

# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

# PARLIAMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF THE WESTERN CAPE

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THURSDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 2020

1. The House met at 14:15.
2. The Deputy Speaker took the Chair and read the prayer.
3. [14:16] The Deputy Speaker made a general announcement regarding the sitting of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament in accordance with Rule 1A of the Standing Rules pertaining to Members in remote attendance by electronic means.
4. [14:18] The Deputy Speaker gave a Ruling on a point of order raised by hon Kama during Members Statements in the House on 3 September 2020.
5. [14:20] The Deputy Speaker gave a Ruling on a point of order raised by hon Lekker during a motion without notice in the House on 3 September 2020.
6. [14:21] Interpellations.
7. [15:10] Questions.
8. [16:05] Questions to the Premier without Notice.
9. [16:25] Statements by Members.
10. [16:48] Response to statements by Members by Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Human Settlements.
11. [16:54] Motions with Notice.
12. [17:57] Mr F C Christians moved without notice: That this House acknowledge the 18-year-old Nyanga school girl, Asiphe Mkhafa, for creating a taxi service for women to protect them from gender-based violence (GBV), referring to a recent article that highlighted how Asiphe started the “Woman Go” service for women to protect them from GBV as well as creating jobs for women; notes that she created this platform, made up of only female drivers, to insure that woman can travel safely as she has also experienced violence herself; further notes that she is also developing an app that will be available soon; and notes that Asphe should be an inspiration to all women in the country and wishes her well with her future endeavours.

Agreed to.

13. Ms D M Baartman moved without notice: That this House notes that the Clicks Group and TRESemmé (of the Unilever Group) were recently at the centre of a controversy that assigned positive words to persons with Caucasian hair and negative words to persons with Afro-textured hair; expresses its disappointment that such a controversy took place in our society, which continues to struggle with racial discrimination; commends the Clicks Group for acting in an appropriate manner by issuing apologies and withdrawing the offensive third-party images, and taking further steps to engage with stakeholders, auditing their third party as well as their own promotional material for implicit or explicit bias and ensuring diversity and inclusivity training for all their head office employees and prioritising their diversity and inclusivity training programme; calls on all stakeholders in the hair products industry to evaluate their promotional material and reflect critically on the values which their products promote, so that no one single beauty standard is promoted at the expense of others; condemns the violent action taken by political opportunists, which resulted in the destruction of property and loss of economic activity, particularly in this second pandemic of unemployment; encourages the Clicks Group to lay criminal charges against those who called for and participated in such action; and acknowledges the beauty of natural Afro-textured hair and calls on everyone with this hair to feel nothing but pride and joy and to continue to celebrate it every day of their life.

Agreed to.

14. Mr L L Mvimbi moved without notice: That the House notes that one person died and a woman is critically injured when their car got hit by a truck on the crossing of the R44 and the R101 at Klapmuts; and calls for a probe into the safety at this crossing.

Agreed to.

15. Mr R D MacKenzie moved without notice: That the House expresses its tremendous grief at the passing of Advocate George Bizos; notes that Advocate Bizos was a shining example of a principled human who was dedicated to the pursuit of human rights for all, and is most well-known for his role in the treason and Rivonia trials, providing hope for many during the darkest hours of apartheid; further notes the vital role and extension of this hope through to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission where he fought for justice for victims of apartheid crimes; commends Advocate Bizos's pursuit of a free, equal and non-racial South Africa, cementing these principles as the foundation of our Constitution and Bill of Rights; acknowledges that Advocate Bizos was never one to ignore injustice, and as such, in recent times, was a vocal critic of the high levels of corruption, the lack of principled leaders, and a disregard for the human rights of the poor and vulnerable in our country; and resolves at the current sitting, with the permission of the Speaker, for Members of this House to rise and observe a minute of silence in memory of Advocate George Bizos.

Agreed to.

16. Mr M Kama moved without notice: That the House notes that the ANC welcomes every effort to improve the SAPS's services to the people – and so does the SAPS's leadership; further notes that the ANC lauds the Western Cape Department of Community Safety for its support for community policing forums (CPFs) in the fight against gender-based violence (GBV); further notes that the Department must start to play its full role as secretariat to the drug and other fighters; and finally notes that the ANC supports the Standing Committee's call for a meeting of Social Development and Community Safety, and to invite the SAPS too to look into the victim empowerment programme.

Agreed to.

