

# **PARLIAMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF THE WESTERN CAPE**

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## **ORDER PAPER**

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THURSDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER 2020

**HOUSE: 14:15**

### **INTERPELLATIONS**

### **QUESTIONS**

### **STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS**

### **MOTIONS**

### **SUBJECT FOR DISCUSSION**

Mr F C Christians: The illegal land invasions or land grabs in the Western Cape.

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### **FURTHER BUSINESS**

### **NOTICES OF MOTION**

1. Mr P J Marais: That the House, following the briefing by the Police Ombudsman on 8 September 2020 and the testimony of a complainant, Ms Lucinda Evans, recommends the establishment of an independent Western Cape provincial task committee, mandated by the Minister of Community Safety after consultation with the Provincial Police Commissioner to inspect police stations in the Western Cape randomly and regularly and to produce a quarterly report to the parliamentary community safety committee, especially about the conditions at police stations and the treatment of rape victims and those of the LGBTQ community when cases of assault are reported.
2. Mr F C Christians: That the House debates the taxi wars in the Western Cape.
3. Mr P J Marais: That the House, in light of several court rulings in favour of the illegal land invaders in the Western Cape, recommends that the Western Cape Government, in cooperation with the metropolitan and rural municipalities, draft a code of conduct for members of the anti-land invasion units to bring their conduct in line with our country's Bill of Rights, that is respecting people's dignity, resisting the use of excessive force and confiscating personal belongings of the evictees; and recommends that the Minister of Local Government engages with the mayors of municipalities to remind them that any operation involving the evictions of people occupying illegal structures should be done with the cooperation of the Court Sheriff, as stipulated in section 4, subsection 11, of the Prevention of Illegal Eviction and Unlawful Occupation of Land Act, 1998 (Act 19 of 1998), also known as the PIE Act.

4. Mr G Brinkhuis: That the House notes that, despite the many concerns and justifiable objections raised by teachers' trade unions and individuals on the return to school of all learners, schools have reopened nonetheless; further notes that the majority of our schools lack the basic resources to adhere to the COVID-19 safety regulations when it comes to personal protective equipment; further notes that schools are now in full swing but the concern still remains on a number of matters, such as who makes sure that the transport supplied by the Department adheres to the safety regulations, as well as the private transport used by thousands of learners, the psycho-social support for teachers and learners who may be traumatised by the loss of a loved one or the fear of contracting the disease, that masks be issued to all children, irrespective of the quintile school they attend, there are many children from non-affluent homes who attend quintile 4 and quintile 5 schools; and urges the Department to work closer with teachers unions and to involve them in doing proper risks assessments at schools.
5. Mr P Marran: That the House debates the information coming out indicating overpricing, fraud and theft with the procurement of COVID-19 equipment in the DA-run Western Cape and municipal governments.
6. Mr M K Sayed: That the House deliberates on the continued rape and sexual harassment of learners at Western Cape education institutions.
7. Mr L L Mvimbi: That the House discusses the inappropriate usage of pre-approved contractors to supply COVID-19 personal protection equipment during the pandemic in the light of these contracts being awarded by the present DA regime at least two-and-a-half years before the coronavirus was discovered or struck without entering into any additional competitive procurement process.
8. Mr M Kama: That the House examines why the National Police Commissioner, General Khehla Sitole, upon request only received ten competency certificates (from the about 1 200 city law enforcement officers) and why the other competency certificates are still outstanding; and calls on the Metropolitan Police Chief Mr le Roux, to explain why these officers are deemed to be above the law by not having the legally required certificates.
9. Ms N D Nkondlo: That the House debates the special report by the Auditor-General on "the financial management of the government's COVID-19 initiatives", in particular the findings on the Western Cape.
10. Ms N D Nkondlo: That the House mandates the Honourable Speaker to bring to the House, through the Standing Committee of Finance, a progress report regarding the process to develop the Money Bills Amendment Procedure and Related Matters Bill for the WCPP.
11. Mr G Brinkhuis: That the House recognises 6 to 12 September as Black Consciousness Week in commemoration of our struggle martyrs, Steve Bantu Biko, leader of the Black Consciousness Movement; notes that Steve Biko was arrested at a roadblock in August 1977 near Port Elizabeth with fellow comrade, Peter Cyril Jones; notes that after several days of brutal torture by the security police, Biko died on 12 September 1977; notes that today marks the 56th commemoration of the death of Suliman Babla Saloojee, who was also killed in detention; notes that he was thrown off the 7th floor of the Grays Building, the then headquarters of the Security Police; further notes that the beginning of Heritage Month also marks the death of Christopher Truter, the 15-year-old Bonteheuvel High School learner who was shot by police during a student demonstration on 25 August 1976; further notes that Christopher was shot in the head and died on 1 September 1976; further notes that during Heritage Month we call on the Province to give recognition to the martyrs of our struggle and that their names should not be hidden only in our townships and on the Cape Flats but in broader public spaces in the province; and congratulates Mr Peter Cyril Jones, who hails from Macassar, who celebrated his 71st birthday on Tuesday 8 September 2020 as he is one of several unsung heroes in the struggle against oppression and apartheid.

