PARLIAMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF THE WESTERN CAPE

ORDER PAPER

THURSDAY, 3 SEPTEMBER 2020

HOUSE: 14:15

INTERPELLATIONS

QUESTIONS

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

MOTIONS

SPEAKERS DEBATE

Challenges confronting women during the COVID-19 pandemic.

ORDER OF THE DAY

Consideration of Report of the Standing Committee on Finance, Economic Opportunities and Tourism on the recommendations for the appointment of candidates to the Western Cape Gambling and Racing Board, dated 21 August 2020 (see Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, No 67, dated 25 August 2020, p 198).

FURTHER BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

- 1. Mr F C Christians: That the House debates ongoing alcohol-related offences in the Western Cape.
- 2. Ms N Makamba-Botya: That the House debates the failure of the Western Cape provincial government to deal with institutionalised racism in schools.
- 3. Ms L J Botha: That the House debates the impact of the quintile system on the performance of schools in the Western Cape.
- 4. Mr C M Dugmore: That the House, noting the refusal by the chairperson of the Western Cape legislature's Standing Committee on Local Government, Hon Derrick America, to convene a meeting to consider the evidence of complaints against Honourable Minister Anton Bredell and senior officials of the provincial government, calls on the Speaker to investigate this matter given that this decision undermines the legislature's responsibility to maintain robust oversight over the provincial executive; and further calls on the NCOP portfolio committee to investigate the allegations contained in the dossier of evidence.

- 5. Mr M Xego: That the House debates the Western Cape housing crisis and backlog.
- 6. Mr M Kama: That the House debates the destabilising role that the Western Cape DA government-backed vigilante system of rogue neighbourhood watches has on relations and the society as a whole.
- 7. Ms N Makamba-Botya: That the House debates the funding of shelters for abused women and children.
- 8. Mr M Xego: That the House debates the Western Cape Government's support for black farmers.
- 9. Ms N Makamba-Botya: That the House debates the impact of the Western Cape's "Safety Plan" in the light of the increasing violence against women and children, gang violence and taxi wars.
- 10. Mr M Xego: That the House debates the constant defiant attitude of the City of Cape Town against the Western Cape High Court's judgment with regard to evictions.
- 11. Ms N D Nkondlo: That the House instructs the Honourable Minister David Maynier to present a full report of the results of the provincial government's economic recovery that was achieved in all the declared COVID-19 hotspot areas from alert level 5 to date.
- 12. Ms N Makamba-Botya: That the House notes that on 31 August 2020 the Western Cape High Court will be delivering its reserved judgment in the Tafelberg case; further notes that the case relates to the unjust manner in which the Western Cape Government attempted to sell the well-located land in Sea Point to a private buyer; further notes that this was done in the face of the worst housing affordability crisis in well-located areas in the city; further notes that a judgment against the provincial government in this case will be a victory for the people of the Western Cape, especially those who have been sidelined to the outskirts and denied access to well-located land; and notes that it will also be a victory for South Africa and a chance for this DA provincial government to develop an integrated spatial planning policy.
- 13. Mr M Xego: That the House notes the reoccurring protests by former matric learners from the South African College High School calling for the disbandment of the current school governing body (SGB); further notes that this follows the SGB's reluctance to update the school's code of conduct to be in line with the provincial and national departments' discrimination policies; further notes that is alleged that the school has an entrenched discriminatory culture targeting learners of colour, lesbians, gay, bisexual, transgender people, and the Muslim community; calls for the disbandment of the current SGB at the school with immediate effect, which must be replaced by a multicultural and multi-racial group representing the diverse interests of different stakeholders; and insists that the new SGB must begin by updating the school's discrimination policy and act harshly against those who break it.
- 14. Mr M Kama: That the House notes that an 8-year-old boy was killed and a 12-year-old girl was injured by stray bullets on Monday in Elsies River during a shooting involving officers of the Cape metropolitan police.
- 15. Mr M Kama: That the House condemns the incident that took place in Wolseley last weekend where a neighbourhood-watch member assaulted a man who is currently fighting for his life in hospital with serious head injuries; and notes that the DA and its Department of Community Safety should take responsibility as the ANC has warned against such vigilante people, disguised as community crime-fighting structures, conducting policing with no mandate.

