

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

PARLIAMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF THE WESTERN CAPE

THURSDAY, 20 AUGUST 2020

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 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. [15:23] Questions.
6. [16:30] Questions to the Premier without notice.
7. [16:52] Statements by Members.
8. [17:15] Response to statements by Members by Ms D A Schäfer, Minister of Education.
9. [17:20] Motions with Notice.
10. [17:27] Mr F C Christians moved without notice: That the House thanks everyone for their contribution in helping the most vulnerable during this time; especially thanks those who opened their households for the poorest and vulnerable in their communities; notes that we have seen a lot of soup kitchens, feeding schemes and other types of donations, especially in Bonteheuwel, Athlone, Mitchells Plain and Manenberg; and thanks all those who contributed.

Agreed to.

11. Ms L J Botha moved without notice: That the House extends its sincere condolences to the family and friends of Leo Williams who was shot during a service-delivery protest and died on Monday 17 August 2020; notes with great concern that an innocent life was lost due to civil unrest and condemns protests of this nature; our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.

Agreed to.

12. Ms L J Botha moved without notice: That the House together with me conveys condolences to Maritza Muller, wife of Gershwin Muller of Piketberg; notes that Gershwin Muller was a sergeant with the SAPD and that Sergeant Miller had served the community of Piketberg as a police officer since May 2003; further notes that Sergeant Muller leaves behind four young children, namely Tamryn, Isabella, Emma and Liam; further notes that Sergeant Miller lost his battle against the COVID-10 infection on Monday night 17 August; also conveys condolences to Colonel Zimba, Station Commander of the SAPD Piketberg, because this station has lost an SAPD member who was a true servant.

Agreed to.

13. Mr M K Sayed moved without notice: That the House notes that the expanded searching in adverse conditions has not led to the Hout Bay community getting any sign of the missing 3-year-old boy Anothando Mhlobo who disappeared a week ago.

Agreed to.

14. Mr M Xego moved without notice: That the House notes that on Tuesday 18 August 2020 a number of homes were blown away and damaged as the result of strong winds accompanied by rain and inclement weather; further notes that this disaster was mostly experienced by those residing in townships and informal settlements where roofs were blown away in areas such as Luzuko in Philippi East and Dunoon, while other areas such as Khayelitsha, Nomzamo, Strand, Marikana and others also experienced flooding as residents were forced out of their homes and into the streets; and hopes that the City of Cape Town and the Western Cape Government, together with their disaster risk management structures, will attend to the matter and assist these residents.

Agreed to.

15. Mr R I Allen moved without notice: That the House notes the 19 drug-related arrests that have been made by the metropolitan police over the course of last week; further notes that this has led to the confiscation of several parcels of illegal substances that would have made its way to our communities; and commends the contribution of law enforcement officers in fighting crime in the Western Cape.

Agreed to.

16. Ms R Windvogel moved without notice: That the House notes that Leo Williams, a 9-year-old boy from St Helena Bay, died in the Red Cross Memorial Children's Hospital after he was shot in the head in his home town during unrest on 31 July and that the life support machines were turned off on Monday; and sends a message of consolation to his family and friends.

Agreed to.

17. Ms N Makamba-Botya moved without notice: That the House notes that the University of Cape Town's Geological Sciences Department has begun a project translating segments of the country's geological record into the South African native languages; further notes that the first project titled "Ukuthetha ngezifundo zomhlaba ngesiXhosa" aims to represent the diversity of languages in South Africa better and to help transform the scientific discourse, which is currently exclusionary; further notes that this project is a step in the right direction and that it is time South Africans also engage and study various discourses in their native languages, which they better understand; and notes that projects such as this one should be encouraged as they add to the transformation of the South African education system.

Agreed to.

18. Ms G Bakaubaku-Vos moved without notice: That the House notes that Rev Kobus Potgieter, former moderator of the general synod of the Dutch Reformed Church, died of COVID-19-related problems; and notes that he was the oldest surviving clergy member of his denomination at 99 years of age.

Agreed to.