12. Mr M Kama: That the House notes that a senior Provincial Treasury official of this provincial government appeared in court the 14th time after an alleged rape on a 7-year-old minor; further notes statements by the Minister that members of the provincial Department of Community Safety's Watching Briefs Unit attend these court appearances and keep an eye on it; further notes that I personally attended and checked on the last court appearances and there was no person other than myself, an advocate who assisted the victim, the victim's parents and regular court officials; and notes too that this means someone is misleading the Minister to believe this serious case is under surveillance by a special unit attending court cases.
13. Mr D America: That the House notes the plight of the residents of the Matzikama Municipality; further notes that the residents have battled under the rule of the ANC, as problems have continued to worsen; further notes that service delivery, among others, has seen a rapid decline with the town being left without water for three days a week ago; further notes that the ANC has proceeded to replace the Speaker in the said Municipality by appointing another illegally; further notes that they are now looking to remove the Mayor from power as well; further notes that the ANC and the GOOD coalition has failed the residents of the Matzikama Municipality, while they continue to fight with each other to have access to resources and positions, critical service delivery vacancies are not filled; and calls on the ANC to desist from viewing the Municipality as a cash cow, to restore stability and to focus on service delivery.
14. Mr D America: That the House notes the bias that the ANC has undertaken in rejecting a possible candidate for a job; further notes that in a sworn affidavit unemployed Juliana Farad stated that the Executive Mayor Mathilda Bains offered her a job in the EPWP and subsequent to this, the offer was retracted as Juliana is no longer an ANC member; further notes that the ANC has recently raised the issue of nepotism in a department, yet seems to be silent when a municipality under its control rejects an individual from a livelihood; further notes that we cannot allow bias and nepotism to deprive our people from earning a livelihood; further notes that the ANC, through its policy of cadre deployment, has failed Juliana Farad and many others; further notes that Juliana Farad has laid a charge at the Klawer police station on 2 September 2020 against the Mayor; and call on the ANC and the police to act swiftly.
15. Mr M Kama: That the House notes that law-enforcement officers of Cape Town who do not have the legally required competency certificates must cease all work with the metropolitan police and join the SAPS as they may only operate with the SAPS as leading agent; further notes the majority could not produce these competency certificates when required; and notes that Cape Town rogue units had to be summoned to appear last week at a parliamentary portfolio committee to examine the humiliation of a Khayelitsha resident who was arbitrary evicted, pulled naked from his dwelling and publicly assaulted – thereby violating the COVID-19 lockdown laws.
16. Mr M K Said: That the House notes that the ANC maintains that a proper investigation should be held to examine the backroom extension of the employment contract of the Head of the Department of Education, Brian Schreuder, a second time post retirement by the Honourable Premier Alan Winde and Minister of Education, Debbie Schäfer, that includes at least the findings of the Public Service Commission; and determines if they are hiding something from this legislature.
17. Mr M K Said: That the House notes the inhumane Hout Bay evictions taking place under DA-rule, while people in the informal settlements are still dealing with the aftermath of the devastating weekend fire that left almost 1 000 people homeless.
18. Ms P Z Lekker: That the House notes the half-hearted so-called policy conference held by the DA over the weekend; further notes that no policy was produced, but that the DA is still looking for principles for the umpteenth time; further notes that under uber-leader Helen Zille all policies were killed and disposed of; and notes that the problem-ridden DA is still like a ship without a rudder on stormy seas.

19. Ms N D Nkondlo: That the House notes the 51% decrease of the second quarter's GDP as reported by Statistics SA this week; further notes that as many economists and experts have cautioned that this represents annualised performance which means, as per Phillipe Burger, vice-dean of the Faculty of Economics and Management Sciences at the University of the Free State, "the annualised number means what would the yearly decline be if the Q2–Q2 rate of decline [16%] extended for a year"; and calls on the DA to stop its pedestrian posturing informed by its desperation to misconstrue deliberately economic data and score cheap political points as they fail dismally to be any true alternative to SA political and economic realities.