

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

PARLIAMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF THE WESTERN CAPE

THURSDAY, 29 AUGUST 2019

1. The House met at 14:15.
2. The Speaker took the Chair and read the prayer.
3. [14:17] The Speaker gave guidance on the application of Standing Rule 65.
4. [14:22] Interpellations.
5. [15:10] Questions.
6. [16:24] Questions to the Premier without notice.
7. [16:52] Statements by Members.
8. [17:10] Notices of Motion.
9. [17:13] Ms A Bans moved without notice: That the House urges all municipalities and Eskom to ensure the safety of all electricity points after a nine-year-old boy from George died of electrocution.
Agreed to.
10. Mr G Bosman moved without notice: That the House notes that Ms Susanna Joon has been a teacher at the Excelsior Primary School in Calitzdorp for the last 36 years; further notes that Ms Joon will be retiring this month; and congratulates Ms Joon for her long years of dedicated service to the learners of the Kannaland Municipality.

Agreed to.

11. Ms D M Baartman moved without notice: That the House notes that approximately 800 to 1 000 community members (approximately 10% of the community) visit the Cape Access Centre in Laingsburg per month; further notes that this centre trains community members to pass the International Computer Driving Licence (ICDL) and has introduced an e-learner programme to assist community members in bridging the technological gap in order to write and pass the ICDL; commends the centre for assisting young people with drawing up CVs and completing tertiary education applications, and for assisting entrepreneurs with business proposals; further commends Mr Edward Gelandt, the centre manager, for going out to farming communities on Saturdays when the centre is closed, during his own personal time, to train them in the various computer skills; and congratulates the Cape Access team in Laingsburg for the excellent work they are doing in the community.

Agreed to.

12. Mr M Kama moved without notice: That the House notes that the SAPS recovered 1 037 illegal firearms in the province between November 2018 and July 2019; applauds the SAPS for the great work; and calls on the national Commissioner to ensure that all these guns are destroyed and not sold back to gangs.

Agreed to.

13. Mr R D Mackenzie moved without notice: That the House congratulates Mitchells Plain-born author Dr Athol Williams for hosting the first ever Cape Flats Book Festival in Lenteguur, Mitchells Plain; and calls on all the people of the Cape Flats to attend this all-important book show and to show support.

Agreed to.

14. Mr M Xego moved without notice: That the House notes with concern the case of Uyinene Mrwetyana, a 19-year-old UCT student, who has been missing since Saturday 24 August 2019, further notes that this disappearance happened against the backdrop of many women going missing in the province in the past few years; also notes that Uyinene's disappearance highlights how unsafe women and children are in this province, so such so that they can even go missing in broad daylight; and calls for the Western Cape Provincial Parliament, the Minister of Community Safety, all political structures and the wider community to intensify the search and to ensure that she is brought home safely.

Agreed to.

15. Mr G Bosman moved without notice: That the House notes that Mr Danie van der Westhuizen and his cellar team at Calitzdorp Cellars in the Kannaland Municipality have won several awards at the South African National Wine Show 2019; further notes that these awards will go a long way in creating more employment opportunities for the people of Kannaland who are suffering as a result of the drought; congratulates Mr van der Westhuizen and his cellar team on receiving the Champion Port Trophy (Vintage Port 2019) and a gold medal for their Red Muscadel 2019; and wishes them well in their future endeavours.

Agreed to.

16. Ms A Bans moved without notice: That the House urges the investigation authorities to thoroughly probe last weekend's brawls at a sport bar and yacht club in Langebaan where senior Springbok rugby forward Eben Etzebeth, some friends and local residents got involved in gun pointing, the stabbing of two people, the throwing of brick (with damage to his car), physical assault and, reportedly, racist utterances; and also makes public their findings urgently to clear up any confusion that may exist.

Agreed to.

17. Ms D M Baartman moved without notice: That the House notes that it was reported that two suspects – aged 33 and 35 and believed to be wanted in connection with criminal cases in Gauteng, Limpopo and North West – have been arrested during a routine patrol by the South African Police Service (SAPS) in the Laingsburg Municipality; further notes that the police seized four illegal firearms and ammunition after searching the suspects' vehicle; also notes that three firearms with filed-off serial numbers, one firearm of a deceased lawful owner, 21 9 mm rounds of ammunition and three revolver rounds of ammunition were seized; congratulates the Laingsburg Police Station for these arrests and the confiscation of firearms; and commends the SAPS for their hard work and dedication to the Laingsburg community.

Agreed to.

18. Mr F C Christians moved without notice: That the House applauds Advocate Keith Matthee SC, together with attorneys Martus de West and Khotso Modise of De Wet Wepener Attorneys, who offered to assist Dr De Vos pro bono in his defence at a disciplinary hearing brought against him by the Health Professions Council of South Africa for his fight to advance the rights of an unborn child.

Agreed to.

19. Mr M Kama moved without notice: That the House notes and commends the actions taken by the authorities against people who smuggled one or possibly two lion cubs from Limpopo at Athlone; and further welcomes the arrest of one suspect and the rescue of these wild animals from their urban enclosures.

Agreed to.

20. The House adjourned at 17:25.



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Secretary to Provincial Parliament