PARLIAMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF THE WESTERN CAPE

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THURSDAY, 8 MAY 2025

HOUSE: 14:15

INTERPELLATION AND QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS TO THE PREMIER WITHOUT NOTICE

Mr F Kamfer Mr N P Masipa Mr D J Wessels Ms P Z Lekker Mr G Brinkhuis Ms T Lithakong Mr G P Marais

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

MOTION

The Chief Whip of the Majority Party (Mr G Bosman): Pursuant to the adoption of the Report of the Conduct Committee by the House on 24 April 2025, Hon Member Lithakong's parliamentary privileges and her right to a seat in parliamentary debates or committees are suspended from Tuesday, 20 May 2025, and until Friday, 23 May 2025.

MOTIONS (Continued)

SPEAKER'S DEBATE

Commemorating Workers' Day.

FURTHER BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION (8 May 2025)

- 1. Mr G Brinkhuis: That the House debates the Department of Social Development's investigation into cases where young children are being used and forced to beg for money on public roads and around shopping malls; notes that these children are used either by their parents or by adults under whose care they are, or by older youths who pretend to be their friends to get them to beg for money on their behalf; and notes that their lives are exposed to dangerous traffic and other criminal elements, and that they often spend long hours begging and missing out on meaningful child activities.
- 2. Mr D G Jacobs: That the House debates the impact of the Commercial Fishing Regulations on fishermen in the Western Cape, in particular on small-scale fishers.
- 3. Ms N Mbombo: That the House debates the escalating traffic congestion in Cape Town, where motorists now lose an average of 94 hours annually in delays, and its impact on productivity, spatial inequality and quality of life, as well as the urgent need for integrated, equitable mobility solutions.
- 4. Mr D Bryant: That the House debates the valuable contributions made by junior city and town councils across the Western Cape as exemplary models of youth leadership and civic engagement; recognises the role these councils play in empowering young people by providing platforms for community development and promoting active citizenship; and calls on government departments and relevant stakeholders to enhance support for junior councils in order to strengthen youth participation in democratic processes.
- 5. Ms W F Kaizer-Philander moved: That the House debates the rise in illegal moneylending practices in the Western Cape, particularly practices targeting social grant beneficiaries involving the unlawful confiscation of Sassa cards and ID documents; also the need for the stricter enforcement of the National Credit Act; commends existing law enforcement efforts; and calls for intensified public education, strengthened prosecutions and comprehensive protection measures for vulnerable citizens.
- 6. Ms R Windvogel: That the House debates the role of the provincial government in combating gender-based violence.
- 7. Mr F Kamfer: That the House debates the Western Cape transport system, particularly bus rapid transport in smaller towns.
- 8. Mr B Ngqentsu: That the House debates workers' rights in the Western Cape, particularly domestics workers, farm workers and factory workers.
- 9. Ms A P Bans: That the House debates the state of living conditions in old-age homes in the province.
- 10. Ms B Stoffel: That the House debates the lack of investment in townships sports, arts and culture programmes.

NOTICE OF MOTION (24 April 2025)

1. Ms A Cassiem: That the House notes that today, Thursday 24 April 2025, Equal Education and the Equal Education Law Centre will be taking the Western Cape Department of Education to the Western Cape High Court over the issue of unplaced learners in the province; further note that these two organisations' cases will mainly focus on the WCED's policy and its failure to address the issue of late applications adequately and satisfactorily and to place learners in schools timeously; takes notice that this issue mostly affects children from disadvantaged communities who normally lose a lot of school duration and end up not being assisted to catch up with schoolwork, which leads to them producing poor results; and concludes by stating that this is a shortcoming on the part of the government as it should have a contingency plan in place to cater for potential late applicants and to make sure that they are placed in schools timeously and that no child should stay at home for extended periods of time due to the fact that a whole department is unable to find placement at schools for them.

See also: Ms N D Nkondlo (p 8); Ms A P Bans (p 8); Mr B Ngqentsu (p 8); Ms B Stoffel (p 8); Ms P Z Lekker (p 8).