

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

PARLIAMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF THE WESTERN CAPE

THURSDAY, 23 JULY 2020

1. The House met at 14:15.
2. The Speaker took the Chair and read the prayer.
3. [14:16] [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 and the hybrid format of the sitting.
4. [14:18] The Chief Whip moved without notice: That, notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 20(1), precedence be given to the Order of the Day.
Agreed to.
5. [14:30] Introduction and First Reading – *Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation (Covid-19) Bill* (2020/21) Financial year [B 4–2020] (Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities).

The Minister of Finance delivered his speech to introduce the *Western Cape Adjustments Appropriation (Covid-19) Bill* (2020/21 Financial year) [B 4–2020].

Bill read a first time.

The introductory speech, the Bill and all the papers tabled were referred to the relevant committees for consideration and report.
6. [15:00] Interpellation
7. [15:26] Questions.
8. [16:36] Statements by Members.
9. [16:58] Motions with Notice

10. [17:05] Mr F C Christians moved without notice: That the House consoles the family of Lunamandla Sithonga, a Grade 6 learner at the Eastville Primary School in Mitchells Plain, who went missing on 9 July 2020; and notes that little Lunamandla Sithonga was last seen by her mother, Anela Jack, boarding her learner transport in front of their Site B home in Khayelitsha.

Agreed to.

11. Mr M Kama moved without notice: That the House notes that South Africa's rugby captain, Siya Kolisi, has been named as world ambassador in the fight against women abuse and violence; also notes that this appointment was made by the United Nations' Secretary General Antonio Guterres at the Nelson Mandela Day lecture and celebrations over the weekend; notes too that it forms part of the United Nations Spotlight Initiative to engage other men in fighting the global scourge of violence against women and girls; and pledges our support for the fight against this pandemic that threatens our mothers, sisters and daughters.

Agreed to.

12. Ms N Makamba-Botya moved without notice: That the House notes the tragic passing away of the award-winning rugby commentator and former junior Springbok captain, Kaunda Ntunja; notes that Kaunda passed away on Monday 20 July 2020; notes that his passing comes just four days after he buried his father on Thursday 16 July 2020; notes that Ntunja gained popularity in South African rugby through his work as a formidable anchor of the SuperSport Xhosa commentary team; notes that his animated commentary nuanced with popular Xhosa poetic phrases and expression made him a household name in South Africa as he delivered rugby right into people's homes; and conveys our heartfelt condolences to his family, friends and colleagues; may his soul rest in peace.

Agreed to.

13. Mr R I Allen moved without notice: That the House welcomes the Neighbourhood Watch Safety Improvement Project that was launched on Saturday 11 July 2020 by the provincial Department of Community Safety in Khayelitsha; notes that the project aims to advocate social distancing, to encourage the use of protective equipment and to create awareness of community compliance with safety protocols; and especially welcomes the ability of neighbourhood watches to patrol during the new curfew to promote the safety for our residents.

Agreed to.

14. Mr M Xego moved without notice: That the House joins the country in celebrating a life well-lived: the life of Isitwalandwe Andrew Mlangeni who passed away at the age of 95 on Wednesday morning; notes that Baba Mlangeni's passing away represents the end of a long era characterised by selfless, courageous and morally upright freedom fighters; notes that he was one of the first combatants of umKhonto weSizwe, a generation that took arms against a murderous racist apartheid regime; notes that he was last of the Rivonia Trial accused who were found guilty and sentenced to life imprisonment for taking up arms against the regime; notes that, despite the sacrifice he made, Baba Mlangeni never felt entitled to any state positions or benefits, noting that he was part of a generation that took a vow to fight and realise freedom in their lifetime; and further notes that we, as the EFF, take him as essential inspiration and aspiration; may his soul rest in peace.