17. Ms L M Maseko moved without notice: That the House conveys its deepest condolences to the family and friends of Juanita Willemse, a 31-year-old mother of three, whose life has been brutally taken away from her and her body dumped in a field in Hawston by a person known to the family; further urges the relevant law-enforcement agencies to leave no stone unturned to ensure that the perpetrator is brought to book in order for justice to be served; and may the family and friends of the deceased find solace in the love of the Lord.

Agreed to.

18. Mr M Kama moved without notice: That the House notes that the 10-year-old Parkwood boy, Nehemiah Arries, was hit in the head by a stray bullet on Monday during a Grassy Park gang shooting while playing in the street; further notes that he died in hospital after life support had been switched off on Tuesday; commiserates with all families and friends who lost somebody dear to them in this ongoing street war by gangs; and commends the SAPS for taking two suspected men into custody.

Agreed to.

19. Mr L L Mvimbi moved without notice: That the House notes that a woman bus passenger was caught Sunday on the N2 near Plettenberg Bay with Mandrax tablets worth R700 000 in her possession; further notes that she will reappear in court soon; and commends the SAPS for tightening its circle to catch and bring drug traffickers to book.

Agreed to.

20. Ms W F Philander moved without notice: That the House notes the commemoration of foetal alcohol spectrum disorder (FASD) on 9 September; when the emphasis will be placed on the fact that no amount of alcohol is safe during pregnancy; further notes that the FAS disorder is 100% preventable and therefore consuming alcohol during pregnancy is a choice that effects our future generations at large; and thanks the Western Cape Department of Health for their concerted efforts to create awareness and to offer prevention programmes in our various communities.

Agreed to.

21. Mr M Kama moved without notice: That the House notes that a former station commander of the SAPS in Oudtshoorn and Athlone, brigadier Lavona Januari (59), is one of the latest COVID-19 victims; further notes that this diabetic, who overcame cancer, died after 56 days on a ventilator in a coma; and sends condolences to her family, friends and colleagues.

Agreed to.

22. Ms R Windvogel moved without notice: That the House notes that the non-profit organisation Gift of the Givers has contributed R10 million to spruce up a 60-bed ward at the new Mitchells Plain Hospital.

Agreed to.

23. Mr D G Mitchell moved without notice: That the House congratulates the Red Dot taxi transport services of the Western Cape Department of Transport and Public Works as they have reached new service-delivery milestones; notes that the Red Dot taxi services have conducted over 70 000 passenger trips over 1,1 million passenger kilometres; welcomes that the service has completed over 10 000 passenger trips for residents who are transported to and from COVID-19 quarantine facilities; underscores the importance of the extraordinary steps that the Western Cape Government has taken to ensure the safety of its healthcare workers as well as its residents; extends its gratitude to residents of the province who have heeded the call for individual behavioural change in light of the health pandemic; and notes that together with the government, the private and public sectors, we have collectively achieved great progress in decreasing active COVID-19 cases in the province.

Agreed to.

24. Mr M Kama moved without notice: That the House notes that the alleged murderer of the Hawston mother of three, Juanita Willemse (31), who was brutally killed by a boyfriend, appeared in the Hermanus magistrate's court and that Aimsley Witbooi (20) abandoned his bail application and must appear again on 8 October 2020.

Agreed to.

25. Ms W F Philander moved without notice: That the House notes that the Standing Committee on Health on 9 September 2020 conducted an unannounced oversight visit to the TC Newman Community Day Centre (CDC); further notes that the multi-party committee unanimously resolved to congratulate the Western Cape Department of Health and the facility management on the management, procedures and protocols in place to serve the health needs within the community best; and further notes that the Committee further resolved that the TC Newman CDC is indeed a sterling example of healthcare excellence.

Agreed to.

26. Mr M K Sayed moved without notice: That the House notes that Gift of the Givers was one of the first relief organisations to help about 800 people left homeless during Sunday morning's devastating informal-settlement fire in Imizamo Yethu near Hout Bay; notes too that the Ahlul-Bait Foundation of South Africa worked with the Cape Town Central and Atlantic Seaboard Parliamentary Constituency Office (PCO) with food for the Mandela Park fire victims; and acknowledges with thanks the role of Moulana Syed Haider and Ali Sablay.

Agreed to.

27. Mr M Kama moved without notice: That the House notes that three young victims were shot and killed yesterday in a Grassy Park fish shop after an armed man followed two people into the shop and started shooting randomly; and notes that the third victim worked at the shop while the shooter then fled.

