

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

PARLIAMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF THE WESTERN CAPE

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THURSDAY, 7 APRIL 2022

1. The House met at 14:15.
2. The Speaker took the Chair and read the prayer.
3. [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.
4. [14:20] Interpellation.
5. [14:37] Questions.
6. [15:30] Questions to the Premier without notice.
7. [15:52] Statements by Members.
8. [16:15] 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.

9. [16:16] Motions without Notice (*in accordance with Standing Rule 150*).
10. Mr G Brinkhuis moved without notice: That the House recognises the International Cricket Council award to South African Keegan Petersen as ICC Player of the Month for January 2022; further recognises that Petersen is the Proteas' new number three batter who scored 224 runs in the three-match test series as the Proteas defeated India 2–1 this summer; notes that the 28-year-old Petersen, who is from Paarl, was also awarded Player of the Series; further notes that the independent ICC Voting Academy comprised of former players, broadcasters, and journalists from throughout the world adjudicated the award; acknowledges that he also played for Boland, the Cape Cobras, the Knights and the Northern Cape in national cricket; further acknowledges that his debut for Boland was in 2012 and his international debut for the South Africa cricket team was in 2021; and extends well wishes to Petersen for making his hometown, Paarl, and South Africa proud.

Agreed to.

11. Mr F C Christians moved without notice: That the House commends the Cape Muslim and Slave Museum after receiving a national accolade as the Preferred Heritage Destination at the Golden Shield Heritage Awards of 2022; notes that the *Cape Times* of 28 March 2022 reported that this award, coming a few months after the launch of the museum, is a great accolade for the museum, and also belongs to Cape Town and its people; notes that Igshaan Higgins, founder and curator of the museum says, “Our museum is actually a showcase for social cohesion in this country. To receive such an award from the National Heritage Council is huge and will bring light into the Castle of Good Hope. The challenges that we suffered was that the colonial forces determined what our heritage was and particularly our indigenous people.”; notes that, through a visual story, the museum showcases the artistic and cultural heritage of Muslims in our country; notes that the museum brings attention to forced removals, the effects of Apartheid, the Immorality Act and the Mixed Marriages Act; notes that the museum raises awareness of the pain and suffering of our people in a chronological display that traces the history of the indigenous people of the Cape over a 400-year period; and notes that the work done by the museum is indeed commendable and worthy of this lofty award.

Agreed to.

12. Mr D America moved without notice: That the House commends the efforts of the City of Cape Town and the organisers of the Cape Town Cycle Tour on the resumption of this race; notes that the 18 000 participants as well as the spectators of the Cape Town Cycle Tour brought a half-a-billion-rand boost to the local economy, especially the hospitality industry that was hard hit by the pandemic; and notes that more than 3 000 people were put to work as a result of the event.

Agreed to.

13. Ms L J Botha moved without notice: That the House expresses condolences to Joan Lottering, wife of the late Councillor Cornelius (Neels) Lottering, Councillor for ward 2 of Witzenberg, who died suddenly on 2 February 2022; and further notes that the community of Wolseley lost a dedicated and dutiful community leader.

Agreed to.

14. Mr D America moved without notice: That the House commends the City of Cape Town’s Traffic Chief Officer, Heathcliff Thomas, for dedicating 39 years of his life to working for the City’s Traffic Department; and wishes him well on his retirement as he reaches the age of 60.

Agreed to.

15. Ms L J Botha moved without notice: That the House congratulates the Western Cape Provincial Disaster Management Centre for receiving a prestigious award at the 77th Annual Batho Pele Award Ceremony in the category “Best Responsive Government Institution” for the year 2021/22; and notes that this is a reflection of the good and speedy responsive governance of the Western Cape provincial government.

Agreed to.

16. Mr R I Allen moved without notice: That the House commends all the involved stakeholders, including the departments of Health and Cultural Affair and Sport, on the safety standards of the summer initiation season, which saw no fatalities among initiates; and recognises that these results represent the hard work of many stakeholders who cooperated to ensure the safety of this culturally significant period.