- 16. Mr M Xego: That the House notes that on 31 July 2020 the Public Service Commission produced a report in which it found that the DA-led Western Cape Government had acted unlawfully in extending the contract of the 65-year-old Head of the Western Cape Education Department; further notes that this irregular contract extension violated provisions of the Public Service Act, which makes it clear that the approval of the Provincial Parliament cannot be bypassed if an extension of that nature is to be made; further notes, however, that this is a not surprising coming from a DA-led government that thinks it is a law unto itself, because even when its Premier was alerted of this incompetent conduct by his government, he turned a blind eye; and joins the call made by the Public Service Commission on the DA Premier to approach the court to nullify an irregular contract extension for their friend.
- 17. Mr D America: That the House notes the judgment handed down by the Western Cape High Court in which it dismissed the application by opposition parties in George which rallied to overturn the election of the new Executive Mayor of George, Councillor Leon van Wyk; notes additionally that the High Court noted that the election of the Mayor was valid, transparent and just, dismissing all allegations of procedural bias and malicious intent; further notes that opposition parties have now resorted to breaking quorums for council meetings and refusing to work; and notes that this is evidence that the opposition parties are not interested in the potential negative impact that they are having on George residents.
- 18. Mr M Kama: That the House calls on the SAPS in Ceres to desist from being used by the DA municipality or its hired security as a shield between them and the communities of Ceres instead of the Municipality addressing the genuine struggles pursued by the people of Nduli.
- 19. Ms W F Philander: That the House notes that the multi-party Standing Committee on Health resolved on 26 August 2020 in its proceedings that a formal notice of congratulations be extended to the Western Cape Department of Health for their diligent management of and hard and dedicated service to residents of the Western Cape during the COVID-19 pandemic; and further notes that the Committee expressed its congratulatory gesture to all healthcare workers at every level across all facilities in the Western Cape.
- 20. Mr M K Sayed: That the House notes the ongoing unsavoury abuse of municipal so-called nuisance by-laws by the City of Cape Town in the Bo-Kaap to suppress and silence worshippers from the practise of their faith and culture in this historic Muslim area of Cape Town; also notes the complaints against the call to prayer is laid against the mosque Nuru El-Houda, one of the oldest in South Africa; further notes that one the Bo-Kaap's religious leaders, Shaikh Dawood Terblanche, says it hurts that people are trying for years now to silence their heritage; and also notes that many residents believe it is not a normal complaint, but part of a concerted effort of intolerance linked to gentrification to squeeze them out of this historic area.
- 21. Mr D Smith: That the House notes Cape Town Mayor Dan Plato's intent to use taxpayers' money to appeal against a high court order against breaking down homes or the eviction of informal residents during the COVID-19 lockdown.
- 22. Mr D Smith: That the House notes that the Honourable DA leader Ivan Meyer's son, Ivan Meyer (Jnr), has been appointed in a senior position as an Assistant Director in the Department of Environmental Affairs and Developmental Planning of the Western Cape provincial government under Minister Meyer's colleague, the Honourable Minister Anton Bredell; and notes that Meyer (Jnr) was appointed during the strictest COVID-19 lockdown period and that this appointment is viewed by some as nepotism.

- 23. Mr D Smith: That the House notes the resounding legal victory of Bulelani Qolani of Khayelitsha, supported among others by the South African Human Rights Commission, in the High Court against the Cape Town metropolitan council (and its anti-land invasion unit), as well as the police, not to evict, break down or confiscate occupying residents' property during the COVID-19 lockdown, unless by a valid court order, and in which case people must be treated with dignity in accordance with the Constitution; and notes this follows after Qolani was dragged naked from his shelter and repeatedly assaulted by metropolitan law-enforcement officers; further notes that the interdict prescribes minimum force only, the return of Qolani's building material and a minimum compensation of R2 000 per affected person; and lastly notes that the City of Cape Town must pay the cost of the case.
- 24. Ms N D Nkondlo: That the House notes that early this month the National Treasury released technical guidelines that must be followed by government departments and public institutions as they prepare their medium-term budget estimates for the 2021 budget process, in line with national Finance Minister Tito Mboweni's earlier instruction regarding a zero-based budgeting approach to ensure the effective use of shrinking state resources; and requests that the honourable Minister of Finance, David Maynier, declares what form will the zero-based budgeting approach take in the province and which areas of spending will be affected, and if any consideration will be made to protect the vulnerable and poor during this tight fiscal environment.
- 25. Mr M K Sayed: That the House notes the most unusual step by the Honourable Minister of Education, Debbie Schäfer, to issue a circular letter to all and sundry to defend the irregular extension of the appointment contract of her Head of Department, Brian Schreuder, beyond retirement age and without working through the legislature as found by the constitutional watchdog institute, the Public Service Commission.
- 26. Ms N D Nkondlo: That the House supports the protest march by black wine businesses calling for transformation of their industry; reiterates the snail pace of transformation of this R49 billion GDP contributor and second-biggest exported agri-product in our economy, as the reality of 2% black land ownership and 0% black-owned cellars continue to hamper any meaningful participation of black wine producers, let alone processing activities in the value chain; and calls on the Competition Commission to undertake a market enquiry to investigate the uncompetitive practice and models in this industry, including if the current business model of "black brands" realises the true meaning of transformation or is it just established and historically white-owned wine brands bottled with a black name or label.
- 27. Ms N D Nkondlo: That the House applauds efforts in the Khayelitsha subdistrict against COVID-19, as already on level 2 the recorded cases have gone down in this subdistrict, thus moving from alert level 5 to alert level 2 and now sitting at number 6 of the 8 subdistricts of the metropolitan area; further calls on the Ad-hoc Committee on COVID-19 to receive reports and to discuss the lessons learnt in this area to share with other subdistricts; further notes the situation in the Tygerberg subdistrict, that has remained number 1 since the end of alert level 5 to date, with the eastern and southern moving up to number 2 and 3 respectively in their reported cases to date; and calls for cause for concern and urgent report from both political and administrative champions of these subdistricts in accordance with the Hotspots Strategy of the Province and City.