

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

PARLIAMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF THE WESTERN CAPE

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THURSDAY, 26 AUGUST 2021

1. The House met at 14:15.
2. The Speaker took the Chair and read the prayer.
3. [14:19] 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] The Chief Whip of the Majority Party (Ms M M Wenger) moved: That, notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 20(1), precedence be given to the Subject for Discussion.

Agreed to.
5. [14:22] The House discussed the following subject in the name of hon G Bosman:

The pressures of COVID-19 on the mental wellbeing and wellness of South Africans who are struggling to make ends meet and to care for their families; the importance of supporting the mental wellbeing and wellness of all residents in our province; and strengthening institutions that provide the care needed and that work towards a more prosperous future.

Debate concluded.
6. [15:24] Interpellations.
7. [15:45] Questions.
8. [16:46] Statements by Members.
9. [17:07] Response to statements by Members by Ms D A Schäfer, Minister of Education and Mr A W Bredell, Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning.
10. [17:12] 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.

11. [17:13] Motions without Notice (*in accordance with Standing Rule 150*).
12. Ms L J Botha moved without notice: That the House congratulates school teacher Mr Irfaan Abrahams who will run 50 half marathons in an effort to purchase new school shoes for learners at 50 schools in need; notes that the lack of basic needs, such as clothes and uniforms, has an impact on school attendance; commends Mr Abrahams for taking on this initiative; and notes and truly appreciates Mr Abraham's contribution to the sector.

Agreed to.

13. Mr F C Christians moved without notice: That the House celebrates the commendable work of Tamara Mlumbi in her community; notes that this 43-year-old Gugulethu mother feeds more than 500 people three times a week from her shack in the Lwazi Park informal settlement; notes that she does this on Mondays, Tuesdays and Sundays; notes that Nicky, as she is known in the community, lost her job as a beautician due to the lockdown in August 2020; notes that after that she helped her cousin who had a soup kitchen in Nyanga; notes that she would take home a 25-litre pot to feed her family from which she also shared with her neighbours; notes that she started to make food at her house to serve to the Lwazi community and initially only served lunch; notes that it came to her attention that some children would stay away from school on the days she served because they did not want to miss out on the meals; notes that she then started to serve from 17:00 to accommodate as many as she could; notes that Nicky says, "The fact that I can make a difference in people's lives by giving them at least one good cooked meal a day, and that my community really appreciates me, keeps me motivated", and she adds that donations would help her reach more people; and applauds this intrepid mother who serves her community since Women's Month 2020 – a labour of love that continues in Women's Month this year.

Agreed to.

14. Ms D M Baartman moved without notice: That the House congratulates the Cape Town International Airport (CTIA) for achieving the first place in Africa at the Skytrax World Airport Awards; notes that the CTIA has won this award for the sixth consecutive year, and has also been awarded for the Best Airport Staff in Africa for 2021; notes that these prestigious awards invite international travellers and businesses to our shores and showcase the Western Cape as a leading gateway to Southern Africa; and expresses immense pride in the work of our airport staff and of the world-class service they provide.

Agreed to.

15. Ms A Bans moved without notice: That the House commends Stellenbosch University pole-vaulter Miré Reinstorf (19) for taking the gold medal for South Africa at 5,15 m at the World Under 20 Athletics Championship in Kenya.

Agreed to.

16. Ms D M Baartman moved without notice: That the House congratulates Wesgro's Investment Promotion Unit for its work in securing a record-breaking R5 billion investment between April and June this year; notes that an estimated 4 000 new direct jobs will be created through this mega real estate deal, which will support the recovery of the Western Cape economy; notes that this unit has a further 22 projects in the pipeline across various sectors, including tourism, the green economy, manufacturing and information communication technology; and highly commends their work in promoting the Western Cape as an ideal investment opportunity.

Agreed to.

17. Mr M Kama moved without notice: That the House commends the SAPS with general sterling work in the Western Cape; and notes the many successes it had during the past weeks, including the arrest of two suspects in possession of 68 bags of dagga worth R1,16 million on the N1 at Paarl.

Agreed to.

18. Ms N Makamba-Botya moved without notice: That the House notes that it is now almost two years since the brutal murder of Uyinene Mrwetyana, a first-year UCT student who was raped and killed in an inhumane manner; notes that her death and that of many others who perished under similar circumstances remain a constant reminder that gender-based violence is an evil pandemic that we should all strive to defeat; notes that we, as a broader society, have allowed this evil deeds to entrench itself and form part of our everyday lives for so long without any real action to stop it; notes that it is now time to unite and join hands in fighting for the freedom and safety of our women and daughters; notes that we have put our faith in public institutions and the legal systems of this country for so long and watched as they failed us as women; and notes that more needs to be done and it should all start with the changed behaviour from men.

Agreed to.

19. The House adjourned at 17:30.

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Secretary to Provincial Parliament