

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

PARLIAMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF THE WESTERN CAPE

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THURSDAY, 17 JUNE 2021

1. The House met at 14:15.
2. The Speaker took the Chair and read the prayer.
3. [14:18] 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. [14:20] Interpellations.
5. [14:52] Questions.
6. [16:03] Questions to the Premier without Notice.
7. [16:30] Statements by Members.
8. [16:55] Response to statements by Members by Mr A R Winde, Premier, Mr D G Mitchell, Minister of Transport and Public Works and Mr A W Bredell, Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning.
9. [17:06] 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. [17:07] Motions without Notice (*in accordance with Standing Rule 150*).
11. Mr R I Allen moved without notice: That the House conveys its heartfelt condolences to the family and loved ones of legendary entertainer and South African icon, Ms Shaleen Surtie-Richards, who passed away on Monday 7 June 2021; notes that Ms Surtie-Richards was born in Upington but was raised in Cape Town and contributed immensely to the South African entertainment industry; appreciates with great admiration and fond memories Ms Surtie-Richards's roles in South African all-time favourite shows such as *Egoli: Place of Gold*, *7de Laan*, *Suidooster*, and her phenomenal performance in the local film *Fiela se Kind*; recognises Ms Surtie-Richards' exceptional career, as well as the more than 40 awards won by her; and further welcomes the Premier's engagement with Ms Surtie-Richards's

family and the decision to request a provincial state funeral for her, which has been agreed to by the President; and notes that Shaleen's legacy will continue to live on in the industry, as well as in the hearts of all South Africans.

Agreed to.

12. Mr F C Christians moved without notice: That the House congratulates Codie Koopman, a grade 2 pupil from Eindhoven Primary school in Delft, notes he is only 7-years old, and that this little hero is seen as a giant in the recycling business in his home suburb of Delft, through his business, Codie supports his family and employs 10 local youngsters; further notes that Codie received an Environmental Hero Award from Pick 'n Pay School Club for the recycling business he started and through his enterprising efforts he is playing a big role in cleaning up the community and the environment; also noting Codie says he was inspired by his one-year old brother; and says, "When he found out that collecting these bottles would make me money, he thought about his family; further notes that he gave the money to his parents so they could buy baby milk and kimbies, coffee and bread", and we salute the entrepreneurial spirit of this young man and wish him well for his future.

Agreed to.

13. Mr R I Allen moved without notice: That the House congratulates the Western Cape Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport on the establishment of 27 mini-libraries across the province for the visually impaired; notes that these libraries are situated mainly in rural areas of the Western Cape and will continue to have a positive impact on each of these communities; supports the work of partner organisations, non-profit organisations and volunteers from all parts of the province who support the extension of these resources to residents; and further notes that the establishment of these libraries is a step towards further inclusion of differently abled individuals in the province.

Agreed to.

14. Mr A P van der Westhuizen moved without notice: That the House congratulates the Department of Agriculture in the Western Cape on being appointed the primary host for the International Symposium in Irrigation of Horticultural Crops in January 2023 in Stellenbosch; notes that this will not only allow us to demonstrate the remarkable diversity of horticulture in our province, but will also bring us in contact with international experts in the optimal use of water for the irrigation of crops; and notes that this is also expected to bring much needed tourism and foreign exchange to this province.

Agreed to.

15. Mr A P van der Westhuizen moved without notice: That the House congratulates the Rooibos Council and the Department of Agriculture of the Western Cape on their successful application to have South African rooibos (or red bush tea) included by the European Union in its register of protected designations of origin; notes that rooibos is the first African food to receive this status and the status will protect the product from being misused by others; and notes that this has direct benefits for all involved in the production and distribution channel of this iconic product from the Cederberg and surrounding areas, considering that the industry already supports 8000 agri employees.

Agreed to.

16. Mr M Kama moved without notice: That the House commends the national criminal justice system for the double life sentence imposed by the Western Cape High Court on Steven Fortune for the 2020 rape and murder on Michaela Williams (12).

Agreed to.

17. The House adjourned at 17:15.

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Acting Secretary to Provincial Parliament