in his office about food and the principal replied that there was no food. However, when the Minister walked out he actually saw food being distributed. I don't think phoning is a very good thing to do.

We don't know, but what we say here is evidence-based. Everything I do is evidence-based. I wish everyone – hon Ozinsky can join us – can have this evidence-based approach. I like it; he is the only one with evidence. [Interjections.]

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Minister, please conclude now. [Interjections.] Order! Order!

†The MINISTER: Mr Deputy Speaker, lastly, to every member of the management team of the department, under the able leadership of Dr MacDonald, thank you for all your work and sacrifices.

It's good to be able to phone someone at 03:00 in the morning when there is a crisis and someone answers the phone. That's leadership. Thank you to every person on the management team for your diligence and I'm looking forward to a great year.

Debate concluded.

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! We will now suspend business for five minutes to allow for a change-over of the gallery and bays.

WESTERN CAPE APPROPRIATION BILL [B 2—2013]

(Debate on Vote 14 – Local Government)

†The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Mr Deputy Speaker, I acknowledge the hon Premier of the Western Cape, provincial Cabinet Colleagues, members of the Provincial Legislature, Executive Mayors, Municipal Managers, partners in local government, invited guests, ladies and gentlemen.

Mr Deputy Speaker, few things are nicer than sitting down to watch a sports match. I am a great supporter of Bafana Bafana, the Proteas and the Stormers. The one thing I know about sport is that it is the team that plays together as a team that wins the match.

When I think about the work of my department, I know the same is true. Whatever we achieve, we are achieving as a team. This is a team that includes my department, other government departments, municipalities, communities and the standing committee. If we want to continue improving the lives of our people, we will have to do it together.

We now have one plan that we are following, which is the National Development Plan.

We have a common provincial strategic objective, which is to integrate service delivery so we that we can maximise impact. We have the same goals, and now we have to pull in the same direction.

Improving Basic Service Delivery

Mr Deputy Speaker, the Census 2011 results have been released. What is striking is that our population has increased by 28,7% over the last decade. At the same time, access to basic services has increased in the Western Cape. In 2001, access to piped water was 98,3%, and now it is 99,1%. Access to flush toilets was 88,5%, and it has increased to 91,6%, and the number of people with no toilet facilities has been reduced from 7,7% to 4,7%. Access to electricity for lighting has increased from 78,8 % to 93,4%.

This means that despite the huge increase in the number of people in the Western Cape, access to basic services has not only kept up with this increase but has improved and we should thank the municipalities for that. This was achieved because we all worked together: National government provided the funding, provincial government provided technical support and the municipalities implemented the projects that made this possible.

*Over the past number of years my department put great emphasis on the upgrading of water and sanitation infrastructure. In 2010 we completed a water and sanitation plan for all local and district municipalities in the province and actively supported municipalities to implement projects.

I am proud to say that waste-water treatment works are currently being built and that others have already been completed, amongst others at Paarl, Wemmershoek, Swellendam, Worcester, Uniondale, Robertson, Citrusdale, Knysna, Piketberg, Struisbaai, Paternoster, Lamberts Bay, Malmesbury and Saldanha Bay.

During 2013 waste-water projects will be built at Velddrif, Ladismith, George, Wilderness, Barrydale, Nelspoort, Stellenbosch, Montagu and Klapmuts. Water-related projects will be built at Worcester, Struisbaai, Napier, Calitzdorp, Albertinia, Thembaletu in George and Kwanokuthula in Plettenberg Bay.

It is a very long list and demonstrates the municipalities' dedication to creating a safe and healthy environment. My engineering team supports municipalities through the project planning and implementation process and municipalities have once again spent more than 99% of their Municipal Infrastructure allowance allocation.

I want to thank our partners who made it possible. Representatives of the Departments of Water Affairs, Cultural Affairs and Sport, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning and the national Department of Cooperative Governance meet monthly with municipal engineers to identify and remove obstacles in the way of implementation. We would not have achieved this if we did not work as a team.

Mr Deputy Speaker, over the past year we have focused on supporting five particular municipalities with infrastructure planning.

The outcome was a simple, implementable infrastructure plan for Theewaterskloof, Kannaland, Stellenbosch, Matzikamma and Cederberg. Each plan deals with the status of mass infrastructure, spatial and economic perspectives, priority projects and financial capacity. In the year ahead we will offer support to a further seven municipalities.

When infrastructure is in place, it must be maintained and community members who use the services supplied by the infrastructure must pay for those services. I am delighted that the majority of the residents of our province pay for their services and I appeal to those who do not pay yet to become part of the team of payers in our province so that we can do even better in respect of our service delivery.

Improvement of Government and Administration

Mr Deputy Speaker, a municipality can only function efficiently and sustainably if good governing systems are in place. One of these is a system that ensures that the laws and regulations that apply to municipalities are complied with.

Last year I promised that I would assist municipalities with a compliance model. This year we helped four municipalities to implement this model. It's an aid with many advantages: It allows municipalities to monitor how they comply with the 16 most important local-government laws and this enables me to perform my monitoring and support functions.

Mr Deputy Speaker, this compliance model will only work if all our municipalities are dedicated to it. Municipalities should take compliance seriously because it is a mainstay of good government and will contribute to better audit outcomes.

In the future the compliance model will handle 44 laws and will be expanded later on to handle more than 100 pieces of legislation. We will assist five more municipalities next year to implement this model and I am glad that many municipalities are taking the initiative to implement it without our financial support.

I also promised that my department would help municipalities to compile one set of bylaws for all the towns that previously had separate councils. This is called a Municipal Code, and my department has compiled 10 Municipal Codes using historical records. Next year, we will compile another 10 Municipal Codes and hand them over to municipalities. In addition, working together with the Hanns Seidel Foundation and the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University, we have been able to provide training in bylaw enforcement to four municipalities.

It is also important for municipalities to root out fraud and corruption. My department has worked together with the Hanns Seidel Foundation to provide anticorruption awareness training in all the districts and to assist 11 municipalities in implementing their anticorruption strategies. Two hundred and forty-eight municipal councillors and officials attended these sessions.

During 2011, the House finalised the Western Cape Privileges and Immunities Act. Information sessions on the implications of the Act were held in this financial year and reached 21 municipalities and 204 councillors.

The importance of the impartiality of the Speaker, order and respect in councils and the oversight responsibility over the executive and administrative actions were fully canvassed in these sessions.

These messages are important because these are a few obligations placed on councillors before they can rely on the protection of privilege and immunity.

*Mr Deputy Speaker, the work of councillors is of the utmost importance to ensure good government. My department has completed the third phase of councillor training. We brought together the Provincial Treasury and the Departments of Human Settlements and Environmental Affairs and of Development Planning and they offered sector-specific training on financial management, human settlements and environmental issues.

My department has worked with many interested parties to provide the resources that municipalities need for good government. However, resources bring along responsibility: municipalities must be dedicated to implementing the compliance model, to apply their bylaws and to detect and eradicate fraud and corruption.

It is my job to monitor whether municipalities are well governed. I will table legislation to strengthen section 106 of the Municipal Systems Act in order to strengthen my oversight role. This legislation will enable me to request certain information from municipalities and to act quickly if there are important issues.

I already had to act in Swellendam. That is an example of a team that does not have a common goal and are not working as a team. I cooperated with the Minister of Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs, Mr Richard Baloyi, to bring stability to Swellendam. I deployed one of my chief directors as acting municipal manager and we are making progress with some key issues. The acting municipal manager is actively supported by a number of units in my department, including Public Participation and Municipal Government.

Mr Deputy Speaker, when people don't work together, it takes a long time to sort out the problems that arise and it will take a considerable time to solve Swellendam's problems, especially the financial problems.

There is also concern about other unstable coalitions and I acted within my powers to intervene and give support. I am, however, asking councillors and officials to put their people first and to work together.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I am worried about the court cases against municipalities, especially about issues such as assessment rates. My department has released a user-friendly guide on assessment rates and now offers support to municipalities to participate in the legal requirements.

The Assessment Rates Focus Group, which consists of the municipal officers concerned, is still playing an important role in sharing best practices and underlining compliance issues. With this resource comes responsibility. Municipalities must put systems in place to ensure compliance and tax payers must pay their assessment taxes.

Improvement of Sustainability

Mr Deputy Speaker, I am very worried about the long-term sustainability of municipalities and the affordability of municipal services. It is clear that municipal expenditure is increasing and that municipalities can do little to curb these increases, such as salaries that are increased to above inflation. At the same time revenue is decreasing as a result of the struggling economy and the growing number of people on compassion registers.

I am continually raising these issues at the different forums I attend, including Co-operative Governance's Minmecs. One specific contribution that my department could make, was in the area of shared services. We have limited skills, especially in the rural areas, and they are expensive. It makes sense for municipalities to share expertise and over the past year we could offer assistance to two districts to implement shared services.

Municipalities on the West Coast appointed a Risk Manager who will start working in the next few weeks, while the Central Karoo Municipality appointed a lawyer to help with basic legal support and disciplinary issues and the internal audit function is also shared.

I am delighted that the German donor, GIZ, decided to offer support for the expansion of shared services and inter-municipality cooperative models in the province for another two years. My team has also begun to share their best practices with colleagues in other provinces.

I believe that we can make smaller municipalities more sustainable too by changing the type of municipality from the executive mayor system to the plenary type. A large portion of the budgets of these municipalities is spent on the remuneration of councillors and in some cases most of the councillors serve on the Mayoral Committee. I will table a proposal on this issue before the Cabinet next year.

Improving Planning

†Mr Deputy Speaker, I believe that we have taken integrated development planning (IDP) to the next level in the Western Cape. Through our successful IDP indabas, over 15 departments and agencies are sharing their projects and plans with municipalities on an annual basis. These projects are now reflected in most IDPs. The same departments work together with us in assessing the draft IDPs of every municipality. This is a fantastic example of a team that has one goal and works together.

I would like to thank every one of the departments that has participated actively in the process. It made such a difference in municipalities. I would like to ask municipalities to use our IDP assessments and project information to improve planning and delivery on the ground. My department will take the IDP support to the next level this year.

We are assisting municipalities with creating their own spatial investment maps that show where government investment is taking place, and have just convened a workshop with municipalities on this. Many people don't understand how IDPs are relevant to their daily lives, and the focus in the coming year will be to assist municipalities to develop neighbourhood development plans. These plans reflect specific community projects that are identified through public participation processes, and responsibility for implementing these projects is clearly identified in the municipality.

We will assist the targeted municipalities to develop and implement ward operational plans and neighbourhood development plans. We will do this in partnership with municipalities and their ward committees and we expect that communities and their organisations will respond by participating and committing their own resources.

We are also improving our risk reduction measures. Every district has been supported to update and maintain their Risk and Vulnerability Assessment, and planning for disasters is based upon this assessment. We have supported 18 municipalities over the past three years to develop a disaster risk reduction chapter in their IDPs. In addition, a total of 32 hazards have been identified that could cause disasters in the province. The priority risks are fires in informal settlements, wild fires, and flooding.

Through risk reduction measures, the centre mitigated the impact of these hazards, such as repeated flooding in the Montagu area, and we will work with the relevant authorities to develop a specific mitigation plan for each risk.

Improving Disaster Preparedness and Response

Mr Deputy Speaker, in previous years I have highlighted the sterling work of the provincial Disaster Management Centre in responding to fires and other disasters. The Disaster Management Centre co-ordinated the response to farm worker wage protests that started in November and extended into January.

There was close co-ordination and co-operation between the key stakeholders, including the SAPS, the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Transport and Public Works. Based upon our experiences, we are putting in place mechanisms to detect and respond to similar protests proactively.

The fire team continues to provide aerial response within one hour of a fire being reported during daylight hours. At least 66% of fires were either extinguished or contained within the first hour, enabling ground support teams to gain access and control these fires. Some extended attack operations also took place.

In the Hermanus fire during December, aerial fire-fighting continued beyond the first hour and prevented large-scale destruction. A total of 26 runways were established throughout the Western Cape to provide logistical support to the eight fixed-wing bombers, thereby reducing the turnaround and ensuring shorter response times to fires.

We will continue with these partnerships into the next year, but will be placing a particular focus on the prevention of informal settlement fires. To prevent and respond to shack fires, it is necessary to create public awareness, enforce building regulations and ensure a rapid response. We have already provided training to Fire and Life Safety Educators. The centre does a lot of other work that you may not know about.

We trained emergency officials in Special Operations Response. This means that if buildings collapse, we have the expertise to extricate people safely. This is a highly specialised training course that has been provided twice, with 60 people qualifying. Rescue South Africa has been a key partner in this process, and together we have developed a national resource that can be deployed anywhere in the country, if required.

Mr Deputy Speaker, we can provide much support to municipalities and the public in preventing and responding to disasters, but at the end of the day every person must take individual responsibility. Cigarette butts should not be thrown into the veld and candles and paraffin stoves should not be left unattended near children. Municipalities must constantly enforce building regulations and the public must respect these regulations to ensure that there is adequate space between shacks.

Improvement of Access to Services

*Mr Deputy Speaker, I gave a lot of details about the Thusong programme last year. The Western Cape gives 76% of its resources to the poor people and it is one of many departmental programmes that are focused on poor people only. We have developed Thusong location plans for every district and I am happy to announce that 83% of the residents of this province have access to a Thusong zone, centre, satellite office, extension service or mobile Thusong at least once a year.

Our mobile Thusong programme has expanded a lot. Over the past year we reached more than 42 044 people through 39 mobile Thusongs. I cannot begin to describe the impact on a person's life when a mobile Thusong comes to their community. People get access to a lot of government services in one place in one day and this means that they can receive services and benefits from the government.

Municipalities and government departments are critical partners in both the Thusong centres and the mobile Thusongs and we will continue with this programme in the year ahead.

Every year more Thusong centres are built. Centres were also completed in the Langeberg, Drakenstein and Prince Albert Municipalities. However, building a centre is not enough; its service delivery must be efficient.

My department has developed functionality indicators to show where a Thusong centre has to improve. In some cases centres are not fully functional because of poor management and we ask that municipalities put the management of their centres first.

We have trained 72 Thusong managers and administrators in management and communication. Our community development workers (CDWs) come from poor communities and they serve poor communities. Over the past year this team has surpassed all targets set in the Annual Performance Plan and they held more than 300 information sessions, supported 14 government initiatives, assisted more than 20 000 people with specific enquiries and supported 54 community projects. They are of inestimable value to communities.

Mr Deputy Speaker, we support the Community Work Programme (CWP), which is implemented in the province by the national Department of Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs. The number of areas have increased from three to 13 and the number of participants in the programme is close to the target of 9 000. Our role is to get municipalities and other partners on board to assist the programme and to help achieve the targets.

An exciting programme such as the Community Work Programme, however, also carries enormous risks. Many participants have called me over the past weeks to complain that they are not paid in time. I herewith want to appeal to the national department and the implementation agent to make sure that people are paid in time for the work they do.

Conclusion

†Mr Deputy Speaker, I am confident that as one team we can achieve everything we have set out to do, but in any sports match it is also important to have a strong opposing team. It raises our game and helps us focus even more. I would like to acknowledge the opposition's as well as the standing committee's contribution to the work of the department. You ask challenging questions and you offer suggestions. This holds us accountable and makes us a stronger.

Sometimes a team loses members ... [Interjections.] My voice is giving in.

*Mr Deputy Speaker, we thank all the officials for their hard work. It is a privilege to work with you. Thank you.

†Mr J J VISSER: Mr Deputy Speaker, of the three spheres of government local government is tasked by the national Constitution to deliver the basic essential services to the people of South Africa. Local government has the very demanding job of providing equal services to those who can afford to pay for it and those who cannot.

The Department of Local Government, as the relevant arm of provincial government, has to support local government in various ways to make sure that local government executes its functions effectively and purposefully, and this budget has to speak to that.

The task of delivering services is a crucial but very large one to fulfil. Municipalities, therefore, should be very careful not to venture into the area of unfunded mandates, overspending or underspending, and national and provincial government must see to it that local government is provided with all the means it needs so that it will not be necessary to spend money unwisely.

The department and the hon Minister must also guard against bias and should treat all municipalities even-handedly to support or, where necessary, to intervene in the affairs of municipalities. I think, Mr Deputy Speaker, that the hon Minister and his department have passed this test with flying colours.

This department is a small one with a small budget and a small personnel core and, as the hon Minister said, has to work very productively together as a team – and that is something the hon members from the ANC don't know about. [Interjections.] This department has delivered an enormous amount of work over the past four years and I think they have demonstrated their effectiveness as a team and I congratulate them on that.

No matter what the ANC says, hoping that it would reflect negatively on the success of service delivery, the department's assessment against the national benchmark for service delivery put the Western Cape first in all aspects of service delivery. This confirms that the department is doing the right things right and that they are performing well.

Municipalities in general usually fail when it comes to infrastructure, the maintenance and upgrading thereof and also the installation of new infrastructure. This leads to all sorts of problems such as people being without water, electricity or refuse removal services. It can also lead to such severe pollution that it threatens people's health. We have not seen this on a large scale in the Western Cape, and where it does surface municipalities tend to it immediately.

The hon Minister and his department should be applauded for the Water Management Plan they have put on the table as well as the Berg River Restoration Project. The standing committee will monitor this to see how this very important Water Management Plan is implemented this year.

The Auditor-General consistently pointed out that the core of good service delivery lies with leadership and governance. Leadership on political and management levels is then of utmost importance and it does not matter which political party is in the majority; the needs of people should be put first when decisions are made and executed.

The councils must take responsibility for service delivery, because the decisions they make directly relate to the quality and quantity of service delivery output a municipality can muster. Politicians should have insight into and understand the role and function of councillors and officials in the chain of service delivery. Councillors, as well as the officials, should constantly be sensitised and trained in this regard. The department plays a crucial role together with Salga in this regard.

To support and utilise the underlying resources to execute programmes effectively, the structures of municipalities should be conducive to the quest for the fluent and efficient flow of information, data, instructions and messages through as short-as-possible communication lines. The department has set out the research, with the help of PWC, on how efficient municipal structures really are. The result was a better alignment of lines of decision-making and communication, which is saving municipalities huge amounts of money already. I hope that the department can continue with doing research this year and eventually complete and cover all municipalities in this regard.

To regulate and monitor what is happening within the process of service delivery there should be guidelines in the form of bylaws, rules and regulations and critical oversight mechanisms. Many municipalities have not yet put Municipal Public Account Committees (MPAC) in place and they will be encouraged to do so. They will be guided in the process by the Department of Local Government, Provincial Treasury, Salga and the Auditor-General, under the guidance of the Standing Committee on Government Oversight.

Ratepayers must never feel that they are being exploited through excessive rates imposed upon them by municipalities. Rates should just balance out the cost of service delivery incurred. It is, therefore, a great step the hon Minister and his department took to put together a manual to help and guide municipalities when they have to establish rates and taxes.

The plan the hon Minister has to make the decision-making generating engine at local government more democratic is also welcomed. The other political parties do have members who are honourable, knowledgeable and have the necessary experience and skills to make a very valuable contribution and the governing party should acknowledge this. If all parties can contribute to decisions being taken there will be less resistance and more participation when it comes to decision-making and the execution of decisions.

To support a general budget you need credible community-based-needs information. The effective system of ward committees should be in place and be used by municipalities.

The Integrated Development Plans (IDPs) of municipalities should, therefore, be directly linked to the work ward committees do at ground level in communities. The spatial investment plan is also a good and innovative idea and we look forward to seeing it implemented and working in practice.

The Western Cape is constantly plagued by disasters, especially fires. The interaction between the department, district municipalities and B municipalities are crucial to prevent and manage disasters. Economically and ecologically our province cannot afford to have these huge, destructive fires year after year. The money and energy spent on fires could have been spent better somewhere else.

Thusong Centres are important for service delivery – and I agree with the hon Minister on that – but with the decrease in the budget dedicated to this entity, the department must guard against it that it does not become very expensive white elephants but keep on being the centre from which an important service co-ordination can still take place.

Partnerships with national departments should be maintained and should be monitored closely to see to it that national departments fulfil their side of the partnership, especially when people need to receive money, as is the case with the workers working in the Community Workers Programme (CWP).

The standing committee will keep on playing an important role in ensuring that the department executes its Annual Performance Plan and spends the budget accordingly. The standing committee acts as a catalyst for bringing about good, sound departmental governance that gives support to local government.

I wish the hon Minister and his department good luck with their important and enormous task, which is virtually insurmountable with the small budget and small personnel core at their disposal. We know they can do it, because they have demonstrated over the past four years that together, as a team, they performed better and better in a sustained demonstration of continual improvement.

The standing committee supports the budget.

†Mr P UYS: Mr Deputy Speaker, we've seen a regression in local government in the Western Cape over the last couple of years.

†The PREMIER: No!

†Mr P UYS: No, let's admit it, hon Premier.

At the same time we must acknowledge that local government is also the sphere of government facing the most challenges. Mr Deputy Speaker, these challenges include the delivery of basic services and the powers and functions of the three spheres of government, where greater clarity is necessary.

National and provincial government should more seriously monitor and support local government in ways that strengthen municipalities. However, MEC, always understand that local government is a distinct sphere of government and that its powers and functions should not be eroded.

Mr Deputy Speaker, a proper alignment between the NDP, provincial growth and development strategies and the IDPs should be developed. We hear a lot about the national and local plans, the NDP and IDPs, but maybe the MEC could share the provincial development plan with us.

MEC, municipalities should also be allowed and encouraged – and I think here we link up with each other – to develop explicit spatial restructuring strategies as part of their IDP without interference from your department, be it Local Government, Environmental Affairs or Development Planning. It's really from Environmental Affairs and Development Planning that the interference is more direct and noticeable.

Mr Deputy Speaker, to achieve their spatial objectives, municipalities should develop effective land use-management policies. Lupo will have to take this into careful consideration. No undermining of the authority or powers of local government will be accepted or tolerated.

We appeal to national government today to draft legislation on provincial government interventions in municipalities as soon as possible. Legislation like this would need to be in synergy with the relevant financial, public and municipal services legislation. MEC, your so-called "Section 106 Draft Bill" clearly falls outside your competency, authority and powers.

At the same time, Mr Deputy Speaker, the ANC realises that the differences in municipalities should be reflected in the exercising of different powers and functions and the devolution of certain provincial functions to stronger municipalities. Municipalities like the City of Cape Town and Kannaland can never be treated in the same way.

Mr Deputy Speaker, there should be greater separation between the executive and legislative arms of municipalities. Oversight within the municipalities is not working. When is the MEC going to give effect to this so that the legislature, meaning the council, may exercise proper oversight over the executive, meaning the executive mayor and mayoral committee?

Oversight committees need to be established and supported, and I believe there's still a lot of confusion about it and resistance to it. The MEC announced two weeks ago – and he referred to it again today – that he is considering changing the local government system by scrapping small-town mayoral committees and replacing them with a plenary type of municipality. But, again, this will blur the role of both the executive and the legislature.

His motivation is that councillors' allowances or remuneration are too high and are unaffordable in certain municipalities. Mr Deputy Speaker, if that is the problem then address the issue of salaries in those municipalities, but don't try to reintroduce the plenary type of municipalities. The plenary type of municipalities should be abolished wherever they exist. They will not be supported in the Western Cape.

Mr Deputy Speaker, ward committees and committee participation are vital to ensuring that municipalities function effectively. Municipalities should be obliged to consider proposals from ward committees and inform them of their responses. This is not happening.

*Mr H P GEYER: Mr Deputy Speaker, I want to ask if the hon member will take a question.

*Mr P UYS: No.

*The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The answer is no. Please continue.

†Mr P UYS: Mr Deputy Speaker, some municipalities don't take ward committees seriously. [Interjections.] We also find that there are a substantial number of places where ward committees either don't exist or are non-functional.

In a report from the City of Cape Town – and that was two, three, four weeks ago – it was stated that some ward committees consist of only one, two or three members. Mr Deputy Speaker, those committees can never be considered to be ward committees. Here we are still seeing the legacy of the City of Cape Town under the then mayor, now the Premier, who created ward forums in the City of Cape Town – and they find it difficult to move away from that.

Community development workers should be attached to each ward committee and attend ward committee meetings. We reject the approach of the City of Cape Town that ward committee meetings are a no-go area for community development workers.

When we asked the City of Cape Town in our committee a month ago to give us any stories of successful ward committees they could not or declined to do so.

Mr Deputy Speaker, when tabling his budget, the MEC should make public particulars of any allocation due to each municipality. He's done so in the past. This information enables municipalities to improve planning and budgeting, but we see no allocations to municipalities for Thusong Service Centres, community development workers, IDP hands-on support or the Western Cape Management Support Grant. These are not new projects, Mr Deputy Speaker. They've been going for years with memorandums of understanding (MOUs) in place.

I, therefore, find no reason whatsoever not to indicate the allocations, as was done in the past. This puts a stop to the creation of uncertainty and the further destabilisation of local government to the detriment of all people in the province, especially the poor. The other departments took that example and they actually made those allocations to the different municipalities.

The capacity of councillors and officials should be significantly improved. Salga will need to play a much more prominent role in this along with substantial support and resources committed by the department. The remuneration of councillors should be reviewed upwards to help them to properly fulfil their roles and responsibilities, especially with the changing role of councillors and municipalities.

Things are not the same as 10 or 20 years ago when they only attended a meeting now and then, so let's acknowledge the important role that councillors play in municipalities, which is the sphere of government closest to our people out there.

The department must use more of its in-house capacity and rely less on external consultants. I see there is a move towards that, especially in terms of the IPD process, and I want to congratulate the officials on that. Direct support should also be prioritised for municipalities with the lowest capacity.

Mr Deputy Speaker, one can't pay the wealthier municipalities, while the poorer municipalities with lower capacity, who can't afford it, don't get anything. An example here is that of the substantial allocations paid to the Drakenstein Municipality – which I believe is quite a wealthy municipality – to the detriment of other smaller municipalities.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the department must take on the responsibility of co-ordinating effective disaster management in the province. [Interjections.] Legislation is very clear about what a disaster is and how to respond to such a situation. With the recent farm workers' strike the department reacted as if this was a disaster in terms of the Act. We just heard that the Disaster Management Centre was used to hourly update the Premier.

Care must be taken, Mr Deputy Speaker, not to misuse the disaster management structures ... [Interventions.] ... for reasons outside of the intention of the legislation. We never again do we want the Disaster Management Centres to become civil protection associations.

†Mr M OZINSKY: Sedition ... [Inaudible.]

†Mr P UYS: It's good to learn that progress is being made and I must congratulate them on the progress with the Cape Winelands Disaster Management Centre. We believe it's going to be located at the Worcester Hospital. It's long overdue and so we look forward to it.

In each and every APP a promise of effective and economic co-operative fire services is made. It is not happening. More and more money is being put into aerial fire-fighting – R2 million more in the 2013-24 financial year. This is not wrong per se, but more needs to be done in municipalities with low or no capacity, such as those in the Central Karoo, and at the same time for informal and rural communities.

In the 2012-13 financial year, R8,3 million was budgeted for Thusong Service Centres. Now, in the 2013-14 financial year, this allocation has been reduced to R1,8 million. From R8,3 million to R1,8 million is a major reduction. How can the MEC still say it is a priority? No provision is made for capital funding for the construction of new Thusong centres or even for upgrading existing facilities.

Of the additional R3 billion allocated to the province from national government, we see no money filtering through to the Thusong centres. In fact, there is a big reduction in operating funding. With this taking place it could be argued that mobile Thusong centres would be increased, because that is the logical approach. If you allocate no capital funding then at least the mobile Thusong centres should be increased. However, Mr Deputy Speaker, again in this financial year the centres are decreasing from 30 to 24. This is a major concern. [Interjections.]

Mr H P GEYER: [Inaudible.]

Mr P UYS: You'll get your opportunity to speak and I know it's just going to be about Cederberg. Another concern is that national and provincial departments are not on board to take up the space ... [Interjections.] You're longing to be mayor there again.

Mr Deputy Speaker, a concern is that national and provincial departments are not all on board and don't take up their space in the Thusong Service Centres, especially the departments and the MECs sitting here. They have a responsibility to the people and they are not taking up that responsibility.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the Breede Valley Thusong Centre that the Legislature visited about two years ago is still not fully functional, with no specific senior municipal employee taking the necessary responsibility there. The department will have to, as a matter of urgency, put in place a Thusong Service Centre sustainability plan with the full buy-in of all spheres of government, and at the same time increase the resources for Thusong Service Centres.

We now get a message that there is other funding available for Thusong Service Centres and that municipalities may use MIG and housing funds for this. Everybody is now starting to claim their share of the MIG. Yesterday we also heard MEC Meyer saying that if municipalities need sporting facilities they could use MIG funding for that. One of these days there will be no MIG funding left because it will have been used for all the other facilities and activities. So let us be very careful about dishing out MIG funding instead of focusing it on what it was intended for.

We see none of the money in the R1,8 million budget being allocated to any of the municipalities, and as I've said, that's a major concern. Of course, it's bypassing the important role of this legislature in fund allocation. We considered and approved the budget, but there's no allocation to any of the municipalities, so we don't know what the process would be.

What we see in the budget, Mr Deputy Speaker, is an allocation of R198 000 in terms of advertisements for Thusong Service Centres. They're decreasing the allocation to that, but there are going to be radio adverts. Maybe that's just due to the election coming up. [Interjections.]

Mr Deputy Speaker, community development workers will help to make government services more accessible to communities. MEC, you said you would deepen the community development programmes to ensure communities have access to government services, but while your allocation to municipalities in the 2012-13 financial year was R3,2 million you reduced it to R2,9 million for the 2013-14 financial year.

The number of CDWs is also decreasing and vacancies are not filled. The CDW project started some years ago with 200 CDWs. Now we see only 169 CDWs on the ground performing and executing the functions there. [Interjections.] You can shout, yes, but that's a major concern. [Interjections.] That's good, hey. At least I appointed some of them?

It's still not clear what the situation is in Swellendam, Mr Deputy Speaker, after they resisted appointing or using community development workers. Also, in the Langeberg Municipality there are no CDWs, and I can state here today that there is no hope for them getting any financial support from this department for appointing any community development workers in the Langeberg Municipality.

We see a lot of distrust between the City of Cape Town and the department with them not wanting to enter into any agreement with the department.

We had really hoped that now, after four years of resistance, they would accept that CDWs are no threat, but will help and support them. But again we see no allocation in terms of legislation.

We believe at the council meeting tomorrow it will be discussed. I hope the item is still on the agenda for consideration and that they will at least make the decision in terms of the agreement of appointing CDWs at the City of Cape Town.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the number of staff members will increase from 370 to 393, where the take-up in the numbers of personnel in finance will be the biggest growth within the department. That's good because they are now developing their own finance department. Hopefully, after this financial year the split – and it's been a bitter and difficult one – in the agency functions between the Departments of Human Settlements and Local Government will be finalised. [Interjections.]

Mr Deputy Speaker, the training of staff in the department is positive, if we look at the allocation there. What is even more positive, however, is that the staff members took the initiative to further qualify themselves in the area of local government. If they want to serve local government and help it support municipalities, staff should understand and be trained in local government issues. I would really like to commend them for doing that after hours.

*Mr Deputy Speaker, in the Eden District the previous year we saw that three councillors landed in court. What happened there, is bad for a local government. A forensic investigation was launched into the fraudulent claims of the DA mayor. These claims include travelling and subsistence costs. The report, which was compiled independently and requested by the Speaker, really revealed shocking information.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I want to submit a few of the findings of this final report to you. [Interjections.] I know you're uneasy, because there was serious tension between you and the Premier over this and we know it. Sit back and be calm about this. Relax.

Final Report Key Findings:

Van der Westhuizen ... –

†that is the mayor –

... committed fraud ...

*The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Will the clever member take a question?

*The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Uys, are you prepared to take a question? The answer is no. [Interjections.]

*Mr P UYS: And you have so much time, man. I continue:

Final report key findings:

Van der Westhuizen committed fraud, forgery, uttering, breached the Municipal Finance Management Act, exceeded his authority, abused his position, breached policies and procedures, failed to act in the best interest of the municipality, acted dishonestly, interfered in the administration of the municipality and breached the code of conduct for councillors.

†Another councillor at the Eden Municipality, also a DA buddy, ...

†Mr H P GEYER: [Inaudible.] ... R5 000.

†Mr P UYS: I continue:

Niehaus was implicated in fraud and uttering, breached the MFMA, failed to act in the best interest of the municipality, acted dishonestly and breached the code of conduct for councillors.

And so we can go on.

Mr Deputy Speaker, some time ago the DA said that they were not going to act against any of the councillors in the municipalities if there was no indication, no clear report. In this case we have a very clear report and we see that there were many clear transgressions, but there was no movement by the DA in any of these actions.

*The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Oh, come on. Please, man!

*Mr P UYS: Let's see what you're going to do and we will watch you closely. [Interjections.] I also hear that the hon member was first employed in that area, but he was removed from there. I understand that, too. [Interjections.]

This is an interesting development there, Mr Deputy Speaker, but I think one day we could have a nice chat about the Eden Municipality. So let us talk a bit about the Mossel Bay Municipality and see what is going on there.

*The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Let's talk about Oudtshoorn.

*Mr P UYS: Yes. [Interjections.]

*The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! You may continue.

*Mr P UYS: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Of course there is a crisis there too and it's a new crisis that is now developing in the Mossel Bay Municipality, hon Van Rensburg. It's your constituency and you should know what is going on there.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: [Inaudible.]

Mr P UYS: There were accusations and there is now clear evidence against councillor Susan Moodie, who made serious racist and insulting remarks.

An HON MEMBER: Who has already been found guilty.

Mr P UYS: What was her punishment? Ten thousand rand! Who tried her case? A disciplinary committee loaded by the DA. Of course you can't expect anything else if you get such a disciplinary committee.

An HON MEMBER: You were part of that committee.

Mr P UYS: I think it's a disgrace. We know the DA also want to act; they say they are going to punish her severely.

*The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Marius Fransman is going to ... [Inaudible.]

*Mr P UYS: We are going to remove her from the Mayoral Committee and make her an ordinary councillor. What a ridiculous punishment.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: [Inaudible.]

*The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order, hon Botha! [Interjections.] Order! The hon member's time has almost expired. Give him a chance to speak for the last minute.

*Mr P UYS: Yes, please man.

*The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Continue.

*Mr P UYS: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. There are also various alleged complaints of misconduct against the municipal manager and there are also allegations of tenders that were given to family members in that area.

I am also glad that the MEC admitted that there is a crisis in Swellendam. The municipality is already having a fight with itself and firm action will have to be taken. Mr Deputy Speaker, while the mayor is there – and you may just as well admit it – Swellendam will not change. The DA mayor has his own pattern and his own way of doing things. He does not want to cooperate with anybody and if you don't remove him, Swellendam will sink. [Time expired.]

†Mr M NCEDANA: Mr Deputy Speaker, municipalities are the most important sphere of government because they are responsible for delivering services directly to the communities.

I want to start by also congratulating the officials for the good work they are doing and for the reports that they provide to the standing committee. It seems that they are able to do the best they can under difficult circumstances. Of course, it would help if the Ministry also fully assisted by treating the municipalities equally, irrespective of whether they are led by the DA or the ANC.

One of the important aspects of the department is its relationship with the local municipalities and the role that should be played by the CDWs. [Interjections.]

*The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Hon Prins, your voice is picked up by the microphone next to you – a bit slower, please. Please continue, hon Ncedana.

†Mr M NCEDANA: It continues to worry me that the CDWs seem not to be playing the important role that they were established for. The fact that CDWs are not participating in some ward committees, in particular in the City of Cape Town, is a worrying factor, Mr Deputy Speaker. We know that the department is engaging with the City of Cape Town, but we think that this impacts negatively on the service delivery that ought to be rendered to the communities.

Enye yezinto ezibalulekileyo ke kweli nqwanqwa esithetha ngalo. Leli le nto yokubana kulo masipala waseKannaland kwakunye nalo masipala waseSwellendam.

Ngoomasipala ababini nabanye bakhona abanengxaki kodwa aba babini batshotsha entla ngokungabi nankqubela. Into ebonakalayo ke Mnumzana, Somlomo, kulo masipala waseSwellendam yeyokuba iDemocratic Alliance ayifuni singenelele phayana.

Siyicelile amatyeli amaninzi ukuba siyikomiti yesebe into yokuba singenelele ngenjongo zokufumana isisombululo esiza kuthi kuncedakala wonke umntu waseSwellendam ngoba ngabo abangamaxhoba wale ngxaki yokulwa phaya kula masipala. Siyayithanda ke into yokubana le nto umphathiswa kunye ne-DA noko bathi gu sikwazi ukusebenza sonke. Andithi nithi singcono xa sikunye ke ngoko kufanele sifundise abantu ngalo singcono xa sisonke sisebenzisane ukulungisa ezi ngxaki zikhoyo kwaba masipala. Sisuke apha ekupolitikeneni iingxaki ebezifanele ukwenzelwa abantu, Somlomo. Umasipala wase annaland ngoyena masipala usebugxwayibeni kunye sebe liyayazi le nto.

[Translation of isiXhosa paragraphs follows.]

[This is one of the important things in this sphere we are talking about. This is the one that is happening in Kannaland Municipality and the Swellendam Municipality. These are the two municipalities which have problems, although there are others but these two are excelling for not having progress. What is clear, Mr Speaker, in this Swellendam Municipality is that the DA does not want us to intervene there.

We have asked them several times that as the portfolio committee with the aim of finding a solution which was going to assist all the people of Swellendam because they are the ones who are victims in those municipalities. We would like the Minister and the DA to move aside so that we can all work together to solve the problems in these municipalities. Are they not saying that it is better together, and we must educate people about this better together so that we can solve the problems in those municipalities. We must move from politicising these problems instead of solving them so that people can benefit, Speaker. The Kannaland Municipality is the one which is the worst and the department knows this very well.]

†Some of the problems in the municipality have to do with the officials who are corrupt. It has to do with the officials who receive salaries from that municipality and elsewhere, but yet the department has not taken a decision about those two officials. [Interjections.] I'm talking about Kannaland.

Le ngxaki sithetha ngayo yingxaki ekhoyo apho, iyaziwa akukho nto yenziwayo, le nto ke iba nesiphako kwaba bantu bekufanele ukuba bafumane iinkonzo kwaba masipala babandakanyekayo. [The problem we are talking about is right there, it is well known but nothing about it, this becomes a problem for the people who are supposed to be getting these services in these affected municipalities.]

†All I can say is that none of us need to politicise issues that do not need politics. We are all against corruption. If someone is corrupt, deal with him regardless of whether that person is a supporter of the DA, the ANC or Cope. If that person is found to be corrupt, take action against him. This will be to the benefit of the people, in particular the people of Kannaland. There are no resources there. There will never be resources there, because the officials in that municipality have no interest in changing the situation in that particular area.

Okokuqgibela ezinye ke ze ngxaki ezikhoyo lungu Geyer zezongxaki zokuthanda ukukhuphisana koomasipala baseNtshona koloni nase baseMpuma Koloni. [Lastly, some of the problems which are there, Mr Geyer, are problems of competing between the municipalities of the Western Cape and the Eastern Cape.]

†We must do good and graduate from doing good to doing great. That is what we must strive for.

Oomasipala abababini apha eNtshona Koloni babekwe phantsi kolawulo kodwa eMpuma Koloni nangona iingxaki zigcwele phaya akakabikho umasipala obekwe phantsi kolawulo. Kufuneka sithi xa sigxeka ke, Somlomo, sigxeka iMpuma Koloni siyiNtshona Koloni xa iMpuma Koloni inento entle eyenzileyo sifunde kuyo. [Two municipalities here in the Western Cape were put under administration but in the Eastern Cape, although there are problems there is not a single municipality which is under administration. Speaker, when we criticise the Eastern Cape as the Western Cape we must also be able to see the good which is done by the Eastern Cape.] [Time expired.]

†Mr H P GEYER: Mr Deputy Speaker, it is an honour for me to serve the people of the province as a member of the Standing Committee on Local Government in the Western Cape. It is also a challenge to provide the necessary oversight in order to support this important department. Municipalities are the organs of our three tiers of government and should they not function to their full capacity, problems can be expected which can accumulate and cause a severe malfunction in the governing system.

The functions of municipalities are complex, therefore the financial constraints which every municipality faces is one of their biggest challenges and requires effective and efficient management. Therefore, Mr Deputy Speaker, we commend the hon Minister Anton Bredell and his department for capacitating the retraining of municipal staff in key positions, especially those who manage financial portfolios. I'll say more about that later. The department will also oversee that integrated, sustainable and well-managed municipalities are maintained.

*To the ANC-controlled Oudtshoorn Municipality ...[Interjections.]

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon member! Do you have a point of order or a question?

†Mr M SKWATSHA: I want to know whether ...

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Do you want to ask a question?

†Mr M SKWATSHA: Yes.

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Is the member prepared to take a question?

†Mr H P GEYER: No, I won't take a question.

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The answer is no. Please sit down.

†Mr K E MAGAXA: You're afraid. [Interjections.]

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Please take your seat. Please continue, Mr Geyer.

*Mr H P GEYER: To the ANC-controlled Oudtshoorn Municipality I want to say: yes, there is a prevailing drought condition, but the water crisis is caused by poor management of extremely essential resources, especially water. Short-sighted and poor planning must be laid before the door of the incompetent municipal management of Oudtshoorn, because this is what caused the current water crisis in Ladismith.

It is also the department's aim to bring about sustainable development, to manage pollution and waste with circumspection and at the same time to protect the increasingly vulnerable biodiversity.

