

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

PARLIAMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF THE WESTERN CAPE

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THURSDAY, 2 MARCH 2017

1. The House met at 14:15.
2. The Speaker took the Chair and read the prayer.
3. [14:16] The Speaker made a general announcement regarding the Rules of the House.
4. [14:18] Questions.
5. [14:43] Questions to the Premier without notice.
6. [15:06] Statements by Members.
7. [15:19] The Chief Whip of the Majority Party moved: That in terms of section 6(3)(b) of the *Remuneration of Public Office Bearers Act*, 1998, (Act 20 of 1998) the upper limits of the salary and allowances of the Premier as proclaimed by the President of the Republic of South Africa by Proclamation No 13, 2017, published in *Government Gazette* 40605 of 9 February 2017, be determined as the salary and allowances of the Premier of the Western Cape with effect from 1 April 2016.

Agreed to.

8. [15:25] Mr B D Kivedo moved without notice: That the House expresses its condolences with Mr Allen Paulse, the Municipal Manager of the Oudtshoorn Municipality, and his family for the tragic loss of their 23-year-old son Dino Paulse who died in a motor vehicle crash over the past weekend. May his soul rest in peace.

Agreed to.

9. Mr K E Magaxa moved without notice: That the House commends and welcomes former President Thabo Mbeki as the newly inaugurated chancellor of UNISA, Africa's biggest university, and notes that one of the greatest intellectuals are now giving direction and shaping the future of a truly African university.

Agreed to.

10. Mr N E Hinana moved without notice: That the House commends and congratulates Siphelele Xabendlini, a matriculant from Philippi, for receiving 100% in Physical Science and becoming the top achiever in the Western Cape, and congratulates his school and his parents with such a commendable result.

Agreed to.

11. Mr K E Magaxa moved without notice: That the House expresses its condolences with the family, friends and comrades of retired Western Cape Judge Essa Moosa (81), the human-rights lawyer, activist and giant of social justice, who died on Sunday 26 February 2017; and further notes that Judge Moosa made his mark in the struggle against apartheid as the struggle lawyer who represented activists for free, working with late former Justice Minister Dullah Omar, and understands that until his death he remained a humble and dignified servant of the people and proponent of social justice.

Agreed to.

12. Mr R D Mackenzie moved without notice: That the House congratulates Siyamthanda “Siya” Kolisi, the Stormers’ utility forward, on being elected as captain of the Stormers team, and notes that he led the Stormers to a decisive victory over the Bulls in his first outing as captain on Saturday 25 February 2017.

Agreed to.

13. Mr R T Olivier moved without notice: That the House expresses its condolences with the family, friends and comrades of Helen Kies (91), the struggle stalwart and veteran teacher, who died on Friday 13 January 2017.

Agreed to.

14. Ms M N Gillion moved without notice: That the House, noting that 21 February 2017 marked the centenary of the sinking of the SS Mendi in the English Channel while carrying mostly black troops serving in the SA Native Labour Corps, with the loss of 616 South African soldiers, remembers the fallen heroes, pays tribute to them and their descendants, commends the Western Cape Gunners Association for hosting a ceremony in honour of them, and calls for the establishment of a proper memorial in the Western Cape to honour these fallen soldiers.

Agreed to.

15. Mr D Joseph moved without notice: That the House congratulates Denise Marais of Heidelberg on achieving the first position in the South African Karaoke Championships on 10 December 2016.

Agreed to.

16. Ms P Z Lekker moved without notice: That the House, noting with concern the attacks on places of worship like mosques in the province, which started with the smearing of blood at Kalk Bay Mosque and followed by the placing of a pig snout at the entrance of Simon’s Town Mosque, unreservedly condemns such heinous acts and calls for religious tolerance.

Agreed to.

17. Mr B D Kivedo moved without notice: That the House notes the reprehensible incident in which Corné Geysers was seriously injured by a fellow learner, an unscrupulous bully, at the Primary School Parow West, and demands that appropriate steps be taken against the perpetrator.

Agreed to.

18. Ms L J Botha moved without notice: That the House congratulates the P W de Bruin Primary School at Lamberts Bay with the improvement – an improvement of 14,4% in Grade 6 and an improvement of 34% in Grade 9 – in its systemic test results.

Agreed to.

19. Ms P Makeleni moved without notice: That the House congratulates Charne Ruiters, a 13-year-old orphaned girl from the Belmor Primary School in Hanover Park, on becoming the fifth learner from the school to be accepted at the prestigious Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy for Girls, wishes her well for her future, and commends the Academy for the great job it is doing to brighten the future of young girls in this country.

