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# **ORDER PAPER**

THURSDAY, 5 MAY 2022

**HOUSE: 14:15** 

# **QUESTIONS**

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

### **MOTIONS**

### SUBJECT FOR DISCUSSION

Mr D Plato: The impact of the illicit drug trade in Western Cape on the safety, health and wellbeing of communities.

### **FURTHER BUSINESS**

## NOTICES OF MOTION (7 April 2022)

- 1. Mr G Brinkhuis: That the House discusses the decision taken by the Premier to ban provincial exports to Russia.
- 2. Mr F C Christians: That the House debates the continued, traumatising and senseless attacks on the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) of the Western Cape.
- 3. Ms N Bakubaku-Vos: That the House debates the rising child hunger and food poverty in marginalised Western Cape communities.
- 4. Ms L J Botha: That the House debates the state of local government and service delivery in the Central Karoo and the impact of the Financial Recovery Plan on the Beaufort West Municipality.
- 5. Ms P Z Lekker: That the House debates the rapidly increasing inequality in the Western Cape.
- 6. Ms D M Baartman: That the House debates the opportunities for blended learning and the digital economy in the Western Cape.
- 7. Mr M K Sayed: That the House debates structural challenges bedevilling education in the Western Cape.

- 8. Mr L L Mvimbi: That the House debates strategies to address accelerating unemployment, particularly among the youth, in the Western Cape.
- 9. Mr C M Dugmore: That the House debates the Western Cape Government's irresponsible, reckless, disingenuous, damaging and hypocritical handling of global conflicts.
- 10. Mr M Kama: That the House debates strategies to enhance community participation in the fight against crime.
- 11. Ms R Windvogel: That the House debates the prevalence of sexual assault and violence against women, as well as the absence of a GBV policy and updated sexual harassment policy, in the Western Cape.
- 12. Mr C M Dugmore: That the House congratulates President Cyril Ramaphosa and his Cabinet, together with the members of the National Assembly, for defeating the frivolous motion of no confidence in Parliament last week.
- 13. Mr M Xego: That the House condemns the continued attacks on members of the Emergency Medical Services in our townships; notes that this follows an incident that took place this past weekend in Philippi where EMS officials attending to a scene were accosted and highjacked at gun point and a female official was hit with a pistol before the criminals drove off with the emergency vehicle; notes that this is not the first time we witness attacks on EMS officials in this province, as they were prevalent during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic in the past two years, more especially in Khayelitsha; notes that at the time, the EFF raised concerns regarding the safety of EMS personnel in townships, and our fears and discomfort were laid to rest by the provincial Minister of Health at the time who told us that there is a safety plan in place to protect EMS personnel; and notes that today it seems like the so-called master safety plan has failed, as these officials find themselves again at the mercy of criminals.
- 14. Mr M Xego: That the House welcomes the decision of the Western Cape High Court that halted the construction of Amazon's new Africa headquarters being built in this province; notes that this is after the stakeholders involved failed to consult meaningfully with the Khoisan community who are the original inhabitants of the land and who also hold it in high regard as being a sacred; notes that we are tired with this government making boardroom decisions with corporates without having regard and respect for the rights, customs, values, culture and the heritage of the original inhabitants of this land; hopes that this a lesson that will set a precedent for future generations to come; and notes that the Khoisan are the original people of the land and they should be afforded the respect that is due to them.
- 15. Ms N Makamba Botya: That the House condemns the double standards applied by the Democratic Alliance-led government in the Western Cape when dealing with issues of gender-based violence and sexual assaults; notes that this follows their actions in appearing to be pro-active at provincial government-level when dealing with former Community Safety Minister Albert Fritz for sexual misconduct allegations; notes, however, that the same party then turned a blind eye to their councillor at the Theewaterskloof Municipality, Dawid Jooste, who was formally charged and appeared in court on charges of sexual assault; notes that this raises the question whether the party has a stance or a policy on matters relating to sexual assault and gender-based violence and, if they do, the next question would be why it is then applied differently to different individuals of the same organisation; and notes that Dawid Jooste must just be suspended pending the finalisation of his case, if there is some moral compass left in the DA.

