

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

PARLIAMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF THE WESTERN CAPE

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THURSDAY, 15 AUGUST 2019

1. The House met at 14:15.
2. The Speaker took the Chair and read the prayer.
3. [14:17] The Chief Whip moved without notice: That the House extends our sincere condolences to the friends and family of Mr Jabu Nkabinde who passed away this week. Our sympathies, thoughts and prayers are with his loved ones as well as with the Western Cape Provincial Parliament for the loss of a colleague and friend, notes further that Mr Nkabinde's dedicated service to the people of the Western Cape through his work at the Provincial Parliament be acknowledged and recognised.

Agreed to.

The Speaker requested Members to rise and observe a moment of silence.

4. [14:18] The Chief Whip moved: That, notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 20(1), precedence be given to the Speaker's debate.

Agreed to.

5. [14:22] Speaker's Debate.

Commemorating Women's Month.

Debate concluded.

BUSINESS SUSPENDED AT 15:55 AND RESUMED AT 16:08

6. [16:08] Interpellation.
7. [16:57] Questions.
8. [17:58] Questions to the Premier without notice.
9. [18:25] Statements by Members.
10. [18:42] Response to statements by Members by the Premier.
11. [18:54] Notices of Motion.

12. [19:08] Mr G Bosman moved without notice: That the House acknowledges that more than 2 000 women from across the Western Cape attended the Women in Humanity Arts Festival from 27 July to 16 August 2019; notes that this event had access to more than 15 different organisations that works to improve the conditions of women in the province; and congratulates Dr Marlene Le Roux, CEO of the Artscape Theatre, and her team for hosting such a successful event.

Agreed to.

13. Ms A Bans moved without notice: That the House notes and congratulates Eastern Cape-born Zozibini Tunzi, a BTech student at CPUT, after being crowned as Miss SA on 9 August 2019; notes further and congratulates Sasha-Lee Olivier, runner-up, and all the other finalists, including our very own Chuma Matsaluka from Nyanga East; and wishes Zozibini well on her journey as Miss SA and best of luck as she prepares to represent South Africa on the stage at the Miss Universe competition.

Agreed to.

14. Mr R D Mackenzie moved without notice: That the House extends its sincere condolences to the family of Sheval Arendse, Councillor of ward 82, Tafelsig, in Mitchells Plain; Councillor Arendse was a dedicated and hardworking public servant and loved by all for his larger-than-life personality; further extends our deepest sympathies to Mrs Pam Arendse, his sons, Ezekiel Arendse and Ethan Arendse, and the rest of his family and friends during this time of grief and mourning; further extends condolences to his political home, the Democratic Alliance; and notes that Sheval Arendse leaves behind a legacy of dedication to the public service, that he will be missed sorely by all, and that he was not only a father and husband but also a community worker who dedicated his life to public service.

Agreed to.

15. Mr M Kama moved without notice: That the House notes with concern and condemns the brutal murder of a heavily pregnant mother-of-two who was killed in a hail of bullets in Manenberg while walking to the shop in Tambo Village on Thursday night; welcomes the arrests of four suspects belonging to a local gang in the area and lauds the SAPS for its speedy reaction; and conveys deepest condolences to the family of the deceased.

Agreed to.

16. Ms L J Botha moved without notice: That the House condemns the farm attack at Elandsberg, Clanwilliam, and on a farm in Redelinghuys; commends the SAPS for their swift responses in both instances; and trust that justice will be served and that the sentences will suit these crimes.

Agreed to.

17. Ms N D Nkondlo moved without notice: That the House notes and considers the recent release of the Quarter 2 Labour Force Survey that reported that the jobless rate advanced for both women (31,3% from 29,3% in Q1) and men (27,12% from 26,1% in Q1); further notes that the youth-unemployment rate continued to rise to 56,4% from 55,2% in the prior period; and acknowledges that this is a serious cause for concern in Women's Month and a country that has a young population.

Agreed to.

18. Mr R D Mackenzie moved without notice: That the House notes the passing of Ms Carrol Boyes, the founder, creator and CEO of Carrol Boyes (Pty) Ltd in Cape Town; furthermore extends our sincere condolences to the Boyes family, her brother John Boyes, her daughters, Kim Jackson-Meltzer and Martine Jackson-Klotz, their extended families, employees and friends; notes that the phenomenal Carrol Boyes leaves a legacy of excellence, empowerment and pioneering in the functional-arts sector and her creativity and passion will be missed sorely; and notes that our thoughts and prayers are with the family, employees and friends during this time of grief and mourning.