Agreed to.

20. Ms M M Wenger moved without notice: That the House expresses condolences with the friends and family of Mr Thulani Mbali (20), cousin of Hon MPL Mnqasela, who was tragically killed in Philippi on 12 February 2017. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Agreed to.

21. Mr B D Kivedo moved without notice: That the House pays tribute to Joost van der Westhuizen, the Springbok rugby legend, who passed away recently as a result of motor neuron disease. May his soul rest in peace and may his loved ones be consoled.

Agreed to.

22. Mr R T Olivier moved without notice: That the House congratulates Conrad Strydom (Hermanus High School), Christine Vivier (De Kuilen High School) and Hannah Clayton (Rustenburg Girls' High School), all in the Western Cape, for being the best performing learners in the matriculation examination in 2016 in the country.

Agreed to.

23. Ms B A Schäfer moved without notice: That the House welcomes the establishment of another facility by the Czech company PEGAS Nonwovens and for investing R1,3 billion in the poverty-stricken community that will see the creation of 200 jobs.

Agreed to.

24. Mr R D Mackenzie moved without notice: That the House gives recognition to the late Dr Ben Dehaeck who died on 24 February 2017; Dr Dehaeck, who came to South Africa in the 1970s from Belgium, made a great contribution to the theatre by establishing the Breughel Theatre Group at the Cloetesville High School, Stellenbosch, in the early 1980s and by cultivating a love for drama, especially among the youth.

Agreed to.

25. Ms L J Botha moved without notice: That the House congratulates Wilbert Nyaniso, Julian Smith and Juan Owies, learners at the PW de Bruin Primary School at Lamberts Bay, with their participation in the National Drama Competition at the Woordfees on Saturday 4 March 2017.

Agreed to.

26. Mr M Mnqasela moved without notice: That the House expresses heartfelt condolences with the family and friends of Glenton Links who drowned tragically on 26 February 2017, and also expresses condolences with the community of Theewaterskloof. May his soul rest in peace.

Agreed to.

27. Ms P Z Lekker moved without notice: That the House, noting the inroads the SAPS has made in the fight against drugs and gangsterism in the province with the arrests of prominent gang leaders, the confiscation of large caches of illegal firearms, ammunition and the seizure of drugs worth millions, calls on them to do more to clear our communities of the scourge of drugs and crime.

Agreed to.

28. Ms L J Botha moved without notice: That the House condemns the robbing of a SASSA pay point this morning in Bonteheuwel.

Agreed to.

29. Mr B D Kivedo moved without notice: That the House expresses sincere condolences with Prof John Volmick, Vice-Chancellor of CPUT, and his family after the tragic passing away of their son J J Volmick in a car crash over the weekend. May his soul rest in peace.

Agreed to.

30. Ms L J Botha moved without notice: That the House expresses condolences with the wife and children of Mr Abraham Barnies, a community leader of Citrusdal, who lost his life in a horrific crash on a farm road.

Agreed to.

31. Ms T M Dijana moved without notice: That the House notes with concern the water crisis in the province with dam levels below 30%, and encourages residents to use water sparingly.

Agreed to.

32. Ms M N Gillion moved without notice: That the House lauds the national government for its decision to lift the ban on HIV self-testing kits and allowing it to be sold at more accessible places, like pharmacies, as a very progressive step in the fight against the spread of the scourge, and calls on residents of the province to take advantage of this new development.

Agreed to.

33. Mr M Mnqasela moved without notice: That the House congratulates the Overberg district with its outstanding performance in the 2016 matriculation examination, and commends the learners and teachers for this excellent achievement.

Agreed to.

34. Ms L J Botha moved without notice: That the House notes with concern the collapse of a roof on the fifth floor at the Charlotte Maxeke Hospital this afternoon.

Agreed to.

35. Ms N D Nkondlo moved without notice: That the House lauds the agreement reached between the Solms-Delta Wine Estate with the national government in terms of which the farm's workers will own 45% of the business, including the brand and land.

Agreed to.

36. Mr M Mngasela moved without notice: That the House congratulates Conrad Strydom, a matriculant at the Hermanus High School, for becoming South Africa's overall top achiever in 2016 with a 98% overall average, and also congratulates his teachers and parents for the support they gave him.

Agreed to.

37. Mr M Mngasela moved without notice: That the House congratulates Etienne du Toit, Deputy Director of the Fire Brigade Service of the Overstrand Municipality and his team, for their exceptional planning and execution of all air operations between November and January every year.

Agreed to.

38. The House adjourned at 16:05.

Dr G A LAWRENCE
Secretary to Provincial Parliament