

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

PARLIAMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF THE WESTERN CAPE

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FRIDAY, 23 OCTOBER 2020

1. The House met at 09:00.
2. The Deputy Speaker took the Chair and read the prayer.
3. [09:04] The Deputy 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. [09:06] FIRST ORDER
Debate on the Premier's Address.
Debate concluded.
5. [10:40] SECOND ORDER
Consideration of Report of the Standing Committee on Social Development on the Social Assistance Amendment Bill [B 8B–2018] (NCOP), dated 13 October 2020 (see Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, No 85, dated 16 October 2020, p 292). (Ratification of final mandate.)
Declarations of vote made on behalf of the ANC, EFF, GOOD, FF Plus, and DA.
Abstain: Christians, F C (ACDP).
Question put: That the Report of the Standing Committee on Social Development on Social Assistance Amendment Bill [B 8B–2018] (NCOP), dated 13 October 2020 be adopted.
Question agreed to.
The Report accordingly adopted.
6. [10:51] Interpellation.
7. [11:03] Questions.
8. [12:03] Statements by Members.
9. [12:24] Motions with Notice.

10. [12:33] Mr F C Christians moved without notice: That the House congratulates The Justice Desk's (TJD) Mbokodo Club on completing two years of educating girl survivors of sexual abuse and gender-based violence (GBV) in Nyanga; notes that the TJD has been active in Nyanga for the past two years and that they focus on self-defence and fitness, female empowerment and leadership, and providing access to mental healthcare support for girls between the ages of 9 and 19; further notes that Jessica Dewhurst, the CEO of TJD, stated that watching the incredible transformation of these girls was truly amazing; further notes that Dewhurst is of the opinion that the only way to dismantle the drivers of GBV is to challenge the patriarchal societal norms; further notes that one of the unnamed survivors said that she now knows that they, as woman and children, should speak out if they are abused and that they don't have to shrink themselves to make others feel big around them or with them; and notes that if there were more organisation such as TJD where women empower themselves, there would be less GBV in South Africa.

Agreed to.

11. Mr B G Herron moved without notice: That the House extends heartfelt congratulations to doctors Cherise Domingo and Riyad Dunn, two outstanding South Africans from Cape Town, for their remarkable achievements in science and technology; notes that doctors Domingo and Dunn will be keynote speakers at the FormLabs User Global Summit next week, which celebrates innovators who are shaping the future of manufacturing, from desktop printing to digital factories; further notes that Cherise and Riyad established Africa Makes 3D Printing for Development and have pioneered 3D printing for the benefit of the health sector in Africa – overcoming the challenges of affordable access to healthcare products – under the motto “Made for Africa. Made in Africa”; further notes that Cherise and Riyad embrace 3D printing as the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR) technology that will drive the future of emerging economies; and notes that they are demonstrating the true meaning of 4IR right here from Cape Town: innovation and how to harness technology to make a business and to make a profound impact on lives across the African continent.

Agreed to.

12. Ms N Makamba-Botya moved without notice: That the House notes that the Matieland post office situated in the Neelsie student centre on the University of Stellenbosch campus refuses that residents collect their R350 COVID-19 social assistance grants there; further notes that the post office placed a notice on its doors referring these poor residents to areas such as Paarl, Somerset West, Eerste River and Kuils River without any valid explanation; further notes that this comes after it was reported that certain white people on the campus were uncomfortable with the presence of a number of black people queuing in that post office to collect their grants; further notes that this is the only post office in the Stellenbosch area and that the other alternative areas proposed are very far for these poor and vulnerable residents who cannot even afford travelling fares; and condemns this racist behaviour in the strongest terms.

Agreed to.

13. Mr R I Allen moved without notice: That the House extends its sincere condolences to the family of the late Colonel Charl Kinnear; notes that his death is a loss not only to his family but also to the entire safety fraternity in our province; and calls for this case to be dealt with at the level of seriousness it deserves; our thoughts and prayers are with his family and his colleagues.

Agreed to

14. Ms N Makamba-Botya moved without notice: That the House notes the robbery that took place at the Khayelitsha Art School & Rehabilitation Centre on Saturday 10 October 2020; further notes that six gunman entered the theatre and held more than 40 children and their director hostage inside the premises; further notes that the gunmen subsequently robbed everyone in the building of their belongings and left them traumatised; further notes that one child with special needs had to be rushed to hospital as a result of heart complications due to the traumatic experience of that incident; further notes that the director of the theatre has since left the province and went into hiding due to the ongoing threats from these criminals; and calls on law enforcement authorities to intervene in the escalating crime in our townships.