Mr Deputy Speaker, today I want to focus only on corruption and cadre deployment. With the establishment of the Standing Committee on Local Government all of us thought that we were going to get better control over municipalities. This committee was formed to combat and control corruption, misapplication of funds, fruitless expenditure and so forth and to give guidance where necessary. But, unfortunately, our experience is that this committee has no clout when crises arise.

In order to manage and control local government efficiently at municipal level, steps will definitely have to be taken to extend the powers of this committee so that possible mistakes and/or wrong actions can be addressed in time.

Mr Deputy Speaker, we must realise that municipalities work with taxpayers' money and that taxpayers nowadays pay a high price for the malapplication of funds in municipalities.

The problem we experience in the Scopa is that theft, corruption, the malapplication of funds and other irregularities are pointed out by the Auditor-General in his annual report only after a year or longer. At that stage it is hopelessly too late to repair the damage done, let alone getting the money back from the perpetrators.

Mr Deputy Speaker, if the President is serious and really wants to eradicate corruption, as he likes to declare from various stages, he must start at the beginning. The beginning is the Constitution of the RSA. The Constitution will definitely have to be amended so that the first and second levels of government can intervene quicker and easier when irregularities take place. I believe my colleagues on the other side of the House will agree with me on this wholeheartedly. As a matter of fact, the whole country will agree with me.

The Minister, in his speech, referred to his intervention in Swellendam, but will surely concede that we cannot wait for the dam wall to cave in before we are allowed to intervene. I want to request the Minister to take this thought further when he attends the next Minmec meeting.

Nobody wants to deny the independence of each level of government, but if independence has gone so far that we want to jerk the dam from underneath the duck, why is the hon Uys pleading so much for the independence of municipalities? That is why the so-called independent sphere of government is giving us these few statistics – and there are only a few.

†I quote:

The ANC is shocked by the arrest of the Northern Cape Minister of Finance and Economic Development and Tourism arrested by the Hawks together with seven others on alleged tender fraud related to the purchase of water purifiers, which is part of a R200 million corruption case.

And I continue:

John Block, in R7 million diamond posers after thieves entered the tightly secured Kimberley Diamond Centre, eased their way through the maze of padlocked doors and alarm systems, opened the safe and made off with uncut diamonds worth R6,7 million.

*The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon member! [Interjections.] Order! It's an interesting story, but the hon member will have to explain to me how this connects up with the Western Cape. [Interjections.]

*Mr H P GEYER: I'm going to explain it to you. [Interjections.]

*The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Come to the point.

*Mr H P GEYER: I'm going to come to a point. [Interjections.]

†Mr Deputy Speaker, when you write three letters to the Public Protector in three months concerning one municipality, then there's definitely something terribly wrong.

†The LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION: Swellendam. [Interjections.]

†Mr H P GEYER: Coming back to the John Block saga, Mr Deputy Speaker ... [Interjections.] ... who were the three accused in the water ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Mr H P GEYER: I will explain, Mr Deputy Speaker ...

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

†Mr H P GEYER: ... in one sentence. Who were the three accused in the water purifier scandal in Kimberley, totalling more than R100 million? The businessman from Uruguay, Gaston Savoi; John Block; and, lo and behold, Jonas White, the Executive Mayor of the Cederberg Municipality.

*Mr P UYS: Is that in Cederberg?

*Mr H P GEYER: Mr Deputy Speaker, I cannot help but to once again pick out this province's comic municipality, namely Cederberg, as an example.

We understand that it is a hive of activity with the hustle and bustle of the Hawks in Cederberg after the Auditor-General's preliminary report. Why preliminary? I don't know, Mr Deputy Speaker. I understand that some of the guys are going to be put away so deep that their breakfasts will only reach them by nightfall, but that in a lighter vein.

Speaking of the Auditor-General's report, Mr Deputy Speaker, it remains strange to me that this report on Cederberg, unlike those of the other municipalities, is dragging on for months in spite of the Minister's request that it should be made available to him. What is going on here? I suppose we'll have to be patient; perhaps this is about putting it away so deep.

†Mr Deputy Speaker, another issue is the issue of the CDWs, about which hon Uys is so concerned. Is it not strange that there is a strong indication that CDWs are deployed in a political role instead of a social services role in ANC-controlled municipalities?

*Mr P UYS: They're paid by you!

†Mr H P GEYER: I am aware that this is a strong statement, yet I have all the proof in world that this takes place. [Interjections.] Come with me to Cederberg. Once again I can furnish you with sworn statements to this effect. Over R300 000 worth of Christmas hampers were bought with operating funds by a bankrupt municipality to be handed to ANC cadres by the CDWs for supporting the mayor. Citizens of Cederberg who did not support the ANC were shunned and received nothing. All this, Mr Deputy Speaker, was orchestrated by the CDWs of Cederberg.

Who can forget the misuse of municipal vehicles during the by-elections in Graafwater and Saldanha Bay by another prominent CDW? Although this was captured on camera and there were photos in the press not a finger has been lifted or action taken by the Speaker of that municipality.

That, Mr Deputy Speaker, is the point I've been making all along. The provincial government has to look on while grave discrepancies take place in municipalities and the Minister's hands are tied behind his back.

Mr Deputy Speaker, yesterday I spoke about corruption in housing applications and we had that report in the *Son*. This is not an isolated case; it happens in many municipalities. The wife of the CDW I referred to earlier is a housing officer in Cederberg. On the afternoon of a by-election in Cederberg she drove through the residential area concerned and, by means of the municipal loudhailer system, encouraged all ANC members to proceed to the primary school to get confirmation of the stand numbers of the houses that would be allocated to them if they voted for the ANC on that day. [Interjections.]

Mr Deputy Speaker, everyone received a laminated card and all that was on that card was a housing application number. [Interjections.] This was also reported to the Speaker of Cederberg and the IEC, but to not avail. [Interjections.]

As I stand here, I have just received an SMS from the ward councillor of Ward 4 in Cederberg that the CDW for Elands Bay, Buthe Mdaweni, has enlisted 20 persons for training to do paving in Elands Bay – all of them ANC members. [Interjections.] This is the same woman who told a non-ANC person to sign an ANC membership form and she would send her on the computer course she had applied for. For that I have a sworn statement, which has been submitted to the Minister of Local Government. I thus formally request the Minister to make an investigation into this matter with great urgency. [Interjections.]

*As a member of the standing committee I make it my aim to apply oversight such that the department's priorities and objectives will once more be surpassed. This is especially the development of capacity to provide retraining to municipal personnel in key posts such as the extremely important financial portfolios in order to create well managed, integrated, sustainable and empowered communities.

This will make the open opportunity society a reality for everybody and allow the people and the local governments of the Western Cape to function better together. For that reason, Mr Deputy Speaker, I wholeheartedly support the Minister's budget for the 2013-2014 financial year. I wish them the best.

*The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Mr Deputy Speaker, every team loses members. We have lost Oerson Herder, Paul Klase and Corne Booyens and we shall miss them.

It is difficult to reply; it's been a long time since I last had to handle so many absolutely nonsensical inputs.

So let me rather start on a positive note because there are many competent Municipal Managers and Mayors here. I have just received an SMS that says: "Please note that your municipal account is payable." [Laughter.] And that is on 28 March 2013.

The Municipal Manager and the Mayor are here and I thank them for the good service. You will be paid. This is the type of service that you get from a good municipality.

†Mr M OZINSKY: Do they do that for everyone?

†The MINISTER: They send it to every citizen in the Swartland Municipality and there are a lot of DA-controlled councils that will do the same.

Allow me to thank my HOD, Dr Hildegard Fast, and her team for the good service they deliver to the province. You're a professional team and I really respect you for that. We're a team and we don't discuss politics. We discuss service delivery and how to improve services in the province.

*I'm therefore half ashamed to stand here and I must apologise for all the bad things you had to listen to. So, close your ears because a number of our friends in the House have started a political debate and I am going to continue with it because it is my duty to protect my party as well as the good work we do in this province.

To the chairperson and my colleague, Johan Visser, thank you for your guidance in your oversight role as the chairman of the standing committee. You are playing an incredible role to keep me and my department on our toes. Thank you for that.

Mr Deputy Speaker, to the hon Uys I want to say the following: one should be careful if you throw stones when you're living in a glass house. One can understand the nastiness of the hon Uys and one can explain it, because he's in a party where he does not want to be and the party he wants to be in, doesn't want him. [Laughter.] I can therefore understand, Mr Deputy Speaker, that the hon Uys is sort of living in limbo. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER: Mr Deputy Speaker, this, however, is the result when you sell your own norms, values and morals. Then life becomes empty and lonely. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER: The CDP process, Mr Deputy Speaker, is one of the best processes in this country. This department, together with professional people, has taken the CDP process to a new level and we are still far from realising our dream.

I know the hon Uys is very envious because they could never come to light with something like this. I am very proud of what our team has achieved and with the help of our municipalities we are going to make it even better. Thanks to all the mayors and all the municipal managers who understand the importance of the CDP process and who also cooperate to make it better.

The SDF process, Mr Deputy Speaker, is a joint process of my department and the municipalities. We do not dictate to municipalities. I have great respect for the independence of municipalities, and I'll get to that.

You're asking the national government to come forward with legislation. What you are really saying, is that the national government must enforce a single civil service so that everything can be controlled from Luthuli House. Then we'll see how the Mangaung "bashing" that we are seeing now goes on – if you don't listen to the boss, you get kicked out. We will not allow that and will fight it into the Constitutional Court.

Mr Deputy Speaker, to the ANC – I can understand it, but apologise to the mayor of the metro – you are very envious about the Unicity, because the Unicity is the best metro in the country. All of us know it. The facts are there and only a blind person cannot see it. [Interjections.] Therefore, to drag the metro into this debate is rather shortsighted.

The only thing of value that the hon Uys has said, is that you cannot mention Kannaland and the metro in the same breath. This is true; there are differences in degree, there are functional differences and there are differences in capacity and we will make it up with our expertise and help them with it.

The hon Uys further made allusions to the Municipal Public Account Committees, better known as MPAC's, in municipalities and the oversight function. We have no problem with oversight, but then it must be oversight that adds value and not oversight that creates jobs for pals.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I'm sticking to my point of view: We will implement the MPACs and we will make a success of it in the Western Cape. I doubt whether the other eight provinces will make a success of it.

When we have internal and external audit committees and we give them independence and it does not cost the tax payer an extra cent, then we will really have oversight, but the hon Uys refuses to understand this. [Interjections.]

Mr Deputy Speaker, regarding the motivation of service delivery, which we will not support – the ward committees are of course of critical importance for the success of especially public participation. We have implemented a model with which the hon Uys could never make progress during his term. That model is being rolled out and we are still not where we want to be with it, but we have a plan and we will get there. We have 278 active ward committees and we will expand it and will also improve the quality of those ward committees.

Mr Deputy Speaker, we are not a department that comes forward with a lot of new ideas every year. We said to the standing committee and I will say it here in the House today: we first want to perfect that with which we are busy. So we are going to work on ward committees and CDPs for a few more years and we will first make a success of those. The Thusong centres can still be developed a lot more, but we are very proud of what we have and will build on that.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the call for Salga to expand comes from the background of the hon Uys, who wants to manipulate everything from a single system because he knows that Salga dances to the tune of that house in Johannesburg and what happens there.

The funds were not taken away. The funds were cut, hon Uys, because national does not contribute to the Thusong process. We came forward with a model that we discussed and then sold to municipalities. They supply office space and they buy in, so it's a joint process. If everybody cooperates, hon Uys, we can only do better and that is what we will focus on.

The smaller-capacity municipalities must be supported, but not in the way the ANC supported them at that time, when it started support programmes for smaller municipalities and then left them in the lurch after a year. You know that system; that system failed. You know the Central Karoo, hon Uys. The Central Karoo's capital budget is zero and its operating budget is about R57 million, so the ANC council there pays its people to sit and loaf behind their desks while they play games because they don't have money to work with. [Interjections.] However, you won't comment on this.

This is why this is such a disappointing debate. I told the standing committee at the time that when they go out into the field they must stop looking at things as either DA or ANC. Come to the House with substantial ideas and models about how we can improve government in this country, because then we can focus on service delivery. [Interjections.]

It is really disappointing if a standing committee comes back to the House after being in the field and the ANC councils are attacked by the DA and the DA councils are attacked by the ANC. I think sometimes this shows our own capacity and the fingers should point to ourselves. [Interjections.]

Mr Deputy Speaker, there are still a few items I want to mention. When talking about corruption, ANC corruption and DA corruption are equally bad. One party's corruption is no better than that of another party. I am stricter with DA-controlled councils than with ANC-controlled councils, because a party is built on norms, values and standards and I will not yield on that. However, neither will I allow the hon Pierre Uys to play political games with my DA members. I will not allow it, Mr Deputy Speaker. [Interjections.]

We have a lot of the CDP programme. Perhaps I should also apologise to my personnel because we are really trying very hard to take this programme to new heights. I want to invite the standing committee to come and look at the successes for a change. [Interjections.]

In such a process there are naughty children, but we have to act within the labour legislation because we believe in legislation. We are also the only province that will make this programme work. Yes, we changed it and we did not expand it because we created another supervisory structure that we will first have to fund.

Mr Deputy Speaker, that which is on the DA's federal agenda also came up and whatever would move the Premier of the Western Cape not to see her party as the next leaders. I do want to say to the hon Uys and the hon Ozinsky that the DA's federal council has had only one point on its agenda over the past 10 years. Only one agenda point, Mr Deputy Speaker, and that agenda point is to protect South Africa from a corrupt, incompetent, ineffective ANC government. [Interjections.]

That is the point on our agenda, Mr Deputy Speaker.

†Mr Deputy Speaker, I now come to the hon Ncedana. The hon member only said one thing worth mentioning and that is that local government is the most important government sphere. He mentions CDWs, but I don't think he understands the programme, so maybe he should come for a lesson or two. [Interjections.] I will, however, listen to hon Ncedana as soon as he can sort out the mess in Cope. After four years they don't even know who their leader is, so I won't take advice from the hon Ncedana. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

*The MINISTER: Now that is a proper mess, yes, but then they want to give advice. I am inclined to listen to people who know more than I do and who have achieved success, Mr Deputy Speaker.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I want to close by thanking the hon Geyer for his inputs. They weren't really based on my budget, but I can understand why. [Interjections.] It is because the hon Uys has never made a distinction between a DA-controlled council and an ANC-controlled council or did not realise that if they do not serve the public, they are equally bad. Our focus will be on supporting and assisting Cederberg. As an example I want to tell the House what we have done.

When there were problems in Swellendam, I was approached for help. I accepted the help of the national Minister and we went to Swellendam together. We solved the problems. I offered to help Cederberg, but in four months we haven't even held a Minmec meeting there.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the ANC is not prepared to render service or is not focused on it. They focus only on themselves. [Interjections.] I said last week and I will say it again: the ANC had the opportunity to govern this province, but they failed the people of the Western Cape and they will also fail the people countrywide. [Applause.]

Debate concluded.

The House adjourned at 18:20.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, TABLINGS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

TUESDAY, 26 MARCH 2013

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Speaker:

1. Report of the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Development on the *Western Cape Additional Adjustments Appropriation Bill* (2012/13 Financial Year) [B 5–2013], dated 26 March 2013.

The Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Development begs to report that it has concluded its deliberations on the Bill.

2. **(Negotiating mandate stage)** Report of the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Development Committee on the *Division of Revenue Bill* [B 2–2013] (NCOP), dated 26 March 2013, as follows:

The Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Development, begs to Report that, having considered the *Division of Revenue Bill* [B 2–2013] (NCOP) referred to the Provincial Parliament in terms of the rules of the National Council of Provinces (NCOP), begs to report that it confers on the Western Cape's delegation in the NCOP the authority to support the Bill.

3. Report of the Standing Committee on Community Safety, Cultural Affairs and Sport on the *Western Cape Community Safety Bill* [B 8–2012] dated, 5 March 2013.

The Standing Committee on Community Safety, Cultural Affairs and Sport having considered the subject of the *Western Cape Community Safety Bill* [B 8–2012] referred to it, begs to report the Bill with amendments ([B 8A–2012] and [B 8B–2012]).

PROCEEDINGS OF THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT

The House met at 10:00.

The Speaker took the Chair and read the prayer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, TABLINGS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS – see p. 7486**WESTERN CAPE APPROPRIATION BILL [B 2—2013]**

(Debate on Vote 5 – Education)

†The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Mr Speaker, I acknowledge the hon Premier, fellow members of Cabinet, the hon Leader of the Opposition, hon Members of the Provincial Parliament, the Superintendent-General of Education and all senior officials from the Western Cape Education Department, invited guests from the education community, ladies and gentlemen.

INTRODUCTION

Mr Speaker, thank you for giving me the opportunity to present the 2013-14 Budget for Education in the Western Cape.

It is my privilege to welcome a number of special guests to this important occasion for education in the Western Cape:

- My wife Cheryl;
- Prof Brian Figaji, Chair of the Education Council; and
- Peter Twine, a quality partner from Woolworths.

Thank you for joining us today.

I also want to mention as special guests three of our four educators who were recently awarded prizes at the National Teaching Awards. They are: Mr Ismail Teladia from Spine Road High School, Mr Warren Sparrow from Rondebosch Boys' Preparatory School and Ms Melanie van de Jar from Cedar High School. [Applause.] *In absentia*, I would also like to acknowledge our fourth recipient, Mr Derick Petersen from Imizamo Yethu Secondary School in Thembaletu in George, who won an award for secondary school leadership. [Applause.]

I would also like to welcome Sam Christie and Palesa Nkabane of the Michael and Susan Dell Foundation.

In 2009, when we tabled our strategic plan, I indicated that we were being realistic about the scope of the challenges in education facing us as a government. There would be no silver bullet and we committed ourselves to applying principles of good management and best practice to everything we do, so that we do the right things, within budget and on time. Steady and sustainable improvement would be the order of the day. I also said that the focus of this government would be on the learner in the classroom.

Four years later, our focus remains the same. Today's budget is motivated by what is in the best interests of the learners so that we can improve their life chances and create opportunities for them through the provision of quality education.

This approach was reflected in our strategic plan which encompasses a sustained, focused and systematic approach to improving education. Although this plan has been our guide, we have not shied away from introducing further refinements as they have become necessary. No system involving a million children can be static year after year.

We have seen in the past how sudden changes in policy can damage the education system. Education needs stability and a sustainable long-term plan. It needs systematic, clear and sometimes bold change, not short-term projects, interventions and ill-conceived cash injections.

Mr Speaker, the hon members need look no further than the changes made to the national curriculum in the early years of our democracy to find an example of the damage which can be done to the future of our young people and the professional pride of our educators through bad planning and poor implementation. For a while confusion and disruption in the system were the order of the day, impacting directly on the outcomes of the system.

Fortunately, much of this in the curriculum field is now a thing of the past and the more realistic implementation of the Curriculum and Assessment Policy Statement (CAPS) has proved to be clearer and more manageable.

We can confidently say that we have established, in the last four years, the foundation necessary to achieve our objectives and those described more recently in the National Development Plan. We have managed to weed out policies that were not working, introduce new ones and fine-tune successful ones each year. What we have now today is a maturing provincial education system which has responded positively to a number of systems improvements.

This year, together with the second-year roll-out of CAPS, we plan to further deepen and strengthen these strategies – re-enforcing the strategies we have developed since November 2009 and ensuring stability in the system so that ultimately our focus can remain on and improve the lives of those most important of people, our learners.

*Mr Speaker, in an effort to provide our learners with the best possible education, the WCED does not work on its own. It is working closely together with its sister departments in this government, where possible and appropriate. Examples of this transverse approach are to be found in our involvement in the programme offered by the MOD centres by the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport with the introduction of the Integrated School Health Programme in our schools by the Department of Health and in the support we are receiving from the Department of Social Development and the Department of Community Safety in improving the safety of our learners.

†In addition, the WCED has entered into a number of agreements with various organisations to enhance the services it delivers in the interests of quality education. Recently, the WCED signed an agreement with the Michael and Susan Dell Foundation, aimed at improving learning outcomes through the use of financial incentives and school performance data. The foundation has allocated R16 million for use in 24 project schools, in addition to the department's investment in incentives and rewards.

THE BUDGET

Mr Speaker, earlier this month, the Minister of Finance, Economic Development and Tourism announced that within the Medium-Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF), the Western Cape Education Department would receive over a third of the provincial budget – an investment in education of R49,1 billion.

The department will receive R15,6 billion for the 2013-14 financial year. This is an increase of over R1,3 billion from the previous financial year which had an allocation of over R14 billion.

Public ordinary school education will continue to be the main focus of the department's funding, with an allocation of 72% of the budget. An amount of R37,9 million will be allocated to adult basic education and R351,4 million to our six FET colleges.

The Western Cape already leads the country in the provision of Special Needs Education. In the Western Cape, 5,7% of the budget is allocated to Special Needs, which amounts to R894,7 million. This represents an increase of R43 million from last year.

HOW DOES THIS BUDGET ALLOCATION AFFECT OUR LEARNERS?

As is the case in all large public school systems, the majority of the budget will be spent on our educators. They remain our most important asset as they are responsible for ensuring that our learners receive the best quality tuition and a fair chance to lead the lives that they deserve.

In the 2013-14 financial year, we have allocated R9,9 billion to teacher salaries. Educator training remains a key component of our strategy as it directly impacts the delivery of the curriculum to the learner. Since 2009, we have developed a sustainable and comprehensive programme for educators which include various specialised courses and support programmes at the Cape Teaching and Leadership Institute, such as ICT proficiency, special needs education, training for aspiring school principals, literacy and numeracy workshops and subject-specific training for various grades.

The teacher component of training and development has increased from R79 million in the 2009-10 financial year to R112 million in the 2013-14 financial year. In 2013, the department will train teachers of Grades 7 – 9 and Grade 12, for the introduction of the CAPS in these grades in 2014. A total of 250 schools will also receive training and school-based support in Language and Mathematics development as well as additional readers and learning support materials as part of our eight-year training and support plan.

*While it is important always to help enhance the capacity of those teachers who do not perform or do not want to improve, it is also necessary to set targets for them to achieve in order to motivate them.

In 2012 the WCED launched the electronic school improvement plan (SIP), requiring schools to set targets and develop plans for improving language and mathematics in grades 1 to 9 and the subjects offered in grades 10 to 12.

In 2013 the SIP was streamlined and schools again set targets and developed plans that can bring about improved learning outcomes.

†The SIPS will also allow us to monitor absenteeism trends. A key priority for the Western Cape government is the protection of teaching and learning time, and we believe that there has been a positive shift in attitude by our educators and principals in subscribing to this principle. In the Western Cape, the latest reports reveal that educators are absent, on average, five days a year. This is well below the national average, which is 19 days per year.

Mr Speaker, this government believes that hard work should be recognised and progress rewarded. If a school produces improved results, it ultimately means that our learners' skills sets and opportunities are growing. Therefore, we want to reward our schools and incentivise them to continue this improvement.

Last year we launched an incentive programme that rewards primary schools that have improved the number and quality of passes in the Grade 3 and 6 language and mathematics systemic tests. An amount of R25 million was allocated to this incentive programme. In the 2013-14 financial year a further R30 million will be allocated towards this programme and distributed to schools to spend on maintenance or items that enhance their capacity to deliver a quality education to our learners.

Mr Speaker, if we discount educator salaries, the majority of the remaining proportion of this budget goes towards allocations which directly impact the learner. In fact, the majority of these allocations affect our poorer learners, with the poorer 60% of our school population receiving the greater allocations in terms of important indicators such as norms and standards funding, school feeding, new infrastructure and learner transport.

This is in line with the Western Cape government's policy in opening opportunities for people in poor communities, through education, health services, housing and social development programmes and is reflected in the overall budget of the Western Cape, with 76% of the Western Cape annual budget being directed towards poorer communities.

I am pleased that in this financial year we will see the implementation of approved proposals by the WCED that will result in additional funding for public schools serving poorer communities.

In the 2013-14 financial year, no-fee schools in Quintiles 1 – 3 will receive the same increased amount of R1 010 per learner which will contribute meaningfully to improving resources critical to the teaching and learning experience at these schools, improving the quality of education and ultimately improving opportunities for the learner. The cost of the equalisation of these per learner amounts in National Quintiles 1 – 3 will be R24 million in the 2013-14 financial year and R26 million in the 2014-15 financial year.

In addition, the Western Cape Education Department will increase funding at over 300 fee-paying schools serving less affluent communities. These fee-paying schools currently receive far less than R1 010.

Therefore the department will reduce this gap this year by approximately 25% and in the 2014-15 financial year by as much as 73%. The cost of these allocations per year will be to the value of R18 million and R53 million respectively.

It is important to remember that the various amounts described above are in addition to what the department pays for the remuneration of staff in government employment at our public schools.

*Mr Speaker, we cannot ignore the fact that we are living in tough economic times where many parents of poorer learners simply cannot afford paying their children's school fees and that this has an effect on the school income of school-fee schools.

Provision for financial compensation was made possible for the first time in 2011, where school-fee schools could apply for school-fee compensation to cover some of the expenses of poorer learners who are exempted from paying school fees.

Accordingly, the WCED paid more than R20 million in 2011 and R31 million in 2012 as compensation for school-fee exemptions. These amounts were the highest in the country, and in the 2013-14 financial year, R45,3 million will be made available.

†This allocation again shows that the WCED is prioritising the education needs of all our learners, particularly those from our poorer communities.

Mr Speaker, it is a sad reality that many of our learners in this country rely on a meal at school as their only meal of the day. Over 427 000 learners currently receive a nutritious lunch meal in the Western Cape each day. This programme has expanded year on year, with allocations to the feeding scheme having over doubled since the 2009-10 financial year, increasing progressively from R112 million to R260 million in the 2013-14 financial year.

I am very excited to announce, following a pilot in the 2012-13 financial year, that learners at our feeding scheme schools will receive an additional breakfast meal which will be served five days a week before the start of school each day. This will not only provide more nutrition for our learners but will encourage them to arrive early at school, thus potentially decreasing late coming.

In order to help assist over 50 000 learners in our poorer rural areas to get to and from school, we have allocated R222 million for learner transport.

School Safety is an on going concern and challenge for the department. We want our learners to be able to work and learn in an environment that is safe and secure, but the reality is that community conflict and violence can threaten our learners and schools either directly on the school premises or within the community.

Mr Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to extend my appreciation to all our educators that work in areas where there is high gang or criminal activity. They attend school, not only having to face their own fears, but to also be confronted with frightened and traumatised young learners affected by violent events.

I would like to honour and thank these educators today, and others in similar circumstances, who work in these very difficult and extreme situations.

We admire and value their courageous efforts in trying to create and secure a stable teaching and learning environment for our learners when there is violence and fear within the community and in their schools.

In order to try to protect our schools and our learners further, R25,5 million will be allocated to the department's Safe Schools programme. This represents an increase over the amount in the previous financial year and will be used to provide targeted support to schools to address issues such as youth development, substance abuse, conflict management and mediation, gangsterism and safety management. It will also be used to provide core security infrastructure to schools such as alarm systems, safety gates and burglar proofing in order to deter trespassing, burglary and vandalism.

In order to assist with repairing vandalised schools and ensuring that the schools are safe environments for our learners, R20 million will be allocated to the Emergency Maintenance Fund which will assist in repairing schools affected by burglary and vandalism and extreme weather conditions.

Mr Speaker, R3,170 billion will be spent on infrastructure over the MTEF period. This will see the completion of 26 new schools, 46 replacement schools, 5 replacement classroom projects and 124 Grade R classrooms. Therefore a total of 72 new school structures will be built during this period. This will benefit over 86 000 learners, mainly from our poorer communities, who will be housed and taught in new and improved structures that are conducive to quality teaching and learning.

Furthermore, this plan also envisages shifting maintenance expenditure from its current 17% of the overall infrastructure budget to 40%, which will see existing schools receiving a facelift – improving the environment in which these learners are being taught. The maintenance plan also envisages day-to-day maintenance by schools, therefore decreasing the need to repair defective stock resulting from neglect and reducing the operational costs at individual schools.

Payments for electricity and water are some of the operational costs that schools need to address. In the last few years, schools have faced increased municipal bills that they cannot afford to pay. In order to assist our schools in clearing this historical debt, the department has allocated R30 million in the 2013-14 financial year to supplement current expenditure levels on municipal services. Schools are also encouraged to implement appropriate green practices, including careful water use management and other conserving maintenance interventions.

Mr Speaker, the implementation of the Premier's Broadband project at schools will contribute to reducing some of our school's communication and other operational costs. It will also assist in the delivery of the curriculum through the provisioning of high quality curriculum material and teaching aids, improved communication and remote technical support. In preparation for the roll-out of broadband to our schools, the department will continue to invest in appropriate compatible equipment and hardware. There is no need for the department to wait for broadband access to be universally available before introducing these devices and making available software to support the curriculum.

Mr Speaker, I have yet to tell you about one of our really significant achievements to date and one that directly impacts our learners and their improvement in outcomes.

I made a commitment in the House two years ago to ensure that all learners in this province will have in their hands a textbook in every core subject they are taking by the end of the 2013-14 financial year.

I am pleased to report back to the legislature that we are well on track to fulfilling this commitment. Over R277 million has been invested in this plan in the last two years. Learners have received maths textbooks and readers in Grades 1 – 3, and textbooks in every core subjects in Grade 4, 5, 6, 10, 11 and 12. We are now preparing to roll out the next stage of our plan to include learners in Grades 7 to 9 and further textbooks for Grade 12. An amount of R175,8 million will be allocated to this third and final roll-out in the next financial year.

We will also be investing R8,4 million in our High School Improvement Plan in the 2013-14 financial year which is directed at improving quality learner outcomes. This plan will focus primarily on improving the performance levels of our Grade 12 learners in the National Senior Certificate examinations and our underperforming schools.

It cannot be argued even by the opposition that this plan has not been a success. In 2009, 85 schools had achieved less than 60% in the National Senior Certificate examinations. However, since the adoption of the plan, the number of underperforming schools has consistently declined from 85 to 76 in 2010, 30 in 2011 and 26 in 2012. The strategy has proved successful and therefore its core interventions will remain the same in 2013. However, certain aspects have been refined and improved to ensure even better results.

Building on this experience and in order to broaden the basis of sound learning outcomes at the earliest stage in our school system the department has identified the primary schools that perform at an unacceptable level. These schools have been notified of the need to present improvement plans, indicating the steps they will take to reverse declining outcomes. As is the case with high schools, the department will provide appropriate support.

Improving literacy and numeracy results is a priority for us. The department will continue to promote and support a culture of reading, writing and calculating.

Mr Speaker, I have just outlined some of our major budget allocations in education. I think it will be agreed that the focus is primarily on the learner. However, a system will not succeed if all administrative and organisational processes do not work. Therefore we will continue to strengthen and deepen the responsiveness and efficiency of the department so that our schools are able to be managed and administered effectively. This will allow our schools to operate smoothly without any disruption to teaching and learning and to ensure that the learners' classroom time is fully utilised.

In the last three years, we have effected a range of systems improvements to ensure better quality service at the point of delivery. A number of business processes have been automated to allow access to online reporting and monitoring mechanisms.

The SIP, as indicated earlier, for example, is one initiative that will allow the department to monitor and assess resources at schools; absenteeism trends; learners on the nutrition programme and the department's learner transport scheme; staff and learner numbers, including past trends and projections; as well as the frequency of meetings with parents to discuss the academic performance of their children.

In addition to this, the department has developed the District Management Information System (DMIS), which allows district offices to capture, plan and report on all school visits more efficiently than before. This system increases accountability, reduces the time spent on reporting, facilitates problem-solving and supports service delivery.

*Another area of improvement is the acceleration in the filling of teacher vacancies. We now publish vacancy lists up to four times per year to ensure that permanent teacher appointments can be made in time. This year we also introduced a new online system which makes it much easier for teachers to apply for vacancies in the province. This initiative reflects the ongoing innovation with which the department seeks to improve the way it recruits staff.

†Improved business processes have also led to an improved turnaround time for the appointment of principals, thereby reducing the periods for which the people responsible are in acting positions. By appointing leaders to these management positions in the school as quickly as possible, we are contributing to a positive school environment and ensuring greater stability within the system.

Mr Speaker, while we have managed to create a smarter and viable system, we do face one major threat which is progressively starting to creep into our school environments. This threat is individual and organisational self-interests that disrupt teaching and learning in our schools.

Mr Speaker, a public school system is there to provide for the learning needs of young people and to assist in breaking the cycle of poverty and through this to ensure a solid basis for individual development, economic growth and social stability. Public schools are not there for the playing of ideological games and the driving of agendas of people and structures which do not place the best interests of our young people first.

Unfortunately, increasingly we are seeing educators, SGB members, parents, organisations and political parties ignore the primacy of the learner in the education system so as to promote their own selfish interests. Such disruption of teaching and learning time can never be sanctioned by a government serious about the education of its young people. [Interjections.]

†The SPEAKER: Order! Order, hon members!

†The MINISTER: Mr Speaker, in this regard it is appropriate that I touch on the matter of school closures which attracted much attention during 2012. School closures are not about political interests, it is not about protecting jobs ...

Ms M TINGWE: [Inaudible.]

†The SPEAKER: Order, hon Tingwe!

†The MINISTER: ... and it is most certainly not about race. [Interjections.] It is about the better opportunities the learner will receive at his or her new school.

Two weeks ago, I visited Raithby Primary School in the Winelands. As many of you recall, Raithby is the school that has accommodated learners from Tonko Bosman Primary School – a school I decided to close after very careful consideration and due process.

At first the community objected to the department's decision to recommend to me the closing of their school. However, it soon became apparent that the opportunities afforded to the learners at the new school would outweigh the personal ties many had with this school. The SGB rejected the offer to be represented in court – and on 31 December 2012, Tonko Bosman Primary School closed.

Mr Speaker, I am sure you are wondering how the learners from Tonko Bosman are coping in their new school. I did, so as mentioned, I visited the school to see for myself. What I found was a clean, happy school environment where quality teaching and learning is taking place. I met several of the learners from Tonko Bosman during the break and they all told me that they were happy at their new school, have made lots of new friends and are enjoying the new facilities such as the computer laboratory and sports and extra-curricular playing fields.

The move to the new school also meant additional educators for the Raithby Primary School, which has resulted in single grade teaching at the school. Therefore not only have we seen improved opportunities for the Tonko Bosman learners, but for the Raithby learners as well.

We will continue to do all we can to ensure that all our learners are given the best possible education at all times whatever the circumstances.

Mr Speaker, the interim interdict in this matter was handed down on 22 December 2012. The reasons for this interdict finally appeared a week ago on 20 March 2013. While the WCED has, in every way, met all the requirements of the interim interdict handed down to ensure that our learners are not further disadvantaged, it is now a matter of public record that I have taken the step of approaching the Constitutional Court to ensure that we are always able to make decisions to the maximum benefit of the learners in our schools.

We are, however, looking forward to the review application in May 2013 on my original decision to close 20 schools, where we believe that the rights of learners to the best we can offer will be acknowledged rather than being denied, as has been the case till now.

Mr Speaker, in closing I would like to thank the Superintendent-General, her staff and the Ministry for their support and hard work during the past year. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER: It is sincerely appreciated.

Mr Speaker, I end by asking the citizens of the Western Cape to support and respect our learners' rights to education.

We need, more than ever, a whole of society approach to tackle the challenges we have in education. Let us protect and empower our learners by ensuring that their education needs come first, that their schools are safe from vandalism and theft, and that we promote, as a society, reading, writing and calculating, and shun late coming, truancy and anti-social behaviour.

Parents have a large role to play in this and we appeal to them to help the department help their child so that they can be afforded the opportunities in life they deserve. It is about making education, in the Western Cape, Better Together. [Applause.]

*Ms C LABUSCHAGNE: Mr Speaker, I support the budget of the Western Cape Department of Education. With R15,602 billion for the 2013-14 financial year it is the second biggest expenditure item of the DA government in the Western Cape – 36%. It is also encouraging to see that the education budget has been increasing at an average of 15% per annum since 2009.

The reality that has to be addressed by education in South Africa was correctly identified by the National Development Plan (NDP): a million young people leave school every year. Therefore it is necessary to ensure that improvement in education will adequately prepare our youth for further training or job opportunities.

However, the problem statement currently is much more complicated. According to the *Financial Mail*, education in South Africa is characterised by: the quality of matric pass requirements and the fact that this does not adequately prepare most of our youth for further university studies; schools in rural areas are still experiencing problems with the delivery of study material and addressing the infrastructure backlog; 80% of the education budget is spent on salaries, without sufficient accountability regarding performance; the will to apply standards is lacking, as for example performance contracts for teachers; and also the fact that South Africa has had too many policy changes, without any real successes.

Mr Speaker, it is easy to prove this opinion by referring to the various problems hampering education during the past year – as for example the textbook fiasco in Limpopo and the closure of schools in the Northern Cape because of service delivery protest actions.

In the Western Cape, however, the DA government uses the budget to give expression to the seriousness of education. I support Minister Winde when he said during his provincial budget speech:

The willingness of the Western Cape government to put the NDP into effect has also been noted by the national government and I am excited about the expansion of the NDP pilot project to offer after-school programmes for learners in the Western Cape.

Mr Speaker, the Western Cape Education Department (WCED) is complying with the call by President Jakob Zuma during his state of the nation speech. [Interjections.] Jacob. [Laughter.] Cooperation with teachers, ... [Interjections.] It is the Afrikaans – Jakob. Cooperation with teachers, parents, the community and various other interested parties ... [Interjections.] ...

†The SPEAKER: Order, hon members!

*Ms C LABUSCHAGNE: ... will allow us to turn our schools into centres of excellence. The WCED is already creating excellence in education. This is done according to the 10-point plan to improve education outcomes in the Western Cape.

Alarming figures like only one of five matric pupils obtaining more than 50% in mathematics or science, together with the annual results of the ... [Interjections.] ...

†The SPEAKER: Order, hon members! Order!

*Ms C LABUSCHAGNE: ... Annual National Assessment, better known as ANAs, proves the need to address literacy and numeracy. A record number of matric pupils passed the National Senior Certificate examination in 2012 ...

†Mr M SKWATSHA: Mr Speaker, on a point of order: Is it in order for a member of the House to disrespect the President of the country? [Interjections.]

†The SPEAKER: Order! Hon Skwatsha, that's not a point of order. [Interjections.] Order! Take your seat, hon Tingwe. Sit down. [Interjections.] Sit down, hon Tingwe. I've made my point. That's not a point of order. [Interjections.] Proceed, hon Labuschagne. [Interjections.] What is your point of order?

Nksz M TINGWE: Enkosi Somlomo, ndicela ube nomonde kunye nathi. [Ms M TINGWE: Thank you, Speaker. I want to plead for your patience with us.]

†The SPEAKER: What is the point of order?

Nksz M TINGWE: Umntu otolikayo apha uthi Jacob Zuma, uJacob Zuma noko ungumongameli wesizwe. Ingaba ilungile na loo nto njengelungu lepalamente uthi Jacob Zuma kuba njengoba ndimamele uthi Jacob Zuma khange athi mongameli.

[Ms M TINGWE: The person who is interpreting here says Jacob Zuma is at least the President of the country. Is it correct for a Member of Parliament to call Jacob Zuma by his name, because as I am listening she said Jacob Zuma; she did not say President.]

†The SPEAKER: Hon members, I don't want to engage in this discussion, but it normally happens to the Premier also. Most members call her Helen in the House and no one complains. [Interjections.] Order, hon members! I'm not going to entertain this discussion. [Interjections.] Order, hon members! If I need to make a ruling on this I will do it later. Proceed, hon Labuschagne. You may continue. [Interjections.] I've made a ruling on this matter.

†Mr M SKWATSHA: Mr Speaker, ...

†The SPEAKER: No, hon Skwatsha! I've already made a decision. If I need to make a ruling I will look at it and do it later. That's my ruling on the matter.

†Mr M SKWATSHA: I am rising on a point of order.

†The SPEAKER: No, no, no! Hon Skwatsha, take your seat, please.

†Mr M SKWATSHA: I am rising on a point of order.

†The SPEAKER: Hon Skwatsha, take your seat, please. You may continue, hon Labuschagne.

†Mr M SKWATSHA: No, Mr Speaker. The House has Rules.

†The SPEAKER: Hon Skwatsha ...

†Mr M SKWATSHA: A point of order is allowed in the House. [Interjections.]

†The SPEAKER: Hon Skwatsha, I've allowed you to do so and I've made a ruling.

†Mr M SKWATSHA: What is your ruling?

†The SPEAKER: My ruling is that I will make a ruling on the matter later, if there is a need for it.

†Mr M SKWATSHA: But I asked you a question.

†The SPEAKER: What is the question?

†Mr M SKWATSHA: Is it in order to disrespect the President of the country? I want to hear your ruling. Is it in order or not in order?

†The SPEAKER: I will make a ruling later. Thank you very much. Continue, hon member. Hon Labuschagne, over to you. [Interjections.] Order, hon members! Order!

*Ms C LABUSCHAGNE: Mr Speaker, a record number ... [Interjections.]

†The SPEAKER: Hon members, order!

*Ms C LABUSCHAGNE: A record number of matric pupils passed the National Certificate examination in 2012 – 36 992, which is a pass rate of 82,8% – and both the ANAs and the independent provincial testing of grade 3, 6 and 9 learners are indicative of successes being achieved and where further intervention is required.

Nksz M TINGWE: Ndithi akakho umntu wokunditolikela ola lwimi luthethwa lilungu uLabuschagne. [Ms M TINGWE: I am saying that there is no one who is interpreting for me the language spoken by member Labuschagne.]

†The SPEAKER: From Afrikaans to isiXhosa, or to English?

Nksz M TINGWE: IsiNgesi kuthe cwaka. [Ms M TINGWE: The English is quiet.]

†The SPEAKER: Go to channel 5. Hon member, over to you.

