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THURSDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER 2018

- 1. The House met at 14:15.
- 2. The Speaker took the Chair and read the prayer.
- 3. [14:16] Interpellations.
- 4. [15:15] Questions.
- 5. [16:20] Questions to the Premier without Notice.
- 6. [16:47] Statements by Members.
- 7. [17:08] Mr K E Magaxa, having disregarded the authority of the Chair, was ordered to leave the Chamber for the remainder of the day's sitting.

BUSINESS SUSPENDED AT 17:34 AND RESUMED AT 17:40

- 7. [17:42] Notices of Motion.
- 8. [17:44] Ms L J Botha moved without notice: That the House commends the ruling today by the Constitutional Court that the former Minister of Social Development, Bathabile Dlamini, is personally liable for 20% of the costs related to a case lodged by the Black Sash and Freedom Under Law; notes that the inquiry probed Minister Dlamini's appointment of individuals to lead the work streams at Sassa, who reported directly to her; and further notes that today's findings vindicate the 1,5 million Western Cape residents who depend on Sassa grants.

Agreed to.

9. Mr N E Hinana moved without notice: That the House calls on Metrorail in the Western Cape, under the mismanagement of Prasa, to improve the functionality of the CCTV cameras, which have not worked since 2015; and calls for an improvement in the security of both communities and rail infrastructure.

Agreed to.

10. Mr D Joseph moved without notice: That the House thanks Mr Hans Ottervanger for his 26 years of service at the Garden Route District Municipality; notes that as head of the roads division it was his responsibility to maintain the district roads of seven municipalities; and wishes Mr Ottervanger everything of the best in his retirement.

Agreed to.

11. Mr M Mnqasela moved without notice: That the House welcomes the ruling of the South African Human Rights Commission that the disgraced former ANC Chairperson in the Western Cape, Marius Fransman, must apologise to the Jewish community for the highly disgraceful and shocking anti-Semitic comments he had made in 2013; notes that he is not the only ANC leader who has made anti-Semitic comments against the Jewish community; further notes that in February this year, right in this honourable House, the ANC's Member Sharon Davids referred to the Jewish community as the "Jewish mafia": and condemns the ANC for its unrepentant anti-Semitic track record.

Agreed to.

12. Mr B D Kivedo moved without notice: That the House expresses its deepest condolences with the wife, children and grandchildren of the late Gordon Thomas, excouncillor of the Cape Town Metropolitan Council, who passed away on Sunday 23 September 2018; notes that the late Mr Thomas served his wards in Eerste River and Mfuleni with great fortitude, diligence, loyalty and dedication; and further notes that he was a real servant of the people, specifically for the marginalised and disadvantaged; and also notes that he was a loving husband, father and grandfather who instilled strong spiritual morals, ethics, values and principles in all; and cherishes his memory. May his dear soul rest in peace.

Agreed to.

- 13. Mr M Mnqasela moved without notice: That the House congratulates Minister D Schäfer on her visit to the Overstrand Municipality on 21 September 2018, where she spent a full day visiting schools, and looking into various issues affecting schools, including emotional trauma and delays in the academic programme owing to the recent riots in Zwelihle, Hermanus; notes the roll-out of the catch-up programme for the learners and the implementation of a counselling programme for learners and teachers; further acknowledges that the culture of learning and teaching is well on track, with very few concerns of note at some of the following schools we visited, namely:
 - (a) Kleinmond Primary School
 - (b) Hawston Primary School
 - (c) Hawston High School
 - (d) Zwelihle Primary School
 - (e) Lukhanyo Primary School
 - (f) Qhayiya High School
 - (g) Mount Pleasant Primary School
 - (h) Pebbles Project Farm School in the Hemel en Aarde Valley.

Agreed to.

14. Mr B D Kivedo moved without notice: That the House conveys its deepest sympathy to the families, extended families, friends and colleagues of the eight victims who had lost their lives in an explosion at the Rheinmetall Denel Munition depot in Macassar; and notes that its prayers are that God will console them and that everyone would honour their memories and cherish their legacies.

Agreed to.

15. Mr M Mnqasela moved without notice: That the House congratulates Minister Alan Winde on his successful nomination as the Premier candidate of the Democratic Alliance for the 2019 general elections; further notes that this parliament acknowledges Mr Winde's contribution to this parliament and the Western Cape province; wishes him the best of luck with the election campaign; and finally notes that the ANC has not managed to hold a successful elective congress to elect a provincial chairperson, and sympathises with them as they traverse the darkest valley, that of nominating their own Premier candidate.

Agreed to.

16. Mr B D Kivedo moved without notice: That the House congratulates Riejaaz and Riaad Isaacs, two brothers from Delft on the Cape Flats, as Riejaaz was the valedictorian of the education faculty at the University of the Free State; notes that his brother Riaad is a an achiever at Maties, the University of Stellenbosch; and further notes that this serves as conclusive proof that with an iron will, faith and perseverance one can overcome one's difficult circumstances; and wishes them every success for the future.

Agreed to.

17. Mr R D Mackenzie moved without notice: That the House sends its condolences to the family of the late Reggie Jantjies, Cape Town football legend; notes that Reggie was an attacking midfielder and striker who played for both Hellenic and Cape Town Spurs in the 1980s and 1990s; further notes that he was the head coach of the Maties' Soccer Club at Stellenbosch University and that of late he was a youth development coach at De Beers AFC at Firgrove; finally notes that Jantjies is survived by his wife, Esther, and their three children. May his soul rest in peace.

Agreed to.

18. Mr B D Kivedo moved without notice: That the House congratulates the University of Cape Town for retaining its position as the top higher education and training institution in Africa, as indicated in the latest 2019 Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings; further notes that Africa's premier institution has also moved up from 171st place last year to 156th place in the world rankings this year; and congratulates UCT on its commitment to conducting world-class research and maintaining its excellent facilities, which continue to attract students and academics from across the globe.

Agreed to.

19. Mr M Mnqasela moved without notice: That the House notes with great admiration the successful nomination of Minister Dan Plato as the new mayor of Cape Town, who will succeed Mayor Patricia de Lille; further notes that this parliament congratulates Mr Plato and acknowledges his immense contribution to this House and the Western Cape; and finally wishes our mayor-elect, Mr Plato, well in his new role as mayor of the Mother City.

Agreed to.

20. Mr R D Mackenzie moved without notice: That the House congratulates General Bheki Cele for implementing DA policy by bringing back the Specialised Gang Units; and commiserates with the thousands of people who had died in past years owing to the ANC government's failure to restore the gang units.

Agreed to.

21. [17:54] Provincial Economic Review and Outlook and Municipal Economic Review and Outlook – Dr I H Meyer, Minister of Finance.

The Minister tabled the Provincial Economic Review and Outlook and Municipal Economic Review and Outlook and referred to the relevant committee for consideration.

22. The House adjourned at 17:55.

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