Agreed to.

15. Ms L M Maseko moved without notice: That the House notes with sadness the passing away of Dr Anwah Nagia; further notes that Dr Nagia served as the chairperson of the District Six Beneficiary and Redevelopment Trust and that he was the founder of the District Six Museum, the Al Kaaf Human Rights Centre and the Palestine Museum; further notes that the District Six Beneficiary and Redevelopment Trust has championed the cause of claimants since its establishment in 1998; further notes that he was also the chairperson of multiple NGOs, which include the Mustadafin Foundation, which feeds approximately 1,2 million people a year and is one of the largest relief and feeding schemes in the country; further notes that Dr Nagia established learnerships for adult basic education in clothing factories in the 1980s and that he was the deputy chairperson of the Western Cape Nursing Council in the mid-1990s; further notes that he fought for the protection of the Woodstock and Somerset hospitals for the continued use of those facilities by their communities; further notes that Dr Nagia was an anti-apartheid activist, businessman and an important member of the Islamic community; further notes that he dedicated his life to uplifting others, serving his community and fighting for the dignity and human rights of former District Six residents; extends our sincere condolences to the friends, colleagues and family of Dr Anwah Nagia; and commends his dedication to the residents of our province.

Agreed to.

16. Ms D M Baartman moved without notice: That the House expresses its sincerest and heartfelt condolences to the family, friends, and loved ones of the late Professor Daniel Plaatjies, who passed away on Saturday 10 October 2020; notes that Professor Plaatjies served as the esteemed chairperson of the Financial and Fiscal Commission since 2017 and that he was a towering figure in the academic field and a dedicated civil servant whose advice and council on public policy, finance and governance were of great value to both this province and the country; commends the legacy of Professor Plaatjies as the founder of the Rosemead Institute, as the former head of the School of Governance at the University of the Witwatersrand and as someone who played a fundamental role in the establishment of the South African Social Security Agency; acknowledges with utmost respect that Professor Plaatjies was furthermore an executive civil servant and researcher at public institutions, such as the National Treasury and the Human Sciences Research Council; pays tribute to Professor Plaatjies as a dedicated individual who worked for the good of his country and truly understood the challenges that South Africa faces; and notes that he dedicated his life to facing those challenges in a dedicated effort for the upliftment of all.

Agreed to.

17. Mr C M Dugmore moved without notice: That the House commends President Ramaphosa for his speech in which he outlined South Africa's Economic Reconstruction and Recovery Plan; and further supports the key objectives of the plan, which are: to create jobs (primarily through aggressive infrastructure investment and mass employment programmes), to re-industrialise our economy (focusing on growing small business), to accelerate economic reforms to unlock investment and growth, to fight crime and corruption and to improve the capability of the state.

Agreed to.

18. Mr D G Mitchell moved without notice: That the House notes the tragic passing away of the Provincial Traffic Officer, Willis Smith, who lost his life while in service of Provincial Traffic in Worcester; extends sincerest condolences to the Smith family, friends and loved ones of Officer Smith; acknowledges that Officer Smith was a dedicated official who is described as respectable, obedient and one who was committed to serving others; and calls for a swift and thorough investigation while noting that a case of culpable homicide has been registered.

Agreed to.

19. Mr L L Mvimbi moved without notice: That the House notes that some of the most horrific road crashes took place during the past month: four people died on the N1 in a head-on truck collision between Three Sisters and Beaufort West; seven people died in a crash between a bakkie and a car on the N2 on Saturday between Riviersonderend and Storms River (a baby is one of the injured had been taken to hospital); a 27-year-old traffic officer died on his way to a crash scene near Worcester when his car also crashed and two other people died and a third was critically injured; and calls for a new provincial strategy to be investigated before the upcoming peak season.

Agreed to.

20. Ms W F Philander moved without notice: That the House notes the average of a 10% increase in COVID-19 cases across the country; recognises that a resurgence of COVID-19 is defined by the national Department of Health as an increase of more than 20% in new cases over a seven-day period; further notes that the Western Cape has recorded an increase of 13,65% of COVID-19 cases over the past seven days, which does not constitute a resurgence per definition; welcomes the provincial government's ongoing data-led strategy to manage hotspot and bushfire locations; acknowledges that there has been no increase in the positivity rate recorded in hospital admissions in the Western Cape and that the province's recovery rate exceeded 90% at its peak; further welcomes the transparency of the Western Cape Government in its distribution of data and critical information to all residents; calls on other provinces to emulate the Western Cape's transparency and data-driven strategy, and for national Minister of Health, Dr Zweli Mkhize, to ensure the compliance of all provinces in this regard; and urges residents to remain vigilant and committed to the "Five Golden Rules" in order to limit the spread of COVID-19 by wearing a mask, by washing your hands regularly, by maintaining physical distancing, by avoiding crowded places, by staying at home if you are feeling ill and by calling the relevant COVID-19 hotline for additional support.