*Ms C LABUSCHAGNE: Mr Speaker, accountability in the education system is of paramount importance.

In the past, performance contracts were entered into with school principals, and the new School Improvement Plan, better known as the SIP, to which the Minister also referred, that every school has to implement, serves as an electronic accountability aid.

Accountability in education, however, also means that the interested parties involved in the education sector should do their fair share. The repeated focus on safe transport of learners in the Western Cape, even by private transport suppliers, assumes that greater accountability is also required of the supplier. In this way, incidents can be prevented where 18 learners are transported in a 7-seat vehicle or 13 children are transported on the back of a pick-up truck.

Better accountability in the best interest of the learner also presupposes that organisations will support the improvement in the education system. The support of the National Congress of School Governing Bodies for education to be classified as an essential service shows whose interests they have at heart. This seen against Sadtu's opposition to both the essential service plan and the implementation of biometric presence surveys for teachers. It is an open question whether Sadtu is putting the interests of learners first.

Shorter reaction time and better support by the WCED in particular will be facilitated by the effective use of the School Improvement Plan – the electronic aid. Automation also facilitates administrative and business processes in education, such as ordering textbooks and electronic applications from other support services such as feeding schemes and e-recruitment. Further improvement in reaction time can be ascribed to the department's forward planning in order to provide every school with adequate information and support. Examples of this are the effective functioning of the four lists of vacant posts per year, the early recording of learner strategy for the next year and also the annual planning calendar.

Mr Speaker, the performance of the Western Cape teachers at the National Education Awards – a total of four teachers – not only reflects the level of excellence of the profession in the province but can also be viewed as a result of the focus on continuing teacher development in the province. The annual planning calendar shows continued in-service training for CAPS as well as purposeful training for heads of department at schools, deputy principals, principals and school management teams. In this way, management and leadership in education are also improved.

Sufficient and quality teaching materials and textbooks are a priority in education for the Western Cape government. A total of 1,6 million textbooks were delivered in the Western Cape at the beginning of 2013. The government has committed itself to ensure that every learner, in every grade, will have a textbook in every subject. This objective is already in the process of materialising. The expenditure by the WCED on nine textbooks for every senior phase learner and seven textbooks for every grade 12 learner gives proof of this. The programmes for textbook recycling in this respect are welcomed.

The budget also provides for the additional use of technology to contribute to teaching in the classroom. The Broadband Strategy will supply high-speed Internet access to 70% of all provincial government buildings, rural libraries and schools across the province by 2014. Exciting possibilities already exist with the budgeted R34 million under Treasury's Special Projects budget for e-teaching hardware. The possibilities for quality teaching in the electronic/digital era are limitless.

The major technology role-players – Apple and Samsung – both already have huge platforms for electronic teaching aids. Apple, for example, has more than 80 000 computer applications, or Apps, aimed at teaching.

Local manufacturers of software such as Core Group also recently launched their online textbook application shop, also known as the App store – ZA Books.

A recent symposium of the annual literature support committee also highlighted the usefulness of cellphones in the classroom. The use of cellphones in the classroom in the South African context may be debatable, but it could also be an affordable, workable alternative to interactive, additional support in the classroom.

Mr Speaker, poverty and safety are two of the daily problems facing education and require a society-as-a-whole approach to address it. The safe school call centre receives up to 20 000 calls per year and the programme as a whole has a three-pronged approach to safety – the call centre, counselling for traumatised individuals and the physical safeguarding of schools. The latter also has a huge financial impact on funding.

Between April 2012 and February 2013 more than R5 million was spent on vandalism and break-ins at schools. Since the beginning of the year an average of one young person per week has died because of violent crime, with recent incidents of knifing among learners and cases of possession of firearms on the school grounds becoming more common. The standing committee has received positive feedback from one school with regard to the school resource official pilot project – where members of the police are involved in safeguarding schools. I hope this can be rolled out on a larger scale at schools in the province.

Mr Speaker, affirmative action in education is aimed at offering equal opportunities to every learner in the province by making available human and financial resources to especially districts and schools where historic underinvestment was experienced. Eighty per cent of the budget for textbooks, stationery, transport for learners and feeding schemes is spent on the poorest 60% of learners. Thanks to the school feeding schemes at 1 020 identified primary, secondary and special schools, 427 500 learners will receive nourishing meals on a daily basis. The initiative of a breakfast to be announced by the Minister is welcomed. The standing committee will visit these schools.

An initiative of the WCED to make equal provision for all learners in quintiles 1 to 3 will bring further relief to schools in a higher quintile but whose needs are not necessarily less. Similarly, the learner transport scheme will provide transport for approximately 50 000 learners in accordance with strict safety measures and good monitoring of the system.

Mr Speaker, affirmative action should, however, also refer to the elimination of any voids existing in supplying quality education to all learners in the Western Cape. Unfortunately, ever more is being expected of the government and especially the Department of Education these days to bear responsibility for the behaviour and actions of learners. Recent cases of violence against teachers and sexual offences among learners on the school grounds are issues requiring the cooperation of parents, teacher unions and communities in the broad context on a constant basis.

Interventions are also essential where gaps for improvement exist. So, for example, the issue of an average of 2 000 school learners falling pregnant every year will have to be investigated further. The interventions recently implemented by the WCED with the turnaround strategy for the grade 9 failure rate is welcomed. Maintenance, migration and new schools all form part of the new school infrastructure plan as set out in the Consumer Asset Management Plan, also known as the U-AMP. The new infrastructure plan was announced at the end of 2012 and covers the period from the 2013-14 financial year to the 2015-16 financial year. It encompasses the provision of 26 new schools, 46 replacement schools, 126 new grade R classrooms and 420 schools that will receive maintenance and renovation. According to the U-Amp, the costs involved in replacement schools and classrooms are R707 million in the 2013-14 financial year, with maintenance at R168,6 million.

Mr Speaker, in-migration to the Western Cape is a reality for which the WCED is providing to the best of its ability, but a definite distinction has to be drawn between in-migration that is putting pressure on education provisioning and the irresponsible and illegal interference in education provisioning. Decision-making regarding placements at schools should be undertaken and executed in the best interests of the child, with the necessary responsibility of the parent to register the child before the beginning of the school year.

Prioritising the Early Childhood Development Centre in the 2013-14 financial year is welcomed as part of the emphasis being put on the foundation phase of education in the province. Adequate development at an ECD centre will help to prepare our young children for the challenges they will face in grade 1. The R1,5 billion for ECD centres over the 2013 medium term will help to implement the universal roll-out of ECD centres across the province in 2014. The additional R100,6 million in the later years of the medium term will help to enhance teacher capacity.

Mr Speaker, for all the above reasons I support the budget of the Western Cape Department of Education and I thank every teacher for their perseverance to create a better future for our learners. I also thank the department, led by Ms Penny Vinjevold, for their dedication and I thank Minister Grant for his commitment to bring about quality education for every learner in the province.

†Ms M TINGWE: Mr Deputy Speaker, hon members and distinguished guests, education is a basic and fundamental right for all.

It is a very serious matter of concern that, to date, some learners still struggle to access schools. In some schools they still consider racial groups as a criterion for admission, regardless of the fact that the parents can afford to pay the school fees and have applied on time.

At some public schools they conveniently tell parents about the priority of accepting learners living in the surroundings of the schools, but when you check the class lists, you will see that they have kids at Rondebosch public schools coming from as far as Platteklouf, but they reject the kinds from Athlone or Langa. The department needs to pay special attention to such tendencies and look into the fact that too much power is vested in the SGBs.

I was very surprised to receive a response from a district director, telling me that they cannot do anything other than what was decided by the SGB in order for a learner to gain access to a school, even if the school is the only English-medium secondary school in the area. Every learner has a right to access education. I would like to appeal to the DA-led government to walk the talk of a better society. To date, we find that public schools have to use aptitude tests for school admissions. What if I fail the test but I have the capability to be in that school? Because I failed the test I will not be accepted at the school. That is a problem which needs serious consideration.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I am not satisfied with the department's support for and attention to the special schools – and I have raised this in the standing committee. It also needs to invest in such schools and not only chase after matric results. It is unacceptable today to find schools that are not user-friendly to learners with challenges. Extensive support to educators at such special schools also needs to be mainstreamed and championed by the department, even if it means that they must shift certain funds, such as the corporate funds, to these special schools.

The Education Department is the main custodian of education. This transfer of learners, who are in trouble with the law, to Social Development is totally unacceptable as Social Development has its own core responsibilities. They should rather find a way to work with each other, because that is what I think better together and intergovernmental relations should be about.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I was also disappointed and disturbed to learn that important textbooks such as Technology for lower grades and matrices were still outstanding at many of the previously disadvantaged schools and that some learners had poor matric results. Yet, when I crossed to the Greenleaf public schools, all was intact. It got me thinking: Does the department really want to improve and reduce the underperforming schools, if by 5 March those textbooks were still outstanding?

It is a shame to note in the review of the 2012-13 financial year how brief it was for such a dramatic year full of activities. There was no mention of the closure of schools, no mention of learner transport cuts and a number of other activities that had a good stance in the previous year.

I want to thank the hon Carlisle, in his absence, for making schools and education infrastructure one of his priorities in this new financial year. I must say that he faces the most violent constituencies but he is always there. However, the same cannot be said about Minister Grant. He should learn from Minister Carlisle and become more involved with the communities, even in the most extreme and difficult situations.

We need to see implementation taking place, and we call upon the department to form part of our ... [Interjections.] ... oversight visit to get the real picture of what is happening at schools. A number of schools are falling apart. They are not fenced in and are high-risk white elephants. We have a number of white elephant computer and science laboratories, which leaves much to be desired. You find these white elephants mostly in underperforming schools and previously disadvantaged communities.

The maintenance of schools is a mess. I call upon communities to take ownership of the school buildings and jealously safeguard them. The previously disadvantaged areas have become prisons and battlefields of gangsters.

I also challenge you, Minister Dan Plato, to come on board. [Interjections.] I also want to appeal to the department ... [Interjections.] ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Ms M TINGWE: ... to swap around and get rid of principals and government officials who show no leadership and are corrupt. A thorough audit should be done by an independent audit firm of each and every school fund that has been transferred by the department.

The sub district officials need to know their responsibilities and boundaries and not participate in the functions of some schools. They are supposed to give leadership and direction. I want to stress this. As I have said in the standing committee, the SGBs especially in previously disadvantaged schools should be well taught about their rights, responsibilities and duties and not be in the pockets of the principals, because then they are not able to do their oversight work and be independent of the principals.

Reprimand the principals who deliberately overcrowd their schools in order to receive more funds. That is why we sometimes find classes of 75 and more kids.

I now come to school safety. The department and the Department of Community Safety need to ensure that they have strong teams in areas with high and medium levels of crime. It is disturbing to learn that there are still more schools which are left alone to find their own way in terms of their safety. Every school in this province should be safe and free, and the government of the day has the responsibility to ensure that this is implemented.

Minister, I am disturbed by the learner transport cuts in the areas such as Knysna and the Boland, without proper consultation. Some of the incompetent district officials did not even bother to call the SGBs or the parents to officially inform them of this. They decided to send letters at the end of December 2012 to inform them that their transport will no longer be there in 2013, and some learners were told which schools to go to, as if those officials will buy them new school uniforms.

This Minister shows no respect for the important stakeholders of education. Consultations and public participation are key, and it is very important that they sometimes meet and not be hand in glove with the committees and stakeholders.

The ANC is also disturbed by the decrease in the allocation to the Central Karoo district, as it is also one of the most poverty-stricken municipalities. The 44,19% increase in the allocation to the independent primary schools is a matter of concern. I believe that they should have focused more on the underperforming and poorer schools than on the independent schools.

Thank you to the educators and learners of the Bellville, Peakview and Zonnebloem Nest schools for the improved matric results and disappointing Minister Grant, who is still looking forward to closing the schools.

I also want to congratulate the educators who won the National Teachers' Awards. They are here with us today, as mentioned by the Minister.

However, the DA-led government and especially Madam Premier Zille, in her absence, always make a noise about Sadtu members missing teaching time and being on other business rather than teaching. What about the ones who are here? Are they not missing teaching time as well? [Interjections.]

I now come to school nutrition. The department also needs to ensure that learners are given healthy and quality food, especially in the rural areas. I think monitoring is very important, because you find that they are giving poor quality food because people want to make money out of the school nutrition programme.

Minister, I heard you speaking about late coming and absenteeism. More needs to be done in this regard, even if it means taking the principals to task, together with the leadership at the schools, because this is a matter of serious concern. If one school can do it, then I think the other schools need to learn from the one that has a better practice. I want to hear about the plan to improve the 188 underperforming primary schools and the 26 underperforming high schools in this province, because I have not heard you speaking much on that, Minister.

It is in this province where millions of rands are ... [Inaudible.] ... the very people it should serve. We have just seen this MEC not waiting for the High Court review in a few weeks' time, but he skipped approaching the Appellate Division and ran straight to the Constitutional Court to waste more hard-earned taxpayers' money on a fight in another case for the indefensible arbitrary closure of schools.

This incomparable urge to fight instead of duly consulting people has become a trademark of this DA-led provincial government. It is in this province where many school protests are taking place because the people have lost confidence in the department which does not listen to them or show regard for their needs. It even fails to come and accept their memorandum when they come to their own door.

The latest scandal rocking this provincial Department of Education is the unmasking of it as it artificially enforced gatekeeping to inflate its matric pass rate. It is this department that unduly failed learners more than once in certain phases and now, two months into the new academic year, many poor learners had to hastily be promoted to Grades 10, 11 and 12 without consideration for the available classrooms, teachers, timetables, sport and books. What a mess this Department of Education finds itself in.

It is inexplicable why Madam Premier, as a former Education MEC, allows this situation to deteriorate, and why this MEC has not been fired. In fact, it is not really surprising because she is the one that is running the department. That's why she is not taking the capable women who can take the Department of Education to greater heights. [Interjections.] Yes, I am looking at her. The truth is that it is because it affects refugees and the poor. It is these people the DA does not care about. It talks a lot about them, but in practice it is these people who are disregarded.

The poor are not a priority of this DA-government. It mechanically follows instructions and expends the bare necessary money on the poor, but has a deep focus to fight the very people that need assistance most.

*Ms J L HARTNICK: Mr Deputy Speaker, the vision of the Western Cape Department of Education is to create opportunities for all through improved education outcomes. To give this to all learners of this province, they have a budget of R15,6 billion for the necessary planning and management of the education system.

Since we are all aware of the inequalities of the past, it is heartening that the WCED is allocating norms and standard funding according to the poverty quintiles where the poorest schools receive six times more than the more well-to-do schools so that learners can be empowered for future opportunities. The number of learners who have the privileged to begin with grade R has improved drastically, and the training given to educators, particularly in language and mathematics, is appreciated.

†Mr Deputy Speaker, much has already been said about the Department of Education. Thus I would like to thank them for their responsiveness and efficiency in providing a good service, as well as administration and academic support to our teachers and schools.

*I should, however, also thank the senior staff for their willingness to react to requests by the standing committee – thanks a lot.

†I would like the Minister and his department to be aware that we will be exercising our oversight role in monitoring programmes led by the Department of Education, and hold them accountable for quality education in the Western Cape.

†Ms J A VAN ZYL: Mr Deputy Speaker, the second largest chunk of the provincial budget goes into the Department of Education and this grows on an average of 15,6% year-on-year since the DA came into power.

Cope believes that the solution to unemployment will be delivered by an educated and skilled population. MEC Grant unwaveringly reiterated the vision of creating opportunities for all through improved education outcomes, and then he used the expression, “See the light or feel the heat”.

Mr Deputy Speaker, Cope supports the Minister one hundred per cent in his endeavours to turn the heat on where necessary.

*The closure of underperforming schools and court cases that may follow may be a debate for another day. Although the subsystem monitors learner absenteeism, it remains a matter of concern, but more so the total drop-out figures of schools.

The Minister should announce clear guidelines on how this will be addressed. On Monday, the Minister of Transport and Public Works announced how many schools his department would build or replace, but if the drop-out rate is not addressed adequately and this turns into a general trend, will all those new schools really be used optimally?

An example is a grade 9 learner of Rheenendal Primary School near Knysna where the gruesome bus accident took place in August 2011. He testified in court that he had left school because of the serious trauma of the accident. What measures have been put in place for ongoing trauma counselling particularly for children of this school?

Parent involvement is a major problem, and a programme by school governing bodies could deal with it so that parents will be responsible – and accountable – for the school education of their children.

In the oversight report of the department it is clear that accountability is enjoying high priority and that performance contracts of all officials have to be signed by 31 March 2013, with annual monitoring.

The department also emphasises the full quota of teaching time, and this is welcomed.

Opportunities in terms of further professional development and preparation are made available to teachers on an ongoing basis. The department maintains an acceptable record for supplying textbooks and reading books. Something that needs more attention, however, is the recovery of textbooks for re-use.

Crime, coupled with vandalism, is extremely detrimental for learners to pay attention to their school work without interruption. On oversight visits it was found that computer rooms had been ransacked during break-ins, and in some cases parts of prefabricated classrooms had been carried away piece by piece.

Although a national competence, quintile status allocation to schools should take place annually, especially in the Western Cape with its annually increasing immigration figures.

During the oversight visit of the standing committee it also came to light that only one social worker is allocated for 30 schools in the metro. This is about 31 learners for every social worker. This is totally insufficient, and this lack of the necessary support at a social level to learners could contribute to the high drop-out rate.

Interdepartmental cooperation is critically important to address every aspect, such as safety, sports activities, health and social development, since it is unacceptable that schools without sports grounds have to rent such facilities from municipalities for amounts, as stated to the standing committee, of up to R1 000 per Saturday to host their sports activities at school level.

Mr Deputy Speaker, Cope expresses its gratitude and appreciation to the Superintendent-General, every official and every teacher with the enormous task, through programmes, of shaping the children of today to be the leaders of tomorrow.

†Mr M G E WILEY: Mr Deputy Speaker, schools have traditionally been seen by society as havens of tranquility – a refuge even. Sure, there are many examples of misuse, or some examples of misuse and abuse, but on the whole they have a special place of respect because teachers were held – and I am speaking in the past tense – in high esteem.

At school we received an education that prepared us for life. Life at school had boundaries and order and gave opportunities, whether in the classroom, in the gym or on the sports field. We learnt to work as a team and to co-operate with one another, to stick to routines and deadlines, although not always.

Much of this has changed, just as society has changed. In the Western Cape we are still lucky in that we had generally good, currently excellent, management in our schooling system that has seen standards maintained in the main, despite society and political pressures.

In our travels around the province as a standing committee, we visit schools and education institutions. In many areas schools are no longer seen – and I am talking about the communities – as places to be respected. They are simply seen as opportunities for exploitation and use. Little loyalty to the institution exists in some communities and in some schools.

Although most schools demonstrate a clear understanding of the direction of the Western Cape Education Department (WCED), that is not the case as far as certain uncertainties are concerned. Certainty is a constant companion, and some questions are raised. What will the effect be of the new national curriculum? We've had a couple of those. How does one secure the school premises from gangs by day and vandals by night, and how can we motivate staff to participate in extra-curricular activity? How do we motivate staff, parents and communities? Where will we get more and more competent teachers from? How do we keep pupils in school, and when we do, how do we keep them safe from the torrent of potential abuse from social media, to gangs, to drugs and to bullying? What do we attend to first? Do we repair buildings, resource classrooms, maintain grounds or develop sports facilities and halls?

Again the Western Cape Education Department has a clear strategic plan and has done a remarkable job in implementing it, despite the significant obstacles and challenges. Its building plan far outstrips anything that the ANC ever did and can do. Its academic results are the envy of other provinces. Its training opportunities for educators and board of governors are significant and extensive.

Support functions in catering for social issues, registrations and disasters are effective, but again uncertainty prevails mainly of a political nature. Changing national policy, unionised teachers, collapsing neighbouring provinces and negative societal influences, including latent poverty and disease, are having an effect that diverts valuable resources away from the core function of learning.

We've already heard from member Tingwe, Mr Deputy Speaker. We in the standing committee call her "the absent member". For her to lecture this department on its industry is absolutely hypocritical. [Interjections.] She's not even here. [Interjections.] Oh, she's back now! [Laughter.] Worse is the overt interference of the ANC and its affiliates when they ... [Interjections.] Well, unfortunately it is the truth. The longer we can keep our pupils in school, the greater the chance of keeping youths out of harm's way on the outside.

One worrying aspect of national policy is the insistence on a 40% Maths pass rate in Grade 9. Many children simply do not have the aptitude for Maths and will drop out to the easier Maths Literacy subject in Grade 10, where the pass rate is much lower. Many simply drop out of school as a result of this stipulation and then become societal problems in themselves.

The Minister, the HOD and the department must be congratulated on confronting the issues that are facing them, and confronting them head-on, and we look forward to observing their continued efforts to overcome the many challenges that lie ahead, most of which sit on the other side of this floor. [Interjections.]

†The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Mr Deputy Speaker, it's not often I am speechless. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER: Let me start by saying that I take note of all the inputs from our hon members, and I am sure our officials have also taken note of what is relevant to improve education outcomes.

I would like to start off by thanking hon Ms Labuschagne for her remarks and her leadership of the Standing Committee on Education, and for her support of the budget. I, too, welcome her support for quality and expansion of post-school programmes.

I would also like to thank you for highlighting ongoing needs at our many rural schools and the importance of enhanced accountability and assistance. The understanding and value of the CIPs is clear, as is her support which made me share in terms of the ECD as well. Your emphasis on safety is taken very seriously, hence the pilot projects of using school-based policing especially trained for the purpose.

Mr Deputy Speaker, then I come to the hon Tingwe and I'll agree with her in one respect – that education is a basic and fundamental right. I think it will stop just about there. [Laughter.] Let me say that I note your concerns about admissions. It must be remembered that the powers and functions of school governing bodies are basically determined by national legislation. It is a product of your government.

The matter of admission policies is also currently before the Constitutional Court, and we will watch those cases with a great deal of interest. The department acts decisively wherever unacceptable admission practices are identified and reported. Please report them to us if you come across them. These are not, however, if I might say so, widespread, and I would appreciate it if you would supply us with the names of any schools without textbooks. [Interjections.]

We are not yet satisfied with our increased provision for special needs learners. We continue to attend to the matter in line with White Paper 6 and increased budget support for special needs, as outlined in my budget.

I now want to come to your comments about the special teachers in the House today. I want to say, firstly, that all are here with permission of their principals, and an understanding that no classes would suffer in their core subjects. Two of them are in the life-orientation field, and the third is in IT. [Interjections.] Let me tell you that these are teachers that won a national award.

Let me tell you also that I did take the trouble yesterday to phone the principal, Mr Petersen, in George to say well done to him on his gold medal, and thanking him for his decision to stay at his post in these critical last two days as a principal.

These three teachers go out of their way to give outstanding support to our learners, far beyond the two or three hours that they would share in the House. I think it is a disgrace that you've singled them out. [Interjections.]

I want to say to the hon Van Zyl that the department – and we are following what is happening in Knysna – is still giving counselling to the children, especially at this time during the inquiry.

I want to also say that drop-outs are receiving attention. We recently in Cabinet had the statistics for Census 2011, and we are getting further information in that regard to help us to reduce the incidence, primarily on the West Coast and the Karoo regions, and specifically for learners in the age group of 12 to 16 because the drop-out rate in those age groups is particularly high. We are taking note of it and we are dealing with it as effectively as we can.

I've also taken note of your comments regarding textbook retention. It's an ongoing issue for us because we invest millions of rand, as you've heard, in textbooks, and we must make sure that they are where they should be for as long as possible.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I want to thank the hon member Wiley for his comments. Regarding problems in Education in the Western Cape, I just want to say that I do not wake up at three o'clock in the morning and worry about the supply of teachers. We are very lucky that we have four wonderful universities in the province supplying us with more than enough enthusiastic, young potential teachers. So that is not something that keeps me awake.

The retention rate is something that we are working hard on as one of our core functions, but we will find, over time, that the retention rate will only start to build as the cohorts, that have had a proper grounding in the foundation and intermediate phases, make their way through the system so that we have a high proportion graduating in Grade 12.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I want to conclude and thank all those who took part in the debate and for team work from all our partners in Education who are represented here today and *in absentia*. In particular I want to talk about the Education Council and two critical projects which they have, namely reviewing our Maths and Science strategy as well as infrastructure, in consultation with Chet, or the Centre for Higher Education Transformation.

I also want to thank the members of the standing committee who really do attend the standing committee meetings and keep us on our toes; my Cabinet colleagues and the Premier for her leadership; and the Superintendent-General and her team, especially our district officials, our principals and our teachers.

I want to thank my Ministry. We have been reduced by one or two numbers, but we will soldier on until the end of our term. Thank you all for your outstanding support and guidance.

Finally, last but not least, my wife, and the love of my life, thank you. [Applause.]

Debate concluded.

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! That brings us to the end of this debate. We will now suspend business for a minute or two to allow for the rotation of officials in the days.

WESTERN CAPE APPROPRIATION BILL [B 2—2013]

(Debate on Vote 2 – Provincial Parliament)

†The SPEAKER: Mr Deputy Speaker, members of the Executive and Members of the Provincial Parliament, I hereby submit the Western Cape Provincial Parliament's budget for the 2013-14 financial year.

The budget that is before the House is to support and enable the members to perform their role of passing laws and executing oversight over the Executive.

The Western Cape Provincial Parliament also has the obligation to facilitate public access and involvement in the business of the Legislature. Before I go into the details of the budget, we need to consider if Parliament is doing its functions well and to look at what improvements can be made that will enable it to become a more effective Parliament.

Mr Deputy Speaker, for Parliament to remain relevant we need to look at ways to attract and involve the public, especially the young people of the province. [Interjections.]

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon Ozinsky! Please give the Speaker a chance.

*Ms A ROSSOUW: Mr Deputy Speaker, on a point of order: I object to what Mr Ozinsky has just said. He said he respected the Deputy Speaker; in other words, he does not respect the Speaker.

*The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! I did not hear that, but I ask the hon member to please give the Speaker an opportunity. Please continue, Speaker.

†The SPEAKER: We also need to embrace modern technology to facilitate effective communication and to make processes easier.

Mr Deputy Speaker, in the coming financial year the Western Cape Provincial Parliament's proposed budget is R102,627 million. This represents 9,64% from the current year's budget and 7,21% of the current year's revised estimate.

Compensation of employees

Mr Deputy Speaker, there is an increase of 14,59% from the main budget for the compensation of employees. The Western Cape Provincial Parliament has made huge strides in its recruitment effort. To date, the vacancy rate is 6% of the funded positions. Two unfunded positions will be funded with effect from 1 April 2013. This compares favourably with the public service compensation.

The role and function of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament will evolve and change and individual jobs may in future be redefined and regraded, where necessary.

Goods and services

There is an increase of 5,74% on the main budget for the 2013-13 financial year. Provision has been made in the 2013-14 financial year for the further roll-out of the e-filing system, the upgrading of the telephone infrastructure, the launch and the maintenance of the website and the implementation of the library modernisation project.

Provision has also been made for the development and review of new education material in support of education programmes.

Under goods and services there are the enabling allowances for members. Here there is an increase of 5% on the main budget. The Whips of the parties are currently looking at the enabling allowance allocations and will make a proposal that will be considered.

The budget for the standing committees increases by 25% on the main budget. This is to provide for an anticipated increase in public hearings and visits because of an increase in legislation that requires public inputs.

Transfers and subsidies

Mr Deputy Speaker, there is an overall increase of 7,3% on the main budget.

Constituency allowance

The constituency allowance paid to members' parties is in line with the allocation paid by the National Assembly. An increase of 6,3% is budgeted to cover the increase in allowance that will be paid by national Parliament for the 2013-14 financial year.

The secretarial allowance

The secretarial allowance increases by 6,3% from the main budget of the 2012-13 financial year. Similarly, as with the enabling allowances, the Whips are currently assessing the secretarial allowances and will come up with a proposal to be considered.

Provision has been made to increase the members' constituency programmes from R8 000 to R8 500 per member per event, with a maximum of three events per member per year.

Capital expenditure: Machinery and equipment

There has been a 79,53% increase from the main budget. Provision is made for the reclassification of Government Motor Transport expenditure from Goods and Services to Capital expenditure.

For software there has been an 80,97% decrease. This is due to the software licences which were paid in full in the 2012-13 financial year, and provision is only made for maintenance.

Mr Deputy Speaker, in conclusion, progress has been made in enhancing the service to the members, and the WCPP's good record in respect of co-operative governance has laid the basis for the budget.

I know that there are still challenges, Mr Deputy Speaker, but with the support of the members we will address this in the coming year.

*Ms A ROSSOUW: Mr Deputy Speaker, it is a great honour for me to be a member of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament. After 19 years, one appreciates every year one is here and the contribution one can make to one's community out there.

It is a great honour for me to be taking part again in this debate, which is likely to be one of the last debates remaining for me, since next year's election is just around the corner.

Criticism of the Speaker is expressed so often over the floor, aimed at his management and activities of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament. I think the way hon member Ozinsky has been acting in Parliament – and the remark he made a short while ago – once again proves the disrespect not only for the office of the Speaker but also for this institution.

*Mr H P GEYER: It is a disgrace.

*Ms A ROSSOUW: Very little recognition is given to the fact that we have been receiving clean audit reports for a number of years and last year we were once again singled out as one of the best provincial legislatures. Listening to the members on that side of the House one would not say this is the case.

Mr Deputy Speaker, this achievement does not come about on its own. We thank you for your competent leadership and the support you are receiving from top management, from the Deputy Speaker and from the staff as a whole to make this possible.

As the Speaker has already said, funding of Parliament for the current financial year has risen by 7,21% and we now have approximately R102 million to cover our expenses. However, it remains problematic to do the correct calculations in order to determine whether we are going to spend all of these funds every year, as we can see at the end of every financial year as a result of posts that cannot be filled and committees who in some cases cannot ... [Interjections.]

*The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Proceed, hon member. I shall keep an eye. Hon Ozinsky, you are making a little bit too much comment. Give her a fair chance.

*Ms A ROSSOUW: There are also member benefits, among other things, that we receive that are not used to the full in some cases.

The Speaker has referred to the needs of members and said we as Whips should get together. We already had such a meeting earlier in the quarter, but we will definitely have to hold this meeting as soon as possible when we return after April to submit our needs.

The needs of members vary and depend to a large extent on where they are living and also where their constituencies are. Some of the members' funds are exhausted as early as the middle of the financial year for the purpose for which they were voted, while others still have funds left at the end of the financial year. I don't think the idea is that members cannot be supported to deliver their services as Members of Parliament or to travel to Parliament.

We as Whips will have to consider carefully what our proposal should be. I shall ask the Speaker, together with the Chief Financial Officer, to consider this carefully and to decide in what way it will be possible to help one another. More money has been appropriated many times for specific caucus funds, such as member funds. I want to ask whether this could perhaps be cross-subsidised.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the Whips meet annually. In the past, we had to wait perhaps too long before knowing exactly what amounts were coming to us as parties for us to be able to draw up and finalise our budgets in time. This year is going to be difficult and different from previous years with the election year around the corner. As from July, the wheels will be rolling differently and the gears will be revolving differently. I therefore appeal to you in all earnestness to inform us earlier of what exactly the amount will be, although we can do our calculations to some extent.

Nevertheless, we appreciate the windfall we as parties have received, which will be used specifically for furniture and equipment. We also appreciate the concession that we will get time to spend those funds.

The donor funds being managed by the Speaker's Forum as part of the Support Programme of the Legislatures, the so-called Legislature Support Programme (LSP), the sector funds, were earmarked specifically for gender development of members of provincial of Parliaments – the women specifically; sorry, gentlemen – and are also available to women in our communities.

Earlier this year, 11 ladies attended a course on "Women in Management" at the Stellenbosch Business School. It was very successful. Thereafter we also had a very successful workshop with Mr Ferndale and his section for women from our communities – women in leadership positions doing community work. It was held at the Hessequa Municipality at Heidelberg, and we owe them a great debt of gratitude for this.

More than R273 000 was appropriated. I am not sure whether we are going to spend all of it, but we will be able to spend almost the full amount. I know the rule is that funds not spent at the end of the financial year probably will have to be returned. I want to ask if we could not submit a project so this money can still be spent.

You mentioned in the Rules Committee meeting that we do not know yet what will be available to us in the new financial year. I know you have a Speaker's Forum early in the new quarter, and I would like to ask that clarity about that amount of money should be given as soon as possible. The later we know what the amount is, the more difficult it is going to be to spend that money. Then a new parliament will be sitting with the money not spent. I don't think we would like to leave the impression that there was an opportunity for women development that was not used.

Mr Deputy Speaker, only this week the names of 20 ladies were submitted to attend a course at the Public Leadership School. They are now sorting out the final calculation of their travel expenses, but on behalf of the ladies attending this course and the ladies who were at Heidelberg – and also we as women – I want to say thank you that the Western Cape is part of this programme. Thank you very much for this opportunity granted to us.

The Speaker in his speech also referred to the days of remembrance – or as we say, the special events – on our calendar and that the amount for this purpose was going to be increased to R8 500 per member per year.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I had a sports day on Saturday. Minister Plato was there and we had an unbelievable day with the community. I know reference to these special days is often made in debates in the House.

We are part of the outreach action of Parliament. In this way we reach many more people to convey to them the message of human rights, Women's Day or Youth Month.

You have also granted us permission to do this on a bigger scale. For example, Human Rights Day need not be celebrated in March only, and the same goes for Youth Day, Aids Day and all those other days we can celebrate. Thank you, Mr Speaker. Each of us who have attended these events with our communities – and these are not party-political events but wonderful events – have incredible appreciation for this action.

Mr Deputy Speaker, we also appreciate the fact that the number of vacant posts has decreased. Currently, 13 posts are vacant. I don't know if this is still the case today, because some posts may have been filled since we met. I hope there have not been any resignations since then. As chairpersons and members of the standing committees we are thankful that the problems regarding the committee coordinators have largely been sorted out. I think there is one vacancy of senior coordinator and I believe this will be sorted out soon. We are thankful for the high quality staff appointed by you and for the support the committees are receiving to do their work.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I think our committees are trying to hold meaningful committee meetings and to come to meetings with well prepared documents. We thank the Speaker for this, and also the staff involved in selecting those members.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I want to refer to the issue of appointing researchers for our committees. The Speaker in his previous budget gave a considerable amount of money to every political party. I don't know if the amount for the smaller parties is entirely sufficient, but I think we, the two bigger parties, are very thankful for the money, which enabled us to appoint basically party political researchers. I think, however, there is still a need for the committees also to have researchers. I want to ask you to bear this in mind as well. Unfortunately, this cannot be left in abeyance.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I have no option today but to say that I am rather disappointed that our heritage project of the Aesthetics Committee could not materialise as we would have liked it. The chairperson has made several efforts. During the year we had an excellent submission. There was a process on Sourcelink to get feedback from people to handle it. This was not successful and we made another attempt.

We would like to record the history in some way or another of how we have come to here where we are today and how we started in 1994. All of us here today came from different corners and we are all building a new South Africa. One would like to see that it is depicted in this Parliament.

Mr Speaker, I would like to see that we at least, before closing the doors in 2014 and handing over to a new team, should be able to depict the current history of this institution in one way or another. They are collecting pictures of all the leaders, such as the Speakers, the Deputy Speakers, the Secretaries etc, who were here before.

These should be exhibited in such a way that when the public visit our building, they will be able to share in the history of the building. Prior to 1994 there was another history, but I am talking of the current history.

At the same time I also want to ask for the institutional record-keeping of the provincial Parliament to be recorded in a more deliberate way. Not all events of this institution are recorded in the reports of the committees that are tabled – our annual reports, annual performance plans and other documentation. I want to ask that serious consideration ...

†Mr M SKWATSHA: Mr Deputy Speaker, on a point of order: We cannot hear the speaker on the floor. The hon Botha is making a noise. [Interjections.]

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I will determine that. Please continue.

*Ms A ROSSOUW: I want to request the Speaker to seriously consider a decision taken at management level concerning this record-keeping – how we should deal with it and how it can be done.

In April a new contractor will be taking over the Hansard contract. We wish them well for this task. During my previous budget speeches I expressed myself quite clearly concerning the contract that had to be suspended in the current term as a result of unsatisfactory service delivery.

The current team, dealing with Hansard as an interim measure, deserves only praise for the competent and professional way in which they are doing it ...

An HON MEMBER: Hear, hear!

Ms A ROSSOUW: ... as well as the timely making available of a complete draft Hansard of a full sitting. We received the Hansard of the Opening Speech very quickly. On the Thursday with the reply we already had the Hansard so members were able to refer back to it. Colleagues, I don't think this happens even in the national Parliament.

On behalf of each of us I want to say thank you very, very much to every lady involved in Hansard. I don't know what their road ahead is like, but we cannot afford allowing them to be lost for this system. We wish them well for the future. They have set a standard on which the new team will have to continue.

Mr Deputy Speaker, when we started here in 1994 we had a staff complement of 42 members. If the 13 vacant posts are filled, we will now have 100 staff members.

But we still have the same accommodation we had at that stage. We have done a lot to modernise it, such as open-plan office spaces. I see the open-plan offices are now again being turned into office spaces, and so we are always moving around to get better accommodation for our staff.

The whole problem that is spelled out time and again in a committee meeting concerns the “precincts of Parliament”. I am not sure what the Afrikaans word is – the presence of what really is Parliament.

*The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The area of Parliament.

*Ms A ROSSOUW: The area of Parliament. Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. It no longer can be something that simply can be swept under the carpet. It is causing problems for us. This institution is a key safety point. More than just the Speaker is in control of this building.

I would rather not again refer to the issue of another building which we have discussed so many times already. I think my colleague next to me will be talking about the facilities later today, so I am not going to say too much about it. The discussion of the facilities available to this Parliament cannot be postponed further. It is a political discussion, it is an administrative discussion, and we who are sitting here may not be picking the fruits of this discussion. However, if we say nothing about it, our successors here will still be in the same position. It is a totally unacceptable ... [Interjections.]

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, Minister Carlisle! Order! Please continue, Ms Rossouw.

*Ms A ROSSOUW: We are holding committee meetings in the Board Room; it is wrong. Committee meetings should not be held in a board room. I don't think any meeting in the Auditorium has ever taken place without a chairperson being frustrated by the setup there. It goes to show that we need more facilities, because we often have large meetings. We often have public hearings here. The place is not suitable for this purpose, Mr Deputy Speaker.

Hon member Ncedana ...

*The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, you are delivering a very good speech, but unfortunately your time is all but up.

*Ms A ROSSOUW: Has my time almost expired?

*The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Your last sentence.

*Ms A ROSSOUW: Oh dear! I would like to thank hon member Ncedana for his passion for the use of our languages and for the fact that he is so keen on the promotion of the use of isiXhosa. The Speaker said there were six channels available, but when I talk to the interpreters it is not only the six channels that come up; the box as well is not suitable so we can ... [Time expired.]

Nksz M TINGWE: Sekela-Somlomo, umsebenzi ongonwabanga nongaphathekanga kakuhle emsebenzini akayi avelise iziqhamo ezincumisayo. Imbi into eqhubeka kule Ndlu yoWiso-mthetho. Abasebenzi abaphathekanga kakuhle kwaye nobuhlanga bukhona kodwa ke akothusi oko phantsi kwalo rhulumente njengoko wayetshilo uSomlomo wangaphambili ukuba ufuna ukuqinisekisa ukuba bambalwa abasebenzi abantsundu koko kuza kugcwala abelungu uxolele ukubakhangela eMntlakapa. Xa kungokunje kuzalisekiseka ezoo ntetho.

Uyicacisa njani intokuba athi umsebenzi onesakhono onamava nosele kulithuba engumsebenzi angaze ayibone inyhweba yokunyuselwa kwinqanaba elingentla kodwa ofike izolo apha the lo unesakhono nala mava. Kufuneke lo unganyuselwanga afundise lowo ungumphathi wakhe umsebenzi lo kufuneka ewenzile.

Noko, Sekela-Somlomo nawe Somlomo, utshintsho nempathontle iyafuneka kubasebenzi. Naba basebenzi kuthiwa bagqithisele boze baphume nini kuloo mbiza? Naba basebenzi okokoko babangababesenzi bethutyana boze babe zizigxina nini?

Siphi isidima seetoliki zalo mzi xa kuseneetoliki ezingaqeshwanga sigxina nanamhlanje? Andizokuyeka, Sekela-Somlomo ukungxola, ngoba sithi gqolo ukuhlonela iinkolo zethu ezahlukeneyo nokuthi senze njengoko kesenziwa kwaNdlunkulu yoWiso-mthetho. Sibenomzuzu wokubonisa imbeko nentlonipho khe sithi cwaka umz. le yokuthandaza iyijongela phantsi inkolo kaLungu Ozinsky kuba yena akavani nomthandazo. Yintoni le inzima ukuba sibe nomzuzu woba sithi cwaka kule Ndlu yoWiso-mthetho? Oko naphatha DA oko nasixelela ngokonga, eyona nto indibhidayo ke, Sekela-Somlomo minyaka le xa kuvalwa iincwadi zemali kujulwa imali nje. Kunyaka odlulileyo sibone siphilwa iitabhulethi, kulo nyaka sibona oomabonakude abakhulu nezitulo ezintsha kuba kaloku ininzi le mali mayihambe ijulwa nje. Kwenzeke njani ngezinto ebeniza kuqala ngazo nangezicwangciso ebenizibekile ngaphambili?

[Translation of isiXhosa paragraphs follows.]