Agreed to.

17. Ms W F Kaizer-Philander moved without notice: That the House expresses its condolences to the families of the more than 200 healthcare workers who passed away as a result of COVID-19; notes that, as residents of the Western Cape, we owe them a deep sense of gratitude as they were the brave heroes who risked their lives in order to protect the society during the most difficult periods of the pandemic; and may their souls rest in peace.

Agreed to.

18. Ms L J Botha moved without notice: That the House commends the Department of Local Government, the Provincial Treasury and the Beaufort West Municipality for working together to develop a Financial Recovery Plan for the municipality; and acknowledges the advantages of such cooperative relationships where service delivery comes first.

Agreed to.

19. Ms W F Kaizer-Philander moved without notice: That the House commends Dr Barry Smith, the medical manager of the Karl Bremer Hospital, after he received the Silver Award in the Best Doctor of the Year category at the national Batho Pele Excellence Awards ceremony; notes that this award celebrates his leadership during the second wave of the pandemic when he played a key role in fighting COVID-19 at the hospital; and notes that we are forever grateful for his contributions during these pressing times.

Agreed to.

20. Mr P Marran moved without notice: As we approach Easter, the House wants to wish those in the Christian community well over this time, which is one of the pivotal events in their calendar. Christians celebrate Easter to mark the Resurrection of Jesus Christ three days after his crucifixion. It's a time of peace and reflection. In our country, Easter is also a time when fatalities and injuries on our roads escalate. The House calls on all road users in the Western Cape to exercise extreme caution and patience and to be respectful of other road users.

Agreed to.

21. Ms R Windvogel moved without notice: The House is saddened by the passing of a stalwart of the struggle for liberation, anti-apartheid Muslim cleric and democratic South Africa's former Ambassador to Saudi Arabia, Sheikh Abdulhamied Gabier, a resident of Plumstead, Cape Town. Sheikh Gabier died last month at the age of 86 and will always be remembered as a person of faith who epitomized the unity and solidarity among different religious leaders in leading the internal part of the freedom struggle. We are filled with gratitude for the role this lifelong President of the Muslim Judicial Council filled in the march to freedom. Our condolences go to this son of the Western Cape, his family, loved ones, community and our country.

Agreed to.

22. Ms P Z Lekker moved without notice: The House notes with admiration and appreciation the sterling efforts of the Proteas women's team that made it to the semi-finals of the cricket World Cup in New Zealand. They played tough, exciting cricket that won them many accolades. England beat them by 137 runs to stop them from continuing to the final. The Proteas stars were far from disgraced and went down fighting. They kept our flag flying high and proud. We salute them for doing South Africa proud.

Agreed to.

23. Mr A Lili moved without notice: The House notes that our country is on the cusp of the beginning of the Muslim Holy month of Ramadan. For Muslims Ramadan is a time of fasting from dawn to dusk, reflection and prayer. Ramadan is a commemoration of the revelation of the Holy Quran to Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon Him). It is also the most sacred month in the Islamic calendar as it celebrates the origin of Islam. We wish our Muslim brothers and sisters a peaceful Ramadan.

Agreed to.

24. Mr M Kama moved without notice: The House wants to congratulate Lieutenant-General Sehlhle Fannie Masemola on his appointment as the new National Commissioner of Police. A career police officer, the general has been a police officer for 35 years and has the experience, insight and authority to turn around the South African Police Service and turn the tide against crime. He needs support from all law-abiding people in our country. We wish the men and women that he leads from today well in their battle against crime. Our country wants them to succeed. They can count on our support.

Agreed to.