Agreed to

15. Ms L M Maseko moved without notice: That the House notes with sadness the death of Chantelle Matthews (8) of Hillside, Grabouw; notes that she died after stepping on an open, live wire, the result of illegal electricity connections, while playing with her friends; sends our deepest condolences to her family, friends and loved ones; and further wishes a speedy recovery to her younger sister, Chante (7), who sustained electrical burns on her hands while trying to pull her sister away from the live wire.

Agreed to.

16. Ms N Makamba-Botya moved without notice: That the House takes notice of the recovery of the 93-year-old Catherine Dorothy Newman from COVID-19; notes that Auntie Dorothy (as she is affectionately known) was born in 1926 in Claremont, and over the last nine years she has been a resident of Huis Nuweland (a home for the elderly); notes that she started not feeling well on the 2 June and upon testing it later transpired that she had tested positive of COVID-19; notes that her health deteriorated over time and she was admitted to Groote Schuur Hospital and later transferred to the Cape Town International Convention Centre hospital where she was cared for until she was fully recovered; notes that Auntie Dorothy remains the oldest survivor of COVID-19; and wishes her well and thanks the medical staff at those two hospitals, and also the care givers at Huis Nuweland, for their continuous hard work.

Agreed to.

17. Mr G Bosman moved without notice: That the House extends its sincerest condolences to the families and loved ones of the 8-year-old girl, Abedah Paulse, who drowned in the Vygieskraal canal in Athlone; and further extends condolences to the family and loved ones of Mr Yusuf Kiriboto who bravely attempted to save Abedah, but also tragically passed away.

Agreed to.

18. Ms D M Baartman moved without notice: That the House expresses its heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of 7-year-old Dameon and 5-year-old Kaylie de Vries, the young children of André and Odete de Vries, who tragically drowned in a dam on the farm Vlooiakraal in the Baardskeerdersbos area near Gansbaai on Sunday 19 July; and prays that André and Odete, their families and friends find solace and strength during these trying times of bereavement.

Agreed to.

19. Mr M Xego moved without notice: That the House notes with excitement the beheading of the statue of the colonial past par excellence, Cecil John Rhodes, at the Rhodes Memorial site; notes that we, as the EFF, have been calling on the government to remove these colonial and apartheid symbols for the longest time because they continue to inflict untold pain and suffering on the families of those who have for centuries been violated by the murderous people who are represented by these symbols; notes that the decapitation of Cecil Rhodes is the reminder that revolution “is not like an apple that falls when it’s ripe, you have to make it fall”, as Che Guevara put it; and further calls for the removal of all colonial symbols and the changing of all town and street names across the Western Cape.

Agreed to.

20. Ms N D Nkondlo moved without notice: That the House notes and calls on the provincial Department of Economic Development to investigate and report to the Ad-hoc Committee on the impact of COVID-19 on the local and regional economies in the province; and further presents the protective measures and the economic recovery plans that are in place to support these economies during and post COVID-19 period.

Agreed to.

21. Ms L J Botha moved without notice: That the House extends sincere condolences to the family and friends of former Councillor Jacobus Stephanus, affectionately known as Oom Apie Richer; notes that he served the Berg River community from 2001 to 2006 and served two full terms as a ward committee member; and sincerely appreciates his service to the community; our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Agreed to.

22. Mr M Kama moved without notice: That the House sends condolences to the family, friends and comrades of Mncedisi Mbolekwa, Popcru secretary in the Western Cape, who died of COVID-19-related problems.

Agreed to.

23. Mr A P van der Westhuizen moved without notice: That the House extends deepest sympathies to Minister Anroux Marais, her family and loved ones after the passing away of her mother, Miemie Strydom; notes that Mrs Strydom passed away last night at the age of 96 and was cared for by Minister Marais in her last years; wishes the Minister and her family much strength and comfort at this time.

Agreed to.

24. Mr R I Allen moved without notice: That the House strongly condemns the surge of attacks on public facilities and infrastructure in the metropolitan area over the last couple of days; further calls for urgent public order to be restored and for a strong message against the destruction of property to be sent out; and notes that these attacks not only hamper the continuation of services and have serious financial implications, but also compromise the safety of workers and residents.