[Ms M TINGWE: Deputy Speaker, an employee who is not happy at work will not deliver good fruits. Bad things are happening in this Legislature. Employees are not treated well and racism is rife here, but that is not surprising under this government, as the previous Speaker once said that he was going to ensure that there are few black employees and more whites even it means looking for them in the Northern Cape. Now such utterances are realised. How do you explain when a skilled employee is not promoted to a higher position but the one who has arrived yesterday supervises the one who has skills and experience? The one who has not been promoted is supposed to teach the one who is supervising the work they are supposed to do.

At least, Deputy Speaker, and you, Speaker, transformation and good treatment of employees is needed. Even the employees who are in excess, when are they going to be taken out of that misery? There are also these employees who are contract workers. When are they going to be permanent? Where is the dignity of interpreters if they are still not permanent even today? I am not going to stop making a noise, Deputy Speaker, because different religions are constantly undermined here, unlike what is going on in the National Assembly. We must have a moment of silence to show some respect, eg. The prayer undermines the religion of the member Ozinsky because he does not believe in prayer. What is difficult for us to have a moment of silence in this Legislature? Ever since the DA came into power they are telling us about belt-tightening. What is confusing me, Deputy Speaker, is that every year when financial books are closed they are just closed. Last year we have seen ourselves being given tablets. This year we have seen new flatscreen televisions and new chairs because there is a lot of money and it is just thrown everywhere. What happened to the targets and the plans they have put in place in the past?]

†It might also be very interesting to hear how the public access the presiding officers. It is very strenuous and demoralising sometimes to work with impartial presiding officers, who cannot rise above political differences.

Something that also continues to be a concern is a public window into this Legislature, namely the website of this institution. Besides the awkward acronym name, WCPP, which is not user-friendly, this website is still not up to standard and we are told the new media officer was only recently appointed to work on the matter. It is not completely reflecting the situation fully, as the present media manager was appointed a while ago as the new media manager and a not much improvement followed. Now a second member must pick up the pieces.

The credibility of the information on this website needs to be verified as its veracity is at stake. [Inaudible.] This is just one example on the website now that I printed today, which you can read. It is an explanation of our symbols that claims the steps in our emblem represents The Seven Steps in the Bo-Kaap. I have no knowledge of any iconic steps in the Bo-Kaap, but anyone in the Cape will tell you that there are well-known Seven Steps that were left after the bulldozing of District Six.

Now it seems that this important part of our history, as member Rossouw just mentioned today, is distorted, or at least the Steps were moved to another area without informing the people of the province.

What is also disturbing is that the Rules Committee has been reduced to providing services to the DA-controlled Legislature. In fact, the DA does not take the Rules Committee seriously at all. The DA's commitment and use of the Legislature, as a tool of our democratic platform for public debate, also raises many other issues too.

The DA is quick to complain about other Speakers in other provinces and at a national level, but here it does not lead by example. In fact, the DA is actively seeking for ways and means to sideline this Speaker and turn him into a presiding officer with little discretion or powers. In fact, the DA ...

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Tingwe, can I just interrupt you there. I am not sure what you are going to say, but just be careful. The criticism of a presiding officer can only be by a substantive motion.

†Ms M TINGWE: Okay.

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: So if you become very personal, then I must stop you there.

†Ms M TINGWE: All right. The DA also fears public participation with all it has. It was a shame to learn, member Botha, through you, Mr Deputy Speaker, that we were the only province out of nine provinces that did not go through the public participation process on the revised public involvement model as all the other eight provinces have done. We are the only one that has not done so.

I would also urge members to take public involvement very seriously in this Legislature because those are the people who have put us here. If we fear to go and engage them, who do you want to engage?

These walls alone? It's not proper. I also want to say right at the outset that we need to enhance it in order to have a fully-fledged public participation component, because five people only will not do justice to the massive work that public involvement and public participation is supposed to be doing. I think we need to improve that.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I am disturbed to learn that ever since we've started in this Legislature this year, the Petitions Committee – which I think is also another tool for public participation – has not met, has not sat, and I am trying to find out how many petitions have come to the House before we even close. That means, indeed, we are not serious about public participation.

†The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: Mr Deputy Speaker, ... [Interjections.]

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Is that a point of order or a question?

†The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT: It is a point of order. The hon member Ozinsky just mentioned that this government uses the petitions for toilet paper, and this is not true. [Interjections.]

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, that's a point ... [Interjections.] Order! [Interjections.] Order! Order! That is a point of debate; it is not necessarily related to the procedures in the House. Please continue. [Interjections.] Order!

†Ms M TINGWE: Thank you. That leaves me with only one deduction: That the DA not only takes this Legislature seriously enough as a constitutional tool, but that the DA also does not want direct public scrutiny or public accountability.

I would also want to make the appeal, Mr Deputy Speaker, that there should be a separation of powers. We can't have the frontbenchers telling the presiding officers what to do and what not to do all the time. This is also not surprising, as this is how we've come to know this DA at many other places where it leads municipal administrations. It only wants to engage where it feels safe, but not with all people from all walks of life. Therefore, the DA is not a party for all in the province, but only for some.

Mnu M NCEDANA: Hayi mandibulele kuwe, Somlomo ngoba wenze le nkcazelo. Ndiytsho into yokuba noko ikhona inkqubela kunemeko ebekuyiyo ngaphambili, ewe imicelimimngeni isemininzi apha kweli phondo. Ngakumbi lo mcelimngeni ujongene nabasebenzi balapha epalamente. Iyinyaniso into yokuba abasebenzi balapha ubuninzi babo abonwabanga ngendlela abaphethwe ngayo apha epalamente nangendlela abacikicwa ngayo okanye abacekiswa ngayo ngenxa yonto yokuba kucingelwa ukuba bangabantu bombutho wezopolitiko othile. Le nto ibuhlungu kwaba basebenzi, uninzi lwabo abanye babasebenzi abalapha abazinikwa iibhonasi babe abanye bezinikwa ibhonasi. Le nto, Somlomo ndiyayicela ibe yenye yezinto oyithathela ingqalelo njengokuba ubuthembisile kulo nyakamali uphelileyo ukuba uza kuzijonga ezi zinto ndiyafuna ukuyivuma into yokuba ndiyawubona ukhona umgama owuhambileyo kodwa ke usekhona lo mgama kufuneka uqinisekisile into yokuba nawo uyalungiswa.

Okunye okungumcelimngeni nendicinga into yokuba uSekela Somlomo ebekhe wayiphendula kwintlanganiselo ebesinayo abantu imali abayibhatalwayo abasebenzi balapha isencinane kunamanye amaphondo. Ewe ndiyava into yokokuba ukhona umsebenzi owenziwayo ukusondela kulo myinge ubhatalwa kwamanye amaphondo.

Andenzi mzekelo ngepalamente yesizwe koko ndithetha ngamanye amaphondo ngoba silahlekelwa ngabaququzeleli beekomiti basebenze nathi kangangeenyanga ezintathu nezine afumane umsebenzi ibe isiya kwiphondo oliqondayo ukuba liphondo elifana noMntla Koloni umntu axolele ukushiya lowa aza kutshata naye ngenxa yento yokuba esazi eMntla Koloni uza kufumana umvuzo ongcono. Zizinto ekufuneka sizijongile ezo kule micelimngeni esinayo apha.

Enye yezinto ke, Somlomo ngulo mcimbi wesithuba se-ofisi, imibutho yezopolitiko emincinane efana nale yam ithi ngoku inmicinane injalo ifuthaniselwe kwi-ofisi enye.

Le nto yenza singakwazi ukuwenza ngendlela efanelekileyo umsebenzi wethu nesitafu sethu singakwazi ukwenza umsebenzi waso ngendlela ephucukileyo. Le nto iyingxaki efuna ukulungiswa khonukuze neminye imibutho yezopolitiko ikwazi ukwenza imisebenzi yayo ngendlela ephucukileyo. Umgaqo-siseko walapha uthi siyakhlonipha iinkolo zabantu. Le nto yokunyanzeliswa ngenkolo ethile Somlomo ixhomekeke kule ofisi yakho ayixhomekekanga kwiNkulumbuso, ixhomekeke kule ofisi yakho njengoSomlomo into yokuba xa kuvulwa le Palamente makusetyenziswe zonke iinkolo ngoba apha asimelanga nkolo ithile simele zonke iinkolo njengokuba silapha epalamente.

Kufuneka siqinesikise ukuba iyalungiswa le nto, siphinde siqinisekise into yokuba lo mcimbi wentatho-nxaxheba yabantu baseNtshona Koloni kwimicimbi yalapha ePalamente ngakumbi lo wokufundisa abantu into yokuba le Palamente yenza ntoni, uyipha ingqalelo enkulu ngoba iyasilela kakhulu. Senze umzekelo apha into yokuba ngexesha besifika bekukho into yokuba abantu bemane besiza baze kumamela iingxelo yapheliswa loo nto. Xa kukho iingxoxo apha kuthiwa ngoku ukuba ufuna ukuzisa abantu apha kuthiwe akukho mali funeka nizizisele kanti belukade lukhona uhlahlo lwabiwo-mali lokuzisa abantu apha baze kuba yinxalenye yeengxoxo ezenzekayo apha khonukuze bazibonele into yokuba le mibutho ezi zinto izithethayo ifika izenze napha kwezoo ndawo bahlala kuzo. Ndiyabulela kakhulu.

[Translation of isiXhosa paragraphs follows.]

[Mr M NCEDANA: Speaker, let me thank you for giving me this explanation. I must say that there is progress instead of what was there in the past, but yes there are still so many challenges in this province. I must mention especially the challenge concerning the employees of this parliament. It is true that most of the employees here are not happy with the way they are treated in this parliament because they are treated badly only because they are people belonging to a certain political party. This is hurting to these employees. Most of the employees here are not given bonuses although some are given bonuses. Speaker, I am making a plea to you to look at this as you have promised that you will look into it during this financial year and I want to agree that I can see that you have gone some way in solving this but you still have to go a long way in order to solve this problem.]

One of the challenges which I think the Deputy Speaker answered during the meeting we had is about remuneration paid to these employees which is much smaller when compared to other provinces. Yes, I agree that the work done here is the same as the one done in other provinces.

I am not making an example about the national parliament but I am comparing it with other provinces because we are losing committee co-ordinators to other provinces, with them having worked here for three or four months and go to provinces like the Northern Cape and the person even willing to leave a person they were going to marry for the Northern Cape because they are going to get a better salary. Those are challenges we must look into here as we are facing them.

Speaker, one of the things is that of office space. The small political parties like mine are just suffocated in one office. This makes us not to be able to do our work properly and our staff not to be able to do their job properly. This needs to be corrected in order for smaller political parties to be able to do their job properly. The Constitution of this province says we must respect each other's religions.

Speaker, the issue of enforcing a certain religion depends on your Office, not the Office of the Premier. It depends on your Office, as the Speaker, that when this Parliament is opened all the religions are used because we are not representing one religion here but we are representing different cultures here as we are in this parliament.

We must ensure that this is solved, and again we must solve the participation of the people of the Western Cape in the business of this Parliament, especially the one about educating our people what is done here in Parliament as it is lacking. A good example is that when we arrived here people used to come here to listen to the reports and that was stopped. When there are discussions here and one wants to bring people here one is told that they must themselves as there is no money for that although there was a budget for that in the past for the people to see that these parties are doing what they say in the places where they live. I thank you.]

†Mr R B LENTIT: Mr Deputy Speaker, I welcome the 7,21% increase for Vote 2, from R95,7 million allocated in the 2012-13 financial year to R102,6 million for the 2013-14 financial year. [Interjections.] May I continue, Mr Deputy Speaker?

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please continue.

†Mr R B LENTIT: In the previous financial year, Mr Deputy Speaker, the Western Cape Provincial Parliament was faced with various challenges, with staff issues being of the greatest concern. Since the matter has been resolved it is pleasing to note that the Western Cape Provincial Parliament has made a bigger investment in its staff. In doing so, the provincial Parliament has proved that it strives towards efficiency in its operations, informed decision-making and a general professional attitude.

The 9% increase in Programme 1 is largely due to this and it is noted that the compensation of employees has increased by 17,15%. The provision that has been made for improving conditions of service and performance awards adds greater value for staff. It is reassuring to know that the staff numbers of this institution has grown to 98 in order to deliver the high quality service that is required of a modern and functional institution.

All of this is evident in the successful recruitment of qualified, quality, skilled and experienced managers and staff to be employed by Parliament.

Furthermore, Mr Deputy Speaker, the budget also makes provision for the reprioritisation of operating systems that will benefit and contribute to the efficiency of running our various departments.

I look forward to the launch and maintenance of the website and the implementation of the library modernisation project, which I feel is long overdue.

I would like to express my gratitude to the Speaker and you, Mr Deputy Speaker, as well as to the management and staff of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament. Together all of you make up one of the country's most efficient and professional legislative bodies.

It is a team of hardworking individuals who keep the various internal departments functioning effectively. The professionalism and the manner in which business is conducted and issues addressed in Parliament make me proud to be a member of a functioning, regional Parliament.

†Mr P UYS: Mr Deputy Speaker, three years ago Speaker Esau and his Office committed themselves to looking strategically at how space is used. This was repeated and affirmed by the current Speaker with a view to improving the relationship with the Department of Transport and Public Works and to protect the space and integrity of the Legislature's precinct.

The Speaker and the Secretary explained that talking and letters to the Department of Transport and Public Works was not producing any results or even a response.

†The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: I've received nothing.

†Mr P UYS: They said they would put a service level agreement in place with Public Works. Mr Deputy Speaker, until now this has not materialised.

†The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Nothing.

†Mr P UYS: It's clear that MEC Carlisle and his department do not take them seriously. The result is that there is no proper input on planning issues or maintenance.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: [Inaudible.]

Mr P UYS: Mr Deputy Speaker, in the APP it is mentioned that attention will be given to the implementation of the Accommodation and Facilities Plan. I know there is talk about looking at the third floor of this building, but in the absence of a plan there is nothing to implement.

Maybe the staff and members will just be squeezed even more tightly into the existing space. At this Legislature they can't even tell us where exactly our precinct is. Nobody can tell us that.

Mr Deputy Speaker, at the same time I must welcome the proposed changes to the library. This will make the flow of information, specifically looking at the electronic side, more accessible and available to the members and staff.

More than a year ago, a majority decision was taken to obtain the services of a research institution to conduct the work of the research project into the heritage of the Legislature and to explore all developments, changes and influences from 1400 to the present. The ANC opposed this, because information is already available on this and some of it would simply be a duplication. It was also opposed because of the cost involved and the fact that it would be a one-sided rewriting of history.

At the last Rules Committee meeting it was announced that no service provider is forthcoming and that this proposal will not be taken forward. We welcome this. Linked to this is the lack of progress made with the valuation of paintings in this building – and, of course, outside the building – and the recording thereof in a catalogue and asset register. We have been promised that a catalogue is available, but to date we have not received it.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the Legislature receives funding from the European Union and the absence of a report on the donor funding received and utilised is of concern. The Legislature further stands to lose R677 000 if it doesn't submit action plans by tomorrow. Mr Deputy Speaker, it is important that you tell us today where we stand in regard to this.

*Mr Deputy Speaker, a national oversight model has been developed by the Speaker's Forum. We have received an undertaking from the Speaker that the model will be adapted to the particular circumstances. We would like to hear from you when it will be submitted to the Rules Committee for finalisation.

Community involvement and participation is severely lacking and one has to ask why budget discussions, annual reports and public hearings are attended so poorly by the community. [Interjections.] Yes, public education and outreach have to be strengthened, but there we again see the Legislature's own shortcomings.

The role played by the chairpersons often make the public not feel welcome ... [Interjections.] ... and they are given no opportunity to put questions and make inputs. Furthermore, the venue of public hearings and accessibility are not suitable for poor people in particular who do not have transport. Usually they live a long distance away and cannot attend the hearings.

Mr Deputy Speaker, petitions cannot come into their own and the internal processes will have to be adapted. One also finds the general attitude that it is only a nuisance or politics and not that there are real valid needs in the community.

Mr Deputy Speaker, R188 700 was spent on a charter flight for five members and two staff members for the public hearings for the Community Safety Bill. There was no urgency or reason for the use of a charter flight. It was before the opening of the Legislature and there was no pressure on any member or staff member to deal with it in a hurry. They could have hired a bus for less than R20 000, but it was decided to spend R188 000. [Interjections.]

*The MINISTER OF HEALTH: [Inaudible.]... across the world.

*Mr P UYS: And it was not a question of whether the hearings could proceed with or without the charter flight. The charter flight was irrelevant and did not add any value to the hearings. It was simply a waste of taxpayers' money. Mr Speaker, you will have to explain to us why this decision was taken that resulted in the waste and what your approach in this regard is going to be in future.

†Mr Deputy Speaker, serious risks were identified pertaining to this Legislature. This includes a lack of communication strategy to regulate the access and flow of information to the public, which is the core function of the Legislature with regards to the community out there.

Also, there is lack of research to provide for the technical and content knowledge of members when it comes to decision-making and legislative oversight. We know that research is not a priority. The senior research post was unfunded and could not be filled. It was unfunded, not because of the unavailability of funding, but because of an unwillingness to fill the position. The inability to attract and retain human resources for the Legislature influenced the delivery and support to members and the functioning of the Legislature.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the IT section is totally understaffed. There are six posts but only 50%, that is three, are filled. We clearly see the effect of this on the quality of service and the downtime of the system. We saw it again yesterday before the sitting of the House.

Also, the upgrading of the website – and member Tingwe referred to that – is still in the pipeline and this has been the situation for many years now. There is no progress. Every year we have to hear that there is a problem with the procurement process.

There isn't a problem with the procurement process, Mr Deputy Speaker, but rather with the indecision regarding a proper ground study that must be undertaken before deciding on a specific approach. Now we had to hear that the approach that was taken with Microsoft and the Microsoft route is not going ahead and, again, a new process has been initiated.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the new Hansard service provider has been referred to and the provider will start on 1 April 2013. The Rules Committee was not part of the process and we hope that the necessary key performance indicators, induction and support are in place.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the Rules Committee should meet on a more regular basis – hon Tingwe also referred to that – and caution must be taken not to merely cancel Rules Committee meetings every time for no reason at all.

I would like to thank the hard-working staff. There are a lot of hard-working staff members in the Legislature supporting the members in an outstanding way – and it's not going unnoticed – whether it is in terms of the personnel, finance members' support or training, or support with Palama. We really thank them for doing that. I must just caution them that they should remain professional and resist being drawn into politics in the Legislature.

†Mr H P GEYER: Mr Deputy Speaker, let me first react to the uncalled-for comment of member Tingwe on petitions.

*The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Where is she?

†Mr H P GEYER: As things stand today, to be exact, at 09:50 I was handed two petitions.

An HON MEMBER: Oh, but that is a lot.

Mr H P GEYER: If the hon members on the other side of the House, who are members of the Petitions Committee, read the e-mails they received they will realise that they have been contacted in this regard. [Interjections.]

†Mr M OZINSKY: So, when did it ... [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

†Mr H P GEYER: I want to say to the hon members on the other side of the House that the Petitions Committee does not have meetings simply for the sake of having meetings. We are not like the ANC who just meet, seat and eat. [Interjections.]

*I want to say to the hon member on the other side she should be careful; if you draw out a rubber band and let go the wrong end, it will hit you in the face. [Interjections.]

†Mr Deputy Speaker, I am pleased to say that for this past year we can report favourably on the provincial Parliament and things have started to happen in this institution. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Mr H P GEYER: If we merely cast our eyes around the House, we see improvements. We see improved seating facilities, we see a tremendous improvement in the audio system ...

Ms J WITBOOI: [Inaudible.]

*The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon Witbooi, please!

†Mr H P GEYER: ... and we see visual aid LCD screens. All of these attributes enhance the functioning of this institution.

Mr Deputy Speaker, we are pleased that the final stages of the Governance Board have been reached and that the Governance Board will be introduced sooner rather than later. However, Mr Deputy Speaker, it needs to be said that there are still concerns that need to be addressed.

The equal application of all three official languages, especially the interpreting of Afrikaans and English into isiXhosa, has been long overdue. As it is the constitutional right of every member, and person visiting this Parliament, to listen to the proceedings in the language of their choice, it is imperative that this project be executed without delay.

The authentication and certification of all paintings in Parliament need to be attended to with great urgency. It is not merely because of the monetary value of these paintings, Mr Deputy Speaker, but also because of the historical value enshrined therein.

It is equally important, Mr Deputy Speaker, to put a tight security plan in place to ensure that these painting and heritage assets will be handed over to the next generation of guardians, the future members of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament.

Mr Deputy Speaker, another important aspect is the cataloguing of these heritage assets. We need to be serious about these assets: The loss of our heritage is something that cannot be replaced. By thoroughly cataloguing these heritage assets, we will ensure that the items are valued and properly taken care of.

Mr Deputy Speaker, to maintain the good standards that Parliament has achieved it is imperative to ensure that risk management factors are identified and diligently managed. The House then needs to be informed as to how the assets will be managed in future. [Interjections.]

Mr Deputy Speaker, we need urgently to attend to the current status of the ICT with particular reference to staffing. This Parliament needs to function on all four cylinders. Only then can we expect to grow and excel ... [Interjections.] ...

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Order, hon member! Mr Ozinsky, along the row on that side there is too much talking. You are interfering with the member who is speaking. Please continue, member.

†Mr H P GEYER: ... and I'm glad the Speaker addressed this in his budget speech. The most important issue is this building and the precinct of the Legislature. We have all been subjected to inconvenience and disruption due to the noise and other building site activities. Fortunately, it seems that there is light at the end of the tunnel – and I sincerely hope it is not tunnel vision.

*Mr Deputy Speaker, we are grateful for the improvements to this building, firstly, to ensure our safety and, secondly, to make a contribution with regard to our convenience. However, the historical, aesthetical and architectural value of this building is equally important.

Nevertheless, Mr Deputy Speaker, this building does not meet our current needs. There is a lack of office space for staff, the committee rooms are limited and there is also a lack of parking space. These problems are going to become worse over time.

The Legislature has a wonderful space we are using as an auditorium, with cameras and screens that can be used for interprovincial communication, but unfortunately these systems are not always in working order. I appreciate that construction work to this building is partly to be blamed for the malfunctioning of sensitive electronic equipment, but I trust that we will be able to better use the auditorium in future with funding from the budget.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I assume attention will also be given to the bell system and the ringing of bells at the start of sessions. The bell in the western part of the fifth floor cannot be heard.

The single ding-dong clock in the space where members have tea cannot be heard at all in the dining room for members. It will be appreciated if this can be attended to while construction is proceeding.

An HON MEMBER: The bells are ringing.

*Mr P UYS: The bells toll for him.

†Mr H P GEYER: Mr Deputy Speaker, the precinct of the Western Cape Parliament has not been clearly defined. We find ourselves in the peculiar situation where we share the facilities. Mr Deputy Speaker, it is of the utmost importance that the Speaker engages with the Minister of Transport and Public Works on the accommodation that would be required of the Legislatures building as well as the parking facilities in the future.

Mr Deputy Speaker, should the latest census count have an effect on the size of Legislatures, the subsequent enlargement of specific Legislatures in South Africa could pose a bigger problem in the near future, should the need arise. I would therefore urge you to be proactive and do the necessary research into the possible requirements of a larger Legislature.

*Mr Deputy Speaker, the ANC is using the NCOP for political gain and uses state funds to launch their 2014 election campaign under this banner, so much so that the Western Cape Premier, the hon Helen Zille, did not attend the NCOP session. Only two Premiers – the Premiers of Mpumalanga and North West – attended the occasion, because they were close by. The other seven Premiers, including Ms Zille, were absent.

Mr M OZINSKY: [Inaudible.]

Mr H P GEYER: That is exactly why it is very important to look how the hon Ozinsky used the occasion for political gain instead of making a productive and constructive contribution to the promotion of democracy in our country.

During our visit to Carolina, hon Max Ozinsky participated in the debate on ANC time, which in itself is a debatable practice.

*Mr P UYS: It isn't debatable.

*Mr H P GEYER: He was there as a special deputy of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament.

†The LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION: Should he have spoken for the DA?

†Mr M OZINSKY: Do you know how Parliament works?

†The LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION: Please be careful ... [Inaudible.]

An HON MEMBER: Actually, you are not allowed to talk any more.

†Mr M OZINSKY: Why did your member ... [Inaudible.]

*The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Only one speaker has the floor and that is the hon Geyer. Mr Geyer, please continue.

*Mr H P GEYER: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. The hon Ozinsky once again launched into a tirade yesterday and today, which also gives absolute proof that he has a total lack of respect, not only towards the Western Cape Parliament as institution but also towards everybody he addresses – like his uncouth behaviour towards the Speaker just now.

*Ms E PRINS: He is only talking the truth.

†The LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION: Exactly.

†Mr M OZINSKY: Mr Deputy Speaker, on a point of order: If the member would like to make allegations against another member isn't there a procedure for that?

†Ms E PRINS: Yes.

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, there is a procedure, but he's just mentioning it now. If he wants to follow it up he needs to come to the House with a substantive motion.

†Mr M OZINSKY: So, is it parliamentary for him to attack me without a substantial motion?

An HON MEMBER: If you attack the ...

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I ruled previously that members should refrain from doing it. There's a very strict ruling about that, Mr Geyer, so Mr Ozinsky in that sense is correct.

*Ms E PRINS: Minister Carlisle as well.

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Refrain from doing it too harshly without a substantive motion. I've said casual references are in order ...

An HON MEMBER: Be gentle with him.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: ... and this is what I regard it as at this stage.

†Mr H P GEYER: I will refrain, Mr Deputy Speaker.

*Mr Deputy Speaker, lastly I would like to say something about the little foxes that ruin the vineyard.

*Ms E PRINS: Little foxes ... [Inaudible.]

*Mr H P GEYER: This House is a proud place and deserves the respect such an institution is due. I am referring to the little things that, when performed correctly, reflect respect, good manners and discipline. Members arrive late for sittings instead of being ready when the Speaker enters the House.

It is also noteworthy how many members do not make the well-mannered bow or curtsy when leaving or returning to the House.

It does not concern the person in the Chair but the institution – the Western Cape Provincial Parliament. Let us be proud of it.

An HON MEMBER: That's just beautiful.

Mr H P GEYER: I trust the Chief Whips of the various parties will see this will be done.

†Mr Deputy Speaker, I have confidence in this House and I know the Western Cape Provincial Parliament lies close to the heart of each and every member of the House. Oversight is part of our duty towards this institution and therefore, Mr Deputy Speaker, I have the confidence to support the budget and we will collectively hold the Speaker accountable for that which he has undertaken to do in this financial year.

It is my pleasure to support the 2013-14 financial year's budget.

†The SPEAKER: Mr Deputy Speaker, let me start with the Chief Whip, hon Rossouw. You made mention of the paintings of the WCPP. As I recall, the catalogue went out to all the members ...

An HON MEMBER: No.

The SPEAKER: ... with all the paintings we have in the provincial Parliament.

An HON MEMBER: No. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: The catalogue was out and it was discussed at a Rules Committee meeting. I think the Chief Whip was present and hon Uys was also present.

†Mr P UYS: Ask your Chief Whip.

†Mr M SKWATSHA: Ask your Chief Whip.

†Mr M OZINSKY: Was it sent to us or did you give it to the Chief Whip? Sort out your story.

†The SPEAKER: According to the latest information that I have, the catalogue is out.

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

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

†The SPEAKER: That is the latest information that I have, Mr Deputy Speaker, but I will make sure that the catalogue is out with a list of all the paintings. [Interjections.] Thank you, Chief Whip.

I just want to respond to hon Tingwe, who said the officials or the staff ...

†Mr M OZINSKY: She just crossed the floor. [Interjections.]

†The LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION: She crossed the floor, yes. [Laughter.]

†The SPEAKER: Where's hon Tingwe? Oh, okay, she's there. [Interjections.]

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please continue, Mr Speaker.

†The SPEAKER: Hon Tingwe, I'm not going to deal with speculations that the officials or the staff are not happy.

†Mr M SKWATSHA: But the staff are not happy.

†Mr M OZINSKY: It's not speculation.

†The SPEAKER: I'm not sure about it. Hon members, we have tried ... [Interjections.] Order, hon Skwatsha! Mr Deputy Speaker, can you protect me, please. [Laughter.]

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! [Interjections.] Order! When the Speaker speaks I must listen. Will you please come to order!

†The SPEAKER: I sit in that Chair, so I'm used to saying "Order!" [Laughter.]

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please continue, Mr Speaker. I will protect you.

†The SPEAKER: Mr Deputy Speaker, we have tried our best as the Western Cape Provincial Parliament ...

†Mr M OZINSKY: It wasn't good enough.

†The SPEAKER: ... to make sure ...

Mr M SKWATSHA: [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: ... that we keep our staff and officials happy. [Interjections.] The implementation of the remuneration study to find a median in the market has been finalised and implemented. [Interjections.]

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Minister Fritz, leave hon Ozinsky alone. He was quiet until now. [Interjections.] Order! Order! [Interjections.] Order, hon Ozinsky!

†The SPEAKER: The purpose of the remuneration study was to find a way to close the gap between those officials who are earning big salaries. Even amongst the managers there was a gap. You would find there were managers earning about R400 000 per annum and others R700 000 per annum. That was the issue.

†The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: The legacy of the ANC.

†The SPEAKER: It was the legacy of the ANC. [Interjections.] After we took over in 2009 the gap was a serious problem.

†The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: Yes.

†The SPEAKER: That's why we did a thorough remuneration study ...

An HON MEMBER: No, no, no.

The SPEAKER: ... and we implemented that. That was the legacy of the ANC; that is not our legacy. [Interjections.]

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr Ozinsky, order! Mr Ozinsky, we're trying very hard to go home early today, so please refrain from making interjections all the time. Mr Speaker, please continue.

†The SPEAKER: Hon Tingwe mentioned that we were just dumping sometimes, but I totally disagree that we are dumping money. I do not sit in the Programming Authority. It is where the requests are coming from. It's from the political parties, not from me. Everything that we gave to you was requested by the Programming Authority, on which the Chief Whip of the DA and the Whip of the ANC serve.

†Mr H P GEYER: Hon Tingwe never attends the Programming Authority meetings.

†The SPEAKER: Now you are blaming the provincial parliament unjustly. I will deal with what you are saying later, hon Tingwe, because it is unacceptable to say that we are just dumping money.

†The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: She never attends the meetings.

†Ms M TINGWE: Oh, please!

†The SPEAKER: I'm coming to that one, hon Madikizela. We had several Rules Committee meetings. [Interjections.] Hon Uys is here ...

†Mr M OZINSKY: Mr Deputy Speaker, on a point of order: Is it parliamentary for the Speaker to address a member directly?

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: He will do it through the Chair.

†Mr M OZINSKY: He doesn't know the Rules.

An HON MEMBER: You do it frequently. [Interjections.]

†The SPEAKER: Hon Uys was part of the meetings.

†Mr P UYS: Which meeting is that? [Interjections.]

†The SPEAKER: Mr Deputy Speaker, let me not entertain this. In future, I will make sure that the requests coming from the political parties will be dealt with very thoroughly. It's not going to be easy.

Mr Deputy Speaker, let me deal with the website we spoke about. The service provider has been appointed to upgrade the website and the launch of the new website is scheduled for the new ...

†Mr M SKWATSHA: Mr Deputy Speaker, on a point of order: I don't think it's in order for the Ministers to be laughing at the Speaker. [Interjections.]

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! I did not ...

†Mr H P GEYER: You're a bad example on the other side.

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Hon Skwatsha, that's a frivolous point of order. Please continue, Mr Speaker.

†The SPEAKER: Mr Deputy Speaker, a service provider has been appointed and the upgrading of our website will start in the new financial year on 1 April 2013. Also, the training on the e-filing has commenced in the current financial year. Full implementation of the e-filing for all units at the WCPP will commence on 1 April 2013. So, we are busy with that, hon Tingwe.

Coming to hon Ncedana, ...

An HON MEMBER: He's gone out.

*Mr H P GEYER: He is on long weekend already.

SOMLOMO: Xa ndisiza kuwe ohloniphekileyo Ncedana uphi, lungu elihloniphekileyo Mnu Ncedana, uthethe okokuqala apha ngabasebenzi abanga zifumaniyo imali ezongezelelweyo. Umcimbi wemali ezongezelelweyo, into esiyikhuphayo, thina sikhupha le nto kuthiwa yimali eyongezelelweyo ngokuzinikela, imali eyongezelelweyo yokuzinikela yintoni, kukho umahluko phakathi kwemali eyongezelelweyo nokuzinikela.

Kukho abantu abathi bazinikele ngaphezu kokuba bekulindelekile, loo nto ibangele ukuba bafumane imali eyongezelelweyo ngokuzinikela, le mali yokuzinikela asiyonto nje ifunyanwe ngumntu wonke, kwaye siyaqinisekisa ukuba asikuniki ngokwenza kwakho umsebenzi kodwa sikunika ngokuthi wenze ngaphezulu komsebenzi wakho ebekufanele ukuba uwenzile, yiyo lonto ibangele le ukuba uve ukuba abanye abazifumananga ke mntaka kaNcedana ngoba azinikwa umntu wonke.

[Translation of isiXhosa paragraphs follows.]

The SPEAKER: Coming to you, the hon Ncedana, where are you, hon Ncedana? You spoke here about the employees who do not get bonuses. The issue of bonuses is something we give. We give bonuses to those employees who are dedicated. What are bonuses? There is a difference between bonuses and dedication.

There are people who dedicate themselves more than what was expected of them. That makes them to get bonuses for their dedication. Not everybody can get a bonus, and we make sure that we do not give you for doing your job only but we give you for doing more than what was expected from your job. That is why you hear that some of them did not get them, son of Ncedana.]

†Mr M SKWATSHA: Will the Speaker take a question?

†The SPEAKER: No, I'm not going to.

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Speaker is not prepared to take a question. Please continue, Mr Speaker.

SOMLOMO: MntakaNcedana uphinde wathetha ngento yokuba iPalamente ayibavumeli okanye awusababoni bantu beze kuhambela epalamente. Ngoku inkqubo esithi siyilandele kwinkonzo zokufikelela kuluntu ixesha elininzi kuye kuphunywe kuyiwe ngaphandle ebantwini. Kwiveki ephelileyo besinentlanganisio yemithetho, uyakhumbula ndisithi kusasa ndandibone kugcwele abantu apha besiza beze kubona ipalamente, ndade ndakuphendula olo hlobo ndilapha entlanganisweni basekhona abantu abazayo epalamente, akhona amaqela azayo apha epalamente kodwa sithi nathi siyipalamente kumele into yokuba siphume siye ebantwini singalindeli abantu besoloko besiza kuthi, inkqubo esinayo leyo esiyiqhubayo, lento ithethe ukuba abantu basenelungelo, sisaya kubo nabantu basenelungelo lokuza epalamente.

Enye into othethe ngayo mntaka Ncedana yindawo enkulu yenkantolo ukwenzela imibutho ekhoyo. Ndiba sonke siyabona yokuba sihleli nengxaki, ingxaki yokuba kuxakekiwe kuya phuculwa ipalamente, ingxaki ebangele into indawo ibencinci, abantu abaninzi bakhala ngento yokuba abanayo indawo yokupaka.

Ndithe xa ndithetha ke kwiveki ephelileyo emva komhlangamno wemithetho wethu nonobhala wepalamente ndathi into esizakufuneka siyenze, kuzakufuneka siqinisekise into yokuba ababantu bangena ndawo yokupaka siyazama nokuba kulapha ngentla kufuphi kuthi. Ukuthi bakwazi ukuba nendawo yoku paka, kuba kunzima ukupaka nje imoto yakho apha esitratweni. Kodwa ke umcimbi wendawo ngumcimbi ebekufanele ukuba uyaxovulwa, ayingomcimbi nje esizakuthatha isiqgibo sithi makwenzeke lento. Ndinethemba ke kwixesha elizayo umcimbi wendawo uqwalaselwe, lonto iyakubangela ukuba kubekho uqhagamshelwano olubanzi nenkonzo zemisebenzi yoluntu ukuzama into yokuba kuxoxwe lomcimbi. Ndidlule kuwe mntakaNcedana.

[Translation of isiXhosa paragraphs follows.]

[The SPEAKER: Son of Ncedana, you also spoke about Parliament not allowing or that you are no longer seeing people visiting Parliament. Now the programme we are following when it comes to public outreach most of the time is that we go out to the people. Last week we had a Rules Committee meeting. You will recall that I said to you that I saw many people coming to see Parliament. I also responded to you telling you that as I was in the meeting I saw many people coming to this Parliament. There are associations which come here to Parliament but we as Parliament also go to the people without expecting people to always come to us. That is the programme we are having, meaning that people still have a right – we still go to the people and they still have a right to come to Parliament.

Son of Ncedana, one of the things you spoke about is the big office for the parties which are represented here. I think we all can see that we are sitting on a problem here, the problem of improving the parliamentary building. This problem causes a small space, as a result many people have complained about the fact that they do not have a parking space.

I said last week after we had our Rules Committee meeting with the Secretary to Parliament that what we must do is to ensure that we try and get those without parking to park above us. It is difficult for one to park their cars in the streets. The issue of parking needs to be discussed. It is not an easy issue to make a certain decision about.

I hope that in the near future this is the issue we must look into, that will need that a communication be made with Public Works in order to discuss this issue. I think I have answered you, son of Ncedana.]

†Hon Lentit, thank you very much. I now come to you, hon Uys. You mentioned the researchers. You mentioned the vacancies and that the post for a senior researcher had not yet been advertised. There is one senior researcher position and three researcher positions in the establishment. The one senior researcher position will be funded from 1 April 2013. Currently, two of the three of positions have been filled. The third researcher position has been advertised and also the additional funding has been given to political parties to assist them with research. So I'm not sure about your statement, hon Uys.

†The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: He got it wrong. [Interjections.]

†The SPEAKER: Hon Uys, you also make mention of the ICT vacancies. Let me update you about these vacancies. The shortlist is currently being drawn up for the senior ICT officer.

The position for the ICT assistant became vacant once again due to an internal appointment. The position is in the process of being advertised. We will advertise the position very soon.

The salary offer for the ICT officer was rejected by the recommended candidate. So there was a successful candidate for the post, but he totally rejected the salary that was offered to him. We discussed a better offer, but he also rejected that. So we will make sure that we advertise the post very soon.

Hon Uys, you also mentioned the donor funding. We had a meeting and I requested the Secretary to have a meeting to discuss the issue of these funds. As you may recall, these funds meant for us were allocated late. According to my information, we are one of the provinces that are spending the funds. Therefore I will make sure that we submit a report in order to get the funds so that we can carry on with our programmes.

You also mentioned that the Western Cape Parliament, compared to those in the other provinces, is paying our workers very little. We don't compare ourselves to other provinces. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

The SPEAKER: The Western Cape Provincial Parliament does not compare itself to other provincial Parliaments in terms of the salaries. [Interjections.] We don't compare ourselves with the national Parliament ... [Interjections.]

Mr M SKWATSHA: [Inaudible.]

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, hon Skwatsha! [Interjections.]

†The SPEAKER: It may not have been you, hon Uys, but there was a question about why the other provinces are paying more than the Western Cape. What I'm saying is that we don't compare ourselves with national.

We can't compare ourselves with national. [Interjections.] There's no Speaker's Forum agreement on salaries. The Speaker's Forum doesn't discuss the salaries of the workers.

†The LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION: They shouldn't.

†The SPEAKER: So we don't really compare ourselves to others. [Interjections.] We make sure that we pay our staff reasonable salaries and we create an environment that is conducive for them to work in.

†Mr K E MAGAXA: You don't compare yourselves. You are earning like the other Speakers. [Laughter.]

†The SPEAKER: Mr Deputy Speaker, in conclusion, let me take this opportunity to thank the officials, the Secretary, Mr Hindley, and the managers for their support, also the members, especially Mr Uys and the other members who serve on the Rules Committee. I'm not talking to you, hon Tingwe, because you are always absent from the meetings, but thank you very much for your contribution. [Laughter.]

†Mr M OZINSKY: Mr Deputy Speaker, on a point of order: Should the Speaker not address the member as hon Tingwe?

An HON MEMBER: He said hon Tingwe.

†The SPEAKER: Hon Tingwe, ...

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Speaker did correct himself.

†The SPEAKER: ... thank you very much for your contribution and we hope that in future we will be able to deal with the challenges that we are facing as the Western Cape Provincial Parliament. Thank you very much. [Applause.]

Debate concluded.

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Can I just make a comment ... [Interjections.] Order! Order! Can I just make a further comment in relation to the point of order which the hon Ozinsky raised when Mr Geyer was speaking. The gist of the previous ruling was – and I just want to confirm that – that reflections of a very personal nature on the character of a person are not acceptable without a substantive motion.

References to members in their political activities are okay, because if we stop that we stifle debate totally. We can't stop that. So if a member refers to another member in the sense of what he did in his political activities as a member, that is acceptable unless he crosses the line and goes too far. It's a very fine line, but I wanted just to recognise that and keep it in mind. We don't allow very personal attacks on the characters of one another; for that you need a substantive motion.

That ends this part of the session. I will now suspend business. We will resume at 14:00.

BUSINESS SUSPENDED AT 13:00 AND RESUMED AT 14:04.

**WESTERN CAPE ADDITIONAL ADJUSTMENTS
APPROPRIATION BILL [B 5—2013]**

(Consideration of principle)

†The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM: Mr Deputy Speaker, may I ask that we move to the finalisation of the Bill.
Debate concluded.

Principle of Bill approved.

**WESTERN CAPE ADDITIONAL ADJUSTMENTS
APPROPRIATION BILL [B 5—2013]**

(Finalisation)

†The SPEAKER: Order! There's no speakers' list for this Order. Is there any objection to the Bill being finalised? No objection.