- 16. Ms N Makamba Botya: That the House notes that the City of Cape Town is only proposing to provide a mere additional R10 million to the budget aimed at building shelters for homeless people; notes that this is despite the report by the Human Rights Commission of South Africa that found that the majority of homeless people still complain about access to ablution facilities, clean water and shelters that can accommodate families; notes that most shelters provided by the City are not up to standard in terms of health and safety requirements; notes that the majority of homeless people still do not have access to those unsafe shelters, as most of them complain that they struggle even to get R2 in order to pay at public toilets, and as a result they end up relieving themselves in open spaces; notes that homeless people also deserve to be treated with care and dignity and that this should also be reflected in the budget allocated for their needs; and notes that they are one of the most vulnerable groups in our society who are also deserving to be treated with care and dignity by the government.
- 17. Mr C M Dugmore: That the House notes that the alleged sexual misconduct against former DA interim provincial leader, MPP and Minister, Albert Fritz, was investigated by Advocate Jennifer Williams and a full investigation report was presented to the Premier; further notes that no member of this legislature or its committees have been given the full report as the Premier refuses to table it in the legislature despite having spent public funds on the investigation; resolves that the conduct of Premier is unparliamentary and may be in contravention of rule 221(d); demands that the Premier tables the full report in the legislature; and further instructs the Premier to send a copy of the report to the South African Police Service for the further investigation of the criminal elements of Albert Fritz's conduct.
- 18. Ms P Z Lekker: That the House notes with concern that DA Member Deidre Baartman did a dishonourable thing when she deliberately misled the House during the 2022 SOPA debate by stating that Honourable Member Bakubaku-Vos was a board member of the Khayelitsha District Hospital while knowing that this was untrue as she had documentation with the full facts of the matter; denounces this misconduct by Member Baartman; and orders her to withdraw her deliberate mistruth and to apologise unconditionally to the House and the Member for casting aspersions.
- 19. Mr M K Sayed: That the House notes that yesterday, 6 April 2022, marked the 43rd anniversary of the commemoration of the day that Solomon Kalushi Mahlangu took his last 52 steps to the gallows at the then Pretoria Central Prison, now renamed Kgosi Mampuru Correctional Service; remembers his message to the people: "Tell my people that I love them and that they must continue the fight, my blood will nourish the tree that will bear the fruits of freedom, a luta continua"; calls on this House to mark April as hero's month in honour of Solomon Mahlangu and many other liberation struggle heroes and heroines who paid the ultimate price for their fierce opposition to apartheid colonialism; and supports efforts by the ANCYL to open an inquest into his death.
- 20. Mr M Kama: That the House notes with concern the continued bloodbath in the streets of working-class communities in the province following the death of Lameez Johnson, a 15-year-old schoolgirl, who died in a shooting incident in Lavender Hill last Sunday, and that of many other victims of multiple mass shootings reported in Khayelitsha, Delft, and Gugulethu over the past few weeks; further notes that the recent shooting sprees, which have been characterised by some as a gang pandemic, expose the failures of the so-called Safety Plan, which has failed to address the causative factors of violent crimes and ignored the need to address elements of spatial planning that make the environment conducive to violent crime; calls for more reinforcement of LEAP officers

- in the crime hotspot areas; and commiserates with the family of Lameez Johnson and the many other victims of violent crimes in the province.
- 21. Mr M K Sayed: That the House notes that hundreds of learners missed out on the first term of the 2022 academic year due to insufficient placement spaces in schools; further notes that, while the ANC welcomes the new and innovative approach introduced by the WCED of pop-up stands in various centres across the province, especially in malls, to assist parents with applications for the 2023 school year, it is concerned about the insufficient budgeting for this programme as it was limited to only a few weekends in a few communities; and calls on WCED to avail funding for this programme and to expand its scope so it can be extended to more communities, especially poor working-class communities.
- 22. Ms R Windvogel: That the House notes that today, 7 April, the world observes World Health Day with the theme "Our Planet, Our Health" to put the spotlight on global warming and the polluted planet and to highlight further the inequalities in the world, as exposed by the COVID-19 pandemic, and to make demands for the urgent need to create sustainable well-being societies committed to achieving equitable health now and for future generations; calls on the Western Cape Government to make available resources to improve healthcare services for the poor, including the R150 million needed at Khayelitsha District Hospital; further supports efforts to implement the NHI fully; and commits to the establishment of the Environmental Commissioner in the Western Cape.
- 23. Ms N Nkondlo: That the House notes and commends the Gauteng provincial government on its efforts to pass into law the Township Economic Development Bill that will enable townships to become areas of employment and further enhance commercial activity in the townships; further notes that the ANC government in Gauteng, which prides itself on valuing public participation and engaging with people, has since embarked on stakeholder engagements to drum up support for the Bill during the public hearings; and lauds the Gauteng provincial government for taking concrete steps to develop a thriving township economy, unlike other provinces that remain hell-bent on preserving a whites-dominated economy, while the black majority remains on the periphery as sources of cheap labour.
- 24. Mr M K Sayed: That the House notes and supports calls by Hanover Park residents for disciplinary action to be taken against ward 47 Councillor Antonio van der Rheede for various grievances, including his failure to call a public meeting in the past four years, yet he continues to take drastic decisions, such as appointing a ward committee with no public participation; further notes that this complaint, together with 19 other grievances, including allegations of misappropriation of funds and the manipulation of EPWP contracts, was given to the Mayor, the Speaker and DA Chief Whip of the City of Cape Town in successive meetings they held with the community between November 2021 and February this year; further enquires why these serious allegations that have even reached the DA Federal Executive Committee have not been given the necessary attention they deserve; and calls on the Minister of Local Government to institute an urgent investigation into this matter.

# NOTICE OF MOTION (5 May 2022)

- 1. Ms D M Baartman: That the House debates the impact of the public procurement regulatory regime on the Western Cape in line with section 217 of the Constitution.
- 2. Ms D M Baartman: That the House debates the benefits of gender budgeting for the Western Cape.

- 3. Mr F C Christians: That the House debates the ever-increasing incidences of bullying and its adverse effect on learners in our schools; and notes with concern that bullying has resulted, in some instances, in the suicidal death of those victimised.
- 4. Mr P Marran: That the House debates the impact of rising food prices on the poor people; and notes the government's intervention to mitigate the impact.
- 5. Mr P Marran: That the House debates service delivery in poor working-class communities.
- 6. Mr P J Marais: That the House lends its full support to the City Mayor and his council in their endeavours to take over control of the metro rail services from the national government; and notes the urgent nature of the request.

See also: Mr G Brinkhuis (p 8); Mr F C Christians (p 8); Ms N Bakubaku-Vos (p 9); Ms L J Botha (p 9); Ms P Z Lekker (p 9); Ms D M Baartman (p 9); Mr M K Sayed (p 9); Mr L L Mvimbi (p 9); Mr C M Dugmore (p 9); Mr M Kama (p 9); Ms R Windvogel (p 9).