25. Mr C M Dugmore moved without notice: That the house notes the passing of Salesian Father Pdraig Pat Naughton on March 23, 2022 and convey sincerest condolences to his family and loved ones; notes further that in 2021 Father Pat celebrated his golden jubilee of priesthood; and acknowledges that the fountainhead formed by St Francis de Sales flowed from Savoy into Turin in 1841 to be embraced by Don John Bosco, who devoted his ministry to creating practical and holistic support for young people affected by the Industrial Revolution — abandoned, lost, ill-educated and unskilled; and that it flowed into Cape Town in 1896, first to Buitengracht Street, then in 1910 to the Salesian Institute in Somerset Road, a cherished landmark and lighthouse of compassionate ministry that pulses to this day with an empowering and inspiring message of hope for those who are lost and, through Salesian skills training, find themselves.

Agreed to.

26. Mr M Kama moved without notice: That the house congratulates Mr Asisipho Solani, a member of the Western Cape ANCYL's interim leadership, on obtaining his Masters of Arts: Political Studies qualification from the University of the Western Cape and his graduation earlier last week.

Agreed to.

27. Ms N Makamba Botya moved without notice: That the House condemns in the strongest terms the killing the 48-year-old Abraham Wingrove, a disabled man, by the extortion gang in Belhar; notes that Mr Wingrove was shot and killed while intervening to stop a marauding gang that were extorting money from his tenants who operated a spaza shop in his yard; notes that he was shot at close range multiple times and left for dead; notes that we are still living a highly unsafe society, with criminals who have not regard for the disabled and the most vulnerable people in our society; notes that it also shows that gangs are still in charge in the Western Cape as we remain at their mercy; and calls on all the law enforcement institutions in the province to work together in defeating crime for the betterment of the province and the safety of our people.

Agreed to.

28. Mr K Brinkhuis moved without notice: That the House notes that the holy month of Ramadan has commenced on 3 April 2022 in South Africa and that Muslims throughout the world will observe fasting during this month; further notes that Ramadan is the ninth month of the Muslim calendar and that it begins and ends with appearance of the crescent moon; understands that fasting is one of the five pillars of Islam; further understands that fasting is an act of worship for Muslims, a chance to get closer to the Creator; acknowledges that fasting is not only spiritually uplifting, but has health benefits, such as healing the body, being good for one's mental and physical well-being, and detoxifying the body; and further acknowledges the increased acts of charity to those in need and the moral benefits, such as self-restraint, self-confidence, perseverance and contentedness, in this time.

Agreed to.

29. Mr M Kama moved without notice: That the House notes and lauds the South African Police Service for apprehending three suspects who were due to have appeared in Blue Downs Magistrate's Court yesterday for the murder of off-duty Mfuleni police officer Andile Sirhunu last year; welcomes these arrests; and calls on the judiciary to expedite the process to bring justice to the Sirhunu family.

Agreed to.

30. Mr M Xego moved without notice: That the House wishes the Muslim community a generous Ramadan in the Western Cape and across the world.

Agreed to.

31. Mr M K Sayed moved without notice: That the House notes with concern the rise in reported bullying cases at Western Cape schools, which have increased from five last year to 53 during the first term of 2022; further notes that marked increases are reported in the Metro South, Metro North, and Metro Central districts, including the incident that widely spread over social media of a Grade 8 learner at the Bridgetown High School in Athlone who was taunted.

Agreed to.

32. [16:51] FIRST ORDER

Consideration of report of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC), having considered the 2020/21 annual reports of the 13 departments, including their entities, of the Western Cape

Government (WCG) as part of its oversight role. (See Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, No 32, dated 28 March 2022, p 79.)

Declarations of vote made on behalf of the ANC and DA.

Question put: That the Report of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) be adopted.

Question agreed to.

The Report accordingly adopted.

33. [17:00] The Deputy Speaker gave rulings on matters raised by Hon Members during the sittings of the House on 14 and 30 March 2022 (see Hansard of 14 and 30 March 2022).
34. The House adjourned at 17:10.

ROMEO ADAMS
Secretary to Provincial Parliament