There was no debate.

Schedule agreed to.

Clauses and title agreed to.

Bill finalised.

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! The Bill will be sent to the Premier for assent.

WESTERN CAPE APPROPRIATION BILL [B 2—2013]

(Consideration of Votes and Schedules)

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: We will now consider the Votes and parties will be entitled to make a declaration of Vote if there's a need for that.

On Vote 1:

†Ms C F BEERWINKEL (ANC): Mr Deputy Speaker, the ANC as the Opposition in the Western Cape sadly announces that it will not be voting for the Budget of the 2013-14 financial year.

An HON MEMBER: A vote against the poor.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: We are, however, very grateful to the national government for increasing the budget by R7 million after the last census of 2011. [Interjections.] Please listen. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: This is the biggest budget, proportionately, ever in the Western Cape.

This increase, Mr Deputy Speaker, should put to rest the racism of the Premier's mantra that the provincial Purse is under pressure because of the movement of refugees from the Eastern Cape and that it places education, health and housing, etc, under pressure. [Interjections.]

†Mr H P GEYER: Mr Deputy Speaker, on a point of order: Is that true that there are refugees on their way to the Western Cape?

An HON MEMBER: Where's the point of order?

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: That is not a point of order; it has nothing to do with the proceedings of the House.

†The LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION: [Inaudible.] Read your Rules.

†The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise on a point of order with regard to the hon Beerwinkel. She said, "This will place to rest ..." – let me get her exact words – "... the racism of the Premier." It's my understanding that it is unparliamentary to refer to another member as racist.

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, you are quite correct. I didn't pick that up. Did the hon member refer to the Premier as being racist?

HON MEMBERS: No.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: If that is so you must withdraw that.

An HON MEMBER: Withdraw.

The LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION: [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order, hon Brown! [Interjections.] If you said that or you implied that, it remains unparliamentary. It is for you to decide whether you implied it or said it. I didn't hear that.

†Ms C F BEERWINKEL: I will repeat the sentence, Mr Deputy Speaker, because it refers to the mantra, not the Premier in her personal capacity. [Interjections.]

Though the national division of revenue weights education, health and human settlements as a priority, what is of concern is the underspending, normally, on infrastructure spend and conditional grants.

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Sorry, are you still coming to that specific sentence, or did you finish it?

†The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: You were going to read it.

†Ms C F BEERWINKEL: No, I said it. I read it. [Interjections.]

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Carlisle, was that the sentence at stake?

†The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: No, I just heard the word "mantra", I heard nothing else.

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I didn't hear anything unparliamentary there, so please continue. [Interjections.]

†Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Another concern is the unallocated amount in the explanation as given. As the ANC we believe those funds could have been better used ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Mr Deputy Speaker ...

*The CHIEF WHIP (DA): Mr Deputy Speaker, I am asking that while the word is not repeated now, we get the Hansard and that you will have a look at it.

*The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I will have a look at it. I was not sure whether she repeated the same sentence. If not, I will ... [Interjections.] Order! We will look at Hansard and if it is so, I shall make a ruling in this regard.

An HON MEMBER: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Corrupted ... [Inaudible.] ... Hansard.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member, you have only three minutes for a voice statement. The time has almost expired.

†Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Another concern is the unallocated amount and the explanation given for the special project budget where there are no plans given that make any sense at this stage. The ANC believes that those funds could have been better used and allocated to the needs of the deprived communities, especially in the rural areas.

The Western Cape remains in a social and economic crisis. Our people remain poor, unemployed and live in appalling conditions. Rape, sexual abuse and murder cover the pages of the media. Drug and alcohol abuse result in broken family and communities. For the Western Cape it looks like business as usual, never mind the fact that we are still the rape, TB and the fetal alcohol syndrome capital of the world.

No visible plans for these serious problems are evident. The ANC, therefore, will not vote for the budget for the 2013 financial year.

Mnu M NCEDANA (COPE): Enkosi kakhulu, Sekela Somlomo siza kuluxhasa ulwabiwo mali ngoba lunyuswe nesizathu sokuba inyuswe sesokuba kukho abantu abaninzi abahluphekileyo abasuka kwamanye amaphondo besiza kweliphondo, ngethemba lokuba njengokuba siyixhasa nje izakuthi ke njengoko ihlalutyiwe isetyenziswe ukuphucula ubomi bababantu ngokuse nyanisekweni ingabi yinto nje ethethwayo.

Siphinde sigxininise le ntetha ke besesitshilo lento yokubana ngokwe-APPs njengobana zibekiwe olobiwo mali lusetyenziswe ka njalo siyiphephe into yokuba sibenhlehlengiselo phakathi enyakeni nohlengahlengiso olo oluthi luthathe imali kwezimali besezijonge ukunceda ababantu bahluphekileyo lusiwe kwamanye amacandelo angelo ncedo ncam kwababantu abahluphekileyo.

[Translation of isiXhosa paragraphs follows.]

[Mr M NCEDANA (COPE): Thank you very much, Deputy Speaker. We are going to support this budget because it is increased because of the reason of many poor people coming to this province from other provinces, with the hope that as we support it will really improve the lives of the people, not just a talk show.

We would also like to emphasise the issue of APPs as they are put here that budget must be spent so that we do not have adjustment in the middle of the year with the intention of helping the poor people.]

†Mr R B LENTIT (ID): Mr Deputy Speaker, the ID supports the Vote which is in favour of the poor people of the Western Cape.

†Mr G C R HASKIN (ACDP): Mr Deputy Speaker, in contrast to the ANC the ACDP will not be opposing the Bill. We believe that implementation is key and we wish the governing party well in that respect. We do see that there are numerous opportunities to improve service delivery, to improve on the audit findings that have been coming from the Auditor-General and to improve performance responsiveness and accountability. We would hope that these opportunities are seized in this year by the governing party.

*Ms A ROSSOUW (DA): Mr Deputy Speaker, the DA fully supports this vote. We are grateful for all the opportunities that will be created for people who do not have the privilege to be able to carry on on their own, and we wish the department best of luck with implementation.

Votes 1 to 14 agreed to (ANC dissenting).

Schedule agreed to (ANC dissenting).

Clauses 1 to 10 agreed to (ANC dissenting).

Short Title agreed to.

WESTERN CAPE APPROPRIATION BILL [B 3—2013]
(Finalisation)

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! As there's no list of speakers is there any objection of the Bill being finalised? There is no objection and it is agreed to. The Bill will be sent to the Premier for assent.

There was no debate.

Bill finalised.

WESTERN CAPE COMMUNITY SAFETY BILL [B 8—2012]
(Finalisation)

†The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Good afternoon, Mr Deputy Speaker, ladies and gentlemen, the hon members and the visitors in the gallery as well. Today is a day that we have waited some time for. There has been a lot of hard work, long hours, consultations with hundreds of people and road trips to all corners of the province to ensure that we had as much public participation as possible.

It brings me great joy today to debate the much needed Western Cape Community Safety Bill. One would think that the reason for such a Bill is obvious, but it appears that no matter how much we explain the value of this Bill, a minority just refuses to understand. Mr Deputy Speaker, none is so blind as he that will not see.

The history of policing under apartheid was one of brutality. It was a history of a profound lack of accountability and it was a history of a police force that operated in an environment of secrecy. At the dawn of our democracy all of those speaking on the side of transparency and accountability in the Constitutional Assembly wanted to create a proper framework of accountability by the police to the communities that they served.

Mr Deputy Speaker, there was much debate about where this accountability could most effectively be monitored. The argument advanced by those visionary individuals in that assembly was that South Africa is a big country, with many towns and cities and many communities with different needs and priorities and, therefore, the best way to achieve the effectiveness of the police would be if the service were monitored at the level of the provinces.

Therefore, Mr Deputy Speaker, section 206, which gives provinces powers of oversight over the police, was purposefully included in the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa and accountability by the provincial Police Commissioner to the provincial Executive was built into our Constitution. This was done precisely to ensure accountability and to safeguard against a return to a police service that acted with complete impunity.

Mr Deputy Speaker, that is unfortunately where we are headed now. Let me paint a picture for you: The year is 2005. A once effective specialised drug and gang police unit, a unit that operated throughout the country, is disbanded.

The year is 2008. The Scorpions, praised by many for their thorough investigations and zero tolerance approach to crime and corruption, is disbanded. Perhaps they were too effective. After the damage was done, a few years later in 2011, the South African Constitutional Court ruled that the legislation that disbanded the Scorpions and replaced them with the Hawks was not consistent with the Constitution.

The year is 2009. The Police Commissioner at the time, Bheki Cele, said that police must "shoot to kill" and not worry about "what happens after that." A local newspaper at the time pointed out, and I quote:

Cele's philosophy on shooting before being shot, which he has preached in KwaZulu-Natal during his time as MEC for community safety, has led to the province having more deaths in police custody under review than any other province during the past year.

The year is 2011. There is a service delivery protest in Ficksburg. An unarmed protestor is shot and killed at point-blank range. Six officers are arrested in connection with the man's death. This man was Andries Tatane, one name among the many that we should know about.

The year is 2012. There are vigilante killings, vigilante violence, mob justice, petrol and burning tyres and necklacing.

These examples of the collapse of faith in the justice system, right on our doorstep, regularly make the front pages of newspapers. Civil society organisations are making appeals to government, crying for help, telling anyone who will listen that there is a complete breakdown in the relationship with the SAPS. After numerous avenues are exhausted, the Premier of the Western Cape appoints a commission of inquiry.

The police Minister takes us to court to stop the commission. That court battle is still ongoing. In the same year, we had the Marikana massacre where police shot and killed 34 miners – a tragedy where many lives were lost on both sides.

The year is 2013. A man is tied to the back of a police van, dragged through the streets and beaten to death in a police cell. That man's name was Mido Macia. Also just let me show you the headline of one of today's newspapers. It states: "Shocking new stats on police brutality". Cases of police brutality have increased by more than 300% in the past decade. This does not paint a picture of the police service that was envisioned for a democratic South Africa.

Mr Deputy Speaker, we do not need to accept this as the status quo. I want to repeat this: We do not need to accept this as the norm, as the status quo.

The drafters of our Constitution foresaw the important role that provinces would play in having oversight over the police service. Therefore, today is a historic day because, for the first time in our democracy in South Africa, we are legislating on provincial oversight over the police. Today we are making history.

The Constitution clearly states that:

- (3) Each province is entitled—
 - (a) to monitor police conduct;
 - (b) to oversee the effectiveness and efficiency of the police service, including receiving reports on the police service;
 - (c) to promote good relations between the police and the community; ...

That we find in section 206(3) of the Constitution. The Constitution further states that in order for provinces to carry out these functions, a province—

- (a) may investigate, or appoint a commission of inquiry into, any complaints of police inefficiency or a breakdown in relations between the police and any community; ...

Mr Deputy Speaker, what the Bill seeks to do is to regulate the activities of the province. It does so by setting out how we should be performing oversight over the police – that includes the SAPS and the municipal police – in order to give effect to these constitutional provisions. It seeks to clarify what oversight means in a practical way and how the Western Cape government should be fulfilling this oversight responsibility.

Oversight remains critical to our efforts to increase safety for all the people of the Western Cape as effective oversight can act as a catalyst for improved policing, thereby making the province safer for our communities. This is why we are asking the SAPS and the municipal police for reports regarding their efficiency and service delivery. It is in order to monitor and assess the efficiency and effectiveness of the police service.

We want to know, for example, how many issued firearms were lost and stolen; how many arrests resulted in a prosecution; and, of those, how many convictions were secured. We want to know this so that we, as the democratically elected government of the Western Cape, can ensure the deployment of limited resources when and to where it is most needed.

The Bill also proposes the creation of a provincial police ombudsman to investigate complaints about police inefficiency and the breakdown in relations between the community and police.

Safety concerns differ from province to province and there is no one-size-fits-all approach to crime. In fact, section 206(2) of the Constitution explicitly provides for differing policing policies for different provinces. This is simply because each province has different needs when it comes to safety. With this in mind, we are trying to improve the identification of the policing needs and priorities of our communities, which must be taken into account by the Minister of Police in the determination of national policing policy.

Mr Deputy Speaker, we want to make this process not only more effective and holistic, but also more transparent by requiring that it be debated regularly in a multiparty forum in the provincial Parliament. Importantly, this Bill seeks to develop and introduce provincial police oversight models and to promote good relations between the police and communities.

Mr Deputy Speaker, it seems that the national government clearly recognises the importance of oversight – and that is important. This is why the ICD was strengthened and transformed into the Independent Police Investigation Directorate (IPID) with additional powers and strengths and the Civilian Secretariat Act was promulgated. Both of these draw their powers from Chapter 11 of the Constitution. The Community Safety Bill draws its powers from the very same chapter.

By way of background, the Western Cape Cabinet granted, in principle, approval for the preparation of draft legislation in May 2010 in respect of provincial oversight of the police in terms of the Constitution. After the main parts of the Bill were drafted, expert workshops were facilitated by the Department of Community Safety, involving various constitutional and other experts.

On 7 December 2011, Cabinet approved the draft Community Safety Bill. On 16 February 2012, the draft Bill was published in three official languages for public comment and was forwarded to various role-players, including the SAPS and the national Secretariat of Police. An extended period of three months was allotted for interested parties to comment on the draft Bill with the due date set on 15 May 2012.

Before the Bill was introduced in the provincial Parliament various consultation workshops were held. The national government and local government were also asked to comment on the Bill. We then held consultation workshops in Caledon, Worcester, Vredenburg, George and Beaufort West, as well as with all 13 provincial government departments and the Provincial CPF Board.

More than 600 people attended these sessions, of which the majority were SAPS officers, municipal officials and office bearers, as well as CPF and neighbourhood watch members. We also received written comment in excess of 300 pages from civil society organisations and NGOs. The Bill was then redrafted to include comments received, and was tabled in the provincial Parliament late last year.

Mr Deputy Speaker, in conclusion, it is not the intention of the Bill to take over the running of the police, but it is about how the provincial government should fulfil its constitutional responsibility to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the police. We cannot simply be bystanders when it comes to maintaining safety. The intention of the Bill is to fix the future for a safer Western Cape for all of us. [Applause.]

†Mr M G E WILEY: Mr Deputy Speaker, normally I would not dedicate a speech to anyone, but today I would like to do so. I would like to dedicate this speech to those men and women who wear a uniform in defence of our nation, both externally and in the Republic.

We often forget that as public representatives we form legislatures, we form governments, and we make laws and policies. In doing these things, we also directly affect the lives of others.

Sometimes what we do or say costs people their lives, and you've already heard some of the points made by the hon Minister in his speech. Our burden of responsibility is huge and we are held accountable.

For me and others who have volunteered to serve, the loss of our paratroopers this week is felt as a deep wound and one trusts that those who are placed in positions of authority would do what is just and right to ensure that their sacrifice was not in vain. In the fullness of time, when the whole truth is revealed, no mercy should be shown to any person, no matter how lofty they may appear to be, who plays with the lives of loyal South Africans.

Similarly, the ordinary police officer, especially those in the Visible Policing Unit, the ones who so frequently are the victims of brutal murder, must be remembered today because the Bill before the House today is largely about them.

On the way to work early this morning I listened to the Minister of Police trying to defend the indefensible, following yet more revelations of police misconduct, mismanagement and general disgrace. What I failed to hear was a single syllable of accountability from this man. It was almost as if one were listening to some dispassionate observer and not the executive member directly responsible for all policing matters in the country.

Yesterday, before the national parliamentary portfolio committee he voiced concern about the top SAPS leadership, about recruiting standards, about the general malaise the SAPS find themselves in today and where, according to statistics given yesterday, 41% of those polled say they do not trust the SAPS. In times of crisis true heroes stand out and stand up. Minister Mthethwa is not a hero; he is the crisis. [Interjections.] He has demonstrated a betrayal of trust and a dereliction of duty such as I have seldom seen in a public office bearer.

His callous disregard for the welfare of the ordinary member on the ground is now becoming legendary.

He is largely the reason why we are here in this Chamber today. That the SAPS is in crisis is now common cause. That the provinces have a constitutional duty to perform in relation to this national function is also without dispute. Just how that duty is to be performed is the question.

Again, it is the Minister, who, every step of the way, has been obstructive and totally lacking in the art of governance in his portfolio, let alone co-operative governance. He is currently challenging in the Constitutional Court the Premier's clear legal right, supported by a High Court decision, to convene a judicial commission of inquiry into policing in Khayelitsha where, incidentally, the community necklaced their latest "criminal suspect" earlier this week. It brings the total of necklacings in that area to six, and for the last year, 80.

Minister Mthethwa has repeatedly stated that he will challenge this Bill in the Concourt. During the hearings process he gave his approval to the Secretary of Police to instigate ANC members and other bedfellows to oppose the Bill. Yet the Minister has done nothing to respond to the province's pleas – and I'm not talking just about the Western Cape – for guidance, let alone draft guidelines for provinces to be able to do their work. On the contrary, we are seen to be a hindrance, if not a problem.

On the contrary, Minister Mthethwa instructed the Secretary to withdraw SAPS' Police Legal Service's contribution to the Bill where amendments were recommended. I repeat, the SAPS' Legal Services Department submitted amendments to the Bill, the Minister then got the Secretary to withdraw that submission and then submitted a blanket rejection of the Bill. [Interjections.] They saw the Bill as necessary with some amendments; that's the SAPS itself. [Interjections.]

It was submitted to us and then they tried to create the impression that they never submitted it. So it is as a direct result of this Minister's and his predecessor's failure to perform that this province has undertaken the initiative to research, workshop, compile and now debate a Bill that will give certainty of direction to those who are dedicated to bringing about a safer environment. [Interjections.]

What can the provinces do and what powers do they have in this regard? I read to you the excerpt from the Constitution, section 206(3) to (5):

- (3) Each province is entitled—
 - (a) to monitor police conduct;
 - (b) to oversee the effectiveness and efficiency of the police service, including receiving reports on the police service;
 - (c) to promote good relations between the police and the community;
 - (d) to assess the effectiveness of visible policing; and
 - (e) to liaise with the Cabinet member responsible for policing with respect to crime and policing in the province.

That refers to the national Cabinet member. Clause (4) states, and I quote:

- (4) A provincial executive is responsible for policing functions—
 - (a) vested in it by this Chapter;
 - (b) assigned to it in terms of national legislation; and
 - (c) allocated to it in the national policing policy.

Both of these are already in place. You've already heard from Minister Plato, whose department has sponsored this Bill, how extensively they've prepared the drafts for this Bill. You have also heard what the Bill is all about from the Minister.

Briefly, to recap for members' purposes: Clause 2 of the Bill, which is on your desk, is the purpose of the Act. I would like to read that to you, because it really forms the basis of the whole discussion. The purpose of the Act is:

- (a) to regulate and to provide for the carrying out of the functions of the province as referred to in sections 206 ... –

I've already read that to you –

... and 207 of the Constitution, as well as the provincial Constitution; ...

This is the statutory obligations. Clause 4.5 goes on to state:

- (i) determine policing needs and priorities;
- (ii) monitor policing conduct;
- (iii) oversee the effectiveness and the efficiency of the police service;
- (iv) including receiving reports for on the police service;
- (v) promote good relationships between the police and the community;
- (vi) assess the effectiveness of policing;
- (vii) investigate any complaints of police inefficiency or a breakdown of relations between the police and the community;
- (viii) require the provincial Commissioner to report to and appear before the provincial Parliament;
- (ix) institute proceedings for the removal or transfer of or disciplinary action against the provincial Commissioner; and

- (b) support the objects of the civilian secretariat and the provincial secretariat.

Clause 3, which deals with the functions of the Minister, is essentially a repeat of the constitutional provisions. Clause 4: Monitoring, has to do with the oversight and assessing of the police. Here I want to stop briefly. The monitoring, oversight and assessing role of the police is to:

- (a) attend protests, crime scenes and any other scene of police activity to observe and record the interaction between the police and community; ...

We've heard examples of how critically important that will be. I continue:

- (b) to monitor and evaluate the allocation, distribution, use of human and other resources for policing;

Then, more importantly, something you deal with on a daily basis if you're doing your job as a public representative:

- (c) inspect police stations or other police premises in order to monitor police contact;
- (d) oversee the effectiveness and efficiency of police service;
- (e) oversee the effectiveness and efficiency of the police service in dealing with complaints from the community regarding policing in the area;
- (f) evaluate the relations between the community and the police;

- (g) monitor the treatment and conditions of persons held in police custody in order to determine the recognition by the police;

Unfortunately I can't ask you to indicate by a show of hands when last you were in a police cell to see what the conditions are like. [Interjections.]

Mr Deputy Speaker, I also wanted to touch on the issue relating to clause 5: Directives for establishing police forums and boards. This is a critical factor, both this and clause 6: Accreditation of neighbourhood watches. This is where the strength of our communities lies: to be able to support anticrime measures and thus make a contribution to a safer society. It's the whole of society approach and they are entitled to do so. Unfortunately there is no proper guidance, as far as legislation is concerned, for them to be able to fulfil their functions.

In this particular regard I'll read clause 5.1:

In order to promote good relations between the SAPS and the community, the provincial minister may issue directives regarding the establishment of community police forums and boards in terms of sections 19.1; 20 and 21.1 of the South African Police Service Act, ... – in other words, it's being done in conjunction with the national legislation –

... including directives relating to ...

Then there are the requirements for the terms of office and the requirements for indemnity, etc. Sub clause 3 of clause 5 is important. It states that the head of department may assist community police forums and boards by providing funding, training and resources.

In the past, the Department of Community Safety provided funding. Unfortunately, because the Auditor-General said that it was beyond our mandate, it had to be stopped. Because the police then took over the running, as they insisted on doing, of community police forums, many of them have collapsed. [Interjections.] Others have become totally politicised.

As a direct result of this there are now many communities who are not being served by community police forums. This Bill will now empowers the province to fund the police community forums.

Clause 6 deals with the accreditation and support of neighbourhood watches, and I want to touch on this for a minute. Neighbourhood watches are playing an enormous role in the combating of crime in many areas at the moment. Communities are spending millions of rand on essential high-technology items like SMS systems and things of that nature. In clause 7 it touches on that as it deals with CCTV cameras, SMS-ing and things of that nature. They've done enormously innovative things and this is to cement that relationship and to try and spread good practices around.

What the accreditation does is it also prevents vigilantism. We have a situation where some neighbourhood watches really are just a sign on the side of the road with a couple of active people, but in other areas people are walking around in trench coats and sawn-off shotguns.

That sort of thing has to stop. It has to be regularised and the positive energy of the neighbourhood watches has to be harnessed. They also need to be properly equipped and trained in order to be able to protect themselves and their communities. I have already touched on clause 7.

Clause 8 addresses the matter of an integrated information system. Without information you cannot plan, and without a plan you cannot participate in the statutory obligation of the policing needs and priorities, which has to be done on an annual basis.

Clause 9 deals with confidentiality and disclosure. Many people are going to come into contact with sensitive information. It is a critical trust factor and, therefore, people have to be governed by a confidentiality and disclosure clause.

Clause 10 deals with the establishment of the ombudsman for the service delivery complaints not covered by IPID or the secretariat, as some people like to think. They do not deal with that; it's SAPS' internal discipline mechanism. It is also incomplete and does not give feedback to the community.

Clause 11 is concerned with the appointment of the ombudsman. That covers everything as far as the finances, reporting, independence, functions, complaints to and investigations of the ombudsman are concerned.

The ombudsman is a person who is going to be appointed and he'll be totally independent. The Premier will appoint him for a period of five years and that person will hear service delivery complaints. My phone is constantly ringing with people complaining about the fact that the SAPS does not fulfil its minimum standards obligations of having two people per vehicle, two vehicles per sector, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Most police stations with two sectors at the moment can scarcely muster three, let alone four, and if you're damn lucky, five members on a shift. In other words they are failing the people of this Republic as a result.

Municipal police services are covered in clause 21. They are also subject to the Bill and when it becomes an Act they will also be subjected to reporting. It's a critical factor and they fully support the Bill.

Clause 22 deals with recording requests and recommendations and clause 23 with policing needs and priorities I mentioned to you that that is a statutory requirement on an annual basis.

Clause 24 covers co-operation and intergovernmental relations. The Bill is geared for fostering better relations with national departments and the national Minister.

Clause 25 speaks to a provincial safety advisory committee. It is a safety advisory committee, which will be an advisor to the Minister. In composition, its term of office will be three years and how often it will meet is in clause 28.

Clause 29 deals with awards for recognition of outstanding service within the community in anticrime activities.

Clause 30 is concerned with offences, for instance, should people fail to co-operate with the ombudsman. It's a standard procedure for any commission of this kind.

Clause 31 deals with regulations and clause 32 with delegations, in other words delegations from the Minister to the Head of Department.

Since it was brought to Parliament in November 2012, it has been thoroughly scrutinised, interrogated and, where appropriate, amended. An extensive public participation programme was implemented. The public was asked, via the media nationally and in the three official provincial languages, for input. The database of CPFs was used and, via them, neighbourhood watches, to solicit for written comment on the Bill.

Once this was received the committee embarked on a province-wide public hearing process, which had been widely advertised, by both radio and print advertisements. Close to 350 persons, 21 CPFs and neighbourhood watches, political parties, government departments, municipalities, universities and many other civil society organisations attended. All inputs were collated and tabulated.

The committee sought legal opinions, the department was interrogated and proposals were made in the submissions. In short, the amendments finally agreed to were minor.

The primary objection relating to the constitutionality of the Bill was the common theme submitted by the ANC and the organisations directly allied to it.

As already mentioned, these orchestrated efforts had identical wording and they were taken as a whole in our considerations. Given that none of the legal opinions received were of the opinion that the Bill was unconstitutional, the committee, with the exception of the ANC, supported this point of view.

The A Bill before you – that's the short version – shows you the amendments agreed to by the committee, the most significant of which was the replacement of the Minister with the head of department in clause 7, relating to database and partnerships with community organisations.

I want to thank the committee for the spirit in which they approached this task that required considerable concentration to grasp the legal niceties. I want to thank the staff of Parliament, especially Lizette Cloete and Mario Sassman and their staff for working long, long hours. I also want to thank the parliamentary legal advisor, Adv André le Roux, as well as Bardine Hall, the legal advisor in the Premier's department. Lastly, I thank the Department of Community Safety for always being available to answer the questions.

I want to ask the House to support the Bill.

In conclusion, I do owe the House an apology. In my considerations when we were going to travel around the province, I made an error of judgment in that I used a chartered flight. I want to tell you something, though: If it hadn't been for the fact that the ANC-instigated unrest situations had made using our roads a dicey option that decision wouldn't have been taken.

Also, if it hadn't been for all the corruption in the ANC departments that had resulted in the Auditor-General making the procuring of services so difficult that you cannot get the cheapest possible prices, then things would have been different. In any case, I did make a mistake and I apologise for that.

†Mr G C R HASKIN: Mr Deputy Speaker, the ACDP rises in support of the Bill before us today. We wish to dedicate our support of the Bill to all the victims of crime, to the victims of police abuse in detention, to the victims of lost dockets and fiddled evidence and to the victims who don't even bother to go the SAPS to report a crime, because they know it's going to go nowhere.

We know that at least 50% of crimes committed are not reported and it's because the people of South Africa and the Western Cape have lost their trust in the SAPS. This Bill is aimed at addressing this and ensuring that the SAPS become more accountable so that we can have improved oversight, monitoring and accountability; both by ourselves and the department.

Mr Deputy Speaker, even our own experience in this House – and my own experience – when asking questions of the Minister has been to have the SAPS telling us the exact opposite in this House ... [Interjections.] ... to what the victims of crime have been telling us. So, we, even in the House, have been misled by the SAPS. That simply has to stop.

We have to do things in such a way that we restore the faith and trust of ordinary South Africans, including us, in the SAPS. If we cannot trust the SAPS then whom can we trust? Who is it that we can trust if we cannot even go to the local SAPS official in uniform and report a crime? [Interjections.] If we cannot flag down somebody who's driving past in a marked vehicle and ask that person for help, which we cannot do at the moment, then the SAPS are failing us.

Of course, we're not talking about the majority of the SAPS officials; let's be clear about that. We're talking about a minority, but the minority are creating a perception that is unacceptable to the rest of the SAPS members and to all of South Africa. It's also affecting our international image.

I'd like to just conclude, Mr Deputy Speaker, because I only have two minutes, by cautioning the Minister. I just want to say that the authority that he'll be given in this Bill when it becomes an Act should please be exercised consistently, inclusively and equitably. Let there not be allegations made that there's been favouritism and certainly not political elitism as a result of the exercising of his authority. [Time expired.]

†Ms J L HARTNICK: Mr Deputy Speaker, with the purpose of the Act in mind, I support the Western Cape Community Safety Bill. The Bill is essential when considering the spate of police brutalities occurring in South Africa.

The Bill's purpose is to determine policing needs and priorities; monitor police conduct; oversee the effectiveness and efficiency of the police service; promote good relations between the police and community; assess the effectiveness of visible policing; investigate any complaints of police inefficiency or the breakdown in relations between the police and any community; require the Provincial Commissioner to report to and appear before the provincial Parliament; and institute proceedings for the removal or transfer of, or for disciplinary action to be taken against the Provincial Commissioner.

Mr Deputy Speaker, of these aims the promotion of good relations between the police and the community and the investigation of any complaints of police inefficiency, or the breakdown in relations between the police and any community, are especially applicable to the Western Cape.

The Western Cape has been faced with an increasing number of mob justice occurrences with fatal outcomes. This Bill speaks to the vigilante killings in our communities as they are due to the breakdown in relations between the police and the communities.

*Mr Deputy Speaker, during the public hearings it was noteworthy that supporters of the ANC attended the meetings with preconceived agendas. In George, Beaufort West, Vredendal and even here in Cape Town exactly the same statements were made. However, I would like to congratulate the Chairperson for having given everybody an opportunity to take part in spite of the insulting remarks levelled at him.

†In conclusion, Mr Deputy Speaker, prevention is better than cure.

†Mr M NCEDANA: Mr Deputy Speaker, listening to the Minister and member Wiley, I can't help but feel the Bill seeks to deal with issues to do with anger ... [Interjections.] ... in the sense that we know that there are issues between the Provincial Police Commissioner of the Western Cape and the executive government in the Western Cape. [Interjections.] You must listen; I've not stated my point yet. Therefore I hope this Bill has not been established to be used as a tool to continue fighting with the police.

We agree with some sections of the Bill as they seek to promote community participation and to revive the effectiveness of the community police forums. However, clause 19 and clause 20 deal respectively with reporting by the Provincial Commissioner and the loss of confidence in the Provincial Commissioner. Now we think that that is the real issue because we know that this government has said they do not have confidence in the Commissioner and I do not think that that is part of the Constitution as quoted by both of you. The Constitution does not make provision for the Executive to move a vote of no confidence in the Commissioner. That is not stated there.

I, therefore, hope that this Bill will be used to ensure that policing in the Western Cape is effective as opposed to being used as a weapon with which to fight against the national government.

†Mr M G E WILEY: Section 207(6) of the Constitution is very clear. [Interjections.]

†Mr K E MAGAXA: Mr Deputy Speaker, I must raise my deep disappointment ...

†Mr H P GEYER: You disappoint me.

†Mr K E MAGAXA: ... with the DA. You call yourselves a democratic organisation, but we went for public hearings together – and I participated in the process from the word go till the end – and 99% of all the people who participated rejected the Bill.

†Mr G C R HASKIN: They didn't know why. [Interjections.]

†Mr K E MAGAXA: It's on record. If hon Wiley had enough skills to gather and keep that information he would know very well that if there ever was anything that was rejected by our people it is that Bill.

†Mr M G E WILEY: Why have you been replaced on the committee? You're not even on the committee anymore.

†Mr P UYS: Keep quiet, man. Keep quiet. [Interjections.]

†Mr K E MAGAXA: I'm really disappointed. Despite the fact that even in his role as the chairperson ...

†The MINISTER OF HEALTH: He's the best.

†Mr K E MAGAXA: ... he gave a very fraudulent performance.

†The PREMIER: What?

†The MINISTER OF HEALTH: What?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

†Mr K E MAGAXA: He was interfering with the processes. [Interjections.]

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! May I just address that point? Hon Magaxa, you are making very serious allegations against a member of the House. [Interjections.] I want you to temper your language specifically and be careful about what you say. That is unparliamentary. Withdraw that, please.

†The MINISTER OF HEALTH: You must read the Rules.

†Mr K E MAGAXA: I withdraw that word.

†The MINISTER OF HEALTH: And apologise. [Interjections.]

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: And address the Chair when you speak, please.

†Mr K E MAGAXA: I think the microphone is on this side, Chair. Chair, the chairperson of that standing committee ...

†The MINISTER OF HEALTH: It's not the Chair, it's the Deputy Speaker.

†Ms M TINGWE: Please!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

†Mr K E MAGAXA: ... whose responsibility it was to chair those public hearings consistently interfered by performing the role that is not his to play.

*Mr J J VISSER: Talk about the Bill.

†Mr K E MAGAXA: He did so by consistently arguing in support of the Bill. He did so right throughout, from the first venue to the last.

†Mr M G E WILEY: But we do support the Bill.

†Mr K E MAGAXA: The ANC joined the overwhelming rejection of this underwhelming Western Cape Community Safety Bill, which was dismissed outright at all the hearings.

†The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: The meetings did not agree with you.

†Ms N P MAGWAZA: You were not there ... [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

†Mr K E MAGAXA: This whole process was and is a waste of money. The ANC is of the opinion that the safety and security of all communities in the Western Cape will not be enhanced by the measures sought in this Bill. [Interjections.] In particular the historically disadvantaged working class and poorer communities will not see or feel a difference, but it clearly serves to advance the politics and position of the DA only as a reactionary formation in this country. The ANC is of the view that it only creates constitutional, legislative and intergovernmental conflict and will create a crisis to further the DA's political agenda of opposition for the sake of opposition. [Interjections.] Mr Deputy Speaker, the main concern ... [Interjections.] That's why they cannot be tolerant and listen.

Their main concern is to unduly expand the powers of the MEC and that will lead to the promotion of the DA-aligned being deployed in all kinds of positions. The DA wants to use the police structures in order to get access to poor black communities where it doesn't have access.

†The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: No, we have access ... [Interjections.]

†Mr K E MAGAXA: It is unacceptable that the DA toys with such an important function as crime fighting. The same was seen with the DA's cheap political point-scoring with the defunct Zille commission in Khayelitsha. [Laughter.]

The ANC says this Bill is illegal and unconstitutional. It will lead to fruitless and wasteful expenditure; the vast duplication of functions will breed intentional conflict, also in communities. The unintentional consequences of this political expediency will soon catch up with the DA in this regard.

My personal suspicion, Chair – and this is also shared by many observers and experts – is that, indeed, the DA is going to politicise the SAPS and policing.

†The PREMIER: Nonsense.

†Mr K E MAGAXA: A politically divided police force will not be able to face the challenges of escalating crime. [Interjections.]

This unacceptable process already started with the DA actively undermining the police and our protectors in blue, not to speak of openly siding with hardened criminals like gangsters and drug dealers, some of whom support and fund the DA.

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! When you make that comment, are you referring to specific members in the House, or just generally? [Interjections.]

†Mr K E MAGAXA: The DA in general.

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Please continue. [Interjections.]

†Mr K E MAGAXA: It discredits our police on a large scale and only feeds the bad lion, instead of building the strength of the good lion that could serve us better. Shame on the DA!

The power-hungry DA is only interested in getting more control, so it undermines a national government competence, as with this Bill.

An HON MEMBER: What competence?

Mr K E MAGAXA: All of these attempts to discredit the national government are part of a concerted effort of gerrymandering and tomfoolery. Yes, the DA seeks to grab power at all costs for the MEC, which it is not entitled to do. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

†The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: I wonder if the hon member would take a question, sir.

†Mr K E MAGAXA: No.

†The LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION: The DA never takes questions.

†Mr K E MAGAXA: Yes, the DA confuses oversight with control. The always-drowsy MEC is being overloaded with more powers while he fails to exercise the powers currently at his disposal. This confirms the suspicions that the DA wants to manipulate the police and many other structures. Community police forums are legal structures and are the people's organs.

*The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Have some water, brother.

†Mr K E MAGAXA: Now the DA wants to elevate vigilante groups through generating neighbourhood watches at the expense of well-established legalised structures.

The parallel structures to gather information will clash with or usurp police intelligence gathering, the activities of the envisaged provincial ombudsperson will clash with the work of the Independent Police Investigation Directorate (IPID), the Public Protector, civil oversight and the Civilian Secretariat for police as will the gathering of complaints against the SAPS clash with existing channels of dealing with grievances.

I have no doubt in my mind that the DA is being frivolous and vexatious in seeking to abuse the SAPS for cheap political gain in an underhanded way. I suspect it will sooner rather than later be forced to eat some of these words in the Bill, if not all, as it is open to challenges.

It is common knowledge that the DA is obsessed with its hatred of the current Provincial Commissioner ...

†The PREMIER: That's complete nonsense.

†Mr K E MAGAXA: ... who they would want to get of him. They hate him because he is accountable to the National Commissioner, who happens to be an African actually. This is a racist fight that we are talking about here. [Interjections.]

The most important point here is the fact that any organisation, vigilante group or body called by a vague name like "neighbourhood watch" can be given accreditation or recognition. That means any other group could be legalised. [Interjections.]

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! The noise level is too high please.

†Mr K E MAGAXA: It opens the doors to rogue elements and all kinds. Yes, it brings with the cows various ticks and fleas, such as the many armed private security staff employed by neighbourhood watches.

The privately funded staff and equipment, like the heavy armaments, could cause a lot of problems. With the associated staff of these neighbourhood watches also being smuggled into the equation it surely cannot be seen as innocent oversight. [Interjections.]

We do not need more uncontrollable private reserve police personnel. These people would do better to join the SAPS and be trained as reservists. [Interjections.] Don't howl.

What is more disconcerting is that it is unclear whether all of these elements will also be screened as the clearance of neighbourhood watches are not even entrenched in the Bill. It seeks to include these elements into the system with access to more than just what meets the eye.

Vague reference to accreditation needs more elucidation as criminal elements that could be part of neighbourhood watches may have an influence over or gain access to sensitive intelligence if it is all left to politicians to decide to whom to give accreditation. In fact, the safekeeping of information is one aspect that is of severe concern to many ordinary people when this Bill is discussed.

If it is left to the discretion of the MEC – and the Bill is not even clear about that, actually – it could lead to the rewarding of political supporters. The undue emphasis on giving recognition to neighbourhood watches also looks like the DA is seeking to displace community policing forums or disrupt their working with the SAPS. It all will lead to unnecessary tensions and more bureaucratic red tape.

We see very little in the Bill of the Metro Police or subsidiary municipal policing services in the province, like law enforcement and traffic services. The operational matter of the removal or discipline of the Provincial Commissioner in a regimented structure is open to political interference and meddling in working matters where politics have no place.

If truth be told, this Bill ...

†Mr M G E WILEY: Is a good Bill.

†Mr K E MAGAXA: ... is about doing away with the current provincial Commissioner ... [Interjections.] ... and replacing him with a surrogate of the DA-led government. [Interjections.]

The functions of the MEC could be increased here today, but it will be in conflict with policy determined at another sphere of government. An MEC cannot grab powers that are not expressly allocated to him in law. That is tantamount to a criminal offence, actually. [Laughter.] This is a lesson the DA does not want to learn.

†The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Tell Jackie Selebi that.

†Mr K E MAGAXA: Provincial legislation cannot be in conflict with the Constitution or any other national law. Too many powers will bring it in conflict with other laws as it is giving undue powers and pushing for too much control by reading into laws what is not there.

†The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: What do you suggest?

†Mr K E MAGAXA: It looks as if the DA believes legislation can be cooked up here that will trump national legislation. It can't. There are too many conflicts of interest in this matter for comfort. Many of the new arrangements will ultimately compromise security arrangements and sensitive information. It is abundantly transparent that the DA plays risky politics.

All the words and explanation in the world will not take away from the fact that the DA is embarking on an experiment for its own sake and not in the interest of the people it serves. The SAPS is not the DA's private provincial police structure. Sorry about that. [Interjections.] No! It falls under a national Commissioner, the law and the South African Police Service Act. Therefore it cannot report to a provincial politician or be bullied by a localised provincial political party.

The secessionist DA must learn a very important lesson: The Western Cape is part of the unitary Republic of South Africa. [Interjections.]

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! There is a little too much commentary from this side.

†Mr K E MAGAXA: It is not a ratty republic on an island somewhere. It is high time that the DA changes its frame of reference and plots its way back to being on the map of the whole of South Africa. [Interjections.]

The DA has so accept the responsibility of being the second level of government ...

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: [Inaudible.]

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, Mr Carlisle!

†Mr K E MAGAXA: ... and they have to perform their duty as a government, not as an opposition. You are not in opposition here. [Interjections.] You are here because you have won an election in this province.

†The MINISTER OF HEALTH: That's why we have a Bill, you know. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

†Mr K E MAGAXA: When are you going to listen?

†The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Never!

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order, Minister Botha!

†Mr K E MAGAXA: You are here because you have won an election in this province and, therefore, you have an obligation to execute your responsibilities by improving the lives of the people.

If you were doing your job ... [Interjections.] ... as the leading party, there would be salutation here, not protests. There would be houses here, not protests. There would be enough jobs here, not poverty. All these things contribute to the crime that we need to look at. [Interjections.]

The ANC rejects this DA Bill as futile and objectionable attempt that is unconstitutional and untenable. [Applause.]

*Ms A J DU TOIT MARAIS: Mr Deputy Speaker, the Western Cape Community Safety Bill has already been approved by the standing committee, and the Western Cape is the first province to introduce legislation of this nature. The legislation should be viewed as legislation that will strengthen the nature of cooperative government and not as an attempt to break it down.