Agreed to

28. Ms N D Nkondlo moved without notice: That the House calls on the Honourable Premier, Alan Winde, to engage Cape Town's Mayor, Dan Plato, to reconsider the stance of the City not to review the current high punitive water tariffs given that the dam levels are above 95% due to the recent good rain; and notes this is not only critical as a reprieve to many households and businesses in this constrained economic climate, but also serves to support economic recovery.

Agreed to.

29. Mr M Kama moved without notice: That the House notes and lauds the SAPS who followed a hijacked courier truck to Kraaifontein and arrested three suspects with stolen goods valued at about R1 million and found two guns illegally in their possession.

Agreed to.

30. Mr C M Dugmore moved without notice: That the House notes that an icon of the struggle against apartheid in South Africa, Advocate George Bizos, died at the age 92 yesterday; further notes that he was a great role model as a world-leading human-rights lawyer; and notes that he stood up for freedom and justice in our country, maintained his personal values and displayed the virtues of respect, courage with duty, even at his own personal cost; and may his soul rest in peace.

Agreed to.

31. Ms R Windvogel moved without notice: That the House notes that the 22 COVID-19-related deaths yesterday in the Western Cape pushed the total to over 4 000 patients who have died and that the total now stands at 4 016 mortalities and that this province had a total of 107 624 confirmed cases since the pandemic spilled over to the Western Cape.

Agreed to.

32. Mr M Kama moved without notice: That the House notes that various rogue EFF sympathisers were arrested demonstrating at Clicks outlets in George on Monday and Goodwood on Tuesday; also notes that reports indicate that a Port Elizabeth lady waved a gun and caused panic.

Agreed to.

33. Mr L L Mvimbi moved without notice: That the House notes that Archbishop Emeritus of the Anglican Church, Desmond Tutu, and his wife Leah escaped unscathed after their retirement house in Hermanus caught fire on Wednesday due to a faulty gas heater; and wishes them well for the rest of their retirement.

Agreed to.

34. Ms A P Bans moved without notice: That the House notes that two years ago dams in the province were at an all-time low due to a severe drought, but thanks to good rainfall recently most of the dams in the province are almost full or overflowing – the best levels in years; and calls on all residents to use this natural resource with caution.

Agreed to.

35. Mr M Kama moved without notice: That the House notes that a Bonteheuwel shooting cause the death of a 25-year-old woman, Shakeena Karriem, who was sitting in her car early on Sunday morning when shots were fired.

Agreed to.

36. Ms R Windvogel moved without notice: That the House notes that a former worker at the George Hospital has been sentenced to 10 years in prison, of which 5 years has been suspended; further notes that, besides this sentence for tender fraud, Jacob Claassen also got a 5-year suspended sentence for corruption and also 36 months correctional service, a form of house arrest.

Agreed to.

37. Mr M Kama moved without notice: That the House notes that the Western Cape police is looking for two men who is said to have shot and killed a Malawi shop owner near Wilderness in Touwsrante during a robbery.

Agreed to.

38. Mr D Smith moved without notice: That the House notes that an entrepreneur lost all his savings of R87 000 that he paid for a so-called tender project to a Cape Town official, only to find out that it was a scam.

Agreed to.

39. Mr M K Sayed moved without notice: That the House commends the Grade 12Q class at the Windsor High School in Rondebosch East for their spirit of ubuntu to come to the rescue of a disadvantaged learner who lost his cellphone in a robbery and could not afford a special matric jacket by collecting enough money to replace his phone, buy the jacket and donate the rest to him.

Agreed to.

40. Mr C M Dugmore moved without notice: That the House notes with deep sadness the passing away of Achmat Dangor, writer, poet and activist, as well as the former CEO of the Nelson Mandela Foundation; and expresses its sincere condolences to his wife, Audrey, his son, Zachary, and the broader family and comrades.

Agreed to.

41. [17:58] FIRST ORDER

Consideration of Report of the Conduct Committee on the failure of Honourable Member G Brinkhuis to submit disclosure forms timeously (2020) (See Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, No 66, dated 21 August 2020, p 196.)

Declarations of vote made on behalf of the ANC, GOOD, ACDP, FF Plus, and DA.

Question put: That the Report of the Conduct Committee on the failure of Honourable Member G Brinkhuis to submit disclosure forms timeously (2020), be adopted.

Question agreed to.

The Report accordingly adopted.

42. The House adjourned at 18:05.

ROMEO ADAMS  
Secretary to the Provincial Parliament