

# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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# PARLIAMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF THE WESTERN CAPE

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THURSDAY, 11 AUGUST 2022

1. The House met at 14:15.
2. The Speaker took the Chair and read the prayer.
3. [14:17] The 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. [14:22] The Speaker gave guidance to the Members on the sub judice convention.
5. [14:33] Interpellation.
6. [14:51] Questions.
7. [15:52] Questions to the Premier without notice.
8. [16:30] Statements by Members.
9. [16:56] Response to statements by Members by Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Education and Mr R I Allen, Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety.
10. [17:02] Motions with Notice (*in accordance with Standing Rule 151*).

The Speaker made an announcement in accordance with the new Standing Rule 151, all Notices of Motion by Members are required to be delivered to the Secretary for placing on the Order Paper. These motions, duly submitted, will be published on the Order Paper.
11. [17:03] Motions without Notice (*in accordance with Standing Rule 150*).
12. Mr F C Christians moved without notice: That the House applauds the labour of love of 70-year-old Clara Adams and 80-year-old Gladys Prins who feed about 1 000 people with a hot meal every month (*Daily Voice* 4 August 2022 – Junior Bester); notes that they have been serving the community where they live in Bishop Lavis for the past three years; notes that they do this from the Simonsberg Street home of Gladys, whose house has a garage; notes that for many years they have served the elderly of the area with food parcels; notes that at year-end they hand out party packs to children, while still managing to bless the community with a hot meal; notes that they are both pensioners and members of the same church; notes that the food they serve is largely paid for out of their own pockets; and commends the good

work these ladies are doing in the community. It is our prayer that God will continue to bless them.

Agreed to.

13. Ms W F Kaizer-Philander moved without notice: That the House notes the recent brutal killings of residents in Pinevalley, Witzenberg; notes that violent crime, drug and alcohol abuse, and vandalism are becoming a growing concern in what was once a peaceful community; notes that, with the new wave of violent crime in the area, the lack of response of SAPS is deeply worrying; notes that those that end up responding to the outcry of the community are local councillors and the neighbourhood watches; and calls on SAPS to increase their capacity at the local police station and to deal with crime in the area decisively.

Agreed to.

14. Ms W F Kaizer-Philander moved without notice: That the House wishes all schools in the Drakenstein municipal area well with their annual sport derby matches; notes that these highlights on the calendar showcase the best talent, while being rich in tradition and culture; notes that, after two years, the school communities will now embark on their weekly derby matches with great enthusiasm; notes that it is commonly known that sport unites nations, as it does not need words to create the space for us to celebrate and cultivate our young talent; and wishes every school, sport management team, participant and community all the best and hopes that the derbies will unite everyone during these joyous occasions.

Agreed to.

15. Ms L M Maseko moved without notice: That the House commends the Council of the City of Cape Town for approving the release of the Salt River market precinct for the construction of affordable housing, which would result in 700 mixed-development units, including 216 social housing units; and acknowledges the City's ongoing efforts to provide the residents of Cape Town with social housing opportunities.

Agreed to.

16. Ms L M Maseko moved without notice: That the House commends the provincial Department of Infrastructure for creating economic opportunities for Swellendam residents through the Swellendam Railton Project; and acknowledges that, to date, 60 jobs have been made possible by this project, 44 of which have gone to women and young people.

Agreed to.

17. Ms A Bans moved without notice: That the House notes with a great sense of pride the appointment of Benni McCarthy as first-team coach at Manchester United, where he is tasked with coaching world-renowned strikers, such as Christiano Ronaldo, Marcus Rashford and Anthony Martial; notes further that Benni is Bafana Bafana's all-time record goal scorer and has previously coached PSL teams in South Africa; congratulates coach Benni on his big achievement; and continues to make calls for more investment in sport in the province so that we can produce more Benni McCarthys of the future.

Agreed to.

18. Ms A Bans moved without notice: That the House notes with a great sense of pride South Africa's performance at international sports events, including the victory of Banyana Banyana, who are coached by our very own Desiree Ellis from the Western Cape; notes further the victory of South Africa's Blitzboks who have been crowned Commonwealth Games Sevens champions, as well as various other athletes, including veteran Paralympic sprinter Ndodomzi Ntutu who claimed the gold medal in the men's T11/12 100 m final at the

Commonwealth Games in Birmingham on Thursday night, taking South Africa to sixth in the medal standings, with a haul of 22 medals – seven gold, seven silver and eight bronze; and congratulates team South Africa on its good performances.

Agreed to.

19. Mr K Brinkhuis moved without notice: That the House notes the importance of national Women's Month and the escalating crime and gender-based violence committed against women; recognises that national Women's Month also serves as a time to act with compassion; and calls on the provincial government to increase funding to women's organisations and to increase resources for shelters for abused women.