Agreed to.

25. Mr M Kama moved without notice: That the House commends the SAPS and the Stellenbosch University for swift action after a Matie medical student appeared in court on Friday after having been accused of the sexual assault of a fellow student; and notes that the suspect is out on bail until his next appearance in court pending further investigation.

Agreed to.

26. Mr G Bosman moved without notice: That the House applauds the efforts of the Cape Town-based non-profit organisation, Ladles of Love, which set a new world record on Mandela Day, 18 July 2020, by making the most sandwiches in an hour: the record is now 304 583; and further applauds the efforts of this charitable organisation and its volunteers for providing over 3,7 million meals to vulnerable individuals.

Agreed to.

27. Ms L J Botha moved without notice: That the House acknowledges the extraordinary and innovative measures taken by the Oaklands Secondary School and the Groenvlei Secondary School to welcome learners safely under the new normal conditions; notes that both schools have gone far beyond what is required; and thanks all staff members for their efforts.

Agreed to.

28. Ms L J Botha moved without notice: That the House congratulates Megan Amon who obtained a Bachelor in Pharmacy Studies from the University of the Western Cape; and wishes her everything of the best in her future endeavours.

Agreed to.

29. Mr M Kama moved without notice: That the House commends the South African Police Service for the speedy arrest this week of a 24-year-old murder suspect after the death of Gaylin Cupido, a 6-year-old Kraaifontein girl, who was hit by a stray bullet in a weekend gang shooting, and for bringing him to the Blue Downs court.

Agreed to.

30. Ms W F Philander moved without notice: That the House welcomes the City of Cape Town's new mobile testing units, as well as their expansion of clinic facilities across the metropolitan area, in an effort to manage the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic in the metropolitan area better.

Agreed to.

31. Mr D G Mitchell moved without notice: That the House notes that our provincial Traffic Chief, Kenny Africa, will begin his retirement this month after 46 years of outstanding service; wishes Mr Africa well in his much-deserved retirement; and thanks him for the immense contribution that he made to our provincial Traffic Department in keeping residents safe.

Agreed to.

32. Mr A P van der Westhuizen moved without notice: That the House notes the outstanding work done by the Rhedelinghuys Farm and Neighbourhood Watch on the West Coast in protecting our farmers and rural communities; further recognises that, with the increase in farms attacks and violence in communities, our key priority remains that all citizens be protected.

Agreed to.

33. Ms L J Botha moved without notice: That the House strongly condemns the burning of parts of the Marconi Beam Primary School and the Sinenjongo High School; and notes that the cut to the EIG grant and these senseless attacks pose further threats to the educational services.

Agreed to.

34. Ms R Windvogel moved without notice: That the House notes that the Barrydale community picketed against gender-based violence and femicide outside the Swellendam magistrate's court this week where a 37-year-old man appeared after the body of a 14-year-old girl was found at the Barrydale dumping site on Saturday.

Agreed to.

35. Mr M K Sayed moved without notice: That the House notes the strong perception that the WCED only decontaminates a school where COVID-19-positive cases have been reported after a fight with parents and the public; further notes that the Vooruitsig Primary School in Darling had two positive cases and 18 people were in isolation, with half of the staff absent due to the coronavirus pandemic; and notes that at schools, such as at the Paul Joubert Secondary School in Paarl, spraying and fogging is done while the learners are in the same classrooms.

Agreed to.

36. Mr C M Dugmore moved without notice: That the House extends its thanks to all those COVID-19 survivors for sharing their brave stories with the Ad-hoc Committee of how they contracted the virus and how they overcome it with the help and support of their families and health workers; and encourages others to do the same.

Agreed to.

37. Mr C M Dugmore moved without notice: That the House takes note that the Kannaland Mayor, comrade Aunty Mac Barry, is currently in ICU after having contracted the COVID-19 disease; and wishes her a speedy recovery.

38. The House adjourned at 17:40.

ROMEO ADAMS
Secretary to the Provincial Parliament