I therefore find it unacceptable for the hon Magaga to launch a personal attack on hon Wiley.

An HON MEMBER: Lady Gagga. [Laughter.]

*The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! The hon member may proceed.

*Ms A J DU TOIT MARAIS: It confirms my suspicion that ...

†Mr K E MAGAXA: You look like Lady Gagga. [Laughter.]

†Ms A J DU TOIT MARAIS: Thank you very much. [Laughter.]

*It confirms my suspicion that hon Magaxa knows as little about this legislation as the man in the moon.

Neighbourhood watches and community police forums are performing an important function in civil oversight. Within the current crime situation in South Africa these structures often serve as the eyes and ears of the SAPS. Communities and the police are mutually dependent on the information and manpower supplied by them.

The legislation provides in clause 5 for the issuing of instructions for the establishment of community police forums. The legislation recognises the importance of these forums and seeks to encourage the forums to understand that the legislation is not going to do away with their role. On the contrary, the role of the forums should ensure the maintenance of better oversight over service delivery by the police.

Police forums should also ensure that the police are acting effectively and competently, particularly as far as receiving reports on the SAPS is concerned. Perceptions are that the current image of the SAPS is not what it should be. The public has the perception that the police are not there to help, neither do they want to help or intervene when asked to do so.

The proposed legislation also provides for voluntary accreditation of neighbourhood watches and community police forums.

This register that is being compiled will assist in planning the training and support of neighbourhood watches and community police forums, and also to ensure that the necessary funding and resources are made available to them to perform their work effectively. It will be to the benefit of the neighbourhood watch or forum to apply for accreditation, because they will receive better assistance and resources.

Hon Magaxa certainly used words like “abuse”, “manipulation” and “control” all the time in his speech. This shows this is the frame of reference of the ANC, which definitively is not the DA’s frame of reference.

The provincial government will be obliged to publish a list of accredited neighbourhood watches every year in order to provide the communities involved with accurate and relevant information. This will give the communities better and broader insight in the activities of community safety organisations in their area.

The legislation strengthens community police forums to offer better oversight over service delivery by the police. It will also improve the responsibility of the forums. Regular feedback and the submission of reports will ensure that problems with service delivery can be highlighted, which will help to draw attention to problems to be addressed.

Neighbourhood watches and forums will be required to keep good records in order to contribute to a good integrated data system. Research has shown that establishing more than one set of data ensures more accurate information, which will ensure improved planning and service delivery.

It is important to know that all information collected by the neighbourhood watches and police forums is protected by legislation and may not be divulged to any person or organisation. It is for government use only.

In the present political climate these institutions have often been hijacked for political or personal gain. For this reason, this proposed legislation is welcomed and we hope the national Minister of Police will use this opportunity to establish better cooperative government. It will be tragic if he rejects this opportunity to improve police service delivery, especially in view of recent events.

The legislation is supported and I wish the department only the best with the implementation of the legislation. [Applause.]

*The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Hon Minister, before you speak, may I just tell the public that you are most welcome in the gallery. You are spectators here to listen to the debate, but you are not part of the debate. Please do not clap hands.

†The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Mr Deputy Speaker, I just want to make a couple of observations on some of the matters raised by the members. I just want to redirect the fear that we're interfering with the SAPS. The Bill in no way seeks to control or interfere in the operations of the SAPS. That statement is taken completely out of context and is completely wrong.

In terms of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, the control and management of the SAPS rests with the national government and not with the provincial government.

At the same time, the Constitution clearly states that each province is entitled to monitor and oversee police conduct; and I've already mentioned all of those issues.

With regard to what is happening in the House today, I want to put it to the ANC, Mr Deputy Speaker, that the people of the Western Cape can see right through the ANC today. They vote against the budgets and they vote against the Community Safety Bill. They vote against everything and sweep it off the table and then they claim they care for the poor. This is the manner in which they care for the poor. It's very nice, but outside this House they want to give a beautiful picture of a party who cares for the poor. It's not the case. [Interjections.] They are lying to the public and to their own electorate out there.

*Mr R B LENTIT: Shame!

†The MINISTER: Furthermore, Mr Deputy Speaker, it seems to me that the ANC is actually preventing us from getting at the criminals out there, the gangsters, the druglords and the high-profile people involved in the criminal world. It is as if they are giving us a clear message that we must not touch that terrain. [Interjections.] We must not interfere in that terrain, because it is their territory.

To the member who referred to gangs and those guys, don't even enter into that debate with me. I can say to you, hon member, through the Deputy Speaker, if you want to enter into that debate with me you will fall right off the bus. [Interjections.] Let me tell you there are enough indications in writing of your party's close links with the underground and the criminal world and of your corrupt activities out there. That is in writing. [Interjections.]

†Mr H P GEYER: Why don't you object?

†Ms E PRINS: And you're doing nothing.

An HON MEMBER: No, we've done something.

†The MINISTER: We do a lot about that; absolutely a lot about that. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

†Mr M SKWATSHA: Could I persuade the Minister to take a question?

†The MINISTER: No.

†Mr M SKWATSHA: I want to ask you ...

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Minister Plato, you've said no. Please continue with your speech.

†The MINISTER: Mr Deputy Speaker, with regard to the member's point about the hearings: I attended all the hearings. I was there and other members were there as well. What was evident, as one of our members said at the very beginning, was the orchestrated behaviour of the ANC at those hearings ...

†The PREMIER: Yes.

†The MINISTER: ... from day one.

*The PREMIER: Shame!

†The MINISTER: It was clear that they had come with an intended political agenda ...

†The PREMIER: Yes.

†The MINISTER: ... to not let us debate the Bill with the people present.

†The MINISTER OF HEALTH: You tried to hide it.

†The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: That was the point. Why are you not mentioning that?

An HON MEMBER: You tried to hide it.

The MINISTER: At all the hearings it was a case of all the organisations knowing exactly what to ask. In George, Beaufort West, Vredendal and all over there were the same questions every time. Nothing differed. It was organised to derail the operations of this provincial Legislature. [Interjections.] The member was there and he must keep his mouth shut with regard to that because it is true.

†Mr K E MAGAXA: You were sleeping all the time.

†Ms E PRINS: What are you saying?

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I heard that. Minister Carlisle, I ruled yesterday that "shut up" is unparliamentary and the same goes for "keep your mouth shut".

†The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: I didn't say it.

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Sorry, I meant Minister Plato. Please withdraw it.

†The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Mr Deputy Speaker, I withdraw that word.

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you.

†The MINISTER: Mr Deputy Speaker, what hon Wiley as a chairperson tried to do ...

†Mr P UYS: Tried.

†The MINISTER: ... is to see that there that the process flowed. He gave guidance and leadership. That is what he was doing. [Interjections.] From the ANC's side present at the hearings there were obvious dubious agenda. In Cape Town, however, there was a different mix of people. It was well balanced with a number of people also clearly in support of the Bill.

The fact that the member called the Bill illegal, the legal advice we've received paints a completely different picture.

The legal advice is of the opinion that the Bill does not infringe on any condition of the current Constitution of the country; it is in line with the Constitution.

Let me say something about the obsession with the Provincial Police Commissioner. I want to confirm the statement I made yesterday during my budget speech. You tried to drive a wedge between my Office and the Office of the Police Commissioner. Let me tell you that the relationship between me and Gen Lamoer is a very good relationship. There is no breakdown in communication between the current Provincial Police Commissioner and I.

I want to state that for the record. We see each other every week and we raise the issues. I phone him with problems and he phones me. I phoned him yesterday with problems I had picked up in certain communities. He picks up the phone and we deal with the issues immediately, right there and then, in a highly professional manner.

With regard to the neighbourhood watches – and the member paid an awful lot of attention to that. On a daily basis I pick up problems between the SAPS and neighbourhood watches in various areas.

†The PREMIER: Yes.

†The MINISTER: For the very first time we're going to give neighbourhood watches their legal standing within a legal framework. For the very first time! Why is it that you're against that? [Interjections.] Why is the ANC against that? They don't want neighbourhood watches to operate when neighbourhood watches are doing a good job. There are members in the SAPS, who are also in other organisations like the ANC, who try to destabilise and stop the work of neighbourhood watches. I'm asking the question in this House today: Why? [Interjections.]

†The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Why?

†The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: It is because you're protecting the criminals in the communities. You don't want neighbourhood watches to be the ears and eyes of the community and to identify the criminals and watch what's going on in the community. That is clear.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I want to thank hon Marais for her support for the Bill. Hon Hartnick, thank you very much for your input. Let me also say to Cope I note all the issues you have raised. There's no anger in how we raise our issues – definitely not.

You also raised the problems between the Police Commissioner and this government.

When we call the Police Commissioner to report to this government he comes. He is quite often at Cabinet meetings to give input on each and every issue. He brings the Hawks and his intelligence team with him and we ask questions and we interrogate issues.

That is a clear sign of a very good relationship, but we have to admit, Mr Deputy Speaker, that there are systemic problems in the SAPS. I said it yesterday and I want to repeat it today. That is what we address. There are too many complaints about police ineffectiveness and brutality and that sort of thing.

We want to plug those holes and that is why we're doing what we're doing. Definitely, I note your other point that we must not use the Bill as a tool to get at the police. That is definitely not our intention.

Thank you to all the members for their valuable input and thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. May I propose that we support the Bill as it stands. [Applause.]

Debate concluded.

Question put and the House divided:

Ayes – 23: Botha, T L; Bredell, A W; Carlisle, R V; Figlan, A M; Fritz, A T; Geyer, H P; Grant, D A C; Haskin, G C R; Hartnick, J L; Labuschagne, C; Lentit, R B; Madikizela, B S; Marais, A J D; Meyer, I H; Plato, D; Rossouw, A; Van Rensburg, H G; Visser, J J; Von Brandis, E J; Walters, M C; Wiley, M G E; Winde, A R; Zille, O H.

Noes – 13: Beerwinkel, C F; Brown, L; Gopie, D; Hani, V; Magaxa, K E; Mballo, B G; Ozinsky, M; Prins, E; Skwatsha, M; Stali, Z C; Tingwe, M; Uys, P; Van Zyl, J A; Witbooi, J.

Bill finalised (ANC dissenting).

†The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! The Bill will be sent to the Premier for assent.

The House adjourned at 15:30.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, TABLINGS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

WEDNESDAY, 3 APRIL 2013

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Speaker:

1. Assent by Premier in respect of Bills

- (a) *Western Cape Community Safety Bill* [B 10B–2012] – Act 3 of 2013 (assented to and signed by Premier on 26 March 2013).

- (b) *Cape Town International Convention Centre Company Amendment Bill* [B 10B–2012] – Act 2 of 2013 (assented to and signed by Premier on 26 March 2013).
- (c) *Western Cape Additional Adjustments Appropriation Bill* (2012/13 Financial Year) [B 5–2013] – Act 4 of 2013 (assented to and signed by Premier on 28 March 2013).

2. Publication of Act 1 of 2013

Publication of the Western Cape Provincial Transport Infrastructure Act, 2013, in *Provincial Gazette Extraordinary* 7112, dated 3 April 2013.

3. Publication of Act 2 of 2013

Publication of the Cape Town International Convention Centre Company Amendment Act, 2013, in *Provincial Gazette Extraordinary* 7113, dated 3 April 2013.

4. Publication of Act 4 of 2013

Publication of the Western Cape Additional Adjustments Appropriation Act (2012/13 Financial Year), 2013, in *Provincial Gazette Extraordinary* 7114, dated 3 April 2013.

MONDAY, 15 APRIL 2013

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Speaker:

1. Assent by Premier in respect of Bill

Western Cape Community Safety Bill [B 8B–2012] – Act 3 of 2013 (assented to and signed by Premier on 3 April 2013).

2. Publication of Act 3 of 2013

Publication of the Western Cape Community Safety Act, 2013, in *Provincial Gazette Extraordinary* 7116, dated 5 April 2013.

TABLINGS

The Speaker:

Reports received from municipalities and tabled in accordance with sections 132(1) and (2) of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act (Act 56 of 2003):

(a) City of Cape Town

- (i) Annual Report 2011/2012.
- (ii) Oversight Report 2011/2012.

Cape Town International Convention Centre

Annual Report 2011/2012.

(c) Drakenstein Municipality

(a) Annual Report 2011/2012.

(b) Oversight Report 2011/2012.

(d) Matzikama Municipality

(i) Annual Report 2011/2012.

(ii) Oversight Report 2011/2012.

(e) Mossel Bay Municipality

(i) Annual Report 2011/2012.

(ii) Oversight Report 2011/2012.

(f) Overberg District Municipality

(i) Annual Report 2011/2012.

(ii) Oversight Report 2011/2012.

(g) Overstrand Municipality

(i) Annual Report 2011/2012.

(ii) Oversight Report 2011/2012.

(h) Witzenberg Municipality

(i) Annual Report 2011/2012.

(ii) Oversight Report 2011/2012.

(i) Stellenbosch Municipality

(i) Annual Report 2011/2012.

(ii) Oversight Report 2011/2012.

TUESDAY, 23 APRIL 2013

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Speaker:

Letter from Minister of Health

Recall and Re-print of the Department of Health 2013/14 Annual Performance Plan.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **(Final mandate stage)** Report of the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Development on the *Division of Revenue Bill* [B 2–2013] (NCOP), dated 17 April 2013, as follows:

The Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Development, having considered the *Division of Revenue Bill* [B 2–2013] (NCOP) referred to the Provincial Parliament in terms of the rules of the National Council of Provinces (NCOP), begs to report that it confers on the Western Cape's delegation in the NCOP the authority to support the Bill without amendments.

2. **(Negotiating mandate stage)** Report of the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Environmental Planning on the *National Environmental Management Laws First Amendment Bill* [B13B–2012] (NCOP), dated 19 April 2013, as follows:

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Environmental Planning, having considered the subject of the *National Environmental Management Laws First Amendment Bill* [B13B–2012] (NCOP), referred to the Provincial Parliament in terms of the rules of the National Council of Provinces (NCOP), begs to report that it confers on the Western Cape's delegation in the NCOP the authority to support the Bill with the following amendments:

- (a) Section 38 (Section 1 of the National Environmental Management Waste Act, 2008) has reference. The proposal in the *National Environmental Management Laws First Amendment Bill* (the Bill) to remove the word “**and**” and substitute it with the word “**or**” in the waste definition will have little effect in practice. The amendment must also be made in subsection (d)(ii) of the definition to be effective. Therefore it must read as follows: “(ii) any portion of waste, once re-used, recycled [**and**] **or** recovered, ceases to be waste”;
- (b) The word “the” must be inserted before the word “Minister” in the last sentence of the first bullet point of the long title to the Bill;
- (c) The wording “biodiversity resources” in the definition of “biodiversity sector” in clause 1(a) of the Bill must be replaced by the wording “indigenous biological resources” as defined in section 80(2) of the Act;
- (d) The terms “domestic use or subsistence purposes” as used in clause 21 must be inserted and defined in section 1 of Act 10 of 2004. There must be sufficient precautionary measures in the Bill to prevent carte blanche collection of indigenous biological resources. The terms “domestic use or subsistence purposes” are overly broad and lack particularity. The provisions for exemption in terms of section 86 of the Bill are agreed with;
- (e) The conversion of the Bioprospecting Trust Fund into a Bioprospecting Fund will be in conflict with the provisions of section 13 of the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA). The PFMA provides, in section 13(3) thereof, that the Minister of Finance must be consulted on and must consent to any deviation from the provisions of section 13 of the PFMA before a Bill seeking such a deviation may be tabled in Parliament. It is not clear whether the Minister's consent has been obtained;

- (f) Provision must be made for the Minister to follow a consultation process to amend or repeal a notice issued in terms of the proposed section 62A of the Bill. The Minister cannot amend or repeal a finding by the scientific authority without recourse to consultation and public involvement. An objective, scientific finding by the scientific authority must not be unilaterally repealed or amended by the Minister. Precautionary measures to avoid this must appear in the Bill. It is proposed that the consultative and public involvement processes in sections 99 and 100 of Act 1 of 2004 should be reverted to prior to an amendment or repeal as foreseen in the proposed section 62A.

**INTERPELLATIONS,
QUESTIONS AND REPLIES**

** Questions and replies as received from departments.*

QUESTIONS

For written reply:

Building of school in community: process

†1. Ms M Tingwe to ask Mr D A C Grant, Minister of Education:

What process is followed before a school is built in a community?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION:

1. The building of a school at any locality would normally follow the following processes below:

Identification for the need: The Education District Office confirms the need and communicates the need for a school to the Directorate: Infrastructure Planning and Management. An application to the Planning section is then submitted.

Evaluation of the registered need: The Planning section corroborates the need for a school by using the Geographic information System (GIS), the District analysis and CEMIS information, which includes learner numbers. The assessment includes the verification of possible nearby under-utilised school accommodation, suitable hostel facilities or the availability of suitable land in the identified area.

Decision: After all the information has been collected, the district is consulted again and consensus is reached on the best outcome to serve the learners. If the decision is to build a school, the project will then be taken up in the User-Asset Management Plan (U-AMP) and scheduled in a financial year where the necessary budget is available.

Inform community: After a decision has been formalised, the district will inform the community.

Termination of transport of learners

†2. Ms M Tingwe to ask Mr D A C Grant, Minister of Education:

Whether the transport of learners on any learner transport routes in the Western Cape was terminated during the latest specified period of 12 months for which figures are available; if so, (a) why, (b) in which areas and (c) what process was followed before transport on these routes was terminated?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION:

2. Yes, 4 LTS routes were terminated during the period of 12 months.

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- (a) All four routes were terminated on request from the school involved. The schools reported a change in the need for learner transport schemes in terms of the Learner Transport Policy (LTS) policy.
- (b) WCE 054 (Eden/ Karoo - Knysna area)
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 WCE 133 (Overberg - Gansbaai area)
 WCE 437 (Eden/ Karoo - Stillbaai area)
- (c) The applications were submitted to Departmental Bus Committee. Their decision to terminate the routes was based on recommendations made by the Circuit Team Manager, Deputy Director: Corporate Services and the District Director. The LTS sub-directorate requested approval from the Programme Manager to terminate the routes. Education District offices are informed and the Directorate: Procurement Management is requested to terminate the routes.

Allocation of Bambanani volunteers to schools

†3. Ms M Tingwe to ask Mr D Plato, Minister of Community Safety:

What criteria are used to allocate Bambanani volunteers to schools in the Western Cape?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY:

3. The identification, selection and allocation of “Bambanani volunteers” now called School Safety Volunteers to high risk schools is done by the Department of Community Safety in close collaboration with the Western Cape Education Department (WCED) and is based primarily on a joint “risk assessment” of the particular school.

It is required that a school shall apply, after which all such applications are captured and then forwarded to the Safe School’s Unit of the WCED to record the needs on a central database and to prioritise such based on the following criteria;

- The number and severity of incidents reported by schools per quarter to the Safe Schools call centre versus other competing needs.
- SAPS crime statistics
- Threat Risk Assessment by Security Risk Management Services of the Department of Community Safety

Any allocation of School Safety Volunteers is furthermore subject to the availability of funds. It is also expected from School Governing Bodies to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Department of Community Safety when such resources are allocated to them.

Appointment of matriculants in terms of PAY Project

***4. Mr P Uys to ask Ms H Zille, Premier:**

(1) (a) How many 2012 matriculants are to be appointed in each of the departments in the Western Cape in terms of the PAY Project (Premier's Advancement of Youth Project), (b) from where in the province, according to (i) regions and (ii) towns, do the successful matriculants come, (c) what is the composition of the group of matriculants in terms of (i) gender and (ii) population group, (d) where in the province are the matriculants to be placed physically and (e) what will the remuneration be that each of them will receive;

(2) Whether any specific programmes have been created for these matriculants; if so, (a) what are the details of these programmes and (b) what opportunities have been created that they will be able to utilise after the PAY year?

The PREMIER:

4. Interns are selected by departments based on criteria linked to a basic skill set they require a new employee to have e.g. a pass in mathematics, an interest in farming, a specific matric subject. This is primarily done to determine suitable placement for further development.

The number of interns selected is determined by the availability of funds and office space required. The majority of opportunities are located in the Metropole as most of our work places are located here. Departments who have regional/district offices make provision for interns at those locations. However, the number of interns has to be proportionate to the number of staff at these offices and the availability of accommodation.

(1) (a)

DEPARTMENT	NO. OF PLACEMENTS
Social Development	30
Provincial Treasury	12
Environmental Affairs and Dev Planning	15
Local Government	7
Agriculture	42
Economic Development and Tourism	23
Department of the Premier	76
Cultural Affairs and Sport	30
Human Settlements	30
Transport and Public Works	100
Community Safety	25
Health	110
WCED	200
TOTAL:	700

(b)

City/Town	Placements	Total	Region
Cape Town based	522	522	Cape Town
Saldanha	1	23	West Coast
Vredendal	11		
Velddrift	1		
Atlantis	1		
Malmesbury	3		
Mooreesburg	1		
Porterville	2		
Vredenburg	3		
Grabouw	4	14	Overberg
Hermanus	4		
Swellendam	5		
Stanford	1		
George	21	51	Central Karoo & Eden
Mosselbay	11		
Beaufort West	2		
Oudtshoorn	12		
Plettenberg Bay	1		
Knysna	2		
Ladismith	1		
Riversdale	1		
Ceres	6	90	Cape Winelands
Worcester	17		
Stellenbosch Area	37		
Robertson	4		
Paarl	26		
TOTAL	700	700	

(c)

GENDER			
MALE		FEMALE	
275		425	
RACE			
Black	White	Indian	Coloured
165	22	7	506
24%	3%	1%	72%

(d) **PLACEMENTS PER DISTRICT AND CITY/TOWN**

As determined by the availability of suitable opportunities

City/Town	Placements	Total	Municipal District
Cape Town based	552	552	Cape Town Metropole
Langebaan	1	19	West Coast
Vredendal	6		
Mamre	1		
Atlantis	2		
Malmesbury	1		
Mooreesburg	1		
Witteklip	1		

City/Town	Placements	Total	Municipal District
Vredenburg	4		
Piketberg	1		
Saldanha	1		
Grabouw	7	19	Overberg
Hermanus	1		
Swellendam	5		
Caledon	2		
Gansbaai	1		
Hawston	2		
Napier	1		
George	16	51	Central Karoo & Eden
Mosselbay	6		
Beaufort West	4		
Oudtshoorn	5		
Plettenberg Bay	2		
Knysna	1		
Ladismith	1		
Riversdale	14		
Dysselsdorp	1		
Pacaltsdorp	1		
Ceres	4	59	Cape Winelands
Worcester	14		
Ashton	1		
Robertson	1		
Paarl	32		
Cloetesville	2		
De Doorns	1		
De Rust	1		
Klein Nederburg	1		
Klein Parys	1		
Wellington	1		
TOTAL	700	700	

- (e) All interns will receive a stipend of R2 663.00 per month, except for Health, whose interns will receive R2 200.00 per month. Health took the decision to pay this amount to be able to appoint a greater number of interns.

(2) (a) *Programmes: Compulsory Courses*

	Training Course	Days	Timeframe
1	1.1 Work Readiness Training (WRT)	4	8 – 12 Apr 2013
2	2.1 Welcoming and Departmental Orientation	1	15 – 19 Apr 2013
	2.2 Section/Unit Orientation	1	15 – 19 Apr 2013
3	Admin Support Programme: Introduction to Office Management	2	Jul – Aug 2013
4	IT Training: Information Management	2	Jul – Aug 2013
5	Admin Support Programme: Etiquette & Ethics in Public Service	2	Jul – Sep 2013
6	Learners' & Drivers' Licence	–	Jul 2013 – Mar 2014

7	Verbal and written communication (including CV writing)	2	Sep – Dec 2013
8	Diversity training	1	Feb – Mar 2014
9	Financial Management	1	Feb – Mar 2014

Electives:

	Training Course	Days	Timeframe
10	Admin support programme: Records management	1	May 2013
11	Know your rights and responsibilities	1	June 2013
12	Progressive discipline	1	July 2013
13	Admin support programme: Events management	1	Aug 2013
14	Customer Care	1	Sep 2013
15	Presentation skills	1	Oct 2013
16	Project management: introductory course	1	Nov 2013
17	Asset Management	1	Feb 2014
18	HR management	1	Mar 2014

(b) *Opportunities:*

Relationships are being developed with a range of partners, including the big corporates. The aim is to forge some kind of formal agreement between them and the WCG to cooperate with youth development initiatives, including internships.

Examples of what has been achieved to date:

- Santam agreed to recruit their next cohort of trainees for short-term assessors from the PAY interns.
- Harambee agreed to interview and train PAY interns for the BPO sector. Four interns have already gone through the process and have been employed.
- Direct Channel is looking to recruit 100 PAY interns to be interviewed, trained and deployed in the BPO sector. They want to double the number within the next six months.
- The four Cape Town based FETCs invited interns to information and assessment for placement sessions. Fifteen PAY interns were able to obtain placements with full bursaries from Boland FETC as an example. (81 of the 2012/13 interns left for FET or private colleges while 63 left for university)
- Opportunities within the WCG (16 of 2012/13 interns were employed internally while 36 found other employment)

*Group C and D centres for ECD Centres****5. Ms C Labuschagne to ask Mr A T Fritz, Minister of Social Development:**

With regard to group C and D centres for early childhood development (ECD centres) in communities in the Western Cape, (a) to what extent is curriculum support available at the centres, (b) what does the training that is provided entail, (c) who is providing the training, (d) what are the relevant details in respect of (i) follow-up visits and (ii) controlling what is happening with regard to this training and (e) in what way is the school-readiness of these groups of children ensured?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT:

5. With regard to group C and d centres for early childhood development (ECD centres) in communities in the Western Cape

(a) To what extent is curriculum support available at the centres,

- With regards to the centres grouped C and D, the department of Social Development in 2011/12 embarked on an Audit of Unregistered Partial Care facilities to gather information in order to facilitate and fast track registration and provide basic information on various aspects of service quality including the educational programme, meals and nutrition, staffing qualification and infrastructure needs relating to the norms and standards of the Children's Act. All the Unregistered facilities were categorised as either A, B, C and D facilities in order to assess the Unregistered Facilities readiness for registration.

The Children's Act 38 of 2005, Chapter 5 requires that any person or organisation providing an ECD programme must register that programme with the department of Social Development. To support sites in ensuring that they have a quality and holistic programme (as described in the Act) the department took responsibility to provide training to practitioners to ensure they are skilled in providing such a programme (as the Act requires that a person providing the programme must have the necessary skills). One of the conditions for registration for ECD sites is that the site must be registered as a partial care site with the Department of Social Development. Thus focus for the first roll out was registered sites. Currently training is being rolled out to registered sites. There is however unregistered ECD sites that benefited, although by default as they were still in the process of being registered as ECD partial care sites.

(b) What does the training that is provided entail

The site learning programme is a holistic stimulation programme that is aimed at supporting children's development and also contributes to school readiness. It is based on structured activities aimed at developing the children's physical, emotional, social and cognitive abilities. The programme is such that it complies with the norms and standards as set out in the Children's Act 2005 and the NELDS (National Early Learning Development Standards) framework.

In the absence of a curriculum for 0-4 year old children the department of Social Development developed a set of guidelines to assist organisations in developing age appropriate structured learning programmes.

- These programmes are based on planned themes on different aspects, ranging from, children learning about things around them, nature, positive social behaviour, language development, cognitive abilities, etc. Each theme with its activities has clear outcomes in respect of the competences children are expected to develop / master.

(c) Who is providing the training

- The Department works in partnership with credible service providers who have structured quality programmes. The service providers' programmes were first assessed and are now registered with the department. They in turn were contracted to train ECD practitioners on the implementation of these programmes at the sites. There are currently 12 ECD organisations providing programme training to 862 ECD facilities.

(d) What are the relevant details in respect of

- (i) Follow-up visits: There compulsory monitoring for each programme, every 2 years as per Children's Act. This is to ensure (amongst other things) that the site provides the programme they are registered for and that the norms and standards for the programme are adhered to.

- (ii) Controlling what is happening with regard to this training: The service organisations contracted provide on-going monitoring throughout the training process to ensure that practitioners are able to appropriately implement the skills in class and that the programme standard is not compromised.

(e) In what way is the school-readiness of these groups of children ensured: The guidelines provided compels the site to report on systems in place to assessing and reporting on children's development including identification of children with special needs / learning barriers. All training includes assessment.

Policy on pregnancies in schools

***6. Ms C Labuschagne to ask Mr D A C Grant, Minister of Education:**

With reference to the policy on pregnancies in schools, (a) what are the responsibilities in terms of, and the implications of, the policy for (i) pregnant learners in schools, (ii) other learners in schools, (iii) the teachers and (iv) the school and (b) how is the policy being applied in practice?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION:

6. (a) The WCED Policy on managing learner pregnancies in public schools is drafted in line with the Bill of Rights, as contained in the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 (Act 108 of 1996) which affirms the democratic values of human rights, equality and freedom, including the rights of children (Section 28) and the right to education (Section 29).

(i) pregnant learners in schools (and the parent of the learner)

The pregnant learner must attend a meeting convened by the principal with her parent to:

- (a) Gain an understanding of how she and her parent intend dealing with the matter.
- (b) Receive from the principal comprehensive information concerning all the appropriate health and guidance services available in the community; the services available in the school system and at the education districts; and the options available to her to continue her education during her pregnancy.

These alternatives may include the following:

- remaining at school as long as it is medically advisable and then obtaining learning material and support from the school; or
- withdrawing from the school for the duration of the pregnancy and taking own responsibility for continued education.

A Grade 12 candidate must be fully informed about examination options and procedures, although she herself is responsible for registering as a private candidate for subsequent examinations.

(c) Obtain a medical certificate, upon a request from the principal to the parent, giving a possible date of confinement, the date from which it would be medically advisable for the learner to be absent from school before the confinement, and the date from which it would be medically advisable for her to return to school.

(d) Discuss with the principal and her parent the period during which she must be absent from school, based on the above information.

(e) Together with the parent enter into a written agreement with the principal in which it is stated clearly that –

- during the time she attends school it is at her own risk;
- the school is indemnified from accountability for any pregnancy-related injuries or incidents;
- no alternative or additional logistical arrangements can be demanded from the school; and

- no exceptions can be made regarding adherence to the school's code of conduct.

(f) Understand clearly that when she returns to school after the birth, she will not be allowed to bring the baby with her.

(ii) other learners in schools:

The male learner –

(a) must pay attention to his co-responsibility with the assistance of the principal and Specialised Learner and Educator Support professionals at the education district office;

(b) must receive counseling and be provided with information on matters of sexuality, responsibility for actions and the legal implications of obligations and rights; and

(c) should enter into a written agreement with the parent or guardian and the governing body about appropriate behaviour which conforms to the school's code of conduct.

Other learners –

Receive knowledge, skills, attitudes and values regarding their sexuality and the accompanying social responsibilities in especially the learning area: Life Orientation.

(iii) the educators

(a) Provide children with the knowledge, skills, attitudes and values regarding their sexuality and the accompanying social responsibilities in especially the learning area: Life Orientation.

(b) The principle that it is best for learners to abstain from sexual activity is stressed.

(c) Emphasise the importance of good moral values which forms the backbone of sexual education.

(iv) the school

A school is expected to act appropriately in cases of learner pregnancy. However, it is also important that the school should approach the situation from an educational and values-driven perspective, with as ultimate goal to enable the learners whose futures could otherwise be jeopardised by unfortunate circumstances, to achieve success in the classroom and in their personal lives.

It is essential for the learner concerned that her education should continue with as little disruption as possible. Alternative suitable arrangements must be made to cover the curriculum.

This means that lesson notes and assignments must be made available to her and that she must take responsibility for completing and returning the assignments to the school for assessment.

The process of gathering valid information about the learner's performance and the school-based assessment marks throughout the year must be continued as far as practically possible whether she is at school or at home. The school-based assessment marks will help the education district multi-functional team to make decisions regarding her progression at the end of the year.

The importance of providing children with the knowledge, skills, attitudes and values regarding their sexuality and the accompanying social responsibilities in especially the learning area: Life Orientation, cannot be over-emphasised. The principle that it is best for learners to abstain from sexual activity should be stressed. Emphasising the importance of good moral values should be the backbone of sexual education.

Schools can also enable parents to play a more active role in the sexuality education of their children by presenting parent involvement and educational support programmes.

(b) The policy in practice:

(a) It is recommended that the school policy and the code of conduct for learners make provision for managing learner pregnancy within the framework of the WCED policy on managing learner pregnancy in public schools.

(b) When it is evident that a learner is pregnant, the matter must be treated with great sensitivity and confidentiality.

(c) The learner must be considered to be a Learner with Special Needs with access to counselling by professionals of the Specialised Learner and Educator Support component within the education district. The principal must manage and co-ordinate this process.

(d) In order to maintain confidentiality, the principal must report to the school governing body that a learner is pregnant, without necessarily divulging the learner's name.

(e) Should the learner have become pregnant as a result of sexual abuse, incest or rape, the principal must follow the procedures in the Abuse no More protocol document.

(f) The principal must convene a meeting with the learner and her parent to:

- Gain an understanding of how she and her parent intend dealing with the matter;

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- Supply them with comprehensive information concerning all the appropriate health and guidance services available in the community, the services available in the school system and at the education districts; and the options available to her to continue her education during her pregnancy.
 - These alternatives may include the following:
 - Remaining at school as long as it is medically advisable and then obtaining learning material and support from the school; or
 - Withdrawing from the school for the duration of the pregnancy and taking own responsibility for continued education.
 - A Grade 12 candidate must be fully informed about examination options and procedures, although she herself is responsible for registering as a part-time learner for subsequent examinations.
 - Request the parent to obtain a medical certificate giving a possible date of confinement, the date from which it would be medically advisable for the learner to be absent from school before the confinement, and the date from which it would be medically advisable for her to return to school.
 - Discuss with the parent of the learner, the period during which she must be absent from school, based on the above information.
 - Enter into a written agreement with the parent and the learner in which it is stated clearly that –
 - during the time she attends school it is at her own risk;
 - the school is indemnified from accountability for any pregnancy-related injuries or incidents;
 - no alternative or additional logistical arrangements can be demanded from the school; and
 - no exceptions can be made regarding adherence to the school's code of conduct.
 - Make it clear that when the learner returns to school after the birth, she will not be allowed to bring the baby with her.
 - Take any further decisions, for example about whether the matter must be handled confidentially or not appropriate behaviour and actions on the part of the learner participation in the school's extra-curricular activities.
- (g) Should it be known or established that a male learner at the school is responsible for a pregnancy, it is essential that confidentiality be maintained.

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- The principal must inform the school governing body.
 - The principal and SLES professionals within the EMDC must ensure that:
 - attention is given to the male learner's co-responsibility; and
 - the male learner is counselled and provided with information on matters of sexuality, responsibility for actions and the legal implications of obligations and rights.
 - A written agreement must be entered into with the parent, the male learner and the governing body about appropriate behaviour, which conforms, to the school's code of conduct.

(h) Should it be known or established that a learner at another educational institution is responsible for the pregnancy, the principal concerned must be notified and he or she must manage the situation in accordance with the policy regarding informing the governing body and the written agreement between the governing body, the male learner and his parent.

Pregnancy during the National Senior Certificate Examinations.

When a full-time Grade 12 candidate becomes pregnant, the principal must deal with the case as follows:

1. In cases where special arrangements are required, the principal must report the pregnancy to the Director: Examinations at the Department immediately and submit a medical certificate as proof.
2. The learner has the right and choice to attend school up to as close to the confinement date as is considered medically advisable.

2.1 If a learner will be 32 weeks (or more) pregnant on 1 October of the Grade 12 year, as indicated in a medical certificate, she will have the following options:

(a) To write the October/November National Senior Certificate Examinations in a separate examination room at the school or in a separate venue in the vicinity;

(b) To write the October/November National Senior Certificate Examinations at another centre as a private candidate, should she decide to terminate full-time school attendance. In this case the conditions pertaining to special centres contained in paragraphs 3.1 to 3.5 will be applicable; or

(c) To enter for the supplementary examinations in the following March.

- The reason for these options is that candidates have the right to write their National Senior Certificate Examinations in the best possible examination environment, and they could become upset if a candidate in an advanced stage of pregnancy goes into labour during an examination session.
- If the learner chooses to write and is allowed to enter for the supplementary examinations of the following March, she must submit a medical certificate confirming that the term of her pregnancy was so advanced that it was impossible for her to write the October/November National Senior Certificate Examination.
- A candidate, who is unable to write the examinations either in November or in March, may register as a part-time learner for subsequent examinations. This is at her own responsibility.

2.2 If the pregnant learner in Grade 12 is less than 32 weeks pregnant on 1 October and chooses to sit for the examinations, the following options will be available:

(a) To write the October/November National Senior Certificate Examinations at her own school;

(b) To write at another school in the vicinity or at a special examination centre; or

(c) To write at a special examination centre as a private candidate should she decide to terminate full-time school attendance.

3. Should the candidate choose to write the October/November National Senior Certificate Examinations at a special examination centre, the following will apply:

3.1 The principal must assist the candidate and arrange with the Director: Examinations at the Department for her to write at a special examination centre.

3.2 If the learner is the only candidate at a special examination centre, she (or her parent) will be responsible for remunerating the invigilator. The candidate must pay the required invigilation fee to the Western Cape Education Department, which will then pay the invigilator.

3.3 The circuit team manager must approve the invigilator and the special examination centre, which must be situated as near as possible to the school.

3.4 The special invigilator must receive a question paper for the specific examination session from the chief invigilator when the question papers are opened in the school's official examination venue, and take it to the special examination centre.

3.5 After every examination session the special invigilator must hand the answer script(s) to the chief invigilator who will send it/them to the Department with the rest of the school's scripts.

Development fund for entrepreneurs

***7. Mr E J von Brandis to ask Mr A R Winde, Minister of Finance, Economic Development and Tourism:**

Whether he can supply a list of each SMME (small, medium and micro enterprise) in the Western Cape that has benefited since the commencement of the development fund for entrepreneurs; if so, (a) what amount did each of these entrepreneurs receive, (b) where is each of them situated and (c) what, if applicable, are the relevant (i) requirements, (ii) particulars and (iii) limitations in respect of the development fund and receiving benefits from the fund?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM:

7. (a) See the enclosed list.

(b) See the enclosed list.

(c) (i) The following requirements have to be met to qualify for the funding:

(a) The business must be based in the Western Cape, as this is a provincial initiative.

(b) It must have been in existence and operating for at least 12 months.

(c) Annual financial statements must be furnished in order that the financial soundness, continued viability and potential for growth can be assessed.

(d) A business case must be supplied, setting out the need for the funding and its application in the business.

(e) The business must have a valid tax clearance certificate as well as a valid BEE certificate / or be more than 51% black owned.

(ii) Applications are sourced via the Department's Partner Network i.e. SEDA, West Coast Business Development Centre, and the Business Place – Philippi. All applicants, once technical qualification has been established (BEE and SARS compliance, operating in the Western Cape and in operating for more than 12 months) will undergo an assessment.

The assessment, conducted by an external party (appointed professional service provider or by one of the Network Partners), which entails a site visit to each applicant, determines the following:

- Financial sustainability of the business;
- Viability of the proposed intervention; and
- Projected impact of the proposed intervention.

The assessment and the site visit report is then used to adjudicate (approve or decline) the application.

Preference is given to applications where the additional funding required is likely to:

- Lead to job growth;
- Create or expand manufacturing capacity, and
- Improve business competitiveness.

The enterprises concerned were selected for their high scoring against the criteria mentioned above, as well as their potential for growth. The businesses are monitored for a minimum of 24 months after the granting of the funding to ensure that the funding is suitably applied and that the outcomes of the submitted business cases are met.

To date, the survival rate of the assisted businesses is excellent, with over 95% of the assisted businesses still in existence.

In addition to the list of grant fund beneficiaries, the following beneficiaries have benefitted from the WC DEDAT / NEF working relationship established during the 2012/13 financial year:

BUSINESS NAME	LOAN FUNDING	DEDAT PORTION	NEF PORTION
Roger Ian Carter Technical Services	R 4 213 000, 00	R 1 685 200, 00	R 2 527 800, 00
Paulse Coaches	R 4 500 000, 00	R 1 800 000, 00	R 2 700 000, 00
BP Glen Garry Shopping Centre	R 7 930 000, 00	R 3 172 000, 00	R 4 758 000, 00
Newco t/a Sopazi Trucking	R 709 805, 00	R 283 922, 00	R 425 883, 00
BMD Trucking CC	R 709 805, 00	R 283 922, 00	R 425 883, 00
Newco t/a Anslin Transport	R 650 781, 00	R 260 312, 40	R 390 468, 60
Masiza Mussels	R 1 000 000, 00	R 400 000, 00	R 600 000, 00
TOTAL	R 19 713 391, 00	R 7 885 356, 40	R 11 828 034, 60

The DEDAT / NEF working relationship entails the following:

- The WCDEDAT / NEF Enterprise Development Fund Initiative is comprised of 40% funding provided by DEDAT and 60% by the NEF;

- All successful applications are funded in a similar ratio;
- The 40% funding provided by DEDAT is charged interest at a rate of 5% per annum, which could be discounted by 2% after 6 months and by a further 1% after a year, provided all contractual commitments are met.
- Thus far, approved applications amounting to R 19 713 391, 00 have been co-funded to the tune of R 7 885 356, 40 from the DEDAT allocation.

(iii) The fund is open to assist in any sector as long as the business complies with the above requirements.