Agreed to.

20. Ms N Bakubaku-Vos moved without notice: That the House notes and welcomes the arrest of five suspects in connection with multiple gender-based violence and femicide-related crimes along the Garden Route; notes that these arrests, which come during one of the most important months recognised in South Africa as Women's Month, are in fulfilment of this year's theme, which calls for action to be taken by all of society, the government and partners in the form of tangible steps in response to the most persistent challenges affecting the lives of women and girls; and commends the SAPS George's family violence, child protection and sexual offences unit for making these arrests following a series of investigations that led them to the suspects, including a 28-year-old man suspected to have raped a 13-year-old girl.

Agreed to.

21. Mr M Xego moved without notice: That the House notes the recent report from the South Africa Social Security Agency (Sassa) outlining that 60% recipients of social relief of distress grants are young people; notes that this paints a very sad picture about the situation young people find themselves in; notes that these are the people who should be driving our economy, but under this current regime they are made to depend on the state for handouts; notes that recent studies show that 80% of unemployed young people in South Africa have to choose between looking for work or buying food whenever they have a penny; and notes that, what is more concerning, is that more than 600 000 applications for these grants are from individuals with tertiary-level education, meaning that even those who are educated are still made to depend on the state as the regime cannot create employment opportunities for them.

Agreed to.

22. Mr M Xego moved without notice: That the House takes note that seasonal farm workers in the De Doorns area have been queuing for months outside the satellite office of the Department of Labour for their UIF payouts with little to no assistance from the Department; notes that these workers rely on these UIF funds during the months when they are not working; notes that the Department's officials will assist only a handful of people every day, only to tell the rest that the system is either offline or that they are running short of staff personnel; notes that we are talking about poor people without permanent jobs earning low wages seasonally and who are mostly subjected to all forms of abuse at the hands of brutal farm owners who use them as slaves; notes that they are now suffering a double jeopardy when they turn to the state for their UIF payouts to which they are entitled to; and calls for an accountable government that is responsive and care for those who find themselves in destitute conditions.

Agreed to.

23. Ms N Makamba-Botya moved without notice: That the House notes that 9 August 2022 marked Women's Day in Women's Month; notes that it was a day when women from all fronts were celebrated for their struggle and achievements stemming from the past, including against colonialism, apartheid and all forms of oppression; notes that the heroines of the past showed great strength and courage in fighting against all sorts of oppression directed at them solely for being women; notes that, as women, we must unite and draw inspiration from those before us and continue to fight old and new challenges that still continue today, which includes inequality, patriarchy, gender-based violence, and femicide (to list a few); and notes that we must fight for a society and environment where women will not be asked for favours of an intimate nature whenever they apply for jobs or other opportunities.

Agreed to.

24. Ms N Makamba-Botya moved without notice: That the House notes that the Delft community is mourning the death of a 15-year-old girl who was shot dead in crossfire between rival gang members on Women's Day; notes that this on its own depicts a decaying society where a girl child is not safe; notes that it also paints a picture of a dysfunctional state where anarchy prevails and where marauding gangs operate with impunity; notes that the society has lost faith as more money is being spend on a dysfunctional policing system in every level of government; and notes that we have now reached a point where no one is allowed to stand up and brag that they are doing something about crime, because reality shows that nothing is being achieved.

Agreed to.

25. Ms W F Kaizer-Philander moved without notice: That the House commends the Carte Blanche Making a Difference Trust for raising funds to refurbish the Tygerberg Hospital's neonatal and paediatric care units; notes that this will greatly empower the Hospital to continue delivering the quality healthcare services to the community; notes that Tygerberg provides healthcare to over 50% of the province's children and also supports more than 7 000 births annually; and hopes that such partnerships further embolden our all-of-society efforts and good governance.

Agreed to.

26. Ms D M Baartman moved without notice: That the House commends Chevelee Sass from Beaufort West for organising three successful constitutional-rights workshops with young people in the community; and encourages her to continue empowering young people through local, provincial, and national government programmes about issues that affect them directly.

Agreed to.

27. Ms C Murray moved without notice: That the House commends the management of the Kirstenbosch National Botanical Gardens on receiving the TripAdvisor Travellers' Choice Best of the Best award for 2022; acknowledges the support provided by the Kirstenbosch Gardens Branch of the Botanical Society of South Africa; notes that this award is one of the highest achievements of excellence in the tourism industry and places the popular Cape Town-based garden attraction in the top 1% of tourist attractions worldwide, which enhances the reputation of the Western Cape as a must-visit destination; and notes that the garden both protects and fosters awareness of our province's unique biodiversity and, in particular, its floral kingdom

Agreed to.

28. The House adjourned at 17:40.

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Secretary to Provincial Parliament