Agreed to.

19. Ms D M Baartman moved without notice: That the House notes that the Western Cape provincial leg of the World Robot Olympiad South Africa competition was held on 3 August 2019; congratulates Gabrielle van der Heyde and Zayden September, both 11 years old in Grade 5 at the Somerset West Primary School, for achieving the silver Explorer award as part of Team PC100; further congratulates the coach, Mr Tony Williams, who coaches at the Helderberg Robotics Club, for the amazing work he is doing in the community; commends the World Robot Olympiad South Africa organisation for organising this event that encourages involvement of the youth in robotics; and wishes them well in their journeys and future endeavours.

Agreed to.

20. Mr R D Mackenzie moved without notice: That the House congratulates Mr Faez Jacobs from Mitchells Plain for winning the MMA World Champion Competition and earning the bantamweight belt, demonstrating willpower and dedication and showing that you can succeed wherever you come from; and notes that Mr Jacobs, who believe in “Dream, Believe, Achieve”, is indeed a positive role model for the young people in Mitchells Plain.

Agreed to.

21. Ms D M Baartman moved without notice: That the House notes that the Western Cape Department of Agriculture held its Female Entrepreneurship Awards on 2 August 2019; further notes that Ms Mietjie Visagie from Laingsburg was nominated in the category Best Female Worker for her leadership skills and for going above and beyond in her work as a worker in a butchery and abattoir; congratulates Ms Visagie on her achievement; and commends the Department for hosting this event that recognises the contribution of women in agriculture.

Agreed to.

22. Ms P Z Lekker moved without notice: That the House notes with concern that, while the number of fires in informal settlement decreased this year, the number of deaths has increased significantly since the beginning of the year; notes further that, while the province recorded 129 deaths last year, that number has increased to 189 this year thus far; accepts that this signifies a crisis that requires the government’s urgent attention; and calls on the national government to be strict about the allocation and use of the Urban Settlement Development Grant and to hold to account those municipalities, like the City of Cape Town, that fail to use this grant.

Agreed to.

23. Ms L J Botha moved without notice: That the House condemns the behaviour of Elijah Mhlanga, spokesperson of the Department of Basic Education, who posted sexually suggestive and scantily clad women on social media, supposedly to support the “Read to Lead” campaign; and affirms that this behaviour has no place at all in society, but especially not in Women’s Month.

Agreed to.

24. Mr M Kama moved without notice: That the House notes with concern the marked increase in jewellery-store robberies in the province this year; notes further that in July alone there were three cases of robberies that were recorded, and last week the Van Deijl Jewellers in the Tyger Valley Centre was targeted by armed robbers who made off with an undisclosed amount of stock; and condemns these attacks and calls on the SAPS to speed up investigations and for perpetrators to be arrested.

Agreed to.

25. Mr R D Mackenzie moved without notice: That the House congratulates Lee-Shane Booysen, a 26-year-old dancer from Mitchells Plain, who won the 2019 Red Bull Dance Your Style Competition; notes that Lee-Shane Booysen beat 15 dancers from different provinces – with the regional qualifiers having taken place in Pretoria, Durban, Cape Town, Port Elizabeth and Johannesburg – at the finals that were held at Johannesburg’s Newton Music Factory; and notes that Lee-Shane Booysen will compete in Paris in September against 30 street dancers from around the world.

Agreed to.

26. Ms N D Nkondlo moved without notice: That the House notes and discusses its own contribution to encourage compliance by all industries in our province and private individuals with the National Minimum Wage Act, which sets out a minimum salary of R3 500 for low-earning workers, such as domestic workers (who are predominantly women); notes further that this remains a great step forward for millions of such workers in a labour-market system that remains racially skewed and that imposes a great burden on women, especially on black women in rural areas who bear the brunt of income inequality and poverty as confirmed by the latest unemployment statistics that show that women are mostly affected by the 29% unemployment rate, according to Labour Force Survey of 2019 for Quarter 2.

Agreed to.

27. Ms N D Nkondlo moved without notice: That the House notes and conveys condolences to the family of the late Mama Jeannie Dukani of ward 6 in Wallacedene, Kraaifontein; and notes further that Mama Jeannie served the community at large. May her soul rest in peace and may her legacy serve to inspire generations of other young women, and women in general, during Women’s Month.

Agreed to.

28. The House adjourned at 19:30.