Support to Cape Film Commission since 2009

***8. Mr E J von Brandis to ask Mr A R Winde, Minister of Finance, Economic Development and Tourism:**

(a) What (i) financial and (ii) additional support has been given to the Cape Film Commission since 2009, (b) what has the impact of this support been and (c) what are the reasons for giving the support?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM:

8. (a) (i) Financial assistance:

During the 2009/2010 financial year the total budget allocation to the Cape Film Commission was R3,991,500. The breakdown was as follows: R1,501,500 to Film Sector Development, R600,000 (WESGRO budget envelope) for Access and trade to global markets, R200,000 to implement strategic productions structured through joint venture agreements, R300,000 (Part of the workforce budget) for local content film footage aimed at 2010, Film Enterprise Development, R1,200,000 (Part of the workforce budget).

During the 2010/2011 financial year the total budget allocation to the Cape Film Commission was R3,100,000. The breakdown was as follows: R1,200,000 to Film Sector Development, R600,000 for access and trade to global markets, R200,000 for Film Innovation, R1,100,000 for Film Enterprise Development.

During the 2011/2012 financial year the total budget allocation to the Cape Film Commission was R4, 200,000. The breakdown was as follows: R1,320,000 to Film Sector Development, R1,580,000 for access and trade to global markets, R200,000 for Film Innovation, R1,100,000 for Film Enterprise Development (from the Integrated Economic Sector Development Services Chief Directorate budget.).

(ii) No additional support provided.

(b) The Department supported the film sector by providing funding to the CFC in the 2009/10 financial year, enabling it to provide the following deliverables:

- Film Sector Development with 999 members registered on the CFC database.
- Enterprise development support and skills training was provided to 1,228 emerging film-makers.
- The value of investment recruited and productions secured amounted to R1,059-million.

The Department supported the film sector by providing funding to the CFC in the 2010/2011 financial year, which ensured that the following deliverables were met:

- 1 211 members registered on the CFC's database;
- 54 people trained;
- 409 businesses assisted with enterprise development support;
- 122 investment and trade projects realised;
- R1, 120 billion value of investment and trade in Film; and
- R5 240 895 leveraged as additional income to the CFC.

The Department supported the film sector by providing funding to the CFC, in the 2011/2012 financial year, enabling it to provide the following deliverables:

- 50 new members registered on the CFC's database; and
- 81 businesses assisted with enterprise development support; and 38 businesses with innovation support.

(c) 2009/2010; 2010/2011, and 2011/2012 economic development and support of the film sector in the Western Cape. From 2013/2014 onwards due to reprioritisation and rationalisation focus on economic growth and marketing, trade and investment promotion of the film sector through WESGRO as the legislated public entity for economic development and trade and investment promotion.

Applications for liquor licences

***9. Mr E J von Brandis to ask Mr A R Winde, Minister of Finance, Economic Development and Tourism:**

(a) How many applications for liquor licences were received in the Western Cape for liquor licences for (i) liquor stores and (ii) restaurants in 2012, (b) how many of the applications for liquor licences for (i) liquor stores and (ii) restaurants were (aa) approved and (bb) rejected and (c) what were the main reasons for the rejection of applications?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM:

9. (a) (i) 282.
(ii) 622.

- (b) (i) (aa) 42.
(ii) (aa) 270.

(i) (bb) 207. It must be noted that these licences have been postponed until further information is provided by the applicant. Once received, the application will once again be considered by the Liquor Licensing Tribunal). Applicants may also have withdrawn their application.

(ii) (bb) 271 licences were rejected. It must be noted that these licences have been postponed until further information is provided by the applicant. Once received, the application will once again be considered by the Liquor Licensing Tribunal). Applicants may also have withdrawn their application.

- (c) The Liquor Licensing Tribunal in essence has three criteria in considering an application for a liquor licence:

- Premises – that is, is the premises suitable for the intended use – here a lot of reliance is on the report from the local authority.
- Person – is the applicant a suitable holder of a liquor licence – here a lot of reliance is on the report from the SA Police Service.
- Public interest – is the granting of the liquor licence in the public interest? This is a catch all matter.

The main reasons for the rejection of applications in terms of the new act are the suitability of the premises, followed by the granting of a liquor licence not being in the public interest.

MOD Centres

***10. Ms J Witbooi to ask Dr I H Meyer, Minister of Cultural Affairs and Sport:**

- (1) What is the current state of MOD (mass, opportunity and development) centres in the Western Cape;
- (2) whether his department has any plans to expand or increase MOD centres; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT:

10. (1) There are currently 181 MOD Centres across the province. The 181 MOD Centres are established as follows:

- 109 Primary School Centres,
- 56 High School Centres,
- 15 Farm and Community Centres,
- 1 Western Cape Sport School.

Currently there are 43 286 learners registered on the MOD programme in the province. The centres cover all 8 districts of the Western Cape Education Department. In general the MOD programme has a mixed success rate in that not all MOD centres are equally attended by learners. MOD centres at Primary schools are better attended than those at High schools and MOD centres which have nutritional support attract more learners than those not offering nutritional support. A major factor in the attendance at MOD centres is that it is not compulsory, but voluntary. To increase the rate of attendance the department will focus on 32 MOD Centres at specific locations. These centres will be monitored closely for success indicators and this will then serve as the blueprint for all other MOD centres.

- (2) For the current financial year the number of MOD centres will remain the same, however the department will be focusing on increased support to 32 of the centres. These 32 centres will be used for the purpose of standard setting, so that all other MOD Centres are replicated according to the success indicators established.

Pregnant pupils

†11. Ms T N Bevu to ask Mr D A C Grant, Minister of Education:

- (a) What are the latest available statistics on the number of pupils in the Western Cape that fall pregnant annually and (b) how does this compare with the national trend and figures?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION:

11. (a) The total number of learner pregnancies in 2011 as reported in the 2012 Annual Survey was 2 076, which is about 2 per 1 000 learners enrolled.
- (b) A 2009 study entitled "Teenage pregnancy in South Africa" by Panday, S., Makiwane, M., Ranchod, C., & Letsoalo, T. (2009) commissioned by the Department of Basic Education reported that for the period between 2004 and 2008 an average of 58 learners per 1 000 fell pregnant across the country. This ranged from 34 per 1 000 in the Western Cape and Gauteng to 68 per 1 000 in the Eastern Cape. The annual average for this period in the Western Cape was thus 7 per 1 000.

Funding of safety centres

†12. Ms N P Magwaza to ask Mr A T Fritz, Minister of Social Development:

- (a) What are the names of the safety centres in the Western Cape funded by his department, (b) where is each of them situated, (c) what is the amount of funding received by each of them and (d) what percentage of the total funds available for this purpose is allocated to each of these centres?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT:

12. The department funds Child and Youth Care Centres which comprise of Children's Homes, Shelters and Temporary safe care facilities. Placement of children in Children's homes and Shelters is often on a longer term basis while placement in Temporary safe care facilities is short term, as prescribed by the Children's Act 38/2005. Some Temporary safe care facilities are run by the department while others are run by NPO's and funded by the department. Temporary safe care facilities run by NPO's are a new provision in the Act hence there are still a few registered and funded by the department. The department also has 407 active trained and screened safety parents throughout the Province who also provide temporary safe care for children.

(a) Names of funded Temporary Safe care facilities

- Heaven's Nest – run by an NPO and situated in Wynberg district in Metro South Region funded for 15 children @ R2120.00 per child per month, and a social worker. The total funding is R522 537.50.
- Siyabonga Temporary safe care facility – run by an NPO in West Coast Region, Vredenberg district and recommended for funding in 2013/14 with effect from July 2013, for 15 children @ R2120.00 per child per month,, for the amount of R286 200.00, still awaiting approval from HOD.
- A new Temporary safe care facility targeted for Eden Karroo Region for 2013/14 – recommended for funding with effect from July 2013, for 15 children @ R2120.00 per child per month, for the amount of R286 200.00 still awaiting approval for funding.

(b) See (a) above.

(c) See (a) above.

(d) 1.5%.

NB: The above percentage excludes the R3m allocated for place of safety fees paid to safety parents who also provide temporary safe care to children, and also excludes one Temporary Safe care that is run by the department.

Executive mayoral system

***13. Mr P Uys to ask Mr A W Bredell, Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:**

Whether he intends scrapping the executive mayoral system that is used in municipalities; if so, (a) what are the reasons for such a step, (b) what municipalities in the Western Cape will be affected by such a step and (c) what are the further relevant details in this regard?

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

13. At this stage, there is no intention to scrap the executive mayoral system; however I have initiated this debate in the public domain as well as within the political and administrative spheres of municipalities.

- (a) I have decided to open this discussion due to the serious governance challenges that have arisen. Contributing factors to these governance challenges include inter alia, coalition governments and persistent political instability in some municipalities.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) A change to the type of municipality will require an amendment to the Section 12 notice. Should I decide to embark on this process Section 16(3) of the Structures Act provides that I give written notice of the proposed amendment to organised local government in the province and any existing municipalities that may be affected by the amendment. Before publishing the amendment notice I must consult with organised local government in the province and the existing municipalities affected by the amendment. After the aforesaid consultation I must embark on a broader consultation process and publish particulars of any proposed notice for public comment.

Non-compliance with provisions: complaint lodged

***14. Mr P Uys to ask Mr A R Winde, Minister of Finance, Economic Development and Tourism:**

- (1) Whether a complaint has been lodged with his department about the non-compliance with provisions in respect of the adjustments appropriation of the Municipality George for the 2012/2013 budget year; if so,
- (2) whether his department has investigated the complaint; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the findings to which his department has come and (b) to what extent (i) has the complaint been addressed and (ii) has the problem or irregularities been rectified?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM:

14. (1) Yes, the Provincial Treasury received a complaint in this regard.
- (2) Yes, the Provincial Treasury investigated the complaint.
- (a) The findings indicated that the George Municipality acted within the ambits of the prescribed legislation and the approved council policy for meeting protocols.
 - (b) (i) The Provincial Treasury responded in writing to the complainant.
 - (ii) No irregularities were found in the process that was followed by the municipality.

** Questions and replies as received from departments.*

QUESTIONS

For written reply:

Provision of housing and serviced sites

***1. Mr P Uys to ask Mr B S Madikizela, Minister of Human Settlements:**

(a) What are the various areas of responsibility of his department and Western Cape municipalities, respectively, with regard to the provision of (i) housing and (ii) serviced sites to the community and (b) to what extent does the accreditation of a municipality influence this relationship as far as service delivery is concerned?

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS:

1. (a) (i) The Department is responsible for promoting and facilitating the provision of adequate housing in the Western Cape by acting within the framework of national housing policy. Municipalities are responsible for taking all reasonable and necessary steps within the national and provincial policy and legislative framework to ensure that the constitutional right to housing is realised.

The national framework defines a set number of project types for which subsidy funding is available (programmes) and a national grant which is allocated to provinces. The Department supports municipalities to plan for the provision of subsidy housing via projects. The Department gazettes grant funds to each municipality and municipalities subsequently apply for funding on a project basis. The Department checks the readiness of municipal projects to implement and enters into a contract with the municipalities for each approved project. In all housing programmes (except the communal basic service delivery phase of informal settlement upgrade projects), the Department checks the eligibility of beneficiaries proposed by the municipality before transferring the funding, and records which households receive subsidies. The Department then monitors the implementation of subsidy projects in terms of the contract and transfers the grant funding to the municipality on an invoice basis.

Municipalities are responsible for planning housing projects and securing the land and financing for projects including applying to the Department for grant funding. Municipalities are also responsible for implementing the construction and conveyancing aspects of the project including contracting necessary service providers and selecting beneficiaries for the projects (except for upgrade of informal settlement projects).

- (ii) The Department views serviced sites as the starting point for the provision of adequate housing. The distribution of responsibilities for their provision is as in (i).

- (b) It is envisaged that the City of Cape Town will be assigned the housing function in July 2013. Given that the grant funding will flow directly to the City from the National Department of Human Settlements, with the aim of streamlining the administration of grant funding, the relationship between the municipality and the Provincial Department will change to some degree. The responsibilities of ensuring that the City's housing planning is adequate, that grant funding is allocated and that project implementation and expenditure is of a sufficiently high quality still need to be carried out. The National Department in consultation with the Provincial Department is working on defining the modalities of the relationship between the National Department, the City of Cape Town and the Provincial Department. The terms of the arrangement between the assigned metro and the province would be set out in an executive agreement signed between the Premier and the municipality, addressing issues of funding and the transfer of staff, assets and liabilities.

Some of the non-metropolitan municipalities have applied for accreditation and it is envisaged that their evaluation will begin in due course. Municipalities accredited at a level two must a) plan subsidy projects, which includes deciding on the subsidy programmes to be used in projects and the budget of projects, and b) implement all their planned housing projects. Because Western Cape non-metropolitan municipalities are already carrying out the responsibilities expected of a level two accredited municipality, accreditation will not substantially change the current relationship between the Department and a non-metropolitan municipality.

Khayelitsha Commission

***2. Mr P Uys to ask Ms H Zille, Premier:**

- (1) Whether the Khayelitsha Commission is carrying on with its business at the moment; if not, why not; if so, (a) to what extent, (b) what is the programme of the commission and (c) on what basis and how often is she informed of the (i) progress made by and (ii) business of the commission;
- (2) whether any report by the commission has been made available to her; if so, (a) when does she intend making the report public and (b) what did the total costs, including any legal fees, of the commission amount to as at the latest specified date for which figures are available;
- (3) whether she can provide a detailed breakdown of the costs; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

The PREMIER:

2. (1) The Commission of Inquiry, established by the Premier by Proclamation in the Provincial Gazette on 24 August 2012 to investigate and report on allegations of police inefficiency in Khayelitsha and of a breakdown in relations between the community and police in Khayelitsha, (more commonly known as the O' Regan commission), has established its own internal rules of operation, independently of the Provincial Government and the Premier's Office since its establishment.

This is in accordance with the legislation in question and has ensured the impartiality and integrity of the Commission to date.

To this end neither the Premier nor anyone in her Office has been consulted regarding the decisions which have been made by the commissioners regarding the methodology it has applied in fulfilling its mandate; other than with respect to its term of office, which is at the discretion of the Premier and which she has already extended once, at the request of the Commission.

Consequently, the extent of the Premier's connection to the day to day operations of the Commission is constrained to what has been contained in any ad hoc written communications which the Commission deems it prudent or necessary to send to the Premier, as well as the well-publicised press releases made by the commission itself on an on-going basis.

To this end the Premier has this year received two letters from the Commission regarding how it plans to conduct itself and its on-going work, more specifically in light of the challenges to the constitutional legality of the commission and its work, which continue to be made by the Minister of Police.

The first such letter was received by the Premier on 12 February 2013 and it informed the Premier that in light of the attitude taken by SAPS to the subpoenas, which the commission has served on them (i.e. that notwithstanding the fact that the attempt by SAPS to obtain an interdict against the commission's work had failed, SAPS would nevertheless wilfully disregard compliance with those subpoenas), the commissioners are of the view that "... it would not be productive or cost-effective to institute proceedings to compel co-operation with the Commission in view of the pending Constitutional Court Application".

In this communication the Commission accordingly advised the Premier that it was proceeding with its evidence-gathering work and was then still planning to hold public hearings.

The second letter from the Commission was sent to the Premier by the Commissioners on 22 March 2013 and it advised the Premier that, in light of the Constitutional Court having now set a date for the hearing of the SAPS direct appeal to it (i.e. in August this year), the Commission is of the view that "... it would not be wise or appropriate to proceed with the public hearings until the determination of that application". In this communication the Commission advised the Premier that it would be continuing with its evidence gathering work in the interim so that once the judgment is handed down by the Constitutional Court in August it will be in a position to proceed with the first 4 weeks of public hearings immediately thereafter.

The Premier was further advised in this letter that the Commission is keeping its office in Khayelitsha open in the period prior to the hearing in order to facilitate evidence-gathering but has reduced the personnel in the office so as to avoid unnecessary costs being incurred.

In addition the Premier was advised that the on-going challenges to the establishment of the Commission has now occasioned it to ask her for a further extension of time which is currently being considered by the Premier.

The determination of how the mandate from the Premier is to be carried out by the Commission prior to the CC hearing in August has been made by the Commissioners without interference from the Premier or her office.

The reasons given by the Commissioners for the delay in conducting public hearings or enforcing the subpoenas against the SAPS are self-evident from the letters quoted above.

- (a) See above. More detailed information as to the method of evidence gathering that is being applied will need to be sought from the Commission itself;
 - (b) See above. More detailed information as to the programme that was planned is available from the press releases of the Commission and with respect to its current programme this can and should be sought from the Commission itself;
 - (c) The Premier is informed as to the progress made by and the business of the Commission via the press releases which are made by the Commission and placed on its website from time to time and which have, to date, informed the public in general as to how it intends to go about its mandate, as well as the written letters which have been received from the Commission from time to time, i.e. when such communications are deemed necessary.
- (2) No report from the Commission has been provided to the Premier and no other documents have been received from the Commission other than the ad hoc correspondence referred to above, as well as the press releases and affidavits filed by it in the various court proceedings referred to above, and to which it is also a party.
- (a) Not applicable;
 - (b) The Department of Community Safety manages the budget of the Commission and the Member can direct his enquiries to the Minister of Community Safety.
- (3) Refer to previous answer.

*Combatting of thuggism and gangsterism
in previously disadvantaged schools*

†3. Ms M Tingwe to ask Mr D Plato, Minister of Community Safety:

What intervention measures are in place to combat on-going thuggism and gangsterism in previously disadvantaged schools in the Western Cape?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY:

3. The South African Police Service informed me as follows:

Youth Gangs Intervention Stakeholder Forums were established four years ago and commenced at identified problematic areas such as Atlantis, Athlone, Phillipi (Hanover Park), Delft, Manenberg, Steenberg(Lavender Hill).

The Stakeholder Forum consists of Government Departments, Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), Community Structures, Community Police Forums (CPFs), Faith Based Organisations (FBOs) and other relevant structures. The main purpose of the Forum is to ensure that interventions are carried out at these identified problematic schools in terms of gangsterism. Programs are also being presented to affected learners, e.g. Life Skills and Conflict Management Programs. Schools visited by Sector Commanders are conducted on a weekly basis and a School Visits Register is available at the schools to record school visits.

Crime Awareness Programs as part of the Safer Schools Program are implemented.

School searches are conducted on request of the school principals and when information of illegal activities is received.

Lifeskills Training Programme

The Department with the relevant stakeholders identified life skills programmes as one of the interventions that can assist in reducing the challenge of gang violence affecting the youth. In responding to the need the Department of Community Safety has employed three field workers to implement the 6 month Lifeskills training programme at schools in the high risk gang areas.

The main aim of the programme is to provide life skills to the youth so that they can be made aware of the dangers of crime, and are encouraged to live a positive lifestyle. The programme focuses on high risk youth ages 14 – 18 years old consisting of current learners as well as those who have failed to complete their matric, and are particularly vulnerable to becoming involved in substance abuse and crime. The programme consists of 8 Life skills training sessions, 3day Residential Workshops at the Chrysalis Academy, visits to the Drakenstein Correctional Youth Centre, Mentorship and Parental Skills Training.

The programme was conducted at the following schools (40 learners per school)

Lavender Hill	: Lavender Hill High
Khayelitsha	: Esangweni High, Bulumko High
Nyanga	: Intsebenziswano High and Sinethemba High
Hanover Park	: Mountview High

Parenting workshops were presented for the 40 parents of the learners in the programme.

Learners participated in a Youth Development Camp at Chrysalis Academy.

The Department also implemented an integrated life skills training programme at schools in Oudtshoorn (Morester and Bridgton High). 50 Learners participated in a 3 day life skills training camp at Schoemanspoort.

The parents of the targeted youth were provided with Parental Skills Training.

The programme was co-ordinated in collaboration with the Department of Social Development, SAPS, WCED, DECAS, FAMSA, Cape Nature and DCS.

Youth Safety Ambassadors

The aim of this project is to develop youth leaders who choose and promote a positive lifestyle over a life of crime and who can be role models within their respective communities.

- 30 learners from each of the following schools are involved in this project i.e Delft (Simunye High), Manenberg (Phoenix High), Nyanga (Oscar Mpetha High) and Hanover Park (Crystal High)
- The programme is ongoing.

The Department of Community Safety employs 650 community safety volunteers at 197 schools in previously disadvantaged communities in the Western Cape Province. In the past these volunteers performed duty primarily as a “shadow safety service” with tasks such as access control, patrolling school grounds, etc. However their functions have evolved to such an extent that their core focus is on coordinating safety initiatives at the various schools. These initiatives include safe road crossings, improving relationships between principals, local police and communities and maintaining proper records of safety incidents.

In order to increase supervision and control over the volunteers, the Department is currently busy entering into an agreement with school governing bodies (SGB's) to take more ownership of the volunteers being deployed at the schools. This will allow them to have a say as to who is selected for employment with a condition that it must be a parent or guardian of a child at that school, that they monitor their attendance and level of service delivery, as well as ensure proper time keeping. It is envisaged this will lead to increased effectiveness of the school safety volunteers.

Non-delivery of textbooks

†4. Ms M Tingwe to ask Mr D A C Grant, Minister of Education:

- (a) How many (i) primary schools and (ii) high schools in the Western Cape had outstanding textbooks for 2013 that had not been delivered at such schools as at the latest specified date for which information is available and (b) what are the names of the schools in question?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION:

4. (a) 100 % of the CAPS textbooks ordered by the 1 121 primary schools and 369 secondary schools in the online order on CEMIS in July and August 2012 respectively was delivered to schools by the 30 November 2012.

Schools used their Norms and Standards allocations to purchase Life Skills and Life Orientation textbooks for their Grades 4-6 and 11 learners. Since it is possible that schools order their textbooks according to the learner profiles in 2012, some schools have temporary shortages or excess textbooks for particular subjects. District Education Offices co-ordinate their schools to ensure that these excesses and shortages are evened out as quickly as possible.

In January and February 2013, 265 schools (80 Secondary and 185 Primary) reported textbook shortages due to learner growth or subject changes. These textbooks were ordered and delivered to schools before 28 March 2013.

- (b) All textbooks ordered in the initial and top-up orders have been delivered.

Computer laboratories and libraries not used

†5. Ms M Tingwe to ask Mr D A C Grant, Minister of Education:

- (a) How many schools in the Western Cape have (i) computer laboratories and (ii) libraries that are not being used, (b) what are the names of the schools, in each case, and (c) what impact does this have on the learners in question?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION:

5. (a) (i) 32 schools have reported that their computer lab facility is currently not being used.

An additional 21 schools are currently not using their laboratories either because they are being upgraded, or have recently recently been vandalised and are awaiting repair.

- (ii) 185 schools have a library facility/room that is currently not being used.

In addition there are 14 schools which have recently or are currently being replaced or are newly built. The libraries at these schools will become fully operational in the foreseeable future.

- (b) (i) Computer Laboratories

The 33 schools are as follows:

Suurbraak PS
Lukhanyo
The Glebe PS
Umyezo wama apile
Enkulukweni
Hermeslaan
Visserhoek
Vorentoe
Koringberg PS
Doringbaai PS

Masphumelele HS
John Pama PS
Nomlinganiselo PS
Oscar Mpethe HS
Sithembele Matiso Sec
St Mary's (RC) PS
West End PS
Hugenoet PS
Sentinal PS
WD Hendricks PS
Chris Hani Sec
Chuma PS
DR. GJ Joubert PS
Harry Gwala Sec
Ikhusi PS
Impendulo PS
Iqhayiya Sec
Masiphumelele
Oklahomastraat PS
Sobambisana PS
Strand Mos PS
Stratford PS

(ii) School Libraries

The 185 school are:

FAKU PRIM
CRESTWAY SEC
INTSEBENZISWANO SEC
MARINE PRIM.
MASIPHUMELELE HS
ALOE SEC.
MITCHELL HEIGHTS PRIM
PELICAN PARK HIGH SCHOOL
STRANDFONTEIN SEK.
BEACON HILL SEK.
BELGRAVIA SEC.
HEATHERDALE PRIM.
ISILIMELA SEC
NEWFIELDS PRIM.
KULANI SEC
LEHLOHONOLO PRIM.
LUZUKO PRIM.
PRESTWICH STREET PRIM.
PROTEA PRIM. (BONTEH.)
RHODES HS.
THORNTONWEG PRIM.
WALMER SEC.
BRUCKNER DE VILLIERS PRIM.
W.D. HENDRICKS PRIM.
CLOETESVILLE HS.
KYLEMORE SEK.

DEVONVALLEI PRIM.
LUCKHOFF SEK.
LYNEDOCH PRIM.
MAKUPULA SEC.
P.C. PETERSEN PRIM.
PNIEL PRIM.
ST. IDAS RK PRIM.
STELLENZICHT SEK.
VLOTTENBURG PRIM.
WEBER GEDENK NGK PRIM.
CHARLESTON HILL SEK.
DRAKENSTEIN PRIM.
GROENHEUWEL PRIM
EBENEZER PRIM.
JOOSTENBERG SSKV PRIM.
RONWE PRIM.
SIMONDIUM PRIM.
SONOP PRIM.
WILLIAM LLOYD PRIM.
ALFONS PRIM.
BAKERVILLE PRIM.
BOLAND LANDBOUSKOOL
DAL JOSAPHAT PRIM.
DESMOND MPIOLO TUTU SEC.
HUGENOTE HS.
HUGENOTE PRIM.
IHLUMELO JUN SEK
MBEKWENI PRIM.
NEWTON PRIM.
PAUW GEDENK
ROODEZANDT SEK.
SOETENDAL NGK PRIM.
WAGENMAKERSVALLEI NGK PRIM.
WELLINGTON SEC.
WELTEVREDE SEK.
WINDMEUL PRIM.
BELLA VISTA HS.
BELLA VISTA PRIM.
CERES SEK.
KOELFONTEIN NGK PRIM.
MOOI-UITSIG PRIM.
MORRISDALE PRIM.
SKURWEBERG SEK.
ST. MARK'S PRIM. (WORC)
BREëRIVIER HS.
DE TUINEN PRIM.
GOUDINI HS.
PETRA GEDENK PRIM.
TULBAGH HS.
WAVEREN HS
WORCESTER NGK OEFEN PRIM.
WITZENBERG PRIM.
WOLSELEY SEK.

ALFRED STAMPER PUB. PRIM.
F.J. CONRADIE PRIM.
ORCHARD PRIM.
P.J.B. CONA PRIM.
ROODEWAL PRIM.
SANDHILLS NGK PRIM.
SIYAFUNEKA PRIM.
VAN CUTSEM COMBINED SCHOOL
WORCESTER SEK.
WORCESTER-NOORD PRIM.
AAN DE DOORNS NGK PRIM.
AVIAN PARK PRIM.
DAGBREEK LS
DE VILLIERS LAER.
MASAKHEKE COMBINED
ROBERTSON LS.
ASHBURY PRIM.
FRANSIE DU TOIT NGK PRIM.
W.A. ROSSOUW PRIM.
WAKKERSTROOM-OOS NGK PRIM.
NAPHAKADE PRIM.
RIVERLANDS PRIM.
SCHOONSPRUIT SEK.
WESBANK SEK.
GROENVLEI PRIM.
ST. ANDREW'S PRIM.
WUPPERTHAL MOR PRIM.
DE VILLIERS GRAAFF HS.
OVERBERG HS
RIVIERSONDEREND HS.
VILLIERSDORP SEK.
BELLVILLE-SUID SEK.
BLOEKOMBOS PRIM
DR. NELSON R. MANDELA HS.
EKUTHULENI PRIM.
ELDENE PRIM.
ELNOR PRIM.
ELSWOOD SEK.
ENKULULEKWENI PRIM.
ERICA PRIM.
EURECON PRIM.
GARDENIA PRIM.
HERMESLAAN PRIM.
HILLSIDE PRIM.
HOOFWEG PRIM
IMBASA PRIM.
KAIROS PRIM.
KASSELSVLEI KOMPREENSIEWE HS
KERRIA PRIM.
LAVISRYLAAN PRIM.
LAWRENSIA PRIM.
LEIDEN SEC.
MARCONI BEAM PRIM

MASONWABE PRIM
MEULENHOF PRIM.
MFULENI SEC
MVULA PRIM.
MZAMOMTSHA PRIM.
NAL'IKAMVA PRIM
NORWOOD SENTRAAL PRIM.
PROTEA PARK PRIM.
PROTEUS SEK.
QINGQA-MNTWANA PRIM.
RAINBOW PRIM.
SYMPHONY PRIM.
SYMPHONY SEK.
TREVOR MANUEL PRIM.
UITZIG SEK.
VAATJIE MOR PRIM.
VALHALLA SEK
VALPARK PRIM.
VISSERSHOK PRIM.
VORENTOE PRIM.
WATSONIA PRIM.
WELWITSCIHA PRIM
WEST BANK HS
ST. PAUL'S PRIM.
CHUMA PUBL. PRIM.
UMNQOPHISO PRIM.
ACADEMIA PRIM.
CHUMISA PRIM.
ESANGWENI SEC.
KWAMFUNDO SEC.
MASIYILE SENIOR SEC
NOLUNGILE PRIM.
INTLANGANISO SEC
JOE SLOVO SEC.
SAKUMLANDELA PRIM.
UMMANGALISO PRIM.
BULUMKO SEC
THEMBELIHLE HS.
UXOLO HS.
CHRIS HANI SEC
KHAYELITSHA NO 1 SENIOR SEC
NKAZIMLO PRIM.
NOXOLO XAUKA PRIM
HLULA STREET PRIM (KHAYELITSHA)
OKLAHOMASTRAAT PRIM.
KLEINVLEI SEK.
R.R. FRANKS PRIM.
TEMPERANCE TOWN PRIM.
ALBERTINIA HS.
KAISROS SEK.
MANDLENKOSI SEC
ZWARTBERG HS.

- (c) Although school libraries and IT laboratories make a broad contribution to the overall learning environment of a school. The WCED encourages schools to utilize these facilities specifically for curriculum use. The impact on the learners in question will vary according to the circumstances of the school and the learning areas involved.

Prevention of divorcee requalifying for government house

***6. Ms J L Hartnick to ask Mr B S Madikizela, Minister of Human Settlements:**

Whether his department has put any measures in place to prevent a divorcee from again qualifying for a government house; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

The MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS:

6. In terms of the qualifying criteria for housing subsidies, the beneficiary must be a first time home owner and not have received a state assistance previously (with the exception of consolidation subsidies). The Housing Subsidy System is linked to various databases of which the Deeds offices and the National Housing Demand Database will detect persons whom do not conform to the criteria.

It should however be noted where a final order of divorce does instruct that any immovable property be awarded to only one party, without the other being compensated, such person may be considered for assistance notwithstanding the qualifying criteria. Where a divorcee does not qualify for a housing subsidy, he/ she may be considered for rental accommodation.

Abolition of Slavery Act and Black Land Act

†7. Ms J Witbooi to ask Dr I H Meyer, Minister of Cultural Affairs and Sport:

(a) What events are planned by his department (i) in celebration of the 180 years since the Abolition of Slavery Act was passed in England in 1833 and (ii) to mark the centenary of the passing of the Black Land Act 27 of 1913 in South Africa, (b) what are the (i) dates, (ii) times and (iii) venues for each of the events mentioned above and (c) who are the target audiences for each of these events?

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT:

7. (a) (i) A travelling exhibition that will provide a framework and timeframe on the abolition of slavery legislation and the consequences thereof for the Cape Colony will be launched on 1 December 2013 in partnership with the S A Sendinggestig Museum in Cape Town, the historic slave church that dates from 1802.
- (ii) A travelling exhibition that will provide a framework and timeframe of the Black Land Act and the impact and consequences of the Cape Qualified Franchise applicable in the Cape Province will be launched on 24 September 2013 in partnership with Iziko Museums of South Africa.
- (b) (i) 1 December 2013 and 24 September 2013 respectively.

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- (ii) Times for the opening still to be determined in collaboration with the S A Sendinggestig Museum and the CEO of Iziko Museums of Cape Town.
 - (iii) S A Sendinggestig Museum, Cape Town and a suitable venue still to be determined for the launch of the second exhibition.
 - (c) The targeted audiences of both travelling exhibitions are the inhabitants of the Western Cape and visitors to our affiliated museums where the travelling exhibitions would be on display.

*Service delivery improvement initiatives co-ordinated by
Stakeholder Management Unit*

†8. Ms J Witbooi to ask Dr I H Meyer, Minister of Cultural Affairs and Sport:

- (a) What service delivery improvement initiatives are co-ordinated by the Stakeholder Management Unit of his department, (b) (i) who are benefiting from these initiatives and (ii) how do they benefit and (c) (i) where are these initiatives already in place and (ii) how can they be accessed?

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT:

8. (a) Service Delivery Improvement Initiatives

- Drafting of the Citizen's Report
- Drafting of the Service Delivery Charter and Service Standards
- Coordinating the Service Delivery Improvement Plans (SDIP's)
- Coordinating the Business Process Designs
- Coordinating the attendance at the Thusong Mobile Project
- Hosting the Public Service Month event
- IDP Coordination

(b) (i) Who is benefiting from these initiatives?

- Citizen's Report – Residents of the Western Cape
- Service Delivery Charter and Service Standards - Residents of the Western Cape
- Service Delivery Improvement Plans (SDIP's)- Residents of the Western Cape
- Business Process Designs – Departmental beneficiaries
- Thusong Mobiles - Residents of the Western Cape in rural areas specifically
- Public Service Month event - DCAS officials

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- IDP Coordination – All three spheres of government and the residents of the Western Cape

(ii) How do they benefit?

- The Citizen's Report is a simple and concise version of the Annual Report. Its format allows ordinary citizens to access information on the functioning of the department and holds it accountable.
- The Service Charter is a statement of commitment to the departmental beneficiaries that it will uphold a certain standard of service. It also informs the beneficiary of the redress mechanisms available if services were not satisfactory. The Charter also outlines the service standards that it commits to in order to ensure efficient and effective service delivery. It outlines where services can be accessed and contact details.
- The service delivery improvement plans focus on two citizen centric services for improvement over a 3 year period. This aims to strengthen service delivery of these two services for the beneficiaries.
- 5 Citizen Centric Services are identified for the development of standard operating procedures/ business process designs. The development of the SOP's will streamline service delivery for the benefit of our clients.
- Thusong Mobile Project brings government services to socially and geographically disadvantaged communities. The work of the department is promoted at these events and enquiries made at the information desks are channelled back to the department for follow up.
- Public Service Month aims to advocate the ethos and values of the public service. The unit coordinates an advocacy campaign during the course of the month. The aim of the campaign is to strengthen the organisational culture and align it to the provincial values.
- IDP Mainstreaming: Through coordinated planning of the three spheres of government, communities across the regions benefit from government programmes. In particular, the sporting and culture fraternities benefit from various collaborations.

(c) (i) Where are these initiatives already in place?

- Citizen's Report: This document is developed annually and is promoted at service points and available on the internet
- Service Charter and Standards: This year will be the first year that DCAS launches its Charter and Standards at head office. It will be launched with the refurbished branding in the front of office (Face of the Province project) during the first quarter of 2013/14.

- Service Delivery Improvement Plans (SDIP's) have been developed and have been reviewed and approved by the Programme Managers, Heads of Department and the Executive Authority. It has been submitted to the DG for approval and forwarded to DPSA.
 - Thusong Mobile Project is coordinated by the Department of Local Government. The unit represents the department on the steering committee and has participated in this project since 2007.
 - The unit coordinates the departmental Public Service Month advocacy campaign annually since 2009.
 - IDP Mainstreaming, the unit has taken over the responsibility of coordinating the IDP mainstreaming since June 2012. It represents the department on the provincial working committee.
- (ii) How can they be accessed?

- The Citizen's Report can be accessed on the internet and at service points.
- The Service Charter and Standards will be site specific and available in its first phase at DCAS head office.
- The approved SDIPs can be accessed on the internet and the Annual Report Part 4.1.
- Thusong Mobiles: DCAS information can be accessed at the information tables set up at these events.
- Public Service Month: Information can be accessed on the Intranet, newflashes, reports to DOTP and DPSA.
- IDP Mainstreaming: Information is available from the unit and DLG.

*Professional development programme for training of students
in archival and records management functions*

†9. Ms J Witbooi to ask Dr I H Meyer, Minister of Cultural Affairs and Sport:

(a) What are the details of the professional development programme of his department for the training of students in archival and records management functions, (b) what are the details in respect of the recruitment process of students for this training, (c) what are the criteria for admission to the programme, (d) how many students are accepted per intake, (e) when are the intake periods and (f) from which areas are students recruited?

The MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT:

9. (a) Training programmes at the University of South Africa provide formal, academic training in archival sciences.

For the HCARM (Higher Certificate in Archives and Records Management) the entry requirement is a matric qualification. For the postgraduate Programme in Archival Studies the students should have a degree or 3-year diploma. The Department of Information Science also offers a B.Information degree which includes archives, records management and knowledge management subjects. All of these three methods of study are distance learning. There are no contact classes.

Unisa is one of the few South African institutions with courses specifically targeting archival and records management functions. Contact session classes, with discussions and practical exercises, can be arranged, e.g. the Basic Archives and Records Management Course, Intermediate Archives and Records Management Course, and the Advanced Archives and Records Management Course. These are NQF level 5 short courses and are presented at Unisa's Pretoria campus. These can also be arranged as in-house courses.

The Western Cape Archives and Records Service runs two training programmes in the area of records management: the Registry Clerks' Course and the Records Management Course, respectively. These two courses are hosted by the Western Cape Archives and Records Service and are aimed at providing training to people working in the records management field. The courses are free of charge and are held as a service to the Western Cape Government.

The Records Management Course is based on the Records Management Policy document that can be found on the National Archives and Records Service of South Africa's website.

The Western Cape Archives and Records Service pays the class fees for about two employees for professional development in the archival field at Unisa, per annum depending on the availability of newly appointed staff members.

- (b) Invitations are forwarded to all governmental bodies in the Western Cape Government prior to each course. The Western Cape Archives and Records Service is a well-known service provider in this regard.

The University of Fort Hare regularly send students for practical experience to the Western Cape Archives and Records Service. The Archives has, and will continue to assist students from tertiary institutions who seek assistance with information for assignments and with practical work experience, as part of its commitment to the development of the archival profession. About 2 to 4 students are received per annum.

- (c) Unisa's *National Certificate in Archival Studies* is designed for new entrants to the profession, and for those who have been working in archives and records management at professional or paraprofessional level, but do not yet have a formal qualification. Students pursue coursework in a variety of areas including record keeping, appraisal, organisation and description of archival materials, reference work and preservation management.

Unisa also offers further studies in the archival sciences, designed for professional and senior professionals, and include a post graduate certificate in archival studies, and an honour's in information science with specialisation in archival science. Candidates with an honours degree may also consider undertaking a research masters in information science focusing on an archival topic.

The short courses offered by the Centre for Applied Information and Communication only require the attendees to have a working knowledge of a mail room and registry office. For the HCARM (Higher Certificate in Archives and Records Management) the students must have Grade 12 with a minimum of 50% for English. The Postgraduate Programme requires a completed degree or diploma course.

The University of Fort Hare's Post-graduate diploma in records management, requires a recognized degree to qualify for entry. Other equivalent entry qualifications may be considered, including experience of working in the area. Students will be placed with institutions where they can learn while working for the department.

The Western Cape Archives and Records Service applies no discriminatory criteria regarding the applicants for the Records Management Course and the Registry Clerks' Course, other than that they preferably be working in the government service and working in the records management field.

- (d) Unisa has no limit to student numbers.

The Western Cape Archives and Records Service can accommodate up to 30 attendees per Records Management or Registry Clerks' Course.

- (e) Unisa's intake is per its respective admissions policies.

The Western Cape Archives and Records Service accepts applications for the Records Management and Registry Clerks' Courses throughout the year, prior to the running of each course. About five (5) courses are held throughout the year.

- (f) As UNISA is an open distance learning institution, it has students from around the world, including South Africa.

The Western Cape Archives and Records Service takes applicants for the Records Management and Registry Clerks' Courses from all governmental bodies in the Western Cape Province; including regional offices of national government departments.

Parkhof and Servamus: status of accommodation for SAPS

†10. Mr M G E Wiley to ask Mr D Plato, Minister of Community Safety:

- (a) What is the current status of accommodation for the South African Police Service in (i) Parkhof and (ii) Servamus in terms of (aa) repairs to the accommodation, (bb) occupation levels compared to the total accommodation available and (cc) plans for the future upgrading of such facilities, (b) (i) who, classified by rank, is currently staying in the accommodation units of (aa) Parkhof and (bb) Servamus and (ii) how long had they already stayed there as at the latest specified date for which information is available and (c) (i) how is national policy with regard to the management of SAPS accommodation being applied in this regard and (ii) by whom is it applied on a day-to-day basis?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY:

10. The South African Police Service informed me as follows:

- (a) (i) and (ii) (aa) Parkhof was upgraded during a 18 month project with completion in January 2013.

Servamus was upgraded during 12 months project with completion in January 2005.

It should however be noted that the upgrading of Tafelberg Court in Cape Town is due to commence in September 2013. The current 10 occupants will be re-located to Parkhof and Servamus Flats; hence the current 5 vacant flats are not being advertised in order to ensure alternative housing for these members during the renovation period.

- (bb) 66 of Parkhof's 70 flats are occupied.
49 of Servamus 50 flats are occupied.

- (cc) Not applicable: recently upgraded.

- (b) (i) (aa) Parkhof :
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| S/Constables | 2 |
| Constables | 48 |
| Sergeants | 10 |
| Warrant officers | 3 |
| Lieutenants | 1 |
| Captains | 1 |
| Colonels | 1 |
- (bb) Servamus:
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| Clerk | 1 |
| Constables | 25 |
| Sergeants | 1 |
| Warrant officers | 11 |
| Lieutenants | 1 |
| Captains | 2 |
| Lt Colonels | 2 |
| Colonel | 4 |
- 2 Flats are occupied by 6 female constables

- (ii) Parkhof residents took occupation during February 2013.

