

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

PARLIAMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF THE WESTERN CAPE

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THURSDAY, 2 JUNE 2022

1. The House met at 14:15.
2. The Speaker took the Chair and read the prayer.
3. [14:20] 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. [14:23] The Chief Whip moved without notice: That, notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 20(1), precedence be given to the Matter of Public Importance.

Agreed to.
5. [14:28] The House discussed the following Matter of Public Importance in the name of Hon L J Botha:

The impact of increasing fuel prices and the rate of inflation on the Western Cape economy, poverty and hunger.

Debate concluded.
6. [15:42] Interpellations.
7. [16:43] Questions.
8. [17:44] Statements by Members.
9. [18:08] 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. [18:09] Motions without Notice (*in accordance with Standing Rule 150*).
11. Mr R D Mackenzie moved without notice: That the House sends its most sincere condolences to the victims of the most recent, and continual, incidents of gang violence; notes that our communities are plagued by syndicates and individuals who wish to do harm to residents who only wish to live in a safe environment; and notes that now, more than ever, we need

the South African Police Service to prioritise its resources and to rationalise its deployments so that residents in the Western Cape can live a quality life of safety.

Agreed to.

12. Ms P Z Lekker moved without notice: That the House congratulates feminist, human rights activist, and former Member of Parliament, Professor Gertrude Fester, on the launch of her book *Prisoner V2957/88*; notes that Professor Fester, a former commissioner of the Gender Commission, attended the Harold Cressy High School, the University of Cape Town and later completed her doctorate at the London School of Economics; notes that her thesis was particularly apt for our province, titled: “Women and citizenship struggles: A case of the Western Cape, South Africa 1980–2004”; notes that, in the late 1980s, Professor Fester was detained in solitary confinement for 104 days under the draconian Terrorism Act; notes that she later went on trial with 13 other co-accused for their political activities; notes that, in particular, this book recalls those dark days and her daily experiences in solitary confinement as prisoner V2957/88; thanks Professor Fester for her past contribution to our country’s liberation and her continuous contributions in academia even today; and congratulates her on her latest publication.

Agreed to.

13. Mr R D Mackenzie moved without notice: That the House offers its condolences to the family of Jamie Bartlett who passed away suddenly on Monday 23 May 2022 at the age of 55; notes that he was best known for his roles in beloved programmes such as *Isidingo* and *Rhythm City*; notes that Bartlett’s vibrant career saw him star in multiple local and international television, film, and stage roles for almost four decades; notes that Bartlett also formed part of a generation of artists and dramatists who produced works that satirised and challenged the apartheid regime at the internationally recognised Market Theatre; and notes that Bartlett will be missed by audiences and fellow artists across South Africa and the world.

Agreed to.

14. Mr M K Sayed moved without notice: That the House congratulates a group of seven young and talented people from our province who represented South Africa in Mariefred, Sweden, in this year’s World Children’s Prize Ceremony; notes that this programme, which seeks to empower change-makers in children, advances the equality among people, the rights of children, democracy and sustainable development; notes that this year, Yanga Sobetwa, Thato Nomungeka, Simthandile Sonamizi, Keethan Jurams, Curtley Cerfontein, Carla Williams and Sesethu Ntकिनca performed at the ceremony; notes that it is reported that the 2018 *Idols South Africa* winner, Yanga Sobetwa, was bestowed with the Young Honorary Adult Friend and Patron Award of the World Children’s prize; and notes that, while these young people come from disadvantaged areas in our province, they prove that circumstances do not necessarily have to condemn one to crime and that through determination anyone, with the necessary support, can reach for the stars.

Agreed to.

15. Mr D America moved without notice: That the House welcomes the opening of the Archbishop Desmond Tutu Library in the Swellendam Municipality on 27 May 2022; and congratulates the Western Cape Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport for its support in establishing this library and its continued contributions to the promotion of social cohesion and the celebration of our shared history.

Agreed to.

16. Mr M Xego moved without notice: That the House notes that 29 May to 5 June 2022 marks National Child Protection Week; further notes that this is an important period and a reminder to all of us about the vulnerability of children in this country; notes that in recent times our children have been subjected to physical and emotional abuse, kidnapping and all other sorts of violence directed at them, while others remain homeless; and notes that this time calls for all of us to do everything in our power to protect these children and with every second that passes we must also reach out to those who are homeless and make sure that they have shelter and food and that they attend school and have all the necessary resources that will see them succeed.

Agreed to.

17. Mr M Xego moved without notice: That the House calls on the Western Cape Department of Health to move with speed in renovating and fixing parts of the Vredendal Hospital that burnt down in the early hours of Sunday morning; notes that this incident takes place at a crucial time as we entering the winter season and during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic where most people will seek medical attention in increasing numbers; and further hopes that this incident will not have a huge negative impact when it comes to service delivery in the already struggling health system.

Agreed to.

18. Ms N Makamba-Botya moved without notice: That the House notes that today marks 32 days since baby Kaiisha Meniers was snatched and kidnapped from the hands of her mother on 30 April 2022 at a supermarket in Bishop Lavis; notes that, what is more devastating about this ordeal, there are still no leads as to the whereabouts of the child and this is taking a huge toll on the mother; and calls on the police and all law enforcement institutions to leave no stone unturned in finding baby Kaiisha.

Agreed to.

19. Ms P Z Lekker moved without notice: That the House notes that the month of June is Pride Month; notes that since 1990 the month of June has been recognised for political advocacy protesting against discrimination against LGBT people, the political advocacy against LGBT hate crimes and for the celebration of equality before the law; and stands with the LGBTQI+ community in fighting against all prejudice and discrimination in the community.

Agreed to.

20. Mr M K Sayed moved without notice: That the House welcomes the decision by the Justice and Correctional Services Minister Ronald Lamola to reopen the inquest into the 1969 death of Cape Town anti-apartheid hero and religious leader, Imam Abdullah Haron, who died in police detention on 27 September 1969 in the Caledon Square Police Station in Cape Town after he was held without trial for 122 days in terms of section 6 of the Terrorism Act.

Agreed to.

21. The House adjourned at 18:30.

Ms S Fouché
Acting Secretary to Provincial Parliament