

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

PARLIAMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF THE WESTERN CAPE

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THURSDAY, 12 AUGUST 2021

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. [14:21] Interpellations.
5. [15:22] Questions.
6. [16:34] Questions to the Premier without notice.
7. [16:58] Statements by Members.
8. [17:20] Response to statements by Members by Ms D A Schäfer, Minister of Education.
9. [17:23] 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.

10. [17:24] Motions without Notice (*in accordance with Standing Rule 150*).
11. Mr R D Mackenzie moved without notice: That the House commends the work of our security structures, including our neighbourhood watches, walking-bus members, community policing forums and all safety structures, for the valuable role that they have played in keeping our communities safe during the recent unrest in South Africa.

Agreed to.

12. Mr G Brinkhuis moved without notice: That the House notes the achievement of Julio Bianchi, who has become the first South African to qualify for the FIFAe World Cup; further notes that he is an accountancy student at the Cape Peninsula University of Technology; recognises that, following a failed football career, 23-year-old Julio, who is from Uitsig on the Cape Flats, started pursuing a career in e-sports and was scouted by his team, Goliath Gaming, while competing in the qualifiers of a major local FIFAe competition; further recognises that he had also competed against some of the best FIFAe players in the West Asia region and has made it through to the grand finals of the qualifiers where he went head-to-head with the FIFAe World Cup champion; commends him for balancing time between his football career and studies; and extends congratulations to him for making his country proud.

Agreed to.

13. Mr R D Mackenzie moved without notice: That the House commends the City of Cape Town and the Western Cape Government for their investment in neighbourhood watches, community policing forums, safety structures and for their continued commitment and engagement with these organisations to ensure they function optimally.

Agreed to.

14. Mr C M Dugmore moved without notice: That the House congratulates our Olympians – medallists, participants, officials and technical support in all codes of sport – who have made South Africa proud at the Tokyo Games despite the COVID-19 pandemic.

Agreed to.

15. Ms D M Baartman moved without notice: That the House congratulates the recent four top ranking South African restaurants in the Western Cape and commends them for the mark they are making in the culinary world; La Colombe in Constantia has been rated as the 13th Best Fine Dining Restaurant in the World and the Best Fine Dining Restaurant in Africa according to the Travellers' Choice 2021 list on Tripadvisor; further, the top four restaurants in Africa are all in the Western Cape, including La Petite Colombe in Franschhoek, La Sosta Restaurant in Swellendam and Chef's Warehouse at Beau Constantia; notes that these restaurants are showcasing the excellence of the culinary industry in the Western Cape and, as a province, we could not be prouder of this amazing feat; and wish them well in their future culinary endeavours.

Agreed to.

16. Ms R Windvogel moved without notice: That the House commends all health workers and their families in the province of the Western Cape in the ongoing fight against the COVID-19 pandemic and other diseases that are taxing their own health and demand huge personal sacrifice; and salutes all for their service and courage.

Agreed to.

17. Mr R D Mackenzie moved without notice: That the House commends our Mitchells Plain neighbourhood watches and walking-bus members for their commitment in walking our streets, looking after our learners and being the eyes and ears of their communities, in particular during the recent unrest; and noted that their commitment and sacrifice do not go unnoticed.

Agreed to.

18. Mr M Kama moved without notice: That the House commends all state security staff for their ongoing war against criminality to curb murder, gangsterism, illicit guns, drugs, violence and even illegal actions by their peers worth billions of rands and for recent successes against all odds.

Agreed to.

19. Mr R D Mackenzie moved without notice: That the House commends Brigadier Cass Goolam, Lieutenant Colonel Harry Edgar Brickles, Colonel Errol Shaun Merkeur and the whole of the SAPS Mitchells Plain and the SAPS Lenteguur for the incredible leadership role they played in leading the safety initiatives to keep our communities safe particularly during the recent unrest in South Africa.

Agreed to.

20. Mr L L Mvimbi moved without notice: That the House congratulates all role players for the positive outcomes following the recent provincial transport hostilities and standoff in the taxi industry; and calls for long-term cooperation of all to better the system for the sake of commuters.

Agreed to.

21. Mr M K Sayed moved without notice: That the House congratulates all schools, SGBs, parents, learners and communities for addressing bullying at our schools.

Agreed to.

22. Ms D M Baartman moved without notice: That the House commends the work of Wesgro in recently completing trade missions to Ethiopia and the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire, which are both exciting and growing markets for Western Cape companies in the agribusiness, construction, healthcare, tourism and manufacturing sectors; notes that the trade mission to Ethiopia alone has secured export and outward foreign direct investment of an estimated R200 million over the next five years, which is critical in the economic recovery of the Western Cape and in creating and protecting livelihoods.

Agreed to.

23. Ms G N Bakubaku-Vos moved without notice: That the House salutes all the residents of the Western Cape who every day live and step forward in active citizenry to do much more than merely to vote during elections, but to reach out to one another and make life more bearable during difficult times; and notes that every act of kindness towards the most vulnerable is appreciated.

Agreed to.

24. Ms D M Baartman moved without notice: That the House commends the work of the City of Cape Town in securing Cape Town as the host city for the FIA's Formula-E 2021/22 season; notes that the benefits of hosting an established international sporting event in Cape Town include the creation of jobs and in particular the boosting of the hospitality and tourism sector while creating awareness to the issue of climate change.

Agreed to.

25. Ms W F Philander moved without notice: That the House notes the celebration of Women's Day on Monday 9 August 2021; continues to acknowledge women for the often exceptional work in communities they serve; during this time notes the women who head the Operation and Facilities Management at our Vaccine Centre of Hope, Ms Laetitia Saville and Ms Gail Ruiters; and also recognises and commends the leadership roles undertaken by those in the public service and elsewhere; and continually encourages all women to remain courageous in this pursuit.

Agreed to.

26. Mr R I Allen moved without notice: That the House extends its heartfelt condolences to the family and friends on the passing away of Mr Winston Cogill; notes that the Department of Community Safety lost a dedicated and committed official; notes that Mr Cogill leaves behind a significant legacy in the government and in the civil society; further notes that he was the longest COVID-19 ICU patient in the province; and wishes all the strength to his wife Claire and daughter Hannah.

Agreed to.

27. Ms N Makamba-Botya moved without notice: That the House condemn the continued scourge of the gender-based violence (GBV) pandemic, which continues to show its head in this province and the country at large; notes that this follows the recent gruesome incident where a woman's body was found dumped in Brown's Farm in Philippi on National Women's Day; notes that it has now been shown time and time again that our authorities remain reactionary on issues relating to GBV incidents and that the perpetrators continue with their evil deeds without any conscience on their part; and calls for those in government to focus their resources more on the human behavioural aspect, as we now need a change in behaviour from the perpetrators of these deeds and for the future generation not to follow these evil deeds.

Agreed to.

28. The House adjourned at 17:30.

ROMEO ADAMS
Secretary to Provincial Parliament