Servamus residents' occupancy varies between 1993 and 2013. Legal process is in progress to evict 21 occupants.

- (c) (i) All housing aspects in this Province are dealt with in accordance with the Official Housing Policy.
- (ii) The Official Housing Policy is enforced by the Provincial Housing Committee that allocates housing .The relevant Accounting Office manages the day today maintenance and daily administration of the housing under their command.

Questions and replies as received from departments

QUESTIONS

For written reply

Bambanani officers in schools

1. Ms M Tingwe asked the Minister for Education:

- (a) What are the reasons why (i) the number of Bambanani officers in certain schools in the Western Cape has decreased or (ii) some Bambanani officers have been released from certain schools and (b) what safety interventions are in place at these schools?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION:

1. (a) (i) and (ii) Please refer to the Department of Community Safety because the “Bambanani officers” are in the employment of that Department.
- (b) Safe Schools’ has a three pronged strategy aimed at creating a safe and secure teaching and learning environment. The first prong includes improving the physical structure of the school with equipment such as razor wire, an alarm system linked to armed response, safety gates, burglar proofing and guarding.

Schools are required to implement an “Access control policy” which requires any person entering the school premises to report to the school reception and to sign-in. In this way the school is able to monitor access. Schools are also in possession of the SAPS Sector Commander’s cell number. Should there be an emergency, this number must be used in order to obtain support. Further to this, most schools are equipped with an alarm linked to armed response; and the panic buttons allow the school to summon assistance from the armed response company in the event of an emergency. The school’s contingency plan contains responses to specific emergencies. School staff is aware of the necessary steps to follow in this regard.

The second prong focuses on behaviour programmes at schools. These include programmes such as conflict management, trauma counselling, peer counselling and human rights education. They are used to modify behaviour. In addition, sport and cultural activities and entrepreneurial training are introduced.

The third prong consists of systems programmes and is an holistic approach to changing how the whole school operates. The programmes involve school leadership and management training, organisational development, community relations and effective governance.

They include identifying and assisting learners at risk. Partnerships involving other government departments, as well as Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) and Community Based Organisations (CBOs) are formed to address issues of safety and security.

Schools are encouraged to report all incidents to the Safe Schools Call Centre at 0800 45 46 47. The Call Centre Agent serves as the first line of support and referral to schools.

Vacancies : Ministry of Cultural Affairs and Sport

2. Ms J Witbooi asked the Minister for Cultural Affairs and Sport:

(a) What was the breakdown and were the other relevant statistics in respect of vacancies in his department as at the latest specified date for which information is available and, (b) in respect of each vacancy, (i) what progress has been made in filling such vacancy, (ii) how long has each vacancy been advertised and (iii) in what media has it been advertised?

THE MINISTER FOR CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT:

2. (a) On 19 April 2013 my Department had 269 vacant posts of which 80 posts are funded and 189 are unfunded. On 1 April 2013 a new micro-organisational structure was implemented and the old structure abolished which was the result of an Organisation Development investigation into the organisational structure of the Department. Although the recruitment processes for some of the posts have commenced, my Department will actively pursue the process to fill all funded vacancies in the current (2013/14) financial year as soon as the matching and placing of all staff on the new establishment have been completed.

(b) (i-iii) Vacancies in process of being filled:

Salary Level	Post title	Number of vacancies	Closing date of advertisement	Media	Status	Total Advertised
2	General Worker	8	10-Dec-12	George Herald	Shortlisting	1
2	Grounds man	1	29-Mar-13	Internal bulletin	Shortlisting	1
5	Admin Clerk	5	04-May-12	Internally advertised	Shortlisting	1
7	Admin Officer	7	29-Mar-13	Internal and External Bulletin	Shortlisting	1
7	Archivist:	1	05-Nov-12	Weekend Argus; Die Burger	Shortlisting	1
7	archivist: Classification	2	10-Dec-12	Weekend Argus; Die Burger	Shortlisting	2
7	Cultural Officer	1	05-Oct-12	Oudtshoorn Herald	Shortlisting	1
7	Heritage Officer	2	03-Aug-12	Weekend Argus; Career Times	Shortlisting	2
7	Librarian	2	29-Mar-13	Weekend Argus; Die Burger	Shortlisting	1
7	Sport Promotion Officer	3	05-Oct-12	WCG Website Only	Shortlisting	1
7	State Accountant	2	03-Aug-12	Internally advertised	Interviews scheduled	1
8	Communication Officer	1	29-Mar-13	Internal bulletin	Shortlisting	1
8	Language Practitioner	1	10-Dec-12	WCG Website Only	Interviews scheduled	1
8	Librarian	3	05-Nov-12	Weekend Argus; Die Burger	Shortlisting	1
9	Assistant Director	2	05-Oct-12	WCG Website Only	Shortlisting	1
11	Deputy Director	4	10-Dec-12	Rapport; Mail & Guardian	Interviewing	1

*Liquor Licence : Bredasdorp***3. Mr M G E Wiley asked the Minister of Community Safety:**

- (1) Whether a business in Bredasdorp whose name has been furnished to his department for the purpose of his reply, has a liquor licence for on or off consumption; if so, (a) when was it approved, (b) in whose name/s and (c) what are the restriction, i.e., trading hours, music playing hours etc; if not,
- (2) whether this business applied for a liquor licence; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether there have been any contraventions of these conditions in the past; if so what are the relevant details?

MINISTER FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY:**3. The South African Police Service informed me as follows:**

- (1) Yes. On-consumption
 - (a) 2010-12-23
 - (b) Karel Johannes Davids.
 - (c) No restrictions have been attached to the licence, however, the attached conditions were set by the Western Cape Liquor Board.
- (2) Licence is issued as per WCP/035753.
- (3) No.

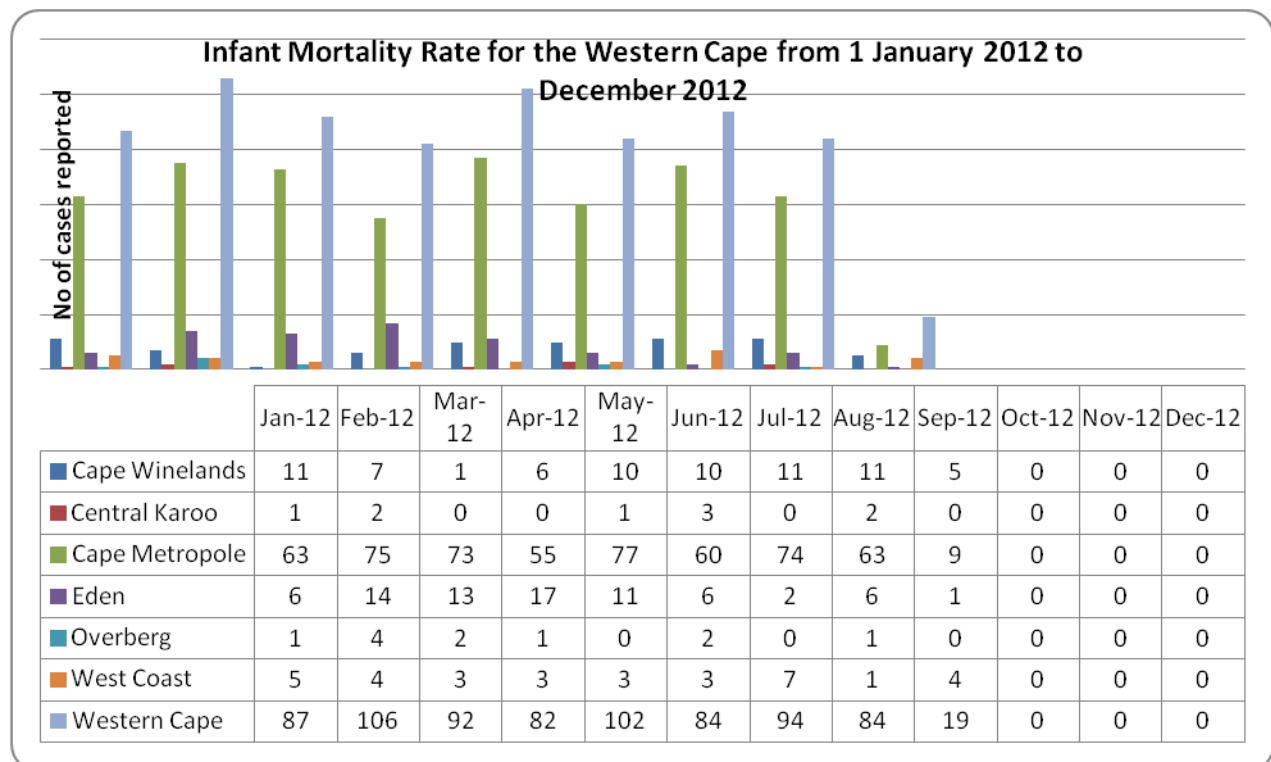
*Infant Mortality in the Western Cape***4. Ms N P Magwaza asked the Minister for Health:**

- (a) What was the infant mortality rate in hospitals in the Western Cape per race group for the latest specified period of 12 months for which information is available, listed in respect of each specified Western Cape hospital, (b) what were the major causes of these deaths and (c) what plans are in place to curb infant mortalities in our province?

THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH:

4. The Western Cape has a total of 33 hospitals with Red Cross Children's War Memorial Hospital serving as the specialist paediatric hospital in the province and 2 tertiary hospitals in the Cape Metropole. All hospitals have paediatric wards however, the number of beds vary depending on the hospital's location and designation.

Graph 1: Infant Mortality rate for the Western Cape from 1 January 2012 to December 2012:

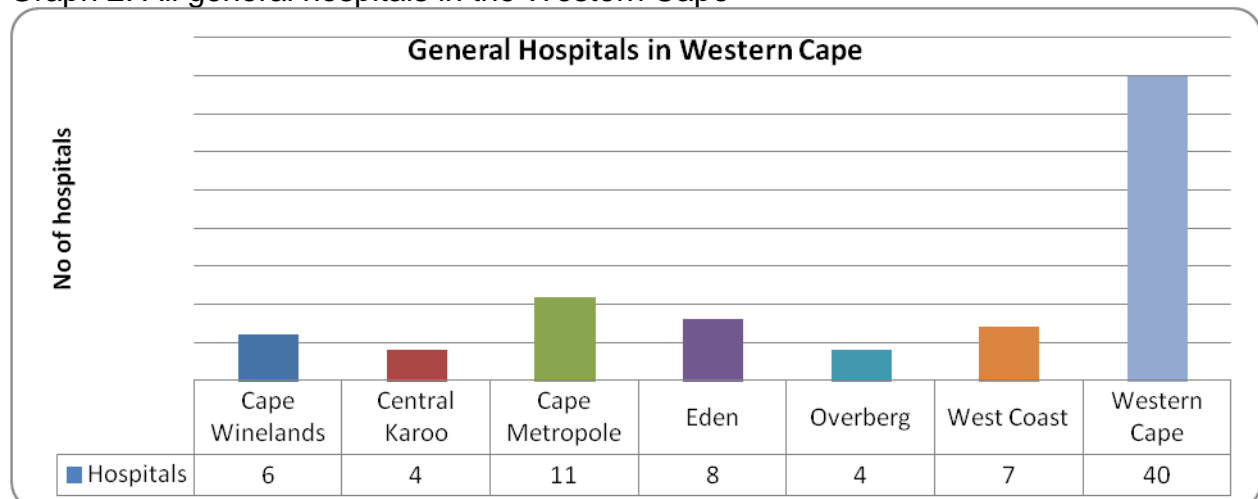


Source: Data obtained from Sinjani, the Information Management system. Data drawn 22 April 2013.

Data obtained from Sinjani, the Information Management system, does not include racial classification or cause of disease.

The graph above depicts the Cape Metropole as having reported the highest number of infant deaths. Within this district there are 4 large hospitals located, namely, Red Cross Children's War Memorial Hospital, Groote Schuur, Tygerberg and Somerset hospitals, which serve as referral hospitals for the secondary and district hospitals.

Graph 2: All general hospitals in the Western Cape



Note: The general hospitals mentioned in the graph above excludes the specialist hospitals, e.g. Tuberculosis hospitals.

The following strategies are in place to decrease the number of Infant Mortality rates in the Western Cape:

- Immunization – administered to the infant from birth until 12 years of age in accordance with the Expanded Programme on Immunization (2009) schedule (EPI-SA).

- An annual diarrhoeal disease campaign conducted from November to May, which includes increased social mobilization and health promotion activities at healthcare facilities
- An annual child health season which is conducted from April to June which focuses on up-scaling services to all children.

Youth : substance abuse treatment funded by provincial government

5. Ms N P Magwaza asked the Minister of Social Development:

- (a) How many young people between the ages of 13 and 25 were treated for substance abuse in institutions funded by the provincial government during the latest specified period of 12 months for which information is available and (b) how many of them had to be resubmitted for treatment during this period?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH:

- 5 (a) A total of 334 young people received substance abuse inpatient treatment in institutions funded by the Western Cape Government during the last 12 months. A further 280 young people between the ages of 13 and 18 years have received treatment in our state-owned rehabilitation centre exclusively dedicated to the inpatient treatment of children within the latter age category.
- (a) From the total 334 young people treated at provincial government funded institutions only 2 young people had to be re-admitted for treatment during the period in question. The Department also funds a number of out-patient/community-based centres throughout the province. During the previous financial year a total of 60 young people under the age of 18 years and 2 126 between 18 and 25 years received treatment at these centres. In total 2 740 young people between the ages of 13 and 25 years received treatment.

Violence: gender based, against children, child molestation and child pornography in the Western Cape

6. Ms N P Magwaza asked the Minister of Social Development:

What are the statistics in respect of (a) gender-based violence, (b) violence against children, (c) child molestation and (d) child pornography in the Western Cape for the latest specified period of 12 months for which information is available?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT:

1. The Western Cape Department of Social Development does not keep these statistics. Although some data is available, it seems to be fragmented. Currently the official crime statistics made available by the SAPS does not include a specific category for gender based violence. The official SAPS Stats (Western Cape) only indicates categories with related crimes, e g sexual crimes, attempted murder, common assault and assault with intent to inflict grievous bodily harm.

The following statistics for 2011/2012 was obtained via the Provincial Victim Empowerment Forum. These numbers relate to the number of victims assisted at SAPS victim friendly rooms across the province:

Assault: 3 793

Domestic Violence: 8 407

Sexual Offences: 2 524

Programmes for youth and older persons in the Western Cape

7. Ms V Hani asked the Premier:

(a) What are the details in respect of specific ongoing programmes that her department has in place for the youth and older persons in the Western Cape and (b) how much was spent on each such programme during the latest specified period of 12 months for which information is available?

THE PREMIER:

2. As indicated in the replies to the hon member's questions on 25 April 2013, the Western Cape Government strives to work in a transversal manner where services are delivered in a way which makes use of the expertise and systems of all departments which are able to impact on the issue in question. This is a deliberate effort to move out of the silo-thinking of the past which sealed off crucial issues and policy initiatives from general application. The focus now is to work together to address issues in the most efficient and cost-effective manner.

(a) In respect of programmes for the youth, I refer the hon member to the reply to her question No 3 of 25 April 2013. In addition to those programmes, the PAY project and Work and Skills for 100 000 programme create opportunities for unemployed matriculants to get work experience and lay the groundwork for formal employment. For example, a number of partnerships have been developed to provide future employment opportunities for PAY interns once they have completed their internship. These include: Santam, Old Mutual FrankNet, O'Brien Recruitment agency, HomeChoice, Cape Lodge, City of Cape Town Libraries, Direct Axis and Ster Kinekor. Others are assisted to access further educational opportunities. Candidates in the Works and Skills programme are also considered for ongoing employment with the companies that host them. The Department of Economic Development also runs other programmes to assist young people to obtain skills.

In respect of older persons, the Department of Social Development runs programmes for the elderly. A question can be directed to that Department to obtain details.

As reflected in the reply to Question No 4 of 22 March 2013, all provincial departments contribute towards the costs of placing PAY interns. The WCG budgeted R23 065 182 for this programme in the 2012-13 financial year. The amount budgeted for this purpose by the Department of the Premier in that year was R1 478 454.

The Department of Economic Development informs me that R9 million was budgeted for the Work and Skills programme in 2012-13. A further R10,9 million was spent on an Artisan Development Programme. I am also informed that the Department of Social Development has budgeted about R166 million for their programmes for older persons in this financial year.

HIV/Aids : Social Development and other government departments, working together

8. Ms V Hani asked the Minister of Social Development:

Whether his department is involved in or working together with any other government department with regard to HIV/Aids programmes; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT:

8. The department of Social development is represented on 2 provincial inter-departmental structures dealing with HIV and Aids. One is the HIV, AIDS, STIs and TB (H.A.S.T.) work group and focuses on programmes, approaches, research, education, training and treatment options for these 4 inter-related viruses. The other is the Provincial Aids Council which is chaired by the Western Cape Minister of Health. The latter structure also includes non-governmental and community based organisations. Both of these meet on a quarterly basis.

Bursaries : Western Cape Institute for Agricultural Training

9. Ms E Prins asked the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development:

Whether the norms applied in respect of awarding bursaries to previously disadvantaged students wishing to study at the Western Cape Institute for Agricultural Training are different from the norms that are used as a yardstick in this regard at other tertiary institutions in the country; if not, what are the relevant details; if so, (a) (i) in what ways and (ii) why do the norms differ and (b) what are the further relevant details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT:

9. The bursary policy of the Elsenburg Agricultural Training Institute was developed to assist prospective and current students from previously disadvantaged backgrounds to study at the Institute. The norms and standards of the bursary policy is in line with those of similar schemes at other tertiary institutions, taking into account the specific profile of applicants to Elsenburg and in line with the EE-policy of the Department. The process for allocation of bursaries is fully documented.

Based on the prescripts of the Procedure Document – Bursaries 2012, Section 6.3, the Bursary Committee will take into consideration the following factors:

- The availability of funds earmarked for bursaries in the Programme budget;
- The number of existing students in the system and the cost of maintaining these students
- The demand for financial assistance by existing and new applicants.

Based on the availability of funds in the budget, the Bursary Committee will consider applications by implementing a means test based on the following criteria:

- Gender, disability and racial profile of the applicant;
- Income of the applicant and/or house-hold;
- Academic performance/Results of the applicant; and
- Geographical origin of applicant (rural or urban)

On completion of the selection process, a letter is sent to all applicants (successful and unsuccessful) informing them of the outcome of their application. Successful candidates are informed of the bursary amount awarded to them, as well as a breakdown of the award.

Farmers in Western Cape : exemption from payment of minimum wage

10. Ms E Prins asked the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development:

(a) How many farmers in the Western Cape have applied for exemption from the payment of the minimum wage to farm workers, (b) what percentage of the total number of farmers in our province does this figure constitute, (c) how many farm workers are affected by this and (d) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT:

10. This question is outside of this Department's mandate and should be taken up with the Department of Labour.

Municipalities : amounts allocated to community development workers

11. Mr P Uys asked the Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:

(a) What is the amount that has been allocated to each of the municipalities in the Western Cape for community development workers in the 2013/14 financial year and (b) what are the criteria that have been used in respect of the determination of these amounts?

MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING:

11. (a) For the 2013/2014 financial year, the Department of Local Government has gazetted an amount of R2 903 000 for the Western Cape: Community Development Workers (CDW) Operational Support Grant to local municipalities as unallocated. The municipal allocation will be reflected in the 2013/14 adjustment budget.

- (b) The Department of Local Government is in the process of communicating with each Municipality regarding the decision to reduce the CDW Grant per CDW. Once the process of communicating is finalised, and the new allocation has been gazetted, the department will communicate with the Standing Committee.

Thembaletu, George : housing project

***12. Mr P Uys asked the Minister of Human Settlements:**

- (1) Whether there have been any applications for a housing project on the LTA/1820 land in Thembaletu in George; if so,
- (2) whether any application for such a project has been approved; if not, what are the relevant details; if so, (a) what is the extent of the project and (b) to what extent will it be possible to accommodate the backyard families in Zone 1 and Zone 2 on the housing list?

MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS:

12. (1) No application has been submitted to the Provincial Department of Human Settlements.
- (2) Not applicable
 - (a) The number of housing opportunities in a project is usually made only available after the planning and community participation processes have been completed.
 - (b) All persons registered on the housing demand database will be considered in a fair and transparent manner. A plea is made on a regular basis for families living in backyards to ensure that their names are on the database. It is premature at this stage to indicate who will be accommodated as we do not know how many qualifying families are on the waiting list living in the backyards in Zone 1 and 2.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

George Municipality's approved housing project pipeline consists of the following projects:

1. Golden Valley
2. Protea Park
3. Kleinkrantz
4. Metro-grounds
5. Syferfontein
6. Portions 42/58 Thembaletu
7. 3 PHP - projects Thembaletu
8. Rectification - Pre 1994
9. CRU - Conville and Thembaletu adjacent N2 and others
10. Social Housing Projects (Restructuring zones)

In addition to the above a Rectification project is well underway in Thembaletu (2144 units) as well as the UISP Thembaletu project (consisting of 4350 units).

The Municipality has identified the land adjacent to the N2 in Thembaletu as a suitable site for Community Residential Units (Flats - see point 9).

At the beginning of 2013 the Municipality held Housing Imbizos in all its wards with one of the objectives being to discuss the housing project pipeline with the affected residents. At one of the Thembaletu Imbizos it was made abundantly clear by the youth representatives that they preferred single residential erven instead of flats. The particular representatives insisted that the land in question be earmarked for the youth implying that the Municipality's waiting list not be used during the allocation process.

The Professional Resource Team (PRT) has accordingly been requested to investigate other possible housing typologies for this area. They are currently busy with this exercise. Once the latter has been finalised the different proposals will be submitted to Council for consideration where after the residents will once again be requested to provide their input.

A meeting has been arranged with the Councillors of Ward 5 and 13 in order to discuss the various housing options. It is important that all residents with a housing need are registered on the housing demand database (i.e. the waiting list). Cognisance should be taken that the annual DORA Allocation for George Municipality is insufficient to finance all the projects on the proposed project pipeline over the short to medium term.

Thusong service centres: municipalities

13. Mr P Uys asked the Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:

(a) What amount was allocated to each of the municipalities in the Western Cape for Thusong service centres in the 2013/14 financial year and (b) what are the criteria that have been used in respect of the determination of these amounts?

MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING:

13. (a) For the 2013/2014 financial year, the Department of Local Government has gazetted an amount of R1,8 million for the Western Cape Thusong Programme grant to local municipalities as unallocated. The municipal allocation will be reflected in the 2013/14 adjustment budget.

(a) As per the Thusong Funding Policy, the operational funding conditions are as follows;

- i. Submission of a Thusong Service Centre Business Plan and Budget
- ii. Appointment of a dedicated Thusong Service Centre Manager
- iii. Inclusion of the Thusong Service Centre in the IDP and Municipal Budget
- iv. Conclusion of all lease agreements in the Thusong Service Centre
- v. Infrastructural Maintenance Plan
- vi. Submission of Quarterly Reports

The Thusong Service Centre Business Plan and Quarterly Reports will be assessed by the Department of Local Government (Service Delivery Integration Directorate) and the Legal Services Directorate within the Department of the Premier.

Employees with disabilities: Department of the Premier

14. Ms J L Hartnick asked the Premier:

- (1) Whether there are any people with disabilities in the employ of her department; if not, (a) why not and (b) what are the further relevant details in this regard; if so, how many people with disabilities are working within her department;
- (2) whether she can give a breakdown in respect of the people with disabilities in the employ of her department according to the type or category of the disability of each such person; if so, (a) what are the relevant details in this regard and (b) what position does each of these employees hold in her department?

THE PREMIER:

14. (1) Yes, 18 persons with disabilities are employed in the Department of the Premier.

(a) Yes; the type of disability of the persons are disclosed and recorded as follows:

4 Persons:	Mobility
2 Persons:	Dexterity
4 Persons:	Visual/blind
7 Persons:	Hearing
1 Person:	Speech

(b) These persons hold the following positions in the Department of the Premier:

1 Person:	Policy and Strategy Researcher
1 Person:	Project Manager
1 Person:	Senior Personnel Officer
1 Person:	Project Officer
1 Person:	CFO Support Officer
1 Person:	Deputy Director
2 Persons:	Assistant Director
2 Persons:	Education, Training & Dev. Practitioner
1 Person:	Employee Wellness Practitioner
1 Person:	Provisioning Administration Clerk
1 Person:	Legal Advisor
1 Person:	Analyst Developer (IT)
1 Person:	Analyst Developer Trainee
2 Persons:	Network Technician
1 Person:	Network Technician Trainee

Employees with disabilities: Department of the Premier

15. Ms J L Hartnick asked the Minister of Education:

- (1) Whether there are any people with disabilities in the employ of his department; if not, (a) why not and (b) what are the further relevant details in this regard; if so, how many people with disabilities are working within his department;
- (2) whether he can give a breakdown in respect of the people with disabilities in the employ of his department according to the type or category of the disability of each such person; if so, (a) what are the relevant details in this regard and (b) what position does each of these employees hold in her department?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION:

15. (1) There are currently 32 employees with disabilities registered on Persal with the WCED. There are also a number of employees with disabilities that have to date not disclosed their disability status. The WCED's Disability Strategy was approved in June 2011. Communication was sent out to all employees informing them of the Disability Strategy and the process of disclosing their disability status. The Strategy was again communicated in April 2013 to all WCED employees and the Disability Strategy and Disclosure Form is available on the WCED's website.
- (2) There are currently no records on Persal to indicate the type of disability of the 32 employees. The breakdown, per salary level, for Public Service employees and per post level for educators is as follows:

Public Service

Salary level 2 - 6 employees
Salary level 3 – 4 employees
Salary level 4 – 1 employee
Salary level 5 - 1 employee
Salary level 6 - 4 employees
Salary level 7 - 1 employee
Salary level 8 - 1 employee
Salary level 9 - 1 employee

Educators

Post level 1 – 9 employees
Post level 2 – 1 employee
Post level 3 – 3 employees

*Employees with disabilities: Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport:***16. Ms J L Hartnick asked the Minister of Cultural Affairs and Sport:**

- (1) Whether there are any people with disabilities in the employ of his department; if not, (a) why not and (b) what are the further relevant details in this regard; if so, how many people with disabilities are working within his department;
- (2) whether he can give a breakdown in respect of the people with disabilities in the employ of his department according to the type or category of the disability of each such person; if so, (a) what are the relevant details in this regard and (b) what position does each of these employees hold in his department?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT

16. (1) The Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport currently employs ten (10) persons with disabilities in the positions as per the table below.

POSITIONS HELD
1X ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: ADMINISTRATION
1X RISK ANALYST
1X SENIOR STATE ACCOUNTANT
1X ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: MONITORING & EVALUATION
1X SENIOR ADMINISTRATION CLERK
1X AUXILIARY SERVICES OFFICER
1X CHIEF AUXILIARY SERVICES OFFICER
2X GENERAL WORKER
1X REGIONAL LIBRARIAN.

- (2) The ten individuals disclosed the following types of disabilities:

TYPE OF DISABILITY	NUMBER
DEXTERITY	1
VISUAL/BLIND	3
HEARING	3
MUSCLE DYSTROPHY	2
MOBILITY IMPAIRMENT	1
TOTAL	10

**INTERPELLATIONS UNDER NAME OF MEMBER
(as put to relevant Minister)**

Bevu, T N

Education	3846, 3850
Health.....	2542, 2546
Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning	3014
Transport and Public Works	1619, 3293

Beerwinkel, C F –

Education	2367, 2407, 2422, 2428, 2431, 2432
Finance, Economic Development and Tourism	3889, 3889
Transport and Public Works	2598

Brandis, E J –

Finance, Economic Development and Tourism	2373, 2428, 2465, 2644, 3831,3887, 3887
Transport and Public Works	2374, 2415, 3362, 3742, 3743, 3745

Brown, T L –

Finance, Economic Development and Tourism	2469,
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Du Toit Marais, A J

Community Safety	3914, 3913
Cultural Affairs and Sport	2358, 2359, 2360, 2367, 2368, 2417, 2419
Health...1361, 1467, 1497, 2545, 2602, 3134, 3136, 3228, 3295, 3326, 3332, 3447	3484, 3486, 3708, 3776, 3828
Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning ..	3258, 3259,3261
Social Development	1419, 2651, 2652, 302, 37541
Transport and Public Works	2548, 3706

Eloff, E H –

Cultural Affairs and Sport	2434
Education	2366

Figlan, A M –

Housing	3749, 3833
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Fritz, A T –

Social Development	3753
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Haskin, G C R –

Community Safety	3487, 3524, 3526, 3912, 3914, 3912, 3914
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Hani, V –

Health.....	2601
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Hartnick, J L –

Cultural Affairs and Sport	1311, 1405, 1661
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Education.....	147, 968, 1109
Housing	2425
Premier	3358, 3703

Jacobs, P M –

Cultural Affairs and Sport.....	1464
Housing	151, 184, 679, 865, 1100

Labuschagne C –

Education.....	2404, 2423, 2541, 3778, 3849
Social Development.....	3368, 3369, 3371
Transport and Public Works	3446, 3873

Lentit, R B –

Community Safety	3915, 3919, 3915, 3919
Social Development.....	3018

Madikizela, B S –

Housing	3752
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Magwaza, N P –

Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning.....	3772
Social Development.....	1658, 3370

Magaxa, K E –

Housing	3748
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Majola, T R –

Education.....	356
Housing	8
Social Development.....	3019

Marais, A J D –

Health	17, 81, 83, 192, 515, 583, 1245, 4058
Social Development.....	1022, 1657, 1658,

Mbalo, B G –

Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning.....	3131
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McKenzie, P C –

Community Safety	2422, 2548, 3487, 3526, 3842, 3846, 3913, 3916, 3913
Health	519
Housing	3751
Transport and Public Works	2642, 2643

Ncedana, M –

Education.....	2406, 2469, 2539, 2542
Health	3227, 3228, 3324, 3326, 3707
Housing	3747, 3748, 3750, 3831, 3834
Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning...	3403, 3408
Social Development.....	3019
Transport and Public Works	2597, 2599, 3363

Ozinsky, M –

Agriculture	2372, 2417
Cultural Affairs and Sport	3919
Education	1414, 3056, 3059, 3776, 37787
Health.....	2364, 2420
Housing	3751
Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning ...	1282, 1311
... 1357, 1410, 1547, 1549, 1620, 2400, 2403, 2645, 2650, 3013, 3017, 3022, 3025	
.....	38513891, 3894, 3891, 3895
Premier.....	1242, 1278, 3137, 3138, 3139, 3293, 3324, 3356, 3358, 4049
Transport and Public Works	1617, 2416, 3365, 3705

Prins, E –

Agriculture	754, 2398
Health.....	143
Housing	1104
Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning	2421

Skwatsha, M –

Agriculture	2371
Community Safety	2422
Finance, Economic Development and Tourism	2430
Health.....	2543, 3135, 3226, 3227, 3293, 3296, 3446, 3485
Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning	3408
Social Development	2653
Premier.....	249
Transport and Public Works	1628

Stali, Z C –

Cultural Affairs and Sport .	1361, 1407, 1659, 1661, 1661, 2355, 2356, 2358, 2360,
.....	2410, 2419
Premier	3703
Social Development	1242, 3752, 3755
Transport and Public Works	2550, 3360, 3362, 3397, 3442, 3446, 3745, 3836,
.....	3869, 3872, 3869, 3871

Strachan, G R –

Finance, Economic Development and Tourism	18, 81
Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning	453
Premier.....	3,187,352

Tingwe, M

Education	1500, 2540, 3444, 3844, 3848
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Uys, P –

Agriculture	2372
Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning ...	2369, 2371
.....	2372, 2426, 2427, 3260, 3328, 3404

Walters, M C –

Agriculture	13,964, 2361, 2374, 2396, 2397, 2399, 2416
Community Safety	1364
Cultural Affairs and Sport	453,460, 2409, 2411

Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning.....	88,356,
.....	407, 1062, 1549, 3016, 3132, 3894, 3894
Transport and Public Works	2366, 3441, 3443

Wiley, M G E –

Agriculture	2368
Community Safety	2422, 3526, 3843
Cultural Affairs and Sport.....	2357
Education	3058
Premier	674, 3139
Transport and Public Works	410, 861, 1282, 1628

Witbooi, J –

Health	90, 756, 812, 1066, 2362
Social Development.....	588

Van Zyl, J A –

Education	3057, 4053
Health	3294
Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning..	1558, 2647,
.....	3130, 3771, 3774

Visser, J J

Agriculture	2417
Cultural Affairs and Sport.....	2365, 3400
Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning.....	2402,
.....	2604, 2607, 2608, 3025, 3330, 3406, 3774

Von Brandis, E J –

Community Safety	3918, 3919
Transport and Public Works	1620, 2599, 3398, 3706, 3871, 3871

QUESTIONS

(Oral and Written: as put to relevant Minister under name of Member)

Beerwinkel, C F –

Agriculture	984
Cultural Affairs and Sport.....	1667, 2626
Education....	960, 1117, 1118, 1178, 1179, 1257, 1258, 2388, 2392, 2393, 2531, 2533,
.....	2577, 2578, 2611, 2613, 2657, 2658, 2659, 2672, 3877, 3877
Finance, Economic Development and Tourism	2635, 2683, 2705, 2706, 2707, 3342
.....	3156, 3219, 3222, 3270, 3416, 3417, 3462, 3490, 3494, 3725, 3726
Health	3475
Housing	1287
Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning.....	600, 690,
.....	691, 722, 723, 802, 803, 838, 874, 937, 960, 999, 3463
Transport and Public Works	1072, 1081, 1117, 3304, 3393

Bevu, T N –

Agriculture	1560
Community Safety	1185, 1264, 3499
Education	1120, 3505, 4106
Finance, Economic Development and Tourism	2480
Housing	3268, 3725
Premier.....	1250, 1425, 3709
Social Development	707,708
Transport and Public Works	1122, 1559, 2481,3303

Boesak, A A –

Finance, Economic Development and Tourism	100
Health.....	45, 96
Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning	99

Brown, L –

Finance, Economic Development and Tourism 2435, 2436, 2437, 2438, 2487, 2561	3720
Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning	3881
Premier..... 326,367,368,439,464,469,594,595,697,1141,1143, ..1146, 1176, 1426, 1428, 1458, 1461, 1487, 1550, 1578, 2673, 2698, 2701, 3756,	3851
Transport and Public Works	1567

Cupido, P W –

Community Safety.....	448, 449, 544, 849, 883, 1304, 2638, 3100, 3125
Cultural Affairs and Sport	309
Education	510, 721, 775, 776, 950, 1172, 3240, 3284
Health.....	1329, 3124, 3285
Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning	600, 689, 885, 941, 1171, 1328, 2639, 3126, 3881
.....	
Social Development	951
Transport and Public Works	502,503,543

Du Toit Marais, A J –

Community Safety	3428, 3722
Cultural Affairs and Sport	3875, 3875
Finance, Economic Development and Tourism	3245
Health..... 1373, 1404, 1437, 1438, 2554, 2555, 2609, 2615, 3151, 3152, 3427	3901,3901
Housing	3496, 3531
Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning ...	3533, 3535 3728,
Social Development	1372, 1431, 1470, 1630, 3473, 3491, 3496

Eloff, E H –

Agriculture	211, 2672, 3246
Finance, Economic Development and Tourism	876
Health.....	876, 1562, 1563
Transport and Public Works	217, 946, 1270, 1292

Figlan, A M –

Community Safety	3531, 3739
Health	3471, 3930, 3930,
Housing	3416, 3422, 3452, 3453, 3493, 3527, 3528, 3536, 3897, 3900, 3930,
.....	3897, 3899, 3930, 4078
Social Development.....	3471, 3490

Gabru, Y –

Cultural Affairs and Sport.....	876,938
Education.....	26, 73,206,435,612,797,846,962,985
Health	393
Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning...	3339, 3340
Premier	1

Geyer, H P –

Education.....	606, 1381, 1675
Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning.....	219,545,
.....	600, 689, 3155, 3246, 3287, 3304, 3314, 3395, 3396, 3417, 3522, 3716. 3763,
.....	3784, 3799, 3803, 3838, 4077
Premier	24
Transport and Public Works	165,166,203,475

Hani, V –

Community Safety	1538, 1742, 2529
Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning.....	2569
Health	2694, 2696, 3037, 3127, 3128
Social Development.....	1569, 1706, 2674, 2675, 2698, 4133
Premier	3378, 4132

Hartnick, J L –

Agriculture	957
Community Safety	3479, 3722
Cultural Affairs and Sport.....	122,348,833,849,859,885,993,1032,1054,1055,
.....	1074, 1086,1089,1137,1148,1151,1183,1238,
.....	1271, 1272, 1379, 1435, 1642, 4139
Education.....	181, 364, 390, 480, 712, 790, 857, 992, 1040,
.....	1073, 1294, 1296, 1495,1568, 2621, 3478, 3739, 3937,3938, 4138
Finance, Economic Development and Tourism	3044
Health	712
Housing	4120

Social Development.....	3355, 3712, 4076
Premier	2501, 3118, 4137

Haskin, G C R –

Community Safety	3431, 3827, 3928,
Cultural Affairs and Sport.....	3520
Education.....	3477
Finance, Economic Development and Tourism	3520
Health	3905, 3922, 3923, 3924, 3905, 3922
Housing	3476

Social Development	3711, 3714
Transport and Public Works	3432, 3717, 3759, 3760, 3926

Jacobs, P M –

Community Safety	792,874
Cultural Affairs and Sport	28,129,162,175,202,345, 371,726,792,945
.....	973, 1260, 1288, 2582, 2627
Education	1081, 1632, 1633, 1686
Housing	30,35,45,64,66,67,98,121,128,152,156,160,174,447,500,
.....	501,714,715, 836, 873, 1059, 1127,1128,1191,1259, 1390,
.....	1392, 1440, 1443, 1446, 1447,1469, 1646, 1647, 1671, 1672,
.....	1684, 2533, 2534, 2537, 2585, 2586, 2613,2689
Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning ...	1391, 2622
Social Development	725
Transport and Public Works	1684

Labuschagne, C –

Community Safety	993, 1622, 1624, 3414
Education	1650, 3027, 3119, 3153, 3154, 3345, 3351, 3473, 3730, 3763
.....	3782, 3939, 3873, 3939, 4094
Health.....	451, 508, 544, 958, 1335
Premier.....	537, 1070, 1112, 1662
Social Development	421,422, 1373, 1433, 1675, 3419, 3478, 3492, 4083
Transport and Public Works	3798

Lentit, R B –

Agriculture	3043, 3885, 3896, 3886, 3896
Community Safety	3096, 3244, 3347, 3421, 3929,3929
Education	2487, 2553, 3029, 3080, 3241, 3426, 3477, 3509, 3938, 3938, 3941
Health.....	3071, 3079, 3107, 3174, 3299, 3302, 3389, 3391, 3391, 3475
.....	3728, 3836, 3860, 3923, 3924
Housing	3150, 3712, 3714
Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning .	1391, 2622,
.....	3030
Premier.....	3334, 3373, 3375
Social Development	3110, 3219
Transport and Public Works	3070, 3107, 3150, 3756, 3925, 3925, 3941

Magaxa, K E –

Housing	3322, 3898, 3898
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Magwaza, N P –

Community Safety	1034, 1226
Education	1227
Health.....	2615, 4129
Housing	3387
Premier.....	696, 1027
Social Development	365,366,380,388,714,773,782,817,819,822,
.....	1325, 1327, 1514, 1516, 1557, 1558, 1665, 2687, 3039, 3239, 3352, 3353,
.....	3824, 3826, 3839, 4106, 4131

Majola, T R –

Agriculture	1171
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Community Safety	35
Housing	828
Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning.....	1576

Marais, A J D –

Education.....	360, 1641
Cultural Affairs and Sport.....	2474
Health	103,108,222,374,424,426,511,546,797,806,807,856,997, 1135, 1136, 1209,1221,1255,1256,1292,1293,1320, 1563, 1564, 1616, 2475, 3116, 4073, 4076
Social Development.....	23,225,226,379,484,782,820,823,827,872,1181,1183 1222, 1321, 1664, 1666, 3117

Mbalo, B G –

Health	3801, 3836
Housing	3801
Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning...	3769, 3791 3794
Premier	3376

McKenzie, P C –

Community Safety	102, 163, 776, 777, 778, 1081,1127,1190,1614, 1623, 1674, 2562, 2684, 3273, 3415, 3431, 3499, 3500, 3532
Education.....	3351
Health	601, 3391
Housing	3147, 3530
Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning....	3265,3534
Premier	98, 1028, 1312
Transport and Public Works	3151, 3163

Mqulwana, K A –

Education.....	3730
Finance, Economic Development and Tourism	860
Housing	853
Premier	872,900
Transport and Public Works	388,603,694,699,700,764,1129,1132,1179, 1180, 1251, 1252, 1255

Ncedana, M –

Community Safety	488,528, 1631, 3272, 3497, 3721,3762
Cultural Affairs and Sport.....	488
Education.....	3348, 3351
Health	1438, 1614, 3301
Housing	1098, 1139, 1639, 3028, 3066, 3147, 3270, 3335, 3384, 3394, 3713 3723, 3763
Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning.....	541
Social Development.....	3299, 3942

Ozinsky, M –

Agriculture	3933
Community Safety	1229, 1520, 1536, 3231, 3247
Cultural Affairs and Sport.....	1274, 1668

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