Agreed to.

21. Ms L J Botha moved without notice: That the House wishes all matric learners well in their National Senior Certificate (NCS) examination which has begun on 21 October but will begin for all candidates on 5 November 2020; notes that this is the largest examination to be administered during these unprecedented circumstances; and encourages all Grade 12 learners to #CommitToFinish as obtaining one's NSC opens many opportunities.

Agreed to.

22. Ms M Kama moved without notice: That the House notes the great successes achieved by the police in the battle against crime and commends the SAPS and all agencies on: finding back R5 million worth of stolen jewellery, 12 cellphones and cash in Bellville South and Stikland and arrest two suspects; arresting a Pacaltsdorp man for murder after stabbing his pregnant girlfriend several times; a Marina da Gama couple was attacked on Saturday: the 65-year-old Francis Carter was stabbed to death and her 71-year-old husband, William, survived despite being shot in the abdomen; a man was caught near Dunoon for having a bag with twelve illegal hand guns; two Kraaifontein suspects, a 17-year-old and an 18-year-old, appeared in court on Monday after Duran Visagie (11) got hit in the head by a stray gang bullet and the life-support machines had to be switched off (four kids were helped with donor organs); new information given by an eye witness was received about the controversial relationship between boys of the posh school Bishops and former teacher Fiona Viotti; three people (including a pastor and his fiancée) appeared in the George court for a 2018 knife murder of a 25-year-old woman on whose life a R3 million policy was taken out; the 25-year-old rapist of a 8-year-old neighbour's child was sentenced in the Bellville court to 15 years in jail; two male suspects appeared in the Bellville court after two Oak Glen sisters (aged 83 and 76) were attacked and robbed; and wishes the police godspeed and community support in executing its task.

Agreed to.

23. Mr R I Allen moved without notice: That the House commends the Department of Community Safety for the launch of one of its three K9 units, with the first on the West Coast; welcomes the successful deployment over 400 learner law enforcement officers as part of the Law Enforcement Advancement Programme (LEAP); and acknowledges these interventions by the provincial Department of Community Safety that supplement and enhance the role of the South African Police Service to build a safer Western Cape for its residents.

Agreed to.

24. Ms A Bans moved without notice: That the House notes the development plans to change the soon-to-be-redundant Newlands rugby stadium into a residential complex for more than 1 000 students.

Agreed to.

25. Ms L J Botha moved without notice: That the House congratulates the former principal of the Harold Cressy High School, Victor Ritchie, on his 90th birthday; acknowledges the excellent role that he played in the education as the principal of the Harold Cressy High School for 37 years; notes that Mr Ritchie also received an honorary degree in Education from the University of Cape Town, along with many other awards and accolades during his career; commends Mr Ritchie for his exemplary leadership; and wishes him a happy birthday.

Agreed to.

26. Mr P Marran moved without notice: That the House notes that more evictions of farm workers and other residents are continuing to take place despite restrictions against it, such as the recent dumping of people next to a Kraaifontein road.

Agreed to.

27. Mr R I Allen moved without notice: That the House welcomes the reopening of Zeitz Museum of Contemporary Art Africa; calls on local artists to participate free of charge in the reopening exhibition; notes that every participant will receive an admission ticket to use in the museum for a period of three months; and welcomes the platform created for local artists, collectors and other artistic and creative individuals.

Agreed to.

28. Ms A Bans moved without notice: That the House notes that traditional leaders say that the traditional initiation ceremonies, which usually take place in winter and which could not be held so far due to the COVID-19 lockdown, will start in December; and notes the need for all places of initiation to be prepared by the authorities as soon as possible.

Agreed to.

29. Mr M Kama moved without notice: That the House notes that many experts seriously question the fact that Chris Lodewyk Prinsloo, a former SAPS colonel, is out on bail after only serving four years of his 2016 18-year jail sentence for his role in supplying about R5 million worth of guns to Cape gangs; and also notes that the alleged assassination of top gang cop, Lieutenant Colonel Charl Kinnear, is being probed as the suspect, Zane Killian, is not a registered private investigator as previously claimed.

Agreed to.

30. The House adjourned at 13:20.

ROMEO ADAMS
Secretary to the Provincial Parliament