19. Mr M Xego moved without notice: that the House notes with sadness the passing away of veteran sports journalist Sbusiso Mseleku; further notes that Mr Mseleku passed away on Monday 17 August at the age of 59 from complications after contracting COVID-19; further notes that he will always be remembered as a legendary mainstay sports analysis journalist who worked for several media organisations, including *The Sowetan*, *Lumumba Sports*, the SABC and *City Press*, where he was the sports editor; and notes that his spirited commitment and passion for sports journalism lead to his establishment of his very own digital platform, Mseleku Sports; may his soul rest in peace.

Agreed to.

20. Mr C M Dugmore moved without notice: That the House commends all Knysna locals who banded together from all sides to transform an old refuse dumpsite into a vegetable garden for poor communities.

Agreed to.

21. Ms N D Nkondlo moved without notice: That the House thinks of the large number of workers who lost their jobs due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and notes that the posh hotel Lord Charles in Somerset West will be closing down after 32 years of operations and will lay off all workers.

Agreed to.

22. Ms W F Philander moved without notice: That the House congratulates Ms Heidi Blaauw of the Heideveld Day Hospital for her exceptional and dedicated service to the community she serves; and further notes that the provincial Department of Health's efforts to deliver medication to thousands of patients at home during this time and the excellent dedication of the staff to this cause.

Agreed to.

23. Mr M Kama moved without notice: That the House notes that a man who had allegedly repeatedly raped his own daughter and granddaughter appeared in the Cape High Court on 20 counts on Monday; and commend the SAPS for arresting him in February after the abduction and murder of an Elsie's River victim.

Agreed to.

24. Ms L M Maseko moved without notice: That the House notes the constitutional imperative for all spheres of government to address past injustices through meaningful redress and the building of social cohesion and trust through democratic processes.

Agreed to.

25. Mr M Kama moved without notice: That the House notes that two assailants attacked the Ruth Flats in Manenberg on Tuesday killing two men (aged 22 and 25 years) and wounding three other people before fleeing the scene; calls on investigators to up their efforts to bring these criminals to book; also notes that the killers of a 60-year-old Parkwood woman, who was shot in her car, are also still fleeing; and further notes that the police raided a Manenberg house on Wednesday and arrested a suspect gang member (27) who was sought for murder and attempted murder and also found drugs, an assault rifle and illegal ammunition.

Agreed to.

26. Ms W F Philander moved without notice: That the House condemns violence in all its forms and the destruction of public property.

Agreed to.

27. Ms R Windvogel moved without notice: That the House notes that Prof Saliem Abdool Kariem, chairperson of the ministerial advice committee on COVID-19, urges all South Africans to adhere strictly to preventative actions or to expect the killer pandemic to rebound and to result in even stricter controls being implemented.

Agreed to.

28. Ms G Bakaubaku-Vos moved without notice: That the House notes that a 6-year-old is one of the latest victims of rape in Grabouw; congratulates the SAPS on the immediate arrests; and calls on the authorities to ensure that the alleged perpetrator, who is a possible neighbour, does not get bail or parole.

Agreed to.

29. Mr L L Mvimbi moved without notice: That the House notes that five Golden Arrow busses have been burned out over the weekend in Cape Town unrest; and pleads with commuters and protesters to identify and report these criminals, who are destroying poor people's transport, to the police.

Agreed to.

30. Ms A Bans moved without notice: That the House commends the beautiful work done by Mohamed and his team at the Karoo Outreach Project by providing weekly meals to the community of Hillside; and notes and thanks Shayk Irfaan Abraham and his delegation from Muslim Judicial Council (MJC) for supporting this initiative that is helping the needy.

Agreed to

31. [18:07] FIRST ORDER

Consideration of Report of the Standing Committee on Education on an Oversight visit to the Jakes Gerwel Technical High School conducted on 15 November 2019 (See Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, No 64, dated 17 August 2020, p 190).

Declarations of vote made on behalf of the ANC, EFF, GOOD, ACDP, FF Plus, Al Jama-ah and DA.

Question put: That the Report of the Standing Committee on Education on an Oversight visit to the Jakes Gerwel Technical High School conducted on 15 November 2019 be adopted.

Question agreed to.

The Report accordingly adopted.

32. The House adjourned at 18:15.

ROMEO ADAMS
Secretary to